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| Windows Movie Maker | vs | Windows Live Movie Maker |
| Made up of a timeline, storyboard, preview window as well as a section for displaying media files. The timeline allows easy editing of titles, audios as well as videos all separately. | Interface | The interface is clear enough and offers every editing function from the toolbar. Whether its adding files, publishing videos, editing videos or adding effects, all will be easily accessible. |
| This program allows two methods of adding files which are:1) Browse through the hard drive of the computer 2) Import file directly from the camera.  | Video input | Users will be able to import images, audio as well as video files with ease as it support more media formats which gives it an edge in the market. But, all files saved in formats that are not supported by the program needs to be converted into a suitable format before they can be played. |
| The program allows users to do basic editing tasks like split, delete and copy as well as paste while transitions, effects and preset titles are available so that editing videos can be done. However, users have to drag all the video files to the timeline for editing to proceed. |  Video editing | There is no requirement to add all the files to the timeline for editing. This program has editing effects available in real time to make editing enjoyable and easy. |
| When users need to export those edited files, this program has only DV AVI and WMV as the only formats available. Some of its old versions have even more limitations when it comes to exporting videos but the latest ones have the Windows DVD Burner so that users are allowed to burn video files to DVD. | Finished video | Users will be able to save files as HD or SD depending on the preference as there are multiple formats available. Furthermore, users will be able to share videos on Facebook and YouTube as well as to play them on your mobile devices. |