

## Make Your Own QuickTime Slideshow.

### What is QuickTime?

QuickTime (QT) is the industry's standard desktop digital-video delivery tool, created by Apple Computers. The QuickTime Player, which accompanies the program, is a freely distributed media player developed and distributed by Apple. The QT Player can only play digital-video content, so in order to edit QT content and create a slideshow, you'll first need to upgrade to the QT Pro Edition. The Pro Edition costs a few bucks, but it's well worth the price, and provides a large selection of editing features, including:

- simple video editing, including cut, copy, paste, and add
- support for a wide range of different video file formats
- special FX filters
- tonal control
- volume, bass, and treble control
- customized annotations, including copyrights
- text tracks for titles or subtitles
- chapter tracks for indexing movies
- the ability to add user interaction
- simple audio editing
- support for many different audio file formats
- support for a variety of audio and video compression codecs
- simple slideshow creation

Getting the upgrade is also easy to do. For a reasonable price, Apple provides you with a numerical key that enables the Pro edition's extended toolset on your computer.

The following tutorial demonstrates how to make a simple slideshow from a folder of still images.

Begin by creating a New Folder.

Right-click on the Desktop.

Choose **New>Folder**. A new folder appears.

Name the folder "slideshow\_01."

Place images you want to display in your slideshow in the "slideshow\_01" folder. Name the files sequentially, in the order you would like them to be displayed (e.g., "Picture\_001," "Picture\_002," "Picture\_003," and so on).

Open QuickTime Player Pro Edition.

Choose **File>Open Image Sequence**.

In the Open dialog box browse to the "slideshow\_01" folder. Select any one of the sequentially numbered slides in the folder you just created.

Click **Open**. The Image Sequence settings dialog box opens. Select a frame rate for your movie. (I normally choose a rate of three seconds per frame for my slideshows).

Choose **Save As**. The Save As dialog box appears.

Save the Movie as "Self Contained." This will bundle the images with the movie.

Name your slideshow.

Click **Save**.

And that's it. Your slideshow is now ready for distribution!

[Click here to view a QuickTime Movie.](#)

QuickTime is widely supported on both Mac and PC platforms, and the basic media player is free and downloadable from the Apple Web site anytime. Just visit [www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com) and click on the QuickTime link.