

# More Chapter Markers

## Add Markers in iMovie 6

Begin by exporting your iMovie '09 project to iMovie 6; see Chapter 11 for full instructions.

Then, in iMovie 6, you have two different ways to add chapter markers. The easiest way is to press Shift-⌘-M at each spot where you want a chapter marker, even while the movie is playing. (That's the shortcut for the Markers → Add Chapter Marker command.) Although that's quick and easy, you still have to open up the Chapters palette to *name* the markers (Figure A-1).

To create and manage chapter markers all in one tidy list, use the Chapters palette. Here's how that goes:

1. In iMovie 6, click the Chapters button.

You'll find it among the other pane buttons, just to the right of the Editing button, as shown in Figure A-1. When clicked, the Chapters pane opens.

2. In the iMovie monitor, drag the Playhead along the scrubber bar to locate the position for your new chapter.

You may want to choose Edit → Select None (Shift-⌘-A) first, which ensures that no individual clip is selected. Now you can move the Playhead anywhere in your movie.

**TIP** Use the arrow keys for precise Playhead positioning, or press Shift-arrow to jump 10 frames at a time.

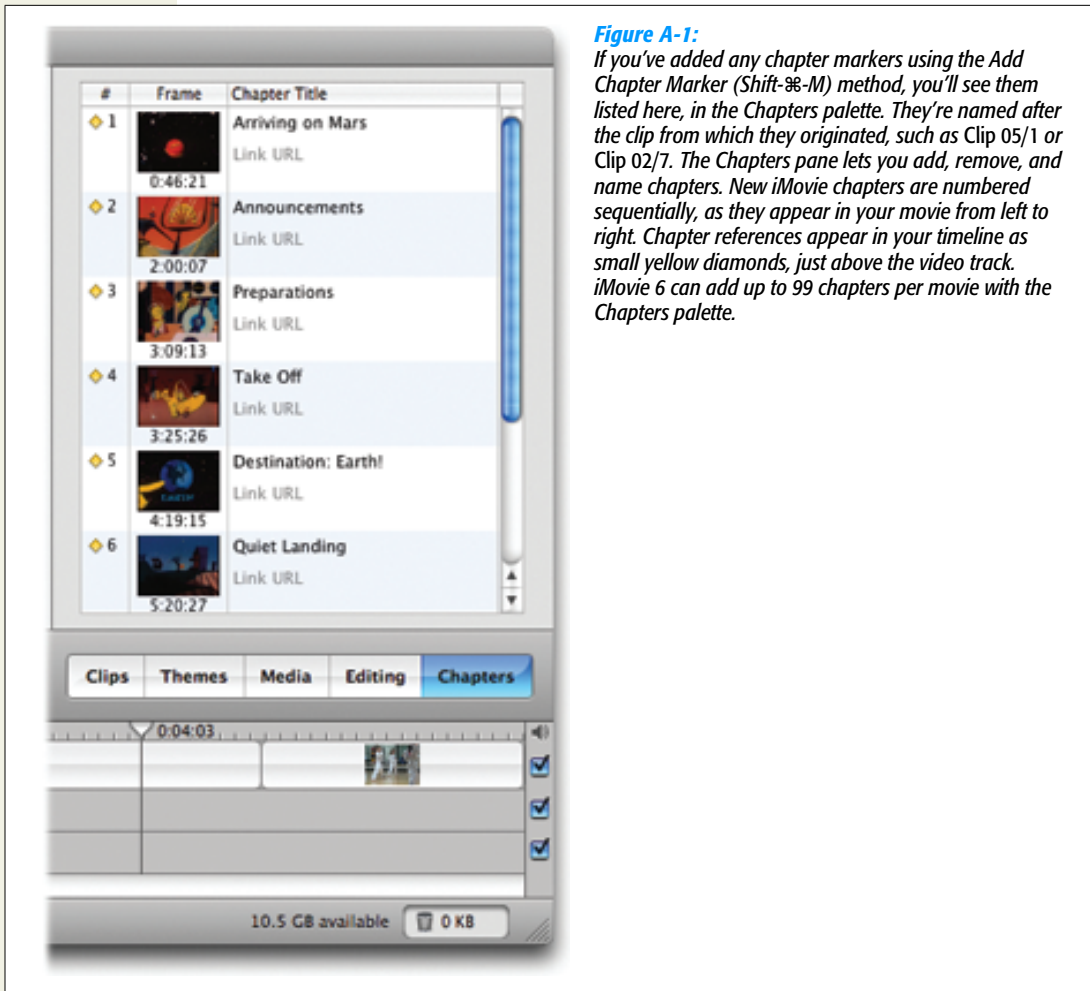
3. Click Add Marker.

You'll find this button near the bottom of the Chapters palette. iMovie adds the chapter to your list, as shown in Figure A-1.

**TIP** You can also use the keystroke Shift-⌘-M at this point, or even choose Markers → Add Chapter Marker.

4. Type a chapter title into the Chapter Title box.

Whatever you type here winds up as the chapter name in the finished DVD menu. Select a short but meaningful name.



**Figure A-1:** If you've added any chapter markers using the Add Chapter Marker (Shift-⌘-M) method, you'll see them listed here, in the Chapters palette. They're named after the clip from which they originated, such as Clip 05/1 or Clip 02/7. The Chapters pane lets you add, remove, and name chapters. New iMovie chapters are numbered sequentially, as they appear in your movie from left to right. Chapter references appear in your timeline as small yellow diamonds, just above the video track. iMovie 6 can add up to 99 chapters per movie with the Chapters palette.

5. Repeat steps 24 until you've added all the chapters for your movie. Save your project.

Choose File → Save to save your iMovie project, including the chapter marks you just defined.

To change the name of a chapter, double-click it (in the Chapters pane) to open the editing box, and then edit away. To remove a marker, click its name in iMovie's Chapters palette, and then click the Remove Marker button.

## More chapter-marker pointers

Here are two more points to keep in mind about chapters in iMovie 6:

- Chapter markers appear in the Timeline as small, yellow diamond shapes.
- You can't move a chapter marker. If you've used the wrong start frame when creating your chapter, you have no choice but to delete the chapter marker and create a new one with the correct starting point.

## Handing off from iMovie 6 → iDVD

Once you've added your chapter markers in iMovie 6, you're ready to hand off the whole thing to iDVD, where you can do your menu design and DVD burning.

Start by saving your iMovie project. Then choose Share?iDVD and, in the confirmation dialog box, click Share.

Your hard drive whirs, thunder rolls somewhere, and after a few moments, you wind up in iDVD itself.

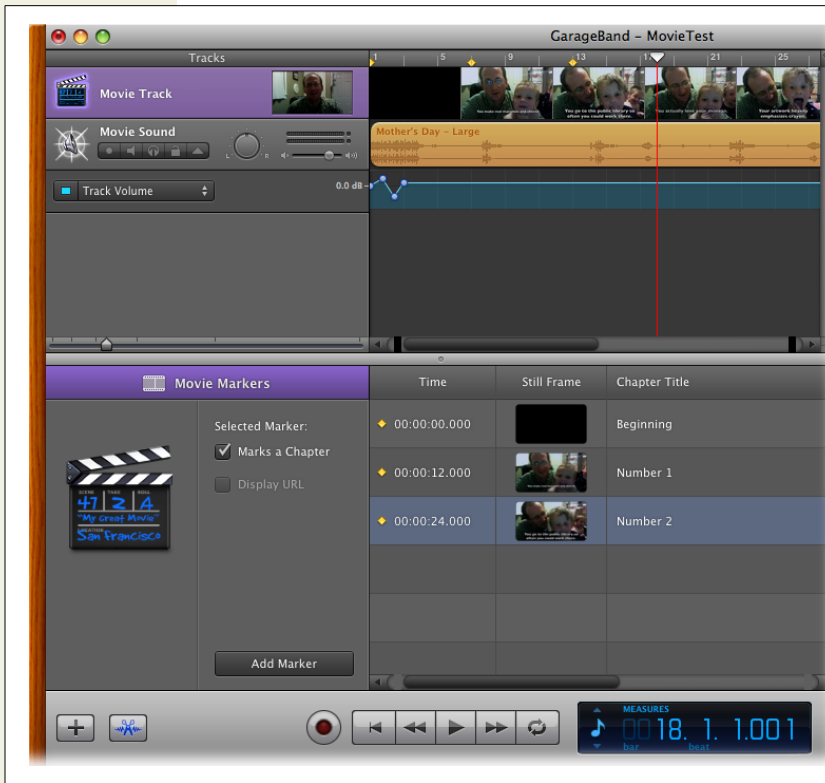
## Adding Chapters in GarageBand

GarageBand has a handy chapter-adding feature, too. Using it to add chapter markers isn't as convenient as having a built-in iMovie '09 chapter feature would be. But if you plan to do some touch-up audio work in GarageBand anyway, you're not losing any time.

Start by exporting your nearly-finished iMovie '09 project to GarageBand. Follow steps 1 through 5 from Chapter 9.

Then play the movie (Space bar), or position the Playhead using your mouse or the arrow keys on the keyboard. At each point where you want a chapter marker, press the letter P key (or, if you're being paid by the hour, choose Edit → Add Marker).

At this point, a handy chapter-marker editing console appears at the bottom of the window (Figure A-2). Here, you can add, delete, or rename your markers.



**Figure A-2:** Make sure that the “Marks a Chapter” checkbox is turned on; otherwise, you’re creating navigation markers that won’t transfer to iDVD. To rename a marker, double-click the existing name. To fine-tune the position of a marker, double-click its time code. And to delete a marker, click its row and then press Delete.

When you’re finished editing the markers, choose Share → Send Movie to iDVD.

At this point, iDVD opens automatically, with Play and Scene Selection buttons already in place. Proceed from “Phase 4: Design the Menu Screen”.

## Adding Chapters in iDVD

As noted earlier, iDVD can add scene breaks for you. But iDVD adds them at regular intervals; you can’t place them where you want them.

If you’re still interested, then here’s how it works. Place the movie onto your iDVD menu screen. Click the movie’s button once, to select it, and then choose Advanced → Create Chapter Markers for Movie. (This command isn’t available if the movie *already* has chapter markers in it.)

**TIP** Actually, you can Shift-click to select several movie buttons simultaneously. That way, iDVD creates chapter markers for all of them.

A tiny dialog box appears, offering to “Create chapter markers every \_\_\_ minutes.” Type in the number you want—2, for example—and click OK.

Now, when your viewers click that movie button, it doesn’t begin playing immediately. Instead, it takes them to a secondary screen that offers a Play button and a Scene Selection button, which, in turn, opens a screen full of thumbnails called Chapter 1, Chapter 2, and so on. Those are the chapters that iDVD generated automatically.

**TIP** If you change your mind about adding these scene-selection buttons, click the Scene Selection button, and then press the Delete key.