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## Apple QuickTime 2.5: Technical Specifications (4/96)

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TOPIC -----

This article provides the technical specifications and ordering information for Apple QuickTime 2.5.

DISCUSSION -----

### Technical Specifications

#### QuickTime for Macintosh

##### Video

- Support for 30 frames per second at 640 x 480

##### Sound

- Compresses and decompresses 16-bit PCM audio
- Plays back CD-quality stereo sound at the same data rate as 8-bit mono sound (4:1 compression ratio)

##### Music

- Support of MIDI file playback using software synthesizer
- Open architecture for adding custom synthesizers and instruments
- MIDI files played back at CD-quality (16-bit 44-KHz) stereo
- Easy management of MIDI devices through OMS

##### Text

- Provides a synchronized text track with closed-caption capture ability, allowing fast text searching and cataloging of content
- Stores a compressed image of anti-aliased text, eliminating font availability issues
- Supports multiple languages

##### Time code

- Time code track for sharing and editing of SMPTE time code information

##### Sprite

- Sprite track for efficient animation

##### 3D

- 3D sprites (3DMF objects) rendered using QuickDraw 3D engine

#### Color matching technology

- Supports ColorSync, Apple's color-matching technology
- Provides consistent color reproduction between various output devices

#### Hardware acceleration

- Provides video acceleration when used with popular Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) video cards
- Provides multiprocessor hardware support for significant performance gains

#### QuickTime for Windows

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##### Video

- Support for up to 30 frames per second at 640 x 480

##### Sound

- Decompresses 16-bit PCM audio
- Plays back CD-quality stereo sound at the same data rate as 8-bit mono sound (4:1 compression ratio)

##### Music

- MIDI files played back using MIDI drive MPC-compliant computers

##### Text

- Provides a synchronized text track with closed-caption, allowing fast text searching and cataloging of content
- Stores a compressed image of anti-aliased text, eliminating font availability issues
- Supports multiple languages

#### System Requirements

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##### Macintosh

- A Macintosh computer with a 68020, 68030, 68040, or PowerPC microprocessor
- At least 4MB of RAM and a hard disk
- System software version 6.0.7 or later

##### Windows

- A 386SX, 486, or Pentium computer
- At least 4MB of RAM and 6MB of free disk space, a minimum of a VGA display card, and a sound card (compatible with Sound Blaster or Windows)
- Windows 3.1, Windows 95, or Windows NT 3.5.1 or later

#### Ordering Information

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##### QuickTime for Macintosh

- Included with every new Macintosh, Performa, Power Macintosh, and PowerBook computer
- Included with Apple Macintosh system software version 7.5
- Disk version: Order No. M2920LL/A
- CD-ROM version: Order No. M2925LL/A

QuickTime for Macintosh and QuickTime for Windows

- Available at no charge (excluding any on-line service fees) from most on-line services and on the Internet World Wide Web site:  
<http://quicktime.apple.com>

QuickTime Developer Kit for Macintosh and Windows

- Available through the Apple Developer Catalog (call 1-800-282-2732 in the U.S., 1-800-637-0029 in Canada, or 1-716-871-6555 from international locations)

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