

Importing Digital Video to *iMovieHD '06*

STEP-BY-STEP

A Library Survival Sheet

from the Hopkinton High School & Hopkinton Middle School Library



These instructions assume that you have used one of the school's **Sony DCR** digital video cameras *and* the correct **digital-8 video tape** to record your footage. If you have used your own camera, check with a Librarian to be sure that it is compatible with *iMovieHD '06*.

1. Find a Librarian and sign out a **digital video camera** *and* a **FireWire cable**.
2. Set up at an **eMac** with an **attached FireWire drive (#10 or 12)** —otherwise, go for **eMacs #2 or 3**, which have DVD burners.
3. **STOP! Don't log in with your usual name & password.**
4. Instead, log in as **Video Editing (video** for short) —the password is *firewire*.

☀ ***This login is really important! You can't edit movies saved on the server.*** ☀

5. Plug in the video camera's **A/C power adapter** (the tiny end goes in a tiny covered slot on the camera; there is a power strip nearby for the other end.)
6. Attach the small end of the **FireWire cable** to the front of the digital video camera and the larger end to the FireWire port on the side of the eMac (*for eMac #10, you will have to use the FireWire port on the back of the FireWire drive.*)
7. Turn the camera's power switch to **PLAY/EDIT** (some cameras say **VCR** or **VTR** instead) and load your tape.
8. Run **iMovie** and create a new project to hold *your* movie:
 - choose **NEW PROJECT...** from the **File menu**;
 - type the **name of your movie** after the word PROJECT
 - and select **FireWire HD** from the list after the word WHERE. (*No FireWire HD on your list? Use the **Movies** folder on eMacs 2 & 3!*)
 - Finally, click **CREATE**.
9. You should see a blue screen, with the words "camera connected" at the bottom. If you see a black screen instead, slide the switch underneath the black screen toward the little picture of a camera.
10. Use *iMovie's* on-screen controls to *cue up your tape*, and then click the **IMPORT** button to start bringing in your movie clips.
11. When you're finished, **save** your project, **quit iMovie**, and **log out** of that eMac; then **remove** your tape from the camera, **turn off & pack up** everything, and **return** the camera and FireWire cable to the desk.

