

ThumbsUp 4.0.1

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ThumbsUp is a simple, drag & drop based utility to create thumbnails or icons for a bunch of pictures or movies and supports all image & movie formats of Mac OS X and QuickTime (including PDF documents).

Thumbnails are either scaled by percentage or limited to a maximal size and created as JPEG, TIFF, PNG, BMP or GIF files. In addition, it's possible to specify antialiasing, sharpening and compression to optimize the results. Finally, use ThumbsUp to convert PDF screenshots easily to other image formats using drag & drop and scaling to 100%!

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Installation:

Copy ThumbsUp into the Applications folder or wherever you like. As ThumbsUp requires drag & drop, it's also a good idea to add this utility to the Dock or to create an alias on the desktop to ThumbsUp.

System requirements:

- Mac OS X 10.2 (or newer) and QuickTime 6.x

Usage:

Just drop a bunch of images or movies onto the application icon in the Dock or the Finder.

ThumbsUp afterwards creates thumbnails and/or icons for every file using the specified size and filename extensions. Note that the thumbnail images are created in the same folder as the original files.

Preferences:

- General:
 - Extension inserted before (Prefix) or after (Suffix) the name of thumbnail files
 - or name of subfolder where the new thumbnail files are stored
 - Image format of thumbnails (TIFF, JPEG, BMP, GIF, PNG)
 - Quit when done (only if the application is launched by a drag & drop operation, otherwise the application displays the preferences panel)
 - Create thumbnails, thumbnails with icons or only icons for the original files
 - Sizing
 - Maximal width and height of thumbnail images or scale images by percentage
- Note:** If you set scaling to 100%, you're able to use ThumbsUp to convert PDF screenshots easily to other image formats
- Compression:
 - JPEG compression (the higher the quality is, the bigger the resulting files are)
 - Antialiasing:
 - No, low or high antialiasing of scaled thumbnails
 - Sharpen:
 - Light, medium, strong or no sharpening of thumbnails
- Note:** If you want to modify the preferences and "Quit when done" is active, just launch the application without dropping files onto it. In addition, clicking on the Dock icon of ThumbsUp displays the preferences panel too.

Known bugs & limitations:

- No progress indication, no log, no support for folders

History:

- Version 4.0.1:
 - Italian localization by Lorenzo Maria dell'Uva
- Version 4.0:
 - ThumbsUp is now able to create thumbnails or icons for QuickTime movies too
- Version 3.5b:
 - Polish localization by Janusz Lirski

- Version 3.5:
 - It's possible to create thumbnails in a subfolder
 - Option to create only icons for original image files added
 - Support for BMP thumbnail format added
 - Up to 30% faster sharpening of images
- Version 3.2:
 - New optional creation of icons
 - New "Check for Updates" command
 - If no images are dropped on ThumbsUp, the preferences panel is displayed
 - after launching the application
 - Improved memory management
 - Thumbnailing could fail if the aspect ratio of an image was kind of extreme
 - White background for JPEG images if the originals have an alpha channel
 - Compiled using GCC 3.3
- Version 3.1:
 - Extension of thumbnail files can be either a prefix or suffix
 - "Apply" button of preferences panel removed (settings are now immediately valid)
 - .jpg" extension is added to JPEG output instead of ".jpeg"
- Version 3.0:
 - TIFF, GIF, JPEG and PNG formats for thumbnails available
 - Optional scaling by percentage (e.g. use 100% to convert PDF screenshots
 - easily to other image formats)
 - Option to sharpen thumbnails (light/medium/strong) added
 - Clicking on the Dock icon displays the preferences panel
 - Default thumbnail size changed to 128 x 128 pixels
 - Preferences and ReadMe revised
- Version 2.1:
 - Renamed to ThumbsUp
 - New option to tell ThumbsUp to quit when done
 - Revised preferences
- Version 2.0:
 - Initial release

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