
QuickTime 3.0!

Apple has released the vastly improved QuickTime 3.0 for Mac OS, Windows 95 and Windows NT. The new software package includes new versions of QuickDraw 3D, QuickTime VR, QuickTime MPEG, and the QuickTime web browsing Plug-in, Movie Player and Picture Viewer. QuickTime 3.0 significantly advances its video and audio capabilities and includes new compression technology from Sorenson Vision Inc, QDesign Corporation and QUALCOMM, virtual reality integration and support for over 150 video effects and transitions approved by the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers (SMPTE). Roland Corporation's Sound Canvas sound set is also included, providing over 200 MIDI-compatible sounds and instruments.

QuickTime 3.0 is a free download from: <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/>

For \$29.99 U.S. you can register for the enhanced functionality of QuickTime 3.0 Pro. QuickTime 3 Pro builds on the capabilities of QuickTime 3 by delivering enhanced playback options as well as new authoring features for Windows and Macintosh users. These include:

- Full screen video playback;
- Digital video and audio editing capabilities with cut and paste;
- Ability to save digital still images in a wide variety of formats including JPEG, BMP, Photoshop and PICT;
- Ability to save audio and video files from the Internet to personal computers;
- Preparation and compression of content for streaming delivery

Information on obtaining the Pro version is included with the standard QuickTime 3.0 download (see URL above).

Micromat TechTool 1.1.7!

The latest version provides minor bug fixes and support for international versions of Mac OS 8.1. TechTool tests your System file for integrity, resets the Parameter RAM, rebuilds your desktop file from scratch and can clean your floppy drive (with an approved substance). TechTool can be downloaded at:

<http://www.micromat.com/micromat/software.html>

Netscape Communicator 4.0.5

Netscape has released an improved version of its web browser packages Communicator and Navigator. The new version fixes bug and provides performance improvements to JAVA and JavaScript. A security panel is included. Netscape 4.0.5 is available at:

<ftp://ftp.netscape.com/pub/communicator/4.05/shipping/english/mac/>

NetDoubler 1.5.1 / Quark 4.0.x Bug

Asanté advises that there is a problem with NetDoubler 1.5.1 and QuarkXPress version 4.0.x when saving files over a network. The files cannot be opened again. Asanté advises disabling NetDoubler when working with Quark 4.0 and promises a fix soon.