



## QuickPlayCM 1.1

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### What is QuickPlayCM ?

QuickPlayCM is a contextual menu plugin for Mac OS X. It let you play movies and other multimedia files that are supported by QuickTime without launching an application. It also has some other feature like adding thumbnail to the movie file, setting desktop picture from the current scene you are watching.

### **IMPORTANT**

**QuickPlayCM works with Mac OS X 10.3 (aka Panther) and does not work with 10.2.x (aka Jaguar) due to some problem of Jaguar's Finder.**

### Features

- It can display movies and any other multimedia files (that QuickTime supports) without launching any applications.
- The format it supports are including but not limited to:
  - QuickTime movie (.mov)
  - Flash movie (.swf)
  - Mpeg movie (.mpg)
  - Mpeg4 movie (.mp4)
  - GIF animation (.gif)
  - MP3 music (.mp3)
  - MP4 music with AAC codec (.m4p) --- requires QT 6.2 or later

For more information about supported format, please check out the latest QuickTime document.

- You can add thumbnail icons to the movie file from the scene you are watching.
- You can set the desktop picture from the scene you are watching.
- You can copy the current scene to the Clipboard as a PICT data.
- Movie windows can be resized.

- Easy enlarging/reducing view size by 25% step using toolbar buttons.

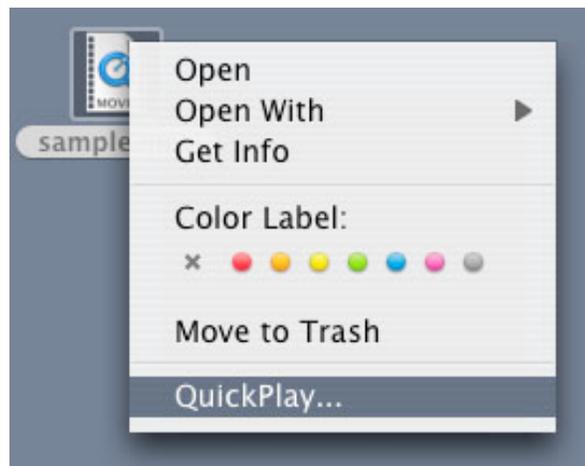
## **Installation**

For your convenience, simple AppleScript to install the QuickPlayCM is enclosed. Just run the 'InstallQuickPlayCM' script to install and follow the direction on the screen.

You can manually install the QuickPlayCM by copying 'QuickPlayCM.plugin' package to either '/Library/Contextual Menu Items' folder or '~/Library/Contextual Menu Items' folder. If you don't have '~/Library/Contextual Menu Items' folder, simply create a new folder and copy it there. In this case, you need to either restart computer, or logout and login again, or restart the Finder to use the QuickPlayCM.

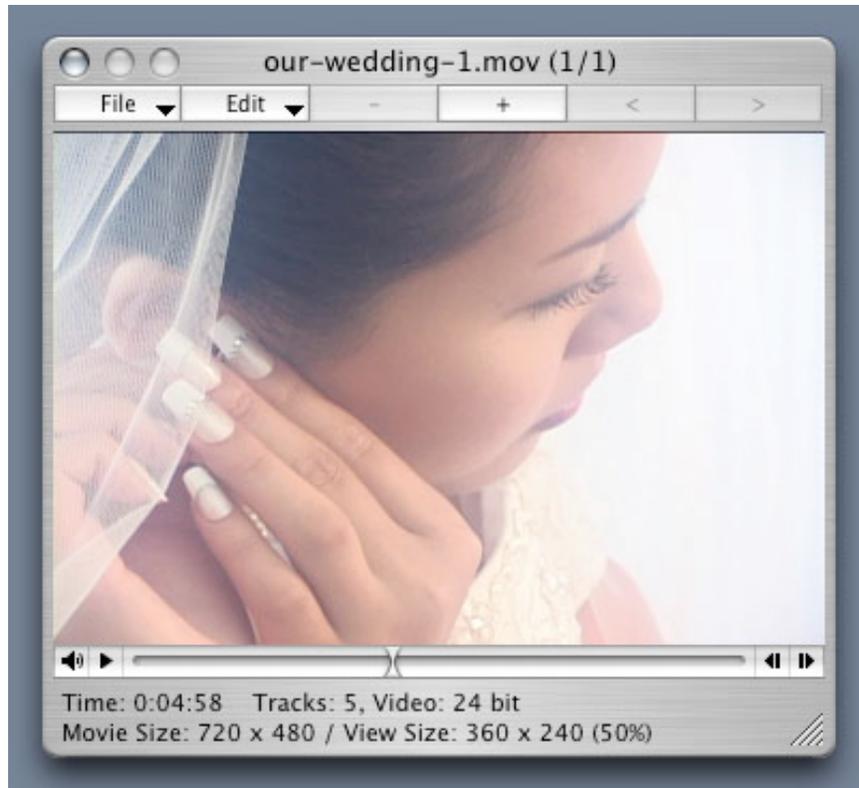
## **How to use?**

Choose movies or other mutimedia file(s) at the Finder and Control+Click the mouse to bring up the contextual menu. You will see 'QuickPlay...' contextual menu item. Then select the QuickPlay menu to open movie window as below.



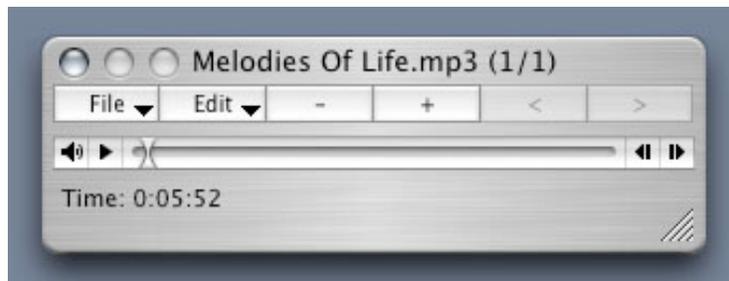
### **How to use (1) Viewing movies**

When you select 'QuickPlay' contextual menu item, a window (see below) appears on the screen and display the first movie. The title bar of the window shows the file name and the current file number / number of total selected files.



Below the movie is the QuickTime's standard movie controller. As default, QuickPlayCM does not automatically start the movie, so start the movie by operating movie controller with mouse/ keyboard. You can change this behavior and make it automatically start movie by Preferences dialog.

Below the movie controller is some information regarding the current movie or multimedia files. If the current file is an audio file (no video), the window will be like as below and show only the time length of the audio.



You can resize movie using resize box at the lower right corner of the window. Clicking the close box will finish the operation and go back to the Finder.

## Toolbar functions

### File menu

#### Add Thumbnail Icon

Add thumbnail icon to the movie file from the scene you are watching right now.

### **Set as Desktop Picture**

Set the current scene as a desktop picture.

### **Restore Desktop Picture**

Restore the desktop picture to the original picture.

### **Preferences**

Opens the Preferences dialog and let users select some options.

## **Edit menu**

### **Copy**

Copy the current scene to the Clipboard as a picture (PICT data)

### **- (minus)**

Reduce the view size up to 50% of the original by 25% step. You can use wheel mouse too.

### **+ (plus)**

Enlarge the view size up to 200% of the original by 25% step. You can use wheel mouse too.

<

Go to **previous** movie (if any).

>

Go to **next** movie (if any).

## **Keyboard Operation**

As you may know, some keys are already assigned and used by standard movie controller which are:

### **Enter/Return key**

start/stop movie

### **Arrow keys (cursor keys)**

Left/Right arrow start/stop/forward/rewind movie

Up/Down arrow increase/decrease volume

Therefore, QuickPlayCM does not use these keys to operate itself. The below is the basic operation keys for QuickPlayCM.

### **Esc**

Cancel the operation and go back to Finder.

### **< (less than)**

Go to the **previous** movie file. If **Shift key** is pressed together, then go to the **first** movie file.

### **> (greater than)**

Go to the **next** movie file. If **Shift key** is pressed together, then go to the **last** movie file.

### **A**

Add thumbnail icon to the movie file from the scene you are watching right now.  
(see the next section for more details)

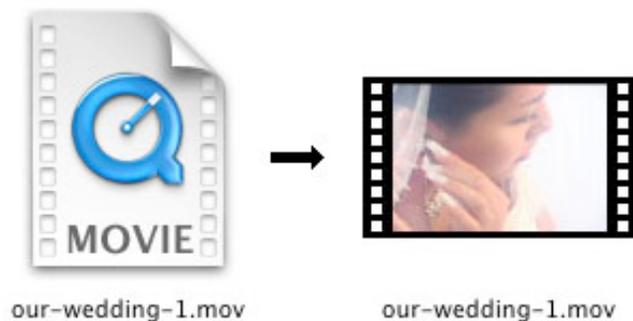
**B**

Set the current scene as a desktop picture.  
(see the later section for more details)

**C**

Copy the current scene to the Clipboard as a picture (PICT data)

### **How to use (2) Adding Thumbnail icons to movie file**

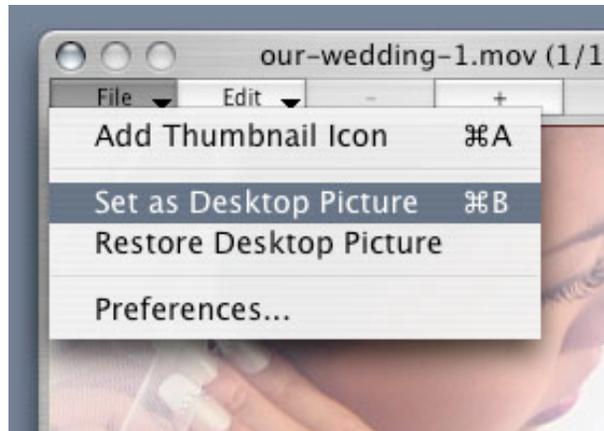


QuickPlayCM let you add thumbnail icon to the movie file from the scene you are watching. To do this, just press 'A' key or select the 'Add Thumbnail Icon' menu item from the File menu whenever you want to make it into thumbnail icon. I recommend that you stop the movie and find the exact scene using left/right arrow key before execution in order to make a perfect thumbnail icon.

As you see in the picture above, thumbnail icon has movie frame so that you can easy identify it as a movie file.

Sometimes, you will see spinnign cursor while thumbnail icon is being attached to the movie file (especially for the large size movies). Also, if you press 'A' key more than once for a movie, you may see the thumbnail icon of your first choice at the Finder, but actually, the last choice is the real one. I don't know why but Finder does not update the thumbnail icon as it's supposed to. You will see the correct thumbnail icon next time you login the computer in such case.

### **How to use (3) Setting/restoring desktop picture**



QuickPlayCM let you set the desktop picture from the scene you are watching. When you press 'B' key or select 'Set as Desktop Picture' menu item from the File menu, the current scene is set as a desktop picture. Select 'Restore Desktop Picture' menu item for restoring the desktop picture to the original picture.

### More Technical Info:

When this function is invoked, QuickPlayCM stores the current scene as a still image file and set it as a desktop picture. Followings are the detail information about such still image files. You may delete such files and also the directory that QuickPlayCM creates if you do not need it anymore.

Directory:     ~/Library/Application Support/QuickPlayCM/  
File Name:     com.pixture.desktop.jpg or com.pixture.desktop2.jpg  
File Format:    JPEG file

## Version history

- 1.1 (12/26/2004)
  - Added toolbar buttons to the movie window.
  - Added Preference dialog and an option to decide whether to start movie automatically or not.
  - Fixed not to show the 'QuickPlay...' context menu if still images like JPEG files are selected. The old version showed the context menu even for the obvious still images.
  - Added enlarge/reduce view size commands.
  - Added support for wheel mouse to enlarge/reduce view size.
  - Added set/restore desktop picture commands.
  - Added copy command, which copy the current scene to the Clipboard as a picture.
  - Now clicking window's close box will finish the operation.
  - Changed the way to create movie window from dynamic to NIB file base.
  - Clean up the source code and fixed some minor bugs
- 1.0 (11/4/2003)
  - First official release – support only Panther (10.3), not Jaguar (10.2)
- 1.0b4(5/5/2003)
  - First public beta version

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