

Media Projects with iLife

Bring the sights and sounds that inspire students into the classroom with iLife '08 — Apple's award-winning suite of digital authoring applications included on every new Mac. iLife '08 features the latest versions of iMovie, iPhoto, GarageBand, iWeb, and iDVD. With these powerful tools, students can easily create and share media-rich digital projects.

With iLife, students can express themselves with images, movies, music and other audio, and text. iLife offers a flexible set of learning tools that can help students demonstrate their individual strengths—empowering them as creators of content, rather than just consumers.

Teachers across the country are using iLife to enliven lessons, meet instructional standards, and guide their students toward more productive futures. Whether students are making visual records of science experiments, producing historical documentaries, creating digital stories, or recording foreign language podcasts, with iLife, every subject comes to life.

Digital tools for digital kids

Today's students learn in different ways than previous generations, and so require a different set of learning tools. iLife lets students learn in the multisensory mode they need to process information and express themselves using the media of their time.

Unleash students' creative expression

With the iLife suite, Apple provides all the tools that students need to create and share compelling digital media projects. Students can create poetry photo books, scientific documentaries, blogs, original music, art portfolios, and more. With iLife, there's no limit to what they can create.

Ignite student achievement

Research shows that students learn better and master basic skills in less time when they are engaged in learning. Digital projects are highly motivating for students, and since they can easily be shared, students are inclined to spend more time on task and revise their work to ensure that it's just right. While working on digital projects, students hone important skills such as researching, reading, writing, and speaking. They also build higher order thinking skills, including problem solving, collaboration, and the ability to gather and analyze data.

Keep the focus on learning

iLife applications are unmatched in their combination of ease of use and powerful features. iLife applications all share a similar interface and are designed to work

together. Students can effortlessly import their GarageBand creations into iWeb or instantly add images from iPhoto into their iMovie HD project.

Facilitate collaboration and project-based learning

With so many opportunities for different types of creative expression, iLife provides the perfect way to support project-based learning in the classroom. Digital media projects lend themselves to students working in groups, with roles divided based on interests and skills.

iLife '—digital media tools for learning

iPhoto makes it easy to download, organize, edit, and share digital photos. Students can create field trip slideshows, webpages with photos of their artwork, photo books, calendars, greeting cards, and more. They can also store and organize photos for use in their digital movies.

With **GarageBand**, students can perform, record, and create their own music and other audio. They can easily create original music by combining a series of pre-recorded musical performances. Or, they can plug in a guitar, keyboard, or microphone and record their own music. Students can also use GarageBand to record podcasts and then add images, jingles, and special effects. They can use their GarageBand compositions as soundtracks for their slideshows, movies, and DVD projects and publish their podcasts on webpages with iWeb and a .Mac account.

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iMovie HD, students can easily create movie projects that include digital video, photos, and music, as well as narration and text. Students can use iMovie HD to create video science reports, their own short films, or documentaries about current events. Teachers can use iMovie HD to share best practices with their peers.

With **iDVD**, students can readily produce impressive DVDs to store and share their digital projects, document their learning, or present a class movie, complete with menus and chapters. And because DVD discs hold so much information, teachers can store several digital media projects on one DVD.

iWeb makes it easy for students to make terrific-looking websites and blogs that can include movies created with iMovie HD, podcasts created with GarageBand, images from their iPhoto library, and more. They can then instantly publish their websites on the Internet with a .Mac account. Students can use websites produced with iWeb to showcase their documentary films, to display their artwork, or to report on school events. Teachers can use iWeb websites to share class projects with students' families and with the school community.

(All the above information came from ilife '06 in the Classroom at [http://www.apple.com/education/ilife/.](http://www.apple.com/education/ilife/))

Helpful Resources

iLife '08 in the Education

<http://www.apple.com/education/digitalauthoring/ilife.html>

Apple give you ideas of how to use iLife in the education.

iLife Tutorials

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/tutorials/index.html>

These tutorials from Apple take you step by step through using iLife. You can go through the tutorials topic by topic or use the Tutorial Menu links to find the topic you need. They also provide iLife Connections links within each tutorial to see how seamlessly you can use the applications together.

Podcasting in Education

<http://www.apple.com/education/resources/podcastingvideos/>

Podcasting is a powerful tool that allows for communication and distribution of educational content — content that can be synced to iPod for learning on the go. Explore podcasting and its benefits for education in this free, three-part video series.

Student Examples

Radio WillowWeb

<http://www.mpsomaha.org/willow/radio/>

Radio WillowWeb is a podcast for kids and by kids from the students at Willowdale Elementary School in Omaha, Nebraska. Each new show is called a Willowcast. Each Willowcast can be heard on WillowWeb as an mp3 digital audio file.

Coulee Kids

<http://www.lacrosseschools.com/longfellow/sc/ck/index.htm>

A podcast created by middle school students at Longfellow Middle School in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Google Lit Trips

<http://www.googlelittrips.org/>

This site is an experiment in teaching great literature in a very different way. Using Google Earth, students discover where in the world the greatest road trip stories of all time took place. This site was created using iWeb.