File

New
   • Creates a new empty movie.

Open...
   • Opens an existing movie file.
Options
   · load movie into RAM
      — improves movie playback,
      — to take best advantage, give Play it Cool a memory allocation of
512K RAM more than the movie's size (allowing for any dependencies),
   · set the main monitor to the best screen depth for this movie
      — improves movie playback,
   · change movie's icon to that of Play it Cool
      — double-clicking on the movie from now on will open it in Play it
Cool.

Tip: Hold down option while choosing this command to show all files (not
only movie files).
Tip: Hold down control while opening a movie from the desktop to let you
choose the three options described above.

Close
   • Closes the active movie window.

Save
   • Writes the active movie file to disk.

Save As...
   • Writes the active movie file to disk, asking for a new name.
   • Leaves the original movie file unchanged.
Options
   · save the movie normally (allowing dependencies)
      — it will occupy much less disk space (≈ 4K)
      — it will rely on other movie(s) from which it was created,
   · save the movie as self-contained (flatten the movie)
      — it may take up several megabytes on disk
      — all required data is contained in the saved movie file.
If you save the movie as self-contained, you can make it playable on non-
Macintosh computers (e.g. Microsoft Windows and Silicon Graphics).

Tip: Hold down option to turn this command into Save A Copy As....
   — Save A Copy As...   saves a copy of the current movie, but unlike Save
As..., does not open the saved movie afterwards.

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   • Removes all changes made to the active movie since it was last saved.

Recompress Movie…
   • Asks for a movie file to be recompressed.
   Options
      · The movie compression dialog lets you choose a QuickTime compressor, the number of colours or greys, image quality and motion settings (see diagram)
         — click and drag the preview image to reveal other parts of it.

Tip: Press option while dragging the Quality slider
         — the slider bar now changes the movie's temporal settings (i.e. how much the compressor relies on differences between successive frames).
Tip: Press option while clicking in the preview to zoom in.
Tip: Press option and shift while clicking in the preview to zoom out.

ompress Picture…
    • Asks for a PICT file to be recompressed.
    Options
        · The picture compression dialog lets you choose a QuickTime compressor, the number of colours or greys in the movie and image quality (see diagram)
            — click and drag the preview image to reveal other parts of it.

Tip: Press option while clicking in the preview to zoom in.
Tip: Press option and shift while clicking in the preview to zoom out.

uild Application…

- Builds a copy of the active movie as a standalone application.
- The application can be run by any Macintosh with QuickTime installed.
- It runs independently of Play it Cool or any other QuickTime movie player.
- Movie-Applications are intended for presentations:
  - · they have no distracting backgrounds,
  - · they play at optimal playback rate.

Movie-Applications load into RAM as much of the movie as possible before playing. To load the complete movie into RAM, give the Movie-Application a memory partition of about 200 K more than the movie occupies on disk.

Options
    · up to six lines of credits text may be displayed at the start of the movie
        — to suppress credits text, ensure that all six entries are empty,
    · the current movie window size and speed settings can be saved in the Movie-Application.   Unfortunately, "play selection only" settings and loop settings cannot be saved.

Tip: To skip the credits, click the mouse button.
Tip: To quit the movie, click the mouse button.

Page Setup…
   • Displays the standard page setup dialog box for selecting printer page layouts
        — paper size, reduction/enlargement, orientation, …

Print…
   • Displays the standard print dialog box for selecting print settings
        — number of copies, paper source, …
   • If the frontmost window is a movie window, prints the current frame of the active movie, scaled according to the movie's window size.
   • If the frontmost window is a movie info window, prints the movie information.

Preferences…
   • Displays a dialog allowing preferences to be set:
    · click the coloured box to change the background colour used in Stage,
    · select the monitor you wish the movie to play on in Stage
      — the "main monitor" is the monitor containing the menu bar
      — if you only have one monitor, this option is disabled.

Quit
   • Quits Play it Cool and returns to the desktop.