Working with Transitions in Movie Maker

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How to Add Video Transitions

In dealing with placing transitions from one video clip or picture to another, you want it all to be very smooth and clean. Remember that you have transition changes, minor and a major transition.

1. Click on the Task Pane button

2. Below the Edit Movie Header, click the View video transition blue link.
3. In the Contents Pane, you should see all of the different video transitions you can apply to your video. If you click on a transition within the Contents Pane, the monitor view will display that video transition. Just remember to press Play button located on the monitor view to play the video transition. This will allow you to preview the video transition before placing it on the timeline or storyboard.

4. Now drag the Bow Tie, Vertical video transition down between the College Entrance and Training video clips located on the Timeline.

5. Now the video transition has been added between the College Entrance and Training video clips. Just remember that the default duration for a video transition is 1.25 seconds. If you want to change that then you need to go to the Options dialog and change the transition duration before you drag video transitions down to the Timeline or Storyboard.

6. Let’s zoom in on the video transition.
7. Click the Zoom Timeline In (Page Down) button located to the top left corner of the Timeline two times.

8. Notice the opaque area on overlapping the Training video clip. This opaque area is showing you where the video transition is overlapping the two video clips.

9. Now click the Zoom Time Out (Page Up) button two times.

10. Now apply the Bow Tie, Horizontal video transition between the training and Tech Labs video clips.

11. Apply the Diagonal, Box Out video transition between the Tech Labs and College Entrance (1) video clips.

**Changing the video transition**

1. Drag the Diamond video transition in between the Tech Labs and College Entrance (1) video on the Timeline to override the existing video transition already placed between these two video clips.

2. Preview your video so far and notice the transitions. Just keep in mind that some of the video audio is running into the next video clip. We will be addressing this issue shortly.

**Changing the video transition duration**

1. Click the Zoom Timeline In (Page Down) button twice.
2. Place your point on the video transition between the Tech Labs and College Entrance (1) video clips. Notice that your point turns into a two-headed cursor.

3. Drag it over a hair to make the duration of the selected video transition a bit longer.

4. Now click the Zoom Timeline Out (Page Up) twice, so that you are seeing all of the existing video clips and most of your pictures on the Timeline.

Apply a video transition to all of your pictures at one time

1. Click the Show Storyboard button right above the Timeline.
2. Now in the Storyboard, move the vertical scroll bar over to the right so that you see the first picture.
3. Select the first picture.
4. Hold down the Shift key and click the last picture. Now all of your pictures are selected.
5. Now in the Contents Pane, right-click the Dissolve transition and select Add to Storyboard. (This command will automatically apply the selected video transition to every selected picture.)
6. Notice that between each picture is a small square box and you see that the dissolve video transition has been placed in each of those boxes before each picture in the Storyboard.
7. Let’s move back to the Timeline, so click on the Timeline button right above the Storyboard.

8. Notice to the right of the each of the pictures is a video transition located on the transition track.

How to fade your existing video to black
At this point of the lesson, let’s learn how to fade the last video clip to black and then have the first picture fade in. This is a great way to show the transition from the end of your video clips to the start of your slide show of pictures.

1. Place your insertion point on the transition located on the transition track to the right of the first picture and then select Delete.

2. You just removed the video transition to the right of the first picture.

3. Right-click on the College Entrance (1) video clip and then select Fade out.
4. Now right-click on the first picture and select Fade In.
5. Click the Zoom Timeline In (Page Down) button. Notice that a blue star has been placed within the College Entrance (1) video clip as well as for the first picture. This blue star is letting you know that a video effect has been placed on these components.
6. Click on the College Entrance (1) video clip within the Timeline and preview the video in the monitor view.