**BLUESCREENING IN WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER 2.6** by Stuart Rathe

These are the instructions to add the bluescreen transition to WMM2.6. I found it quite easy to do this – but if you have any difficulty your IT technician in school could assist by adding this to all your school laptops.

1. First of all, make sure you have WMM 2.6. I don’t think that you can add the transition to WMM Live Essentials. You can download version 2.6 for free here <http://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/download/details.aspx?id=34>
2. The bluescreen transition is not a standard transition on WMM, but you can easily create it by adding some program code (Don’t worry – this is incredibly easy!)
3. First, open the Program file for MovieMaker 2.6 (Start>Computer>C Drive> Program Files>MovieMaker2.6>Shared)
4. When you do this, you should see a Program file called AddOnTFX. If you don’t, then don’t worry, just click on New Folder and make a new empty folder and call it AddOnTFX
5. Next, you need to highlight and copy the code below. This is what creates the bluescreen transition

<TransitionsAndEffects Version="1.0" >   
<Transitions>   
<TransitionDLL guid="{C5B19592-145E-11D3-9F04-006008039E37}" >   
<Transition name="Bluescreen" iconid="12" comment="Makes first clip show through blue areas of second clip">   
<Param name="KeyType" value="1"/>   
<Param name="Similarity" value="100"/>   
<Param name="Progress" value="0.0"/>   
</Transition>   
</TransitionDLL>   
</Transitions>   
</TransitionsAndEffects>

1. Next, open up Notepad (Start > All Programs > Accessories > Notepad) and paste the code you have just copied into your opened Notepad document.
2. Save the Notepad file into your AddonTFX folder at C**:\Program Files\Movie Maker\Shared\AddOnTFX** . You need to call the Notepad file **bluescreen.xml** when you save it.
3. When you restart WMM, you should have a new transition called **Bluescreen** in Tools>Video Transitions.

I’ve created 2 video tutorials that show you how to use the bluescreen transition. I created them to help out the PGCE students who came to work with us as part of the Chester ICT project in 2012. I would recommend watching the tutorials to help you to understand the way in which the bluescreen transition works.

Also – there is an excellent website called [www.dreamscene.org](http://www.dreamscene.org) which has animated video loops which I frequently use in my bluescreen work as backgrounds. They look really effective and are quite ‘expensive’ looking for e.g. special effects style work.

Another great site for royalty free music to add to your movies is <http://incompetech.com/>.

Just make sure you give a credit to both of the above sites in the titles to your films, especially if entering them in competitions or festivals.

Here are the links to the two screencast tutorials

TUTORIAL 1 <http://www.screencast.com/t/4rrtESE3t4> (5 mins)

TUTORIAL 2 <http://www.screencast.com/t/ltlO3Qqcrs> (5 mins)