

## Basic controller shortcuts

To activate the movie controller using the keyboard, try the following shortcuts.

Play / Pause:       Return Key or Space Bar  
Pause:                               Command-Period

Step Forward:               Right Arrow Key  
Step Backward:             Left Arrow Key

Increase Volume:         Up Arrow Key  
Decrease Volume:         Down Arrow Key

## More controller shortcuts

Play:

Double-click on the movie image

Pause:               Click once on the movie image

Play Backward:   Command-Step Backward

Command-Left Arrow Key

Mute:           Option-Click on Volume Button

To jump to the start or end of the movie, or to the start or end of the selection (if any):

Jump Forward:

          Option - Step Forward  
Jump Backward:

          Option - Step Backward

### [Advanced controller shortcuts](#)

Normally, frames of a video movie may be skipped if the number of frames per second stored on disk is greater than the number the computer can show. You can choose to show every frame instead of keeping a constant rate:

Play Every Frame:

          Option-Play

A movie usually plays at its normal rate — one second of movie time passes every second. To speed the movie up or slow it down, you may use the Control key (not the Command key):

Movie Speed:

Control-Drag Step Buttons

### [Shortcuts for resizing movies](#)

Dragging a movie's Size Box allows you to show the movie at any size and shape.

To preserve the movie's normal shape while you resize it:

Keep Movie Shape: Shift-Drag Size Box

You'll find that movies may play slower when you have resized them. Sizes that are even multiples of the movie's normal size will play better. You may choose to resize to half, three-quarters, normal, or double size:

Find Best Sizes: Option-Drag Size Box

## Other shortcuts

Normally, when you click in an inactive window, it is brought forward. To move a window without making it active:

Move Inactive Window: Hold down the Command key and drag the window's title bar.

To close all program windows, hold down the option key while you take any action that normally closes a window:

Close All Windows: Option-Close

or — Option-Click any window's Close Box

or — Type Option-Command-W

## Helpful Hints

Use the Shift Key to Select

In general, you make a selection by holding down the shift key and moving through the parts of the movie you want to select.

Getting Rid of the Selection

To get rid of the selection so that no part of the movie is selected, click in the play bar away from the thumb.

Playing the Selection

You may preview the movie's current selection by choosing "Play In Selection" in the Movie menu. When you start the movie, only the selection will be played.

## Selecting using the mouse

To make a new selection:

1. Hold down the shift key.
2. Click in the play bar away from the thumb.  
The thumb jumps to the new point.
3. Drag to a different point.  
The selection begins following the thumb.

4. Release the shift key or the mouse to stop.

To extend a selection you've started:

1. Hold down the shift key.
2. Click on the thumb drag to a new point.  
The selection begins following the thumb.
3. Release the shift key or the mouse to stop.

## Selecting using the keyboard

To finely adjust the selection:

1. Move to the start or the end of the selection.
2. Hold down the shift key.
3. Click Step Forward or Step Backward.

— or — use Left Arrow or Right Arrow.

The end point of the selection changes.

To select the current frame only:

1. Hold down the shift key and the option key.
2. Click Step Forward or Step Backward.

— or — use Left Arrow or Right Arrow.

The current frame becomes selected.

## Selecting while playing

Sometimes, you'd like to listen to a movie's sound track while you are selecting so that you can listen for a certain sound or word.

To select while playing a movie:

1. Move to the part of the movie where you  
want to begin selecting.
2. Hold down the shift key.
3. Click the Play Button

The movie begins playing and the selection follows the thumb as it plays.

4. When the desired point is reached, lift the shift key or stop the movie.