Making Videos on the Web A Guide for Teachers

How you and your students can create videos without purchasing any software or video equipment.

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Creating videos for a classroom project used to require a lot of money for equipment and software. Thanks to the Internet, those days are gone. Now anyone with access to the Web and a modern web browser can create a high-quality video project.



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About this Guide

This guide was created for teachers and students who would like to create video projects, but lack access to video equipment and or video editing software.

A Few Words About Copyright, Creative Commons, and Fair-use. © creative commons

In the following pages we will look at some video creation tools that require users to mix and remix images, audio recordings, and video recordings. Some teachers get nervous that their students might be violating copyright laws by remixing content. This section is intended to lend some clarity to the murky issues of Copyright.

Disclaimer: I am not a lawyer or legal scholar, this is simply my understanding of these issues based upon my own research. Under no circumstances should the following be considered expert legal advice. Also bear in mind I'm writing from a US perspective, laws may differ in your country.

Student created works: The best way to ensure that students do not violate Copyright is to have them use images and audio recordings they've created from scratch.

Public Domain works: Images, sounds, and videos that are in the Public Domain can legally be reused by students without attribution. In the following pages we'll look at how to find Public Domain works.

Creative Commons works: Increasingly, authors and producers and choosing to label their works with Creative Commons licenses. These licenses allow people to reuse an an author's work under certain conditions. In general attribution is required. Consult <u>http://creativecommons.org/</u> for clarification on the requirements of each license. In the following pages we'll look at how to find Creative Commons licensed works.

Fair-use in Education: Copyright is designed to protect the authors (producers) of creative works from loss of revenue as the result of their work(s) being reused without compensation. This is why I cannot make 100 photocopies of <u>The Davinci Code</u> for my students to read in class. By making those photocopies I'm depriving the author and publisher of the revenue from 100 books. I could, however, make photocopies of one paragraph to give to my students to use as the focal point of lesson on writing. When it comes to videos, images, and audio recordings, the same concept applies. If your students are not detracting from someone's earning potential and are re-using the works in a manner that can be considered to be creating a new product, they can probably reuse the works.

Learn more at http://bit.ly/dMoV http://www.eff.org/ http://bit.ly/ig7UG http://bit.ly/5Qk8zi

Finding Public Domain and Creative Commons Images

Use these resources to find images that you and your students can use without violating anyone's copyright.

Yahoo Image Advanced Search

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Google Image Advanced Search

If your students are like most, Google is the first place they'll go when they need to find something on the web. If they simply search <u>Google Images</u>, they're likely to get results containing a lot of Copyrighted materials. Teach them to use the advanced settings to refine their results.

morgueFile

The <u>Morgue File</u> photo collection contains thousands of images that anyone can use for free in academic or commercial presentations. The image collection can be searched by subject category, image size, color, or rating.



The <u>Wikimedia Commons</u> is packed with images and other works that are labeled for reuse. Check the licensing statement for each image before reusing. Some images require attribution while others are in the public domain and do not require attribution.

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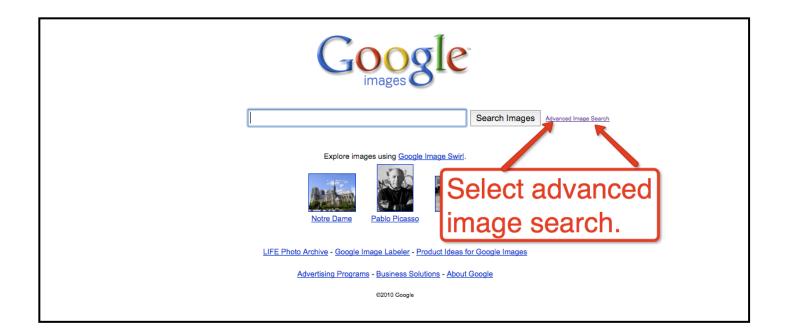
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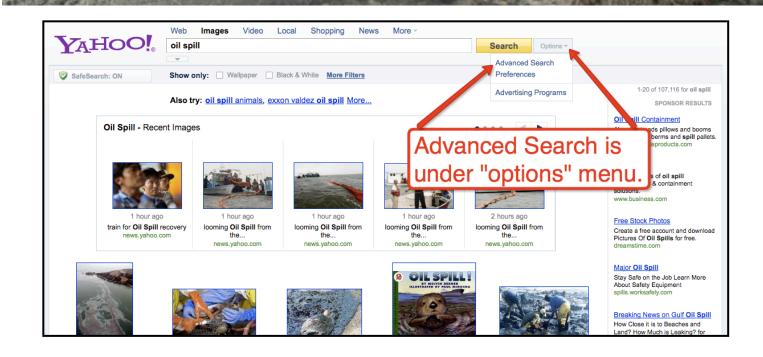
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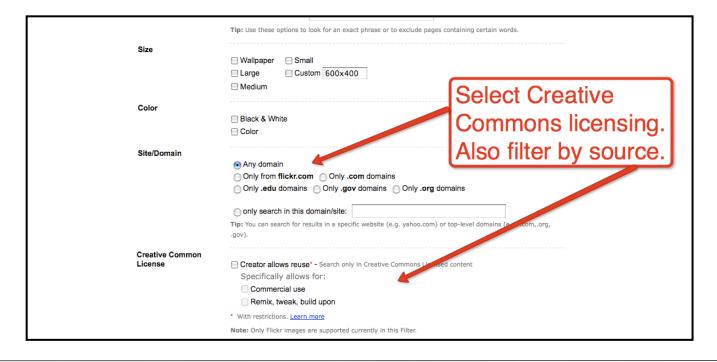
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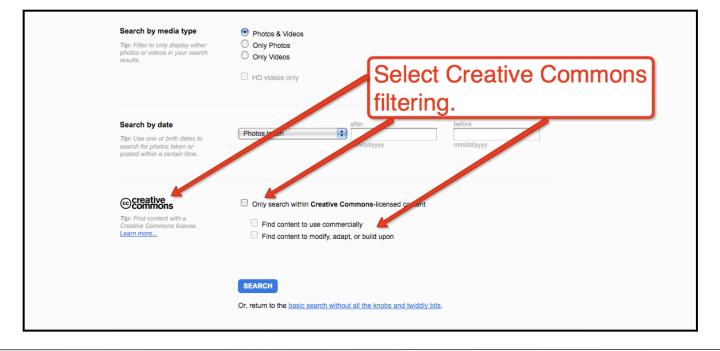
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Music and Sounds for Videos

These resources provide public domain and Creative Commons licensed music and sounds your students can use in their video projects.

PodsafeAudio

PodSafe Audio provides music tracks for use in podcasts, videos, and other multimedia projects. The content comes from a community of musicians who create music and share it for the purpose of fair-use in podcasts, videos, and other multimedia projects.

the**freesound**project

The Free Sound Project is comprised of sounds (not music) that can be reused with attribution. Just as with Pod Safe Audio, the content on The Free Sound Project comes from a community of contributors.

In order to download sounds from The Free Sound Project you do need to register for an account.

The Free Music Archive provides free, high-quality, music in a wide range of genres. The content on Free Music Archive is used under various creative commons licenses. Anyone can download music from FMA for use in podcasts and videos.

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The next best thing to using music you created is to use Creative Commons licensed music or royalty free music. Royalty Free Music hosts music tracks that can be reused in numerous ways. Royalty Free Music charges the general public for their downloads, but students and teachers can download quite a bit of the music for free. To access the free music tracks students and teachers should visit the education page on Royalty Free Music.

SoundBible

Sound Bible is a resource for finding and downloading free sound clips, sound effects, and sound bites. All of the sounds on Sound Bible are either public domain or labeled with a Creative Commons license. You can find sounds for use in podcasts, videos, and slideshows.

Jamendo is a source of free and legal music downloads. The music on Jamendo comes from the artists who upload it themselves. While not all of the music is licensed for re-use, there is a substantial collection of music labeled with a Creative Commons license.

Aviary's Myna Sound Editor

Aviary hosts a great free tool called Myna that can be used to record and mix your own sound tracks.



Myna is a free web-based audio track mixer created by Aviary. Using Myna you can mix together up to ten tracks to create your own audio files. The sounds you mix can come from the Myna library, your vocal recordings made with Myna's recorder, or audio tracks that you upload to your Myna account.

Getting Started with Aviary's Myna Sound Editor.

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Beyond Slideshows

These free tools are great for creating mini-documentary videos. At their cores these tools take the slideshow concept and mix-in audio and video elements.

Animoto

<u>Animoto</u> makes it possible to quickly create a video using still images, music, video clips, and text. If you can make a slideshow presentation, you can make a video using Animoto.

Animoto provides a large library of free music and free images that you can use in your videos. Animoto also provides a nice selection of video player themes for different occasions. For example, you can make a video birthday card using Animoto.

Animoto videos are easily embedded into blogs, wikis, and websites.

Animoto's free service limits you to 30 second videos. You can create longer videos for free if you apply for an education account. Education accounts also allow to manage student accounts.



Masher

Masher is a great, free, tool for creating video mash-ups. Masher offers a large collection of video clips from the BBC's Motion Gallery and Rip Curl video. There is a large music library, an effects library, and a good selection of video player skins. If you don't find content that you like in Masher's library, you can add your own images, video clips, and music clips through the Masher uploader. Masher also gives you the option to insert text throughout your videos.

Creating with Masher is a simple matter of dragging elements from the media gallery into the timeline editor. From there you can arrange the sequence of elements using the drag and drop interface. When you're happy with the sequence, publish and share your production.



Photo Peach

Photo Peach is a free service that allows you to quickly and easily create an audio slideshow, with captions, from images in your Flickr, Picassa, or Facebook account. You can also use images saved on your local hard drive to create your slideshow.

Adding captions to each image is a an intuitive process on Photo Peach. To add captions to your Photo Peach slideshow simply type your desired text into the caption box that appears as each image is automatically displayed by Photo Peach. Changing the order of appearance for each image is also very easy. Changing the sequence of images is a simple drag and drop procedure.

Creating Short Animated Films

Free tools that your students can use to create simple animated movies.



The <u>Zimmer Twins</u> is a neat site for introducing elementary school students to making simple animated video stories. On the Zimmer Twins site students can create a story from scratch or complete one of the "cliff hanger" story starters.

Students do not need to have any drawing skills in order to create a story as all elements are added to the video through

a simple drag and drop interface. Students select settings, characters, character actions, emotions, and text styles then drag those elements into the storyboard. Students then arrange those elements and type words into the conversation bubbles where appropriate.



<u>Xtra Normal</u> is a unique service that enables students to create animated, narrated movies just by typing the dialogue then dragging and dropping characters and set elements into the movies.

There are free and paid plans for using Xtra Normal. The primary difference between the plans being that the paid plan offers more options for the setting of your story. The standard plan should be adequate for most academic applications.

Screencasting Tools

Use these free web-based screencasting tools to create demonstration videos. With these tools you could demonstrate software or create a recording of a slideshow with your commentary.

Screenjelly

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Screenjelly is a free web-based tool that allows anyone to quickly create a screencast video. To use <u>Screenjelly</u> all you need to do is go to <u>Screenjelly.com</u> and click the big red "record" button. Once clicked Screenjelly will begin recording your screen and your voice (if you choose) for up to three minutes. When you're done recording press "stop" and you can then share your video on Twitter and other social networks. You can also embed your <u>Screenjelly</u> recording into your blog or website.

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<u>ScreenCastle</u> is a simple screencast creation tool that is completely web-based. To use Screen Castle simply visit their website, click the start button and you're recording. You have the option to enable voice recording for your screencasts. Screencasts made using Screen Castle can be viewed on the Screen Castle website or embedded into your website, wiki, or blog.

http://screencastle.com

Screenr

<u>Screenr</u> is a very simple, easy-touse tool for creating screencast videos. You do not need to register in order to use Screenr, but if you want to save your recordings you do need a Twitter account. Screenr uses your Twitter ID to save your recording and publish it to Twitter (you can opt not to publish to Twitter). The recordings you make using Screenr can also be published to YouTube or you can download your recordings.

To use Screenr simply go to the site, click the "record" link, drag a box around the area of your screen that you want to record and then press the red "record" button. Screenr will record for up to five minutes. When you're done recording, click publish and you're done.

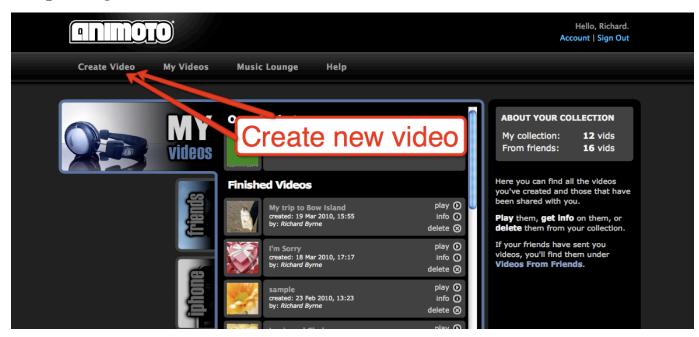
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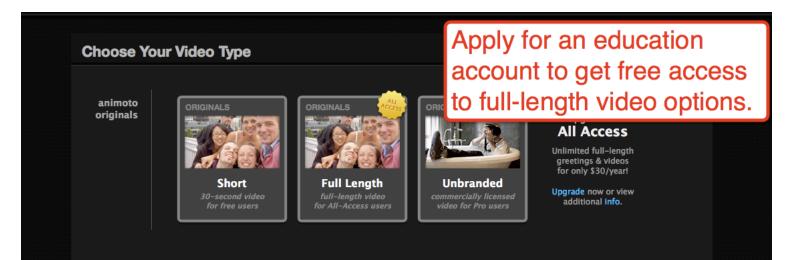
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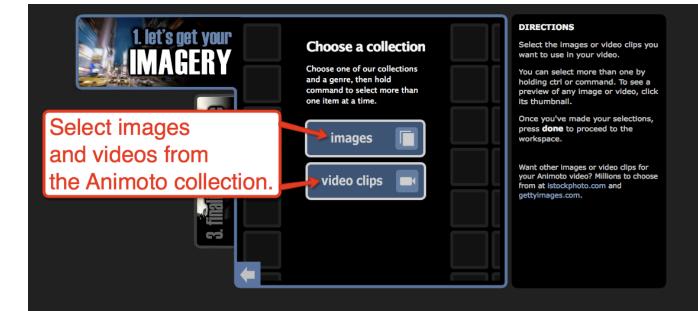
Step 2: Select duration of video. If you do not have an education account you will be limited to 30 seconds.



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Step 3: Upload images or select images from Animoto's collection.





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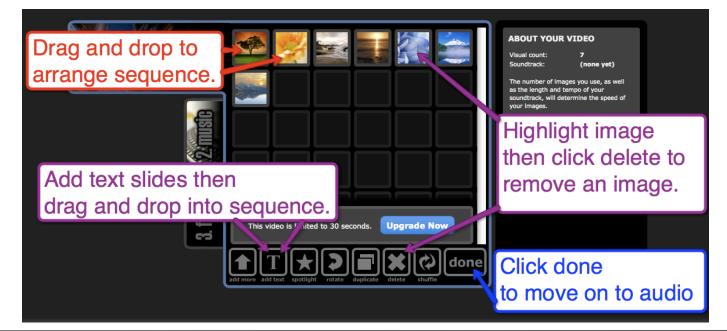
Select the images or video clips you want to use in your video.

You can select more than one by holding ctrl or command. To see a preview of any image or video, click its thumbnail.

Once you've made your selections, press **done** to proceed to the workspace.

Want other images or video clips for your Animoto video? Millions to choose from at istockphoto.com and gettyimages.com.

Step 4: Arrange the sequence of your images. Add text slides.

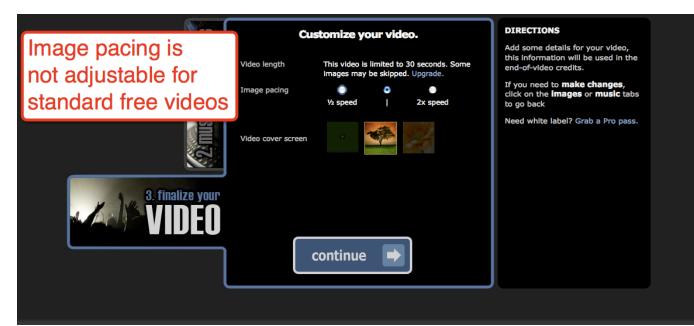


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Step 5: Select music from Animoto's collection or upload your own.



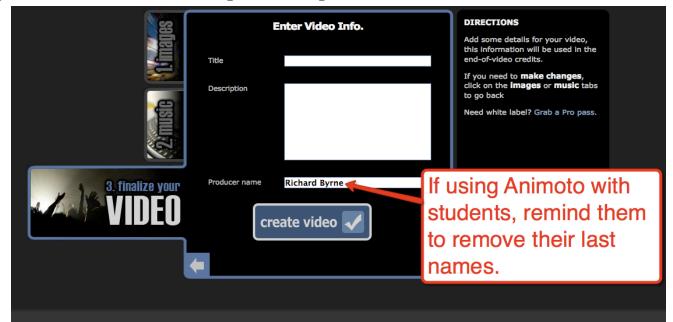
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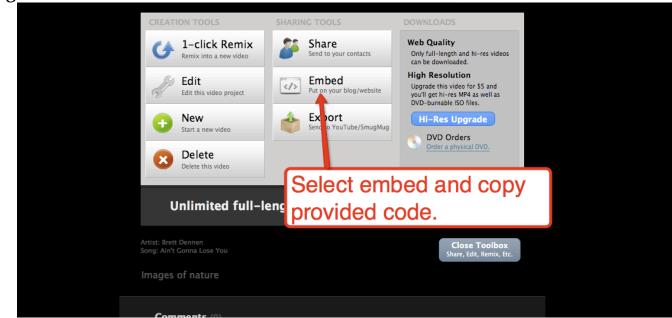
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Step 7: Enter video title, description, and producer's name.

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Step 8: After video is created, select how you want to share it. Select embed to place it in a blog or wiki.





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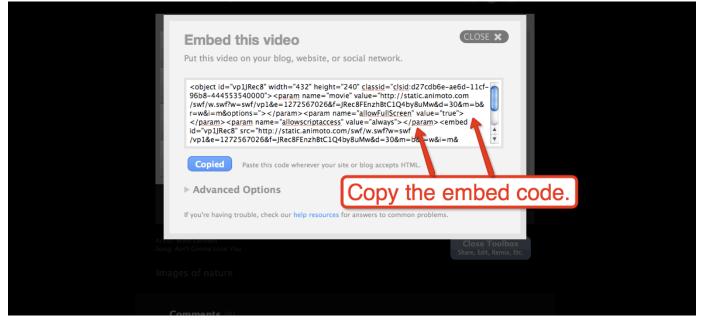
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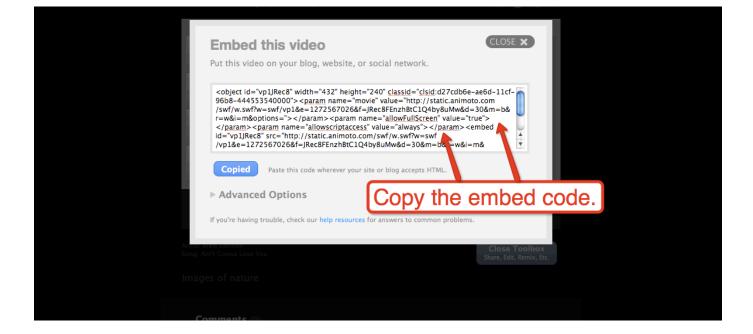
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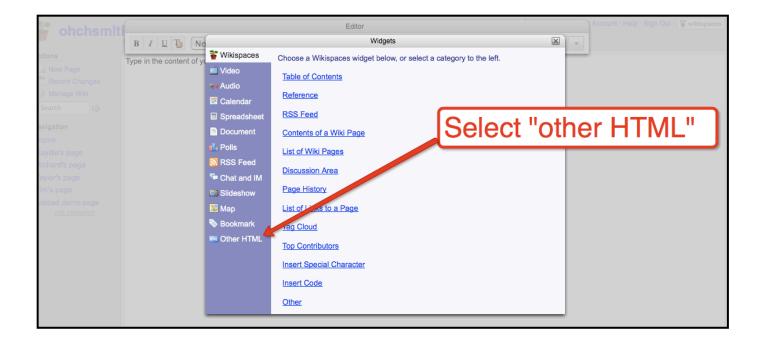
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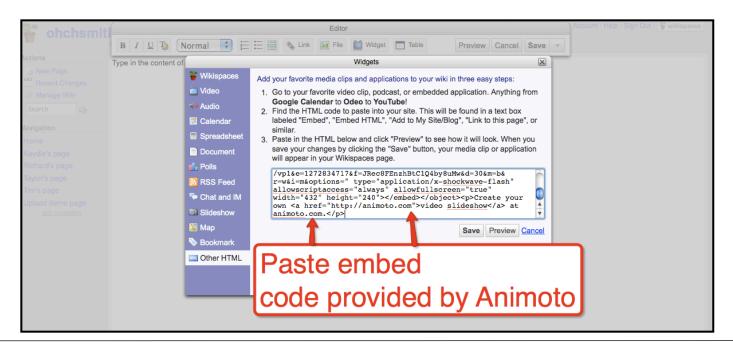


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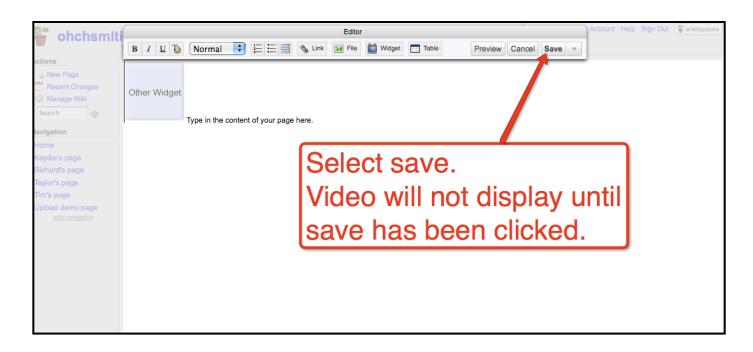
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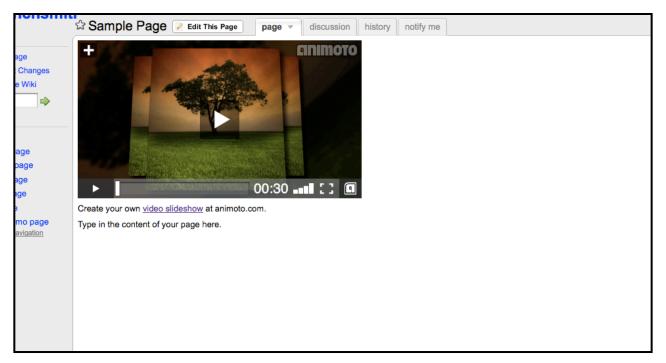




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JayCut for creating full-length videos

JayCut is a web-based video creation and editing tool that will allow your students to create full-length videos without downloading any software.

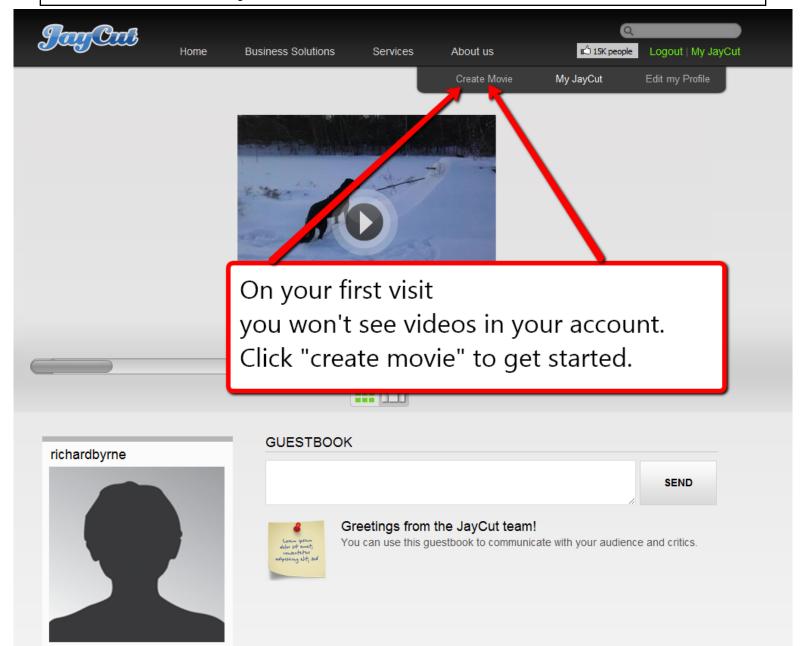




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Step 3: To get started select "create movie." On your first visit you won't see any videos in your account library.

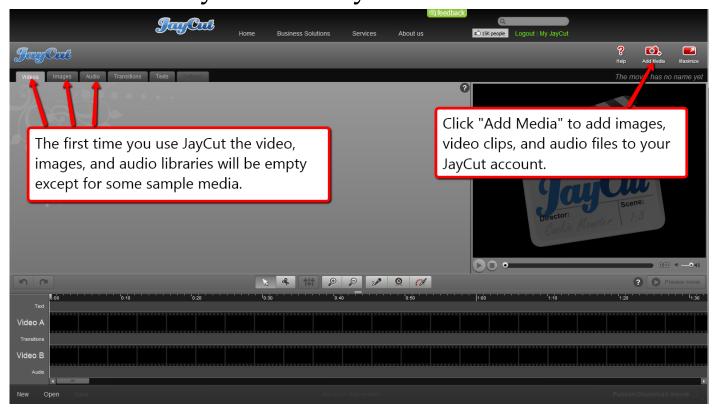


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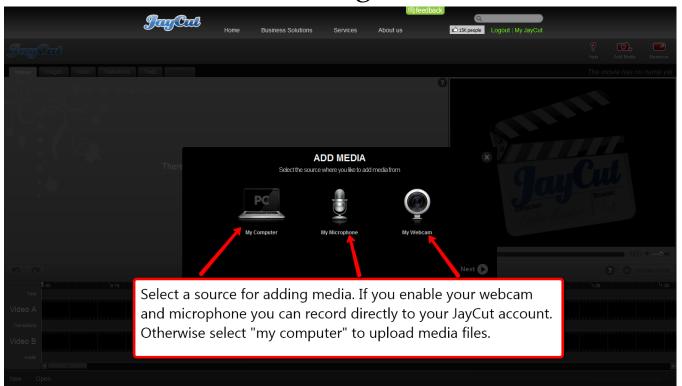
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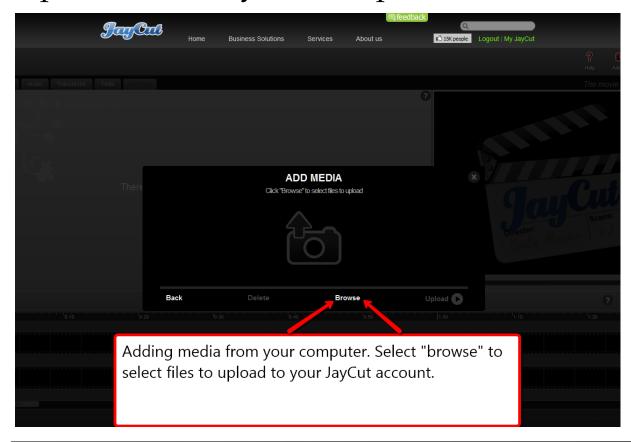
Click "add media" to upload image, audio, and video files to your library.



Select a source for adding media.

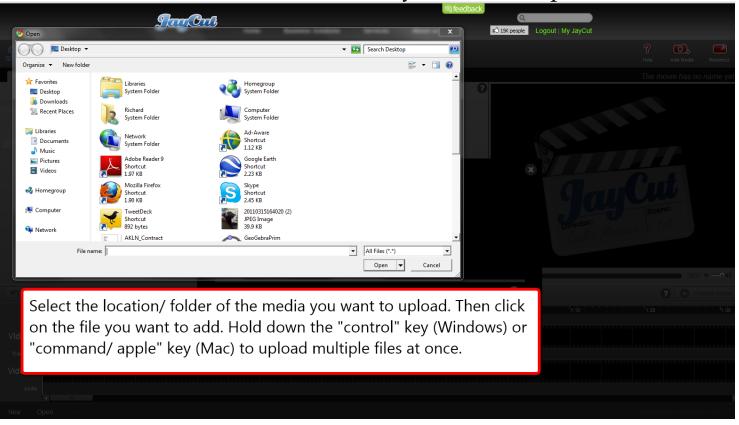


Select "browse" to specify which files should be uploaded from your computer.



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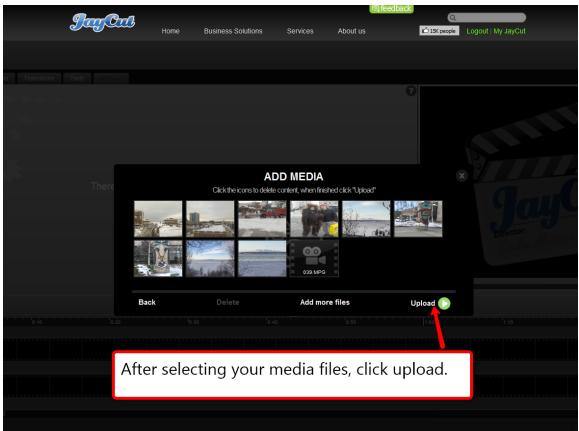
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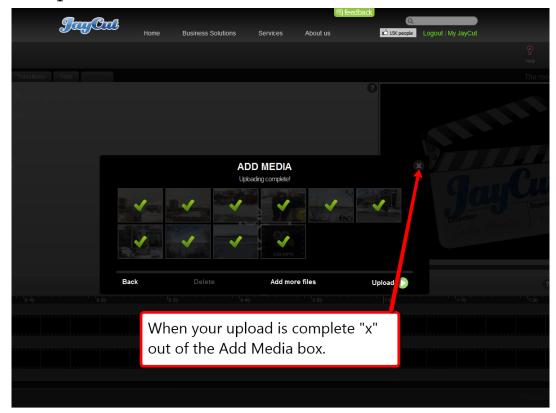
Select the files you want to add to your JayCut account. Hold down the control key (Windows users) or command key (Mac users) to select multiple files at once.

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After selecting media files, click upload.



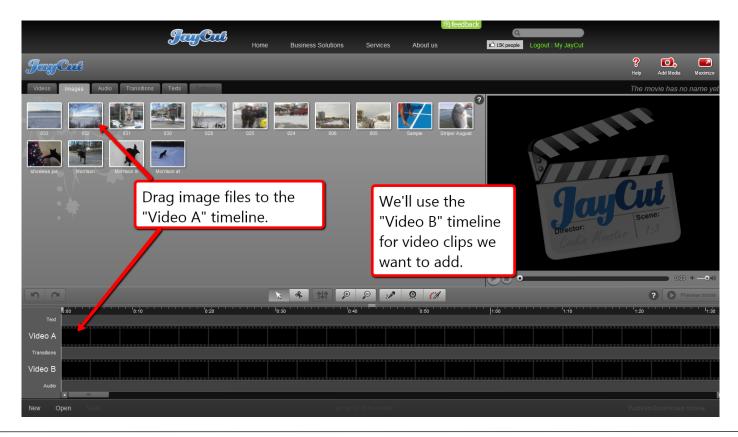
When green checkmarks appear over your files your upload is complete. "X" out of the add media box.



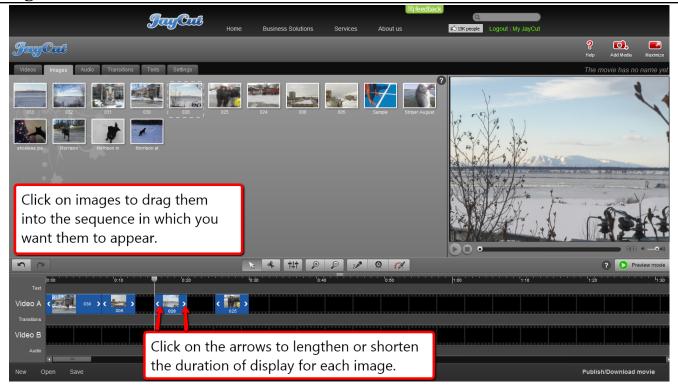
Now that there is media in your folders you can begin creating a video.



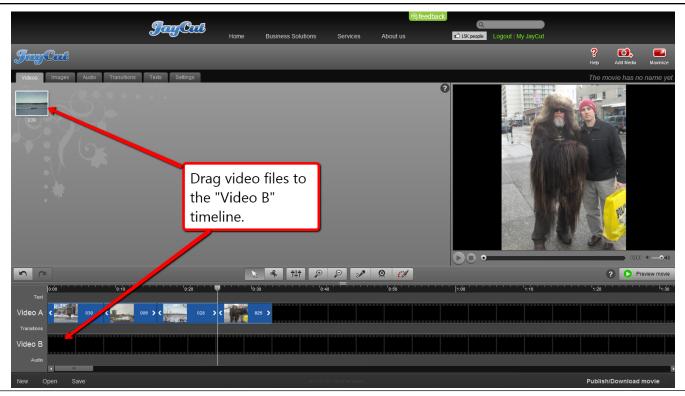
Drag images from your image folder to the "Video A" timeline.



Drag images into the sequence you want them to appear in. Adjust the length of display by clicking and dragging the arrows on each image in the timeline.

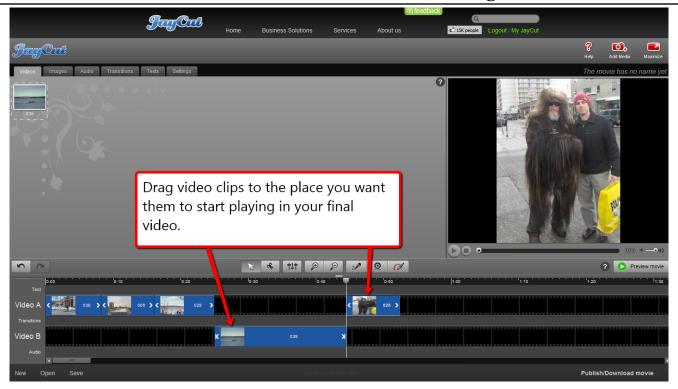


Add videos using the same process as adding images. Drag videos from the video folder to the "video B" timeline.

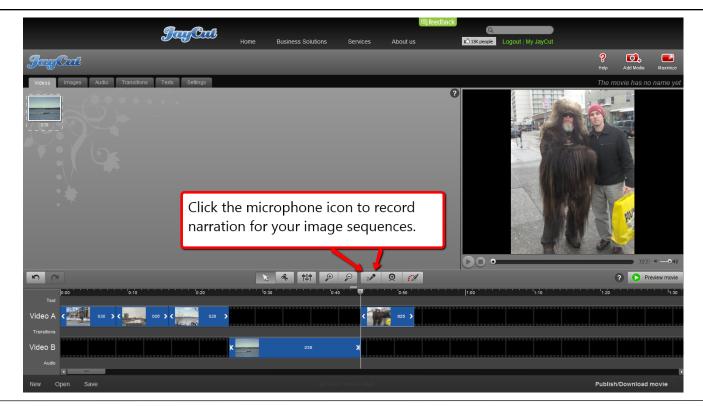


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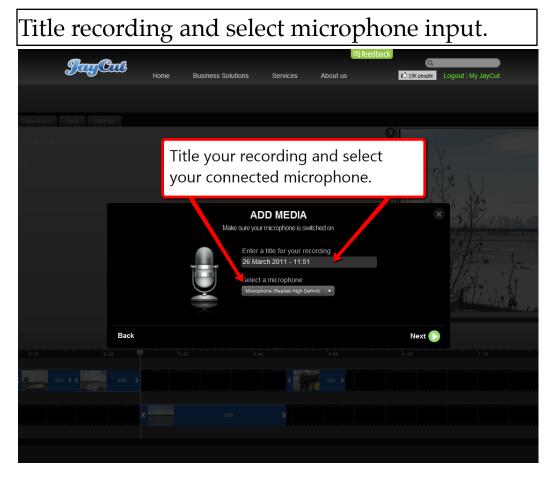
Drag a video clip to the place you want it to start and end playing. You can trim the end and start of the video using the scissors tool.



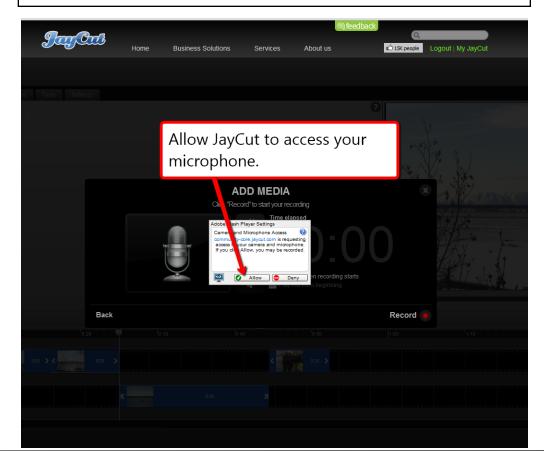
Click the microphone icon to record narration. You can also click the webcam icon to record a video.

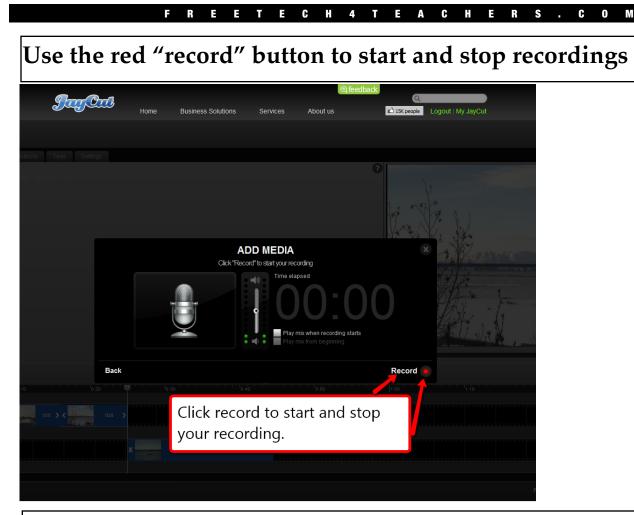




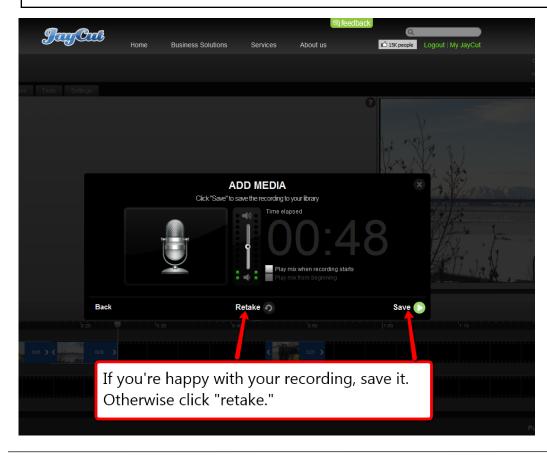


Allow JayCut to access your microphone.

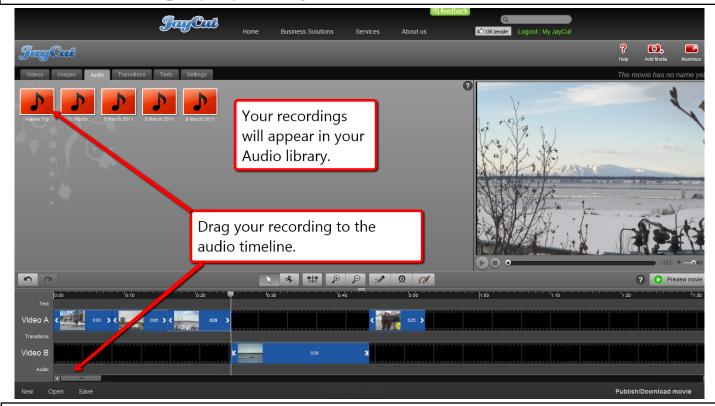




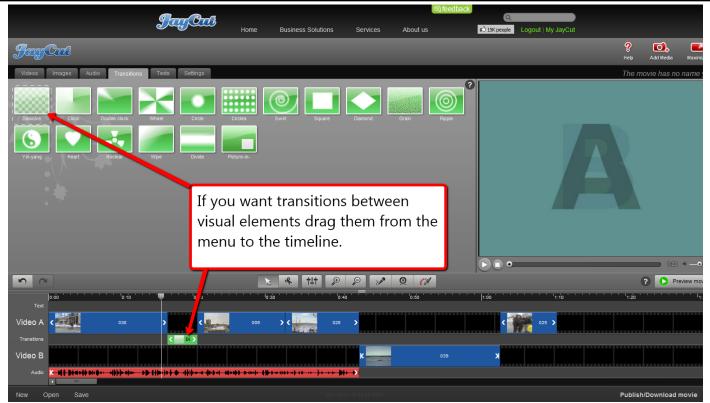
Listen to your recording then save it or remake it.



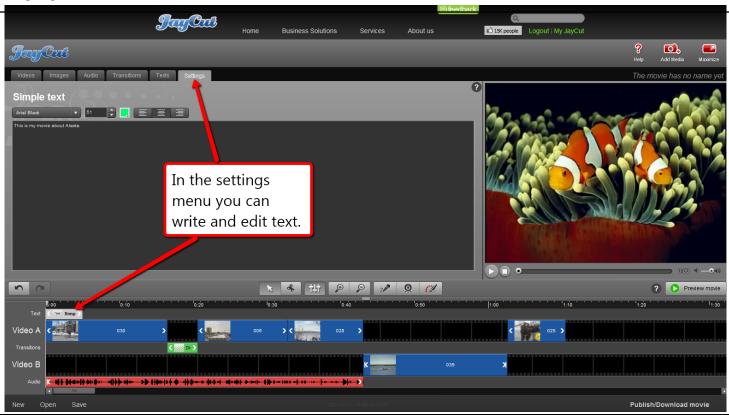
Drag audio files from your library to the audio timeline. Drag audio file along timeline to place you want it to start playing. Trim the duration of play by using the scissors tool.



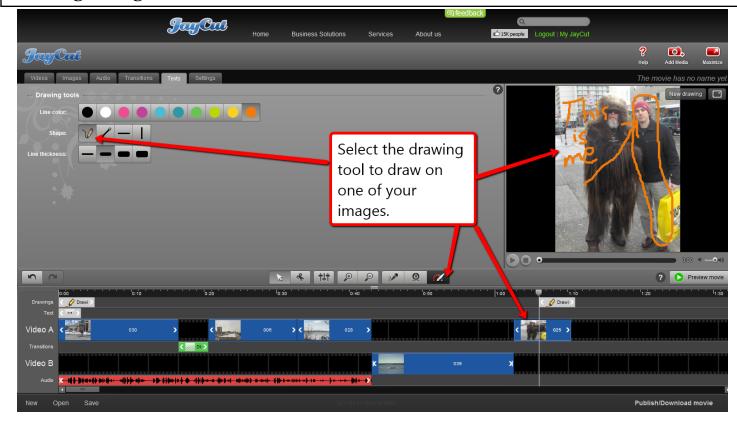
Drag transitions from the menu to "transitions" timeline. Adjust duration of display by dragging arrows at each end of the element.



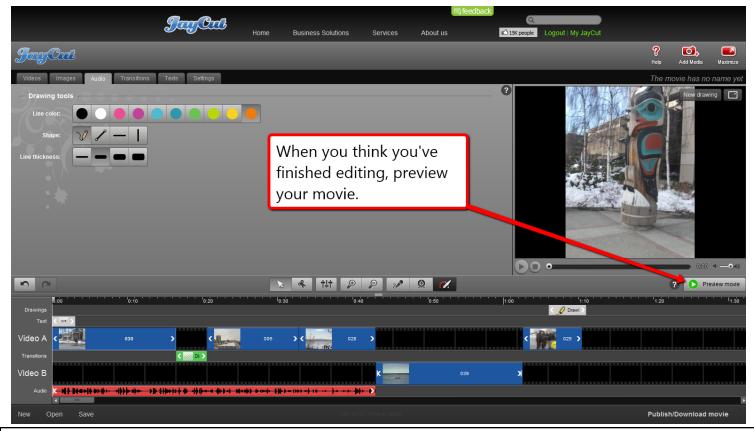
Drag text boxes to the "text" timeline. Type text in the settings menu.



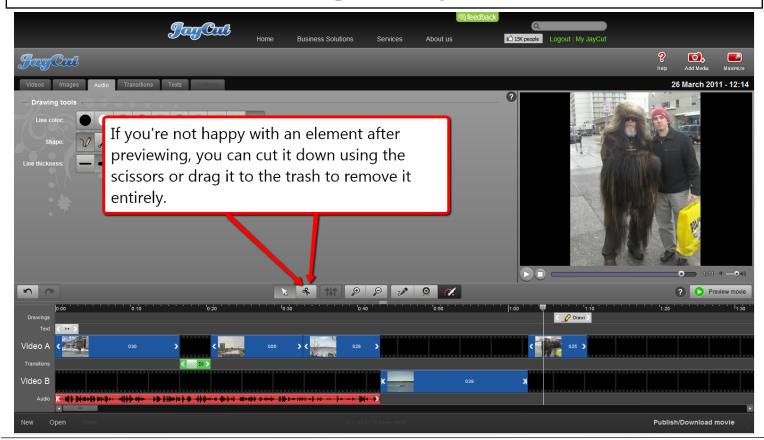
Use the drawing tool to create an original image or draw on an existing image.



Preview your movie before moving on to downloading and publishing your video.

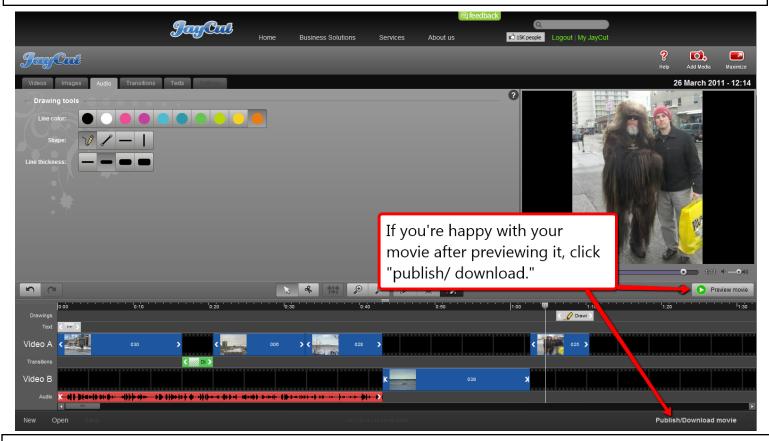


Remove/ edit elements before publishing.

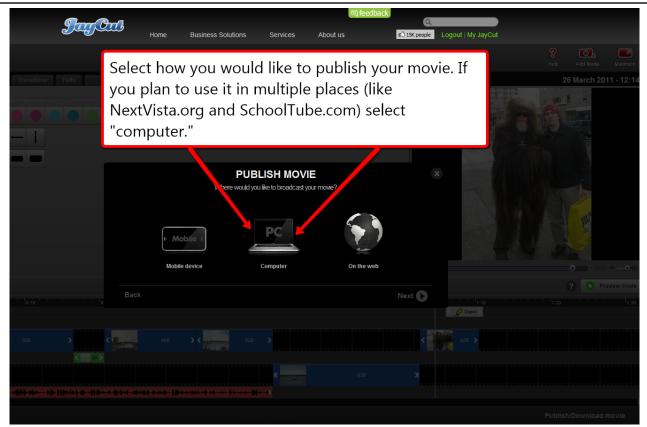


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Publish and or download your video.



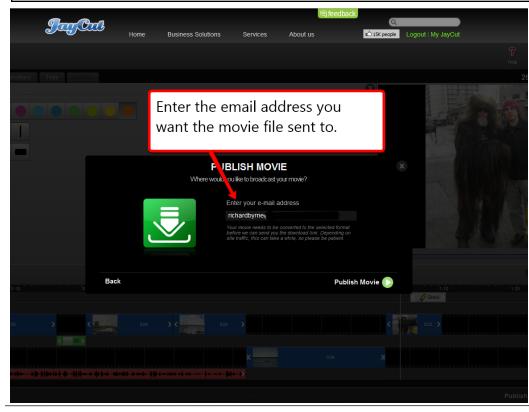
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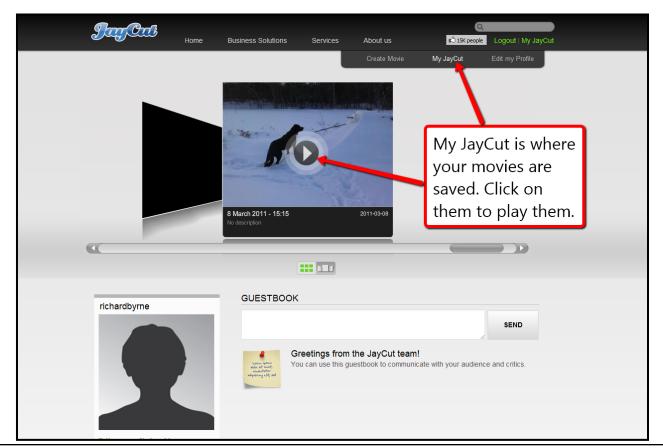
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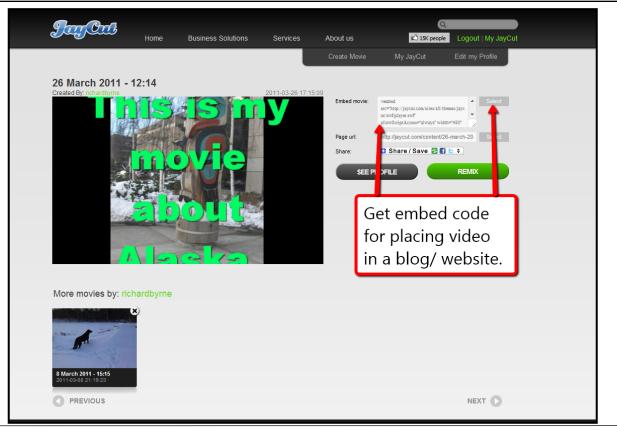
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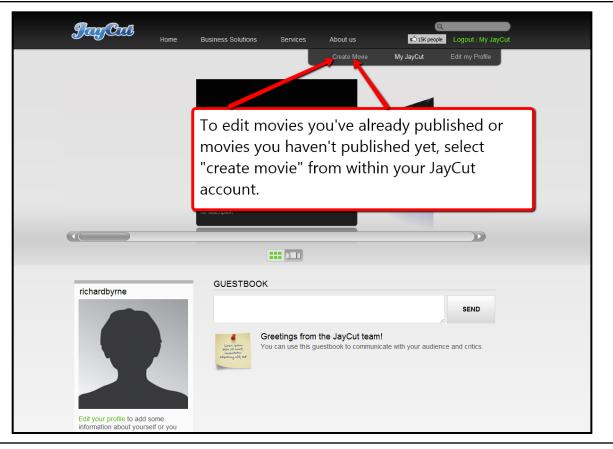


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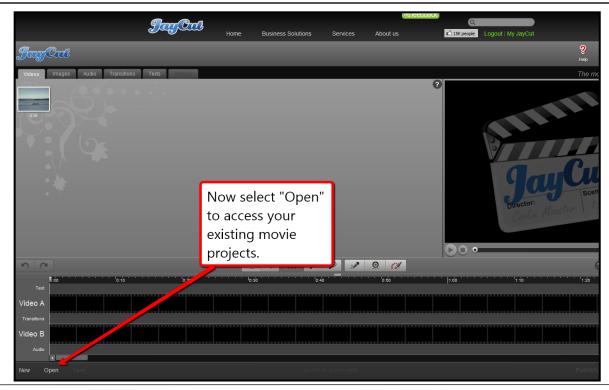


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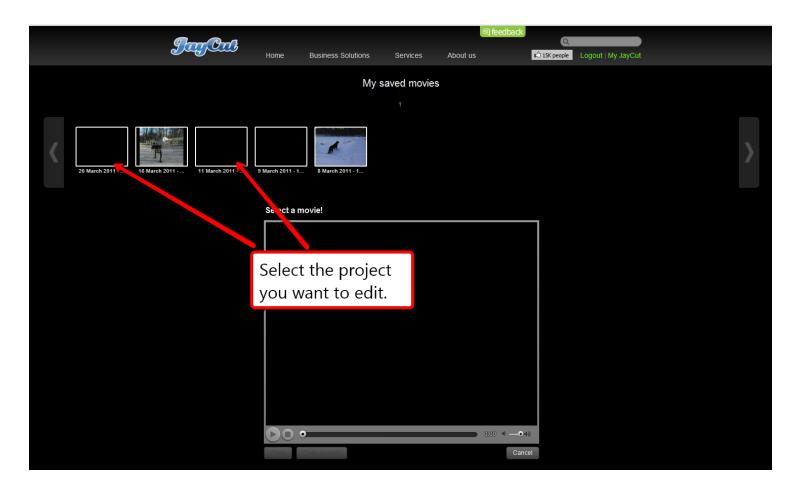
Click "create movie" to edit projects you've started or published.



Select "open" to edit existing projects. (on smaller screens you may need to select the "full screen" option to see the "open" option).



After selecting "open" option in previous screen, select the project you want to edit.



Sharing Videos with a Wider Audience

YouTube is the most popular place to post videos, but many schools block YouTube. Try these alternatives for sharing the work of your students.



School Tube

<u>SchoolTube</u> allows teachers to create their own video channels in which they can host their students' videos.

In addition to being a place to host videos, SchoolTube offers teachers a good selection of lesson plans about video projects in the classroom. SchoolTube also offers advice about issues involving COPPA and Copyright.

For the first time user, SchoolTube has excellent directions on how to get started uploading content and creating content channels.

http://schooltube.com

Next Vista

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Next Vista for Learning is a non-profit run by Google Certified Teacher Ruston Hurley. The purpose of Next Vista is to host and share moderated content that will help students. This is good place to share videos in which your students demonstrate how to solve mathematics problems. This is also the place for students to share videos in which they offer advice on things like applying for college or taking the SAT. Did your students complete a community service project this year? If so, Next Vista wants to hear about it in a video.

http://nextvista.org



Teacher Tube

<u>TeacherTube</u> is a very popular alternative to YouTube for schools. Just as with SchoolTube, teachers can create their own channels in which they post their students' works.

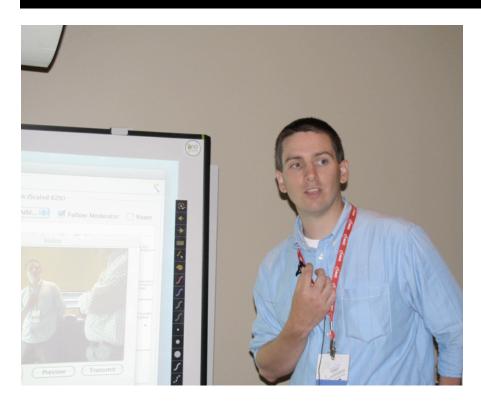
In addition to video uploads, you can also upload and share documents, images, and audio recordings.

http://teachertube.com

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