

QuickTime Movie Controller

The QuickTime movie controller is shown below.

- It controls the playback of a movie.
- The first icon (far left) sets the sound volume of the movie
 - a pop-up slider appears when the button is clicked.
- The next icon toggles between playing or pausing the movie.
- The grey slider bar in the centre represents the length of the movie
 - clicking on the bar jumps to that part of the movie.
- The slider indicates the current position in the movie
 - dragging the slider 'flips' through the corresponding frames of the movie,
 - dragging the slider while holding down shift selects the corresponding portion of the movie.
- To the right of the slider bar are the step backward and step forward buttons
 - step backward moves to the previous frame of the movie,
 - step forward moves to the next frame of the movie.
- The last icon (far right) is the size box
 - the size box resizes the movie window.

QuickTime Movie Controller Tips

- Volume
 - press shift while clicking the volume icon to increase the volume by up to three times,
 - press option while clicking the volume icon to toggle the sound on and off,
 - press up arrow to increase the volume and down arrow to decrease it.
- Play/Pause
 - press shift while clicking the play button to select the movie as you play,
 - press space or return to toggle between playing or pausing the movie,
 - press command-right arrow to play the movie forwards (if the movie speed palette is open, the movie will play in the direction selected in the palette).
 - press command-left arrow to play the movie backwards (if the movie speed palette is open, the movie will play in the direction selected in the palette).
 - double-clicking a movie will play it, and a single-click will pause it.

- Slider Bar
 - press shift while clicking in two different positions in the slider bar to select the portion of the movie between the two positions,
 - press shift while dragging in the slider bar to select a portion of the movie,
 - press delete to clear the selected portion of the movie or the current frame.

- Step Buttons
 - press shift while clicking on a step button to add a frame to the selection,
 - press option while clicking on the step forward button to jump to the last frame of the movie,
 - press option while clicking on the step backward button to jump to the first frame of the movie,
 - press control while clicking on a step button to display a mini-slider which lets you increase the speed of the movie by up to 2.5 times, either forwards or backwards,
 - press left arrow to step a frame backwards,
 - press right arrow to step a frame forwards.

- Size Box
 - press option while dragging the size box to size the movie in or out at regular intervals
 - i.e. double, normal, half, third and quarter sizes,
 - press shift to maintain the length-to-width aspect ratio.