Using SnapZ Pro for Video Capture

SnapZ Pro will allow you to capture a portion of the computer screen and save it as a Quicktime movie.

Note: because SnapZ Pro videos are high quality, they also tend to be quite large—almost certainly too large to send via email, and possibly even too large to fit on a USB thumb drive. Things you can do to reduce the file size include:

- Capture a portion of the screen instead of the entire screen (instructions below)
- If you are capturing the full screen, reduce the resolution of your screen before you begin (System Preferences > Displays)
- Resize the final, captured video in an external video editor like iMovie, Final Cut Pro, or Premiere.

Prepare Your Video

- Open the video file, PowerPoint presentation, DVD, webpage, or other item you’d like to capture.
- If you are capturing from a DVD, in the DVD player application go to the View menu at the very top of your screen and choose "Actual Size". If your video does not fit on the screen, choose "Half Size" instead.
- Pause the movie at the point where you want to begin recording. Don’t worry if you’re a little early; later on you can use QuickTime Player to trim a few seconds from the beginning and/or end if necessary.

Set Up SnapZ Pro

- Launch SnapZ Pro from Applications menu.
- Next, type CMD-SHIFT-3 to activate SnapZ Pro. You will see this window:

![SnapZ Pro window](image)

- In the “Send to:" dropdown box, choose Desktop (fig A).
- Click on the Movie button (fig B). You will see the following window:

![Movie Settings](image)

Use these settings:
- Selection style: Normal
- Camera mode: Fixed Camera
- Framerate: 30
- Scale: 100%

The last 3 settings are optional:
- **Microphone track**: check this box if you are planning to record your own voice or other external sounds through the computer’s microphone. *(if unsure, leave it unchecked.)*
- **Mac audio track**: Check this box if you want to record the sounds generated by the computer and the software. *(You will almost always want this to be checked.)*
• **Cursor Visible:** Check this if you want the mouse to be able to see the mouse movements in the final video. *(You would normally check this box only if you’re trying to make a demonstration video of how to do something on the computer. If you are just capturing a video, PowerPoint, or DVD, leave it unchecked.)*

Use the mouse to click and drag a box around the area of the screen you wish to record to video.

• If necessary, move the rectangle by clicking in the middle and dragging, and/or resize the rectangle by dragging one of the 6 handles around the outside edge. Everything in the selected rectangle will be included in your final video. The box next to your cursor will give you the current width and height of your rectangle.

**Warning:**

• SnapZ Pro will record everything that appears inside the rectangle you selected. Do not move windows or the cursor around the desktop once you have started recording.

• If you checked “Mac Audio Track,” SnapZ Pro will record any audio you hear coming through the headphones, including the clicks you hear when adjusting the speaker/headphone volume and sounds coming from webpages and software that may be open in the background.

Press the Return key to start recording.

**The SnapZ windows will disappear and the movie is now recording.** Only a faint outline of the rectangle will remain. Do not move any windows around the screen that fall within the selected rectangle unless you want to record that movement.

Let the movie play until you’ve captured the portion you need.

Press CMD-SHIFT-3 to stop recording.

The Movie Saving Settings box will open.

Click on Save Now. Your movie will save to the desktop, and it will open in Quicktime so that you can watch it to make sure it turned out ok. You can use QuickTime Player to trim a few seconds from the beginning and/or end if necessary.