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Purpose of Installer

The installer puts QuickTime Player for Windows onto either your local computer or your network computer.

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Source

The place where Quicktime for Windows files come from. Typically during an installation this will be the floppy disk in drive A: or the distribution CD but it can also be the network server during a Client install.

Installation Options

You may choose several installation options:

Local - Install a complete set of QuickTime software on your hard disk

Client - Install only enough software so your computer can access QuickTime on a network server

Server - Install QuickTime on a network server for use by QuickTime Clients

Make your selection by clicking one of the radio buttons with the mouse. Alternatively you may use the up and down arrow keys to change the selection. Once you have made your selection, click the Continue Button (default) or the Exit Button. You may press the Enter key to take the default or use the Tab key to change to another button and then press the Enter key.

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Local

A Local installation is the normal transfer of files from the installation media to your system.

Client

A Client installation specifies that the source of the installation files is a network server that has already been installed under Server mode. No files are actually transferred to the client machine. The client machine is made aware of the location of QuickTime for Windows on the server.

Server

A Server installation is the transfer of files from the installation media to a network server for subsequent installations to client machines on the network.

Destination

The location on a hard disk where the installation will transfer the files.

Install

The transfer of files from installation media to a hard disk such that QuickTime for Windows is made available for use.

Continue Button

Click the Continue Button to continue with the installation.

Exit Button

Click the Exit Button to abort the installation.

Destination Directory

The destination directory dialog allows you to specify where on the hard disk you wish to have the QuickTime Player for Windows software installed. A suggested location will appear in this dialog but you may change it. By changing the drive letter you also can control which drive the software will be installed on. The Backspace key is useful to erase the suggested destination directory so that you may type in the destination directory of your choice. If the destination directory does not exist you may be asked to create the destination directory.

Once you have typed in the destination directory (or decided that the suggested directory is ok) click the Install Button (default) to continue installing. Alternatively you may click the Enter key. You may also click the Back Button or the Exit Button.

If you wish to use the keyboard instead of the mouse, use the Tab key to change buttons then press the Enter key. The Tab key will also allow you to "get back up" to the area where you may type in the destination directory.

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Install Button

Click the Install Button to continue with the installation based on the options you have selected.

Back Button

Click the Back Button to return to the previous step in the installation process.

Create Destination Directory

If the directory into which you wish to install QuickTime Player for Windows does not exist you will be asked if it is OK to create it. Click the Yes Button to indicate that you wish the installer to create the directory (this is the default so you may press the Enter key).

Click the No Button if you do not want this directory created. If you click the No Button you will be returned to the Destination Directory dialog so that you can type in a different directory or Exit the installation.

If you do not wish to use the mouse you may use the Tab key to get to the No Button and then press the Enter key.

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AUTOEXEC.BAT Options

During the installation process the installer will want to make some DOS System changes so that QuickTime Player for Windows will function correctly. These changes are made to the AUTOEXEC.BAT file.

Novice users probably will want to replace the existing AUTOEXEC.BAT file (the default). This means that the next time you re-boot your computer DOS will be properly configured to run QuickTime Player for Windows.

If you are a user familiar with DOS you may want to select the option that creates a new file named AUTOEXEC.QTW. This will allow you to review exactly what changes the installation process wants to make. If you select this option you must then make any necessary changes to AUTOEXEC.BAT manually. You may erase AUTOEXEC.QTW after you have reviewed it.

Make your selection by clicking one of the radio buttons with the mouse. Alternatively, you may use the up and down arrow keys to change the selection. Once you have selected an option you must click the Continue Button (default), the Back Button or the Exit Button. You may press the Enter key to take the default or use the Tab key to change to another button and then press the Enter key.

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AUTOEXEC.BAT file

A DOS file containing system-wide configuration parameters. Please refer to the DOS documentation for more detailed information.

Cancel Button

Click the Cancel Button to stop the installation process.

Transfer of files

During the actual transfer of files you will see a dialog that is titled QuickTime Player for Windows Disk 1. This shows the source of the files being transferred, the destination of the files being transferred the name of each file as it is transferred and a thermometer is displayed.

If you wish to stop the file transfer click the Cancel Button or press the Enter key. If you cancel the file transfer you will be asked to confirm that you actually want to terminate the transfer.

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Thermometer

A horizontal band that displays the progress of the file transfer. As the transfer progresses, color fills more and more of the bar and an increasing percentage of total files transferred is displayed.

Installation Done

When the installation is finished you will be notified. The message "Installation was successful!" will appear if the install went to a successful completion. Click the OK Button to finish the install.

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OK Button

Click the OK Button to indicate that you have finished reading the message presented.

Cancel Installation

If you click the cancel button while the install process is transferring files you will get the Cancel Installation dialog. The message "The installation is incomplete" will appear. This means that QuickTime Player for Windows has not installed properly and will not be useable. Click the Exit Button to continue. You should inspect your hard drive to see what files, if any, were actually transferred and erase them.

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