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**Saving and Burning Your Digital Narrative (PC Instructions)**

In Microsoft Movie Maker, you can save your project as a .mswmm file by going to "File" then "Save." This saves it to your computer as a draft, but in order to send the movie through email or burn it to a CD, you must save it as a movie file (.wmv file). These directions are from the help feature in Windows Movie Maker. The help section also has a troubleshooting feature.

**Saving Movie Maker file to CD:**

Insert a blank CD into the disc drive. Open your digital narrative file (.mswmm). If for some reason those images have been altered, they may not appear; this can sometimes happen if you have an image saved in one folder and then move it to another folder (in cases like this the computer has trouble locating it).

Go to File --> Save Movie File --> Recordable CD

**or**

Tasks button --> Finish Movie --> Save to CD

A "Save Movie" wizard will pop up. Enter a file name for your movie (preferably the title of the narrative) and also a name for the CD (preferably your full name or last name). Hit "Next." The box will then list the specifications for the burn; just follow the recommended settings. It will burn to the CD as a .wmv file. Hit "Next." Be patient, because it may take a few minutes to complete the burn. On my computer, the disk pops out automatically once the burn is complete. To close the wizard, click "Finish." Just to be sure that it burned properly, it would be wise to check it on a different computer before you submit your project.

**Sending Movie Maker file via e-mail**

Open your project in Movie Maker (it will appear as a .mswmm file). Make sure that all the images are present. Then, follow these directions:

File --> Save Movie File --> Email

**or**

Tasks button --> Finish Movie --> Send in Email

Either of these will pop up a "Save Movie Wizard" which will automatically start saving your file as a .wmv file. Then, to send your movie as an attachment, click "Next." If you have Outlook installed on your computer, it should automatically prompt you with a new email message. If your computer does not automatically prompt you, the movie file is still saved on your computer, and you can go to your regular email provider and attach the movie file just as you would normally attach a file. Movie files will be saved automatically in your My Documents --> My Videos folder. Some files will be too large to send via email (or via Blackboard's Dropbox).