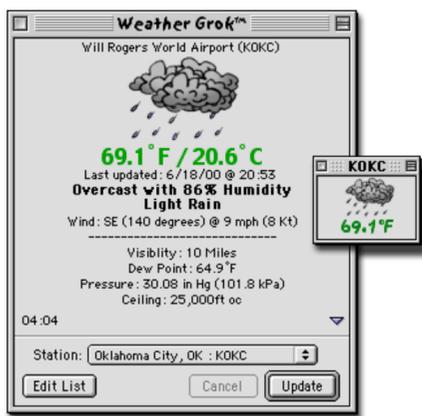


## What is Weather Grok™?

Weather Grok™ is a simple application used to grab the latest weather conditions from NOAA. Weather Grok™ uses NOAA's ICAO codes to lookup the weather conditions for your area. Weather Grok provides a simple, easy to use interface to the information on local weather provided by NOAA. Weather Grok™ can get this data at specified time intervals or whenever you wish. Please note that the NOAA weather server is not the most reliable and/or stable server on earth, sometimes Weather Grok™ may not be able to get the current weather exactly when you wish.

### How do I Grok this?

Simply launch Weather Grok, and choose the closest city to you from the Stations popup menu. If the city that is closest to you is not located in the menu, fear not. Simply open the Station list window by either pressing Command + L, or by pressing the "Edit List" button. Then you can choose to add a new weather station by pressing the "Add" button. The "Station name" field in the "Add Weather Station" window can be anything you wish it to be, as it is not used by NOAA. The ICAO code field, however, MUST be a valid 4 letter ICAO code. A list of these codes can be found at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/oso/siteloc.shtml> Simply look up the city closest to you, and enter that code into the ICAO code field. Save your changes, then select the new city from the menu, and press the "Update" button.

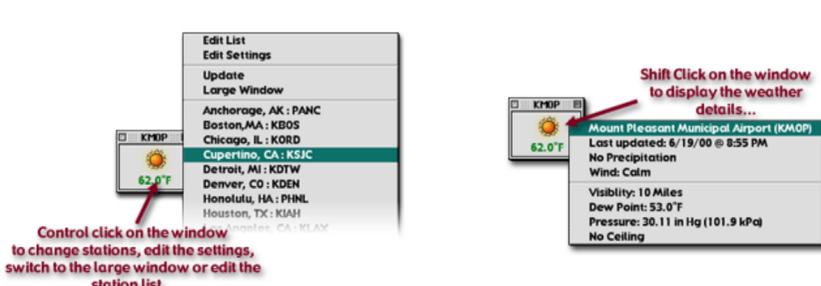


### How do I use the Mini Grok window?

Weather Grok now includes a Mini Grok window which will float over all other active windows, showing you the current weather graphics and temperature. To switch from the large window to the Mini Grok window, simply choose File then Mini Grok from the menubar, or hold down the Command key and press M. When the Mini Grok window is open, the large window will hide itself. To go back to the large window, control click on the window and choose "Large Window" from the menu (see below), or hold down the Command key while clicking anywhere on the window.

### How can I control what station I want, or see more weather info from the Mini Grok window?

The Mini Grok window now has contextual menu support. To invoke a list of commands, control click on the window. To see more detail about the current weather, shift click on window.



### How can I save my list of default stations if I reinstall the application on another Mac?

In version 3.0, Weather Grok keeps a file called Weather Stations in the Preferences folder of the System folder. This file has all of the custom weather stations you have added. Simply copy that file to the preferences folder of any Mac you want to move Grok to, and the stations will be there. Optionally, you can keep that file in the Weather Grok folder itself if you wish to use multiple copies of Weather Grok, each with their own list. If you do this, it will use the list in it's own folder by default. For users of version 2.x who wish to keep the list for version 3.x, simply take the old Weather Stations file out of the folder of Weather Grok 2.x and put it in the preferences folder.

### Why can't Weather Grok give me the forecast? I can see what the weather is like looking out my window!

First, it's beyond the "scope" of the Weather Grok mission. Second, NOAA only gives forecasts for the United States. Some other applications can give you forecasts, but the servers they use charge money for their data. Third: Yes, looking out the window of my office I can see that the temperature is exactly 69.7 degrees Fahrenheit, the wind is blowing out of the north west at 5 mph, the pressure is 99.8 kPa, and the dew point is 48.9 degrees. Oddly enough, my office has no window. (I'm only trying to be funny and make a point, so don't take that as being offensive)

### How much is Weather Grok?

If you are Bill Gates, it's \$4,000. If you're not, it's free.

### Disclaimer:

**Data distribution via Weather Grok is not considered an operational delivery mechanism by the NWS and therefore the information available from Weather Grok shall not be used for flight planning or other operational purposes**

### Changes:

(Yes, I know I said I was done with the Grok. I got bored.)

### Version 3.6.9:

- The way Grok uses the Mini Grok window has changed a bit. To simplify things, **you can now only have one window or the other open at one time**, and the command to invoke the Mini Grok window is now Command + M. When opened, the large window will automatically hide itself, and visa-versa. Weather Grok will remember which window you were using through relaunching. **PLEASE NOTE:** Menu options DO NOT work in global floating windows. The **ONLY** way to switch back to the Large window is to Command Click on the window, or control click on the window and choose "Large Window" from that menu!
- Added Contextual menu support for the Mini Grok, so that the entire application can be controlled through it. **See the detail graphics above.**

### Version 3.6.5:

- Added a mini global floating window**
- Cleaned up a \*lot\* of code. You may or may not notice a performance increase. I think the date bug may still be a problem for some, though.

### Version 3.6:

- Added ceiling.** (bk= broken, oc=overcast) (I better get some free Airplane rides for this)
- Fixed 2 bugs, an incompatibly with Program Switcher, and not remembering last window position on dual monitors.
- More minor interface tweaks

### Version 3.5.1:

- Kaleidoscope friendly**
- Log file for you Weather History folks**
- Standard Mac OS look when its not the active window
- Pressure is now shown in kPa rather than hPa
- Minor bugs fixed
- Minor interface tweaks
- There will be no more Grok after this. Many people e-mail me asking to change this measurement to that measurement. While I sincerely wish I could accommodate everyone and every standard, it's simply not possible. Sorry. The way it is now is probably as close as I can get to having a standard that suits everyone. If it doesn't suit you, I apologize.

### Version 3.0:

- Proxy Support now added.** You can now use Weather Grok through a Proxy server. To do so, simply check the "Use Proxy Server" box in the preferences panel and type in the address of your proxy server. Weather Grok does NOT support proxy servers that require passwords, however. Sorry.
- The stations list is now kept in the preferences folder by default**, to make upgrades easier (no moving the file around). However, you can still put this file in the same folder as Weather Grok, and it will use (and update) that file by default.
- Should see if you are online right away (still a problem with a few users)
- Added an option for a 24 hour clock
- Hopefully, I have finally fixed that dang International Date Line thing. Grr.
- A few minor interface tweaks.

### System Requirements:

Weather Grok™ can be run on any Macintosh with OS 8.0 or higher and 3mb free RAM.