

# Techspert Jeff's Favorite Slide-Show Tricks

## *All, hail our slide-show master Jeff Tiefenthaler!*

Jeff is a founding Techspert with the Digital Workshop. He and his lovely bride Zayda sail on Holland America's Westerdam. When Jeff is not teaching *Your Away From Home Movie* and the rest of his super classes, he enjoys snowboarding, reading and practicing Spanish. Because Jeff has been working with *Movie Maker* for quite a while, we asked him to share some of his favorite tricks . . . .

### »» **Put Your Best Face Forward 1! Edit your cruise photos**

Better photos mean better memories. It is easy to learn essential photo correction and editing, including:

### »» **Take a picture from preview – This is a great way to capture a shot from as video as a jpg. "picture" or to print or share separately a photo**

with special effects added.

1. Drag a picture/video to the storyboard in Windows Movie Maker
2. Drag one or more of your favorite "effects" to a picture/video in the story board
3. Click *Tools*
4. Click *Take a picture from preview*
5. Save picture

### »» **Fade into an effect in your slide-show – One of my favorite techniques for your slide-shows!**

1. Drag two of the same picture in the storyboard, side by side
2. Drag basic *fade* transition between the two pictures
3. Drag favorite effect(s) onto the second of the two pictures

### »» **Change the time duration of images or transitions in your slide-show – Want your photos to transition more quickly? Slowly? A combination of both?**

- After you have added pictures to the storyboard, you must adjust time duration manually:
  1. Above the storyboard, click *Storyboard*
  2. Click *Timeline*
  3. Click on a picture
  4. Use red arrow to extend or contract the time duration of that picture. (videos and music cannot be expanded)
- Before adding any pictures or transitions to your storyboard, you can adjust the time duration for all automatically:
  1. From top menu, click *Tools*
  2. Click *Options*
  3. Click the *Advanced* tab
  4. Increase or decrease the picture and/or transition duration
  5. Click *OK* at the bottom

### »» **Add music to your slide-show – It is easier than you think . . . .**

1. From top menu, click *Import media*
2. Click *Music*
3. Select one or more songs to import into MM project
4. Above the storyboard, click *Storyboard*
5. Click *Timeline*
6. Drag music file into the second row of the timeline (Audio/Music)



**»» Splitting music – This is useful if your music goes past your last picture/video, if you want to add more than one song, or if you want to edit video clips.**

- **Splitting the music** (there is no limit how many splits you can make to a file)
  1. Click on the minute/second at the top of the timeline where you want to “split” the music file (the green splice bar should appear which you can also drag)
  2. On Windows XP and Vista, click *Tools*, then *Split* (in Vista, the split function is also available beneath the preview screen).
    - *Tip:* If you cannot select *Split*, click the music file in the timeline to make sure it is highlighted then return to *Tools, Split*.
  3. Your music file should be split into two parts
    - *Tip:* You can use the magnifier to zoom into the timeline for more precise splitting
    - *Tip:* In the timeline view there are 3 rows: Video, Audio/Music and Title Overlay. Next to the video row, you can click the crosshair and open up 2 more rows for the transitions and audio for your video. You can increase or decrease the transition time manually or edit the audio in your video clip!
  4. Once your music is split you can:
    - Remove part of your music file by right clicking the part you want to remove and selecting *Remove*
    - Remove part of your music and add another song
    - Use the split function to edit your videos

**»» Adjusting music**

1. In timeline view, right click on the music file. You have the following options:
  - Select *Fade in*
  - Select *Fade out*
  - Select *Volume* and adjust
  - Select *Mute* (*Tip:* This is a great tool when you are combining audio from a video clip with music)

**»» Publishing a slide-show to your Windows Live Spaces page – Posting a slide-show on your Spaces page takes three easy steps, as described below: publishing the slide-show to your computer, posting to the web, and then linking it to your Spaces page.**

1. When you’re finished making your slide-show, click *Publish Movie*, then *Publish to this computer*, then *Next*:
  - Name your movie
  - If your video is over 50MB, select *Compress* to and decrease to 50MB or less
  - Click *Publish*
2. Open the Internet and go to *video.msn.com*:
  - Sign in with your Windows Live ID
  - Go to your profile (type in nickname if first time)
  - Click *Upload Video*
  - Click *Browse* and find the video file on your computer
  - Give your video a title, description, tag, category, permission.
  - Click *Yes* to agree to the terms and click *Upload*
3. When your slide-show is uploaded to the web, you can link it to your Spaces page two different ways:
  - Copy and paste the “embed” code into a blog
  - Copy and paste the video link or video link with image into a video module.



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## »» **Emailing a slide-show** – The person on the other end does not need any special software to play your terrific show!

1. Click *Publish Movie* from top menu
2. Click *Email*, then *Next* (the computer will automatically compress your slide-show so that it won't be "too big" to send)
4. Click *Attach Movie*
5. Address email and send!

Note that receiver will not be able to edit or add to the slide-show – just play it.

## »» **Import video from a HD Digital Video Camera using a FireWire cable**

1. Connect the FireWire cable to the HD Digital Video Camera and the computer
2. Open Windows Movie Maker
3. Turn on the video camera
4. Click *Import from Digital Video Camera*

## »» **Create Auto Movie** – A great way to make a super slide-show fast . . . .

1. Before adding any pictures, transitions, music, etc. to the storyboard, click *Auto Movie* from the top of the MM screen.
2. Select an Auto Movie editing style and click *Create Automovie*.
3. If you'd like, *Enter a Title* and/or *Select audio or background music*

## »» **Organize photo collections for your slide-shows** – Maybe you've gotten carried away with lots of slide-shows! Let's help you stay organized . . .

1. From top menu, click *View*, then *Collections*
2. Organize folders, create subfolders and rename folders

