

Clip Adjustments

Once clips are placed into your project, you might want to fine tune them. You have several options and they take a bit of time and effort to become comfortable with how to make them work properly.

Trim – Cut off pieces of the beginning or ending of your clip.

Use the left handle (drag into the center of the yellow box) to trim the beginning while the clip is in the project window to resize the clip. Use the right handle to trim the end.

Voiceover – Add your scripted voice to explain or describe the action in the clip.

Recording your voice

Click the microphone icon on the options tab in the center of the iMovie window. You can use the built-in microphone of your computer or you can use an external microphone. If you do not have an external microphone, you will have only one option, built-in.

- When recording try to stay the same distance from the microphone for the entire recording. Try to monitor the tone and pitch of your voice to appeal to your intended audience.
- Note how much time you have for the voice, ie, the length of the video clip. Practice before recording.
- Once you are ready to record, click the clip you would like to record a voiceover for. You will have a 3-2-1 countdown to get ready.
- You can always repeat the voiceover if you are not happy with your first attempt.

Note: Crop, Adjust Audio, and Adjust Video are available, but for the purpose of staying focused for this workshop will not be discussed. You may explore these options at your leisure.