

Welcome!

This ReadMe file should get you started, and answer any questions that you might have about how to run this program.

System Requirements

Recommended

- Pentium 233
- Windows 95, 98, ME, NT 4, or 2000
- RAM: 32 MB
- 8x CD-ROM
- Sound Card
- Display: High 16-bit color
- ActiveMovie or DirectShow (installer included on CD-ROM)

Getting Started

Quick Start

If your system supports the "auto-run" feature of Windows, this CD-ROM will launch automatically when the disc is inserted. Wait a moment to see if the program has started; if not, you can double-click the CD's icon to launch the program. (You can also open the CD by right-clicking its icon, choosing Open, then double-clicking the icon called "Start.")

MPEG Support

This program uses MPEG for high-quality video. It uses the DirectShow (or ActiveMovie) component of Windows to display these videos. If your computer doesn't already have these installed, you will see an alert box when the program starts. (Most Windows systems will have the software already installed.) If you need the software, the installer will launch automatically. You can cancel the installation if you don't want DirectShow, but you won't be able to run this program. After the installation is finished, you'll need to restart your computer and launch the program again.

Display Settings

When the program starts, you may see an alert box warning you about your display's resolution or color depth. This program was designed for an 800 x 600 display, running at 16-bit color (also called "High Color"). If your display has different settings, you should change them for best performance.

The program won't run in less than 16-bit color. Displays with 24-bit color or higher will work, but you may experience slower performance. If this happens, please quit the program (just hit the Escape key), and adjust your display as follows:

In the Start menu, choose Settings, then Control Panel. Double-click the icon called "Display" to check your display settings. OR, you can simply right-click your Windows desktop (outside of any windows or icons) to pop up your display settings. Set "Color Palette" to "High Color (16 bit)". Not all computers will use these names, but they should be similar.

Troubleshooting

If you experience poor performance, here are some other suggestions that might help:

- Quit all other programs before running this program.

- Turn off networking on your computer.
- Double-check your display settings to see if they match the notes in "Display Settings" above.
- Pay close attention to any alert boxes or dialog boxes that pop up when the program is running. They may explain what you can do to get better performance.

If you see strange video artifacts (screen flashes to white or black, movies are distorted), you may want to adjust your Advanced Graphics Settings as follows (Windows 95/98 users only):

Adjusting the Advanced Graphics Settings slider can correct video problems ranging from error messages to erratic mouse movement. To get to the Advanced Graphics Settings slider indicator, right click the My Computer icon in the upper left hand corner of the Windows 95 desktop. Click the word Properties that appears on the menu.

Across the top of the System Properties window are four tabs: General, Device Manager, Hardware Profiles, and Performance. Click the Performance tab to open that window. Click the Graphics button at the bottom center of the window. Use the following list to adjust the settings as desired.

- "Full" allows full utilization of the acceleration features available to the display driver.
- The 2/3 mark corrects some mouse pointer display problems.
- The 1/3 mark corrects some display errors. **[NOTE: This setting should correct the video problems described above.]**
- "None" corrects problems if the system stops responding to input or other severe problems.

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Once the adjustments are made, click the OK button at the bottom of the window. Click the Close button at the bottom of the System Properties window. The System Settings Change window appears prompting you to restart the computer. Click the Yes button to restart Windows 95.