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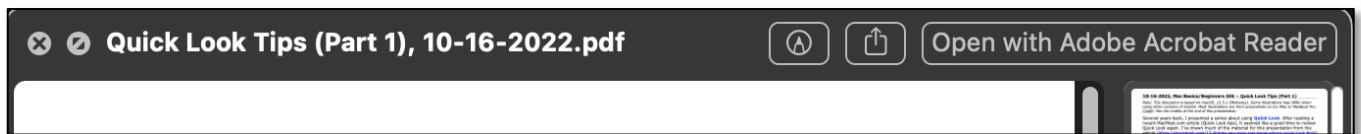
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In Part 3, I'll finish my review of Quick Look. I've drawn much of the material for this presentation from the article (<https://macmost.com/17-things-you-may-not-know-about-quick-look.html>) and also my previous presentation from 2019.

Quick Look, Part 2 Review

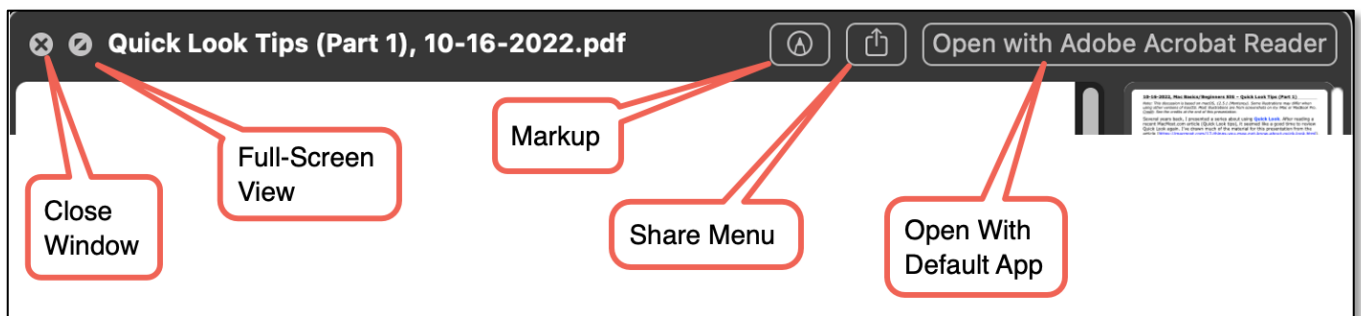
Quick Look Window

Toolbar. The Quick Look window has a Toolbar at the top:



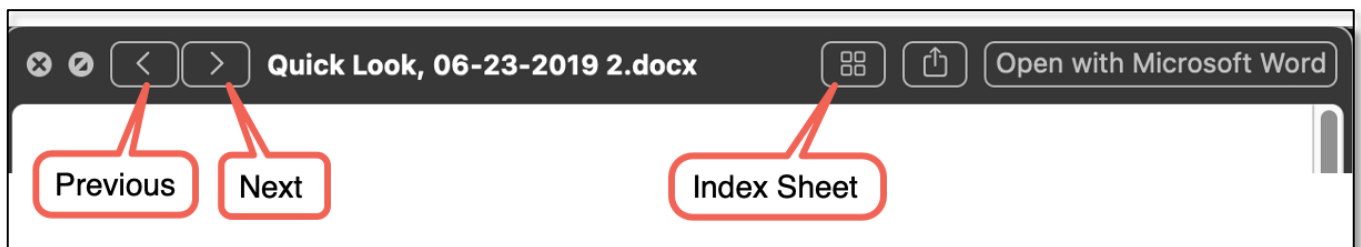
Quick Look Toolbar

Toolbar Buttons. Typically, the Quick Look Toolbar will have five buttons:



Quick Look Toolbar Buttons

Toolbar for Multiple Files. If more than one file is selected, the Quick Look Toolbar changes by adding additional buttons to select and view the files:



Quick Look Toolbar Buttons – Multiple Files Selected


Quick Look Display of Images

Whether it's one or several images that you want to view, Quick Look is a great way to display them like any other file using the **Index View**. Click on one of the images in the Index Sheet to display it in the Quick Look window.

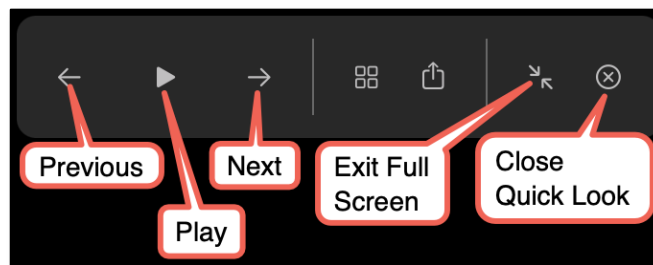
- **Zoom an Image:** Use the **Zoom In** (**Command + =**) or **Zoom Out** (**Command + -**) keyboard shortcuts.
- **Rotate Image** button has been added (depends of type of file).

Slideshow (Full-Screen) Mode

If you have a number of files that you would like to display in a slideshow, try using Quick Look. Simply select them, and then use Quick Look's **Slideshow** mode. Start this mode in one of three ways:

- Hold down the **Option** key. Then and choose **Slideshow** from the Finder's **File** menu. (When you hold down the **Option** key, the **Quick Look** menu item changes to **Slideshow**, including the number of items selected).
- Use the Keyboard shortcut: **Option + Command + Y**.
- If your files are already open in the Quick Look window, click the full-screen button () and then use the Slideshow controls.

In Slideshow mode, some additional control buttons (**Previous**, **Play**, **Next**, **Exit Full Screen**, and **Close Quick Look**) appear on the screen.



Quick Look Slideshow Buttons

Quick Look, Part 3

Quick Look Display of Videos

You can use Quick Look with a video file to start playing it.

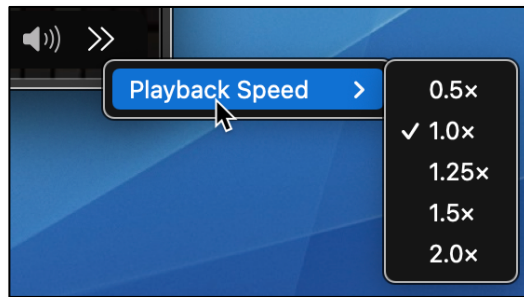


Quick Look – Video File

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Quick Look's video view comes with some basic controls:

- **Play/Resume** and **Pause**
- Move **Back** and **Forward** for 15 seconds
- **Speaker Volume**
- Drag the **Playback Head** in the **Timeline** to move through the video.
- Click the **Double Arrow button** in the lower right corner of the Quick Look window to display a set of controls to change **Playback Speed**:



Quick Look Video File – Change Playback Speed

- Quick Look's Toolbar also has a **Trim** button so you can "trim" the video just like in using QuickTime Player:



Quick Look Trim Button

Click the Trim button to bring up the **Trim Bar** and feel free to trim away:



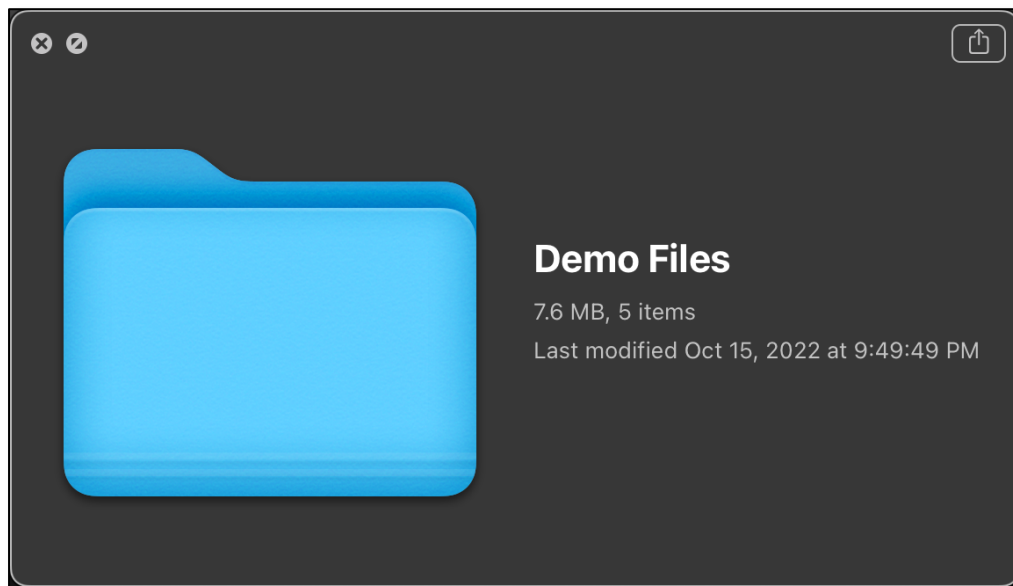
Quick Look Trim Bar

Quick Look Limitations

Although quite versatile, Quick Look doesn't work with every type of file. It works with most of the popular ones: Microsoft Office, Pages, Numbers, plain text, PDF, TIFF, GIF, JPEG, PNG, and most types of audio and video files.

Quick Look doesn't work with folders or apps. You'll know it doesn't work if Quick Look shows you a big folder or application icon instead of the contents of that file.

Folders. This shows up when you use Quick Look on a Finder folder:



Quick Look Display for a Folder

The Quick Look window does show some data items (folder name, size, number of items in the folder, and the date anything was last modified in the folder), which is the same information available if you use the Finder's **Get Info** command, **Command + I**.

Quick Look gives you the ability to display in **Full-Screen** mode as well as to **Share** it.

Note: Oddly, though, I found that the ability to **Open** its contents isn't immediately available. Instead, you must first display in **Full-Screen** mode and then **double-click** the folder's icon.

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Apps. This shows up when you use Quick Look on an app in the Finder:



Quick Look Display for the System Information App

For apps, the Quick Look window shows a few data items as when the **Get Info** command is used (app name, version, size, and the date it was last modified in the folder).

Quick Look gives you the ability to display in **Full-Screen** mode if you wish as well as to **Share** it and **Open** the app (not by double-clicking but by clicking the **Open** button).

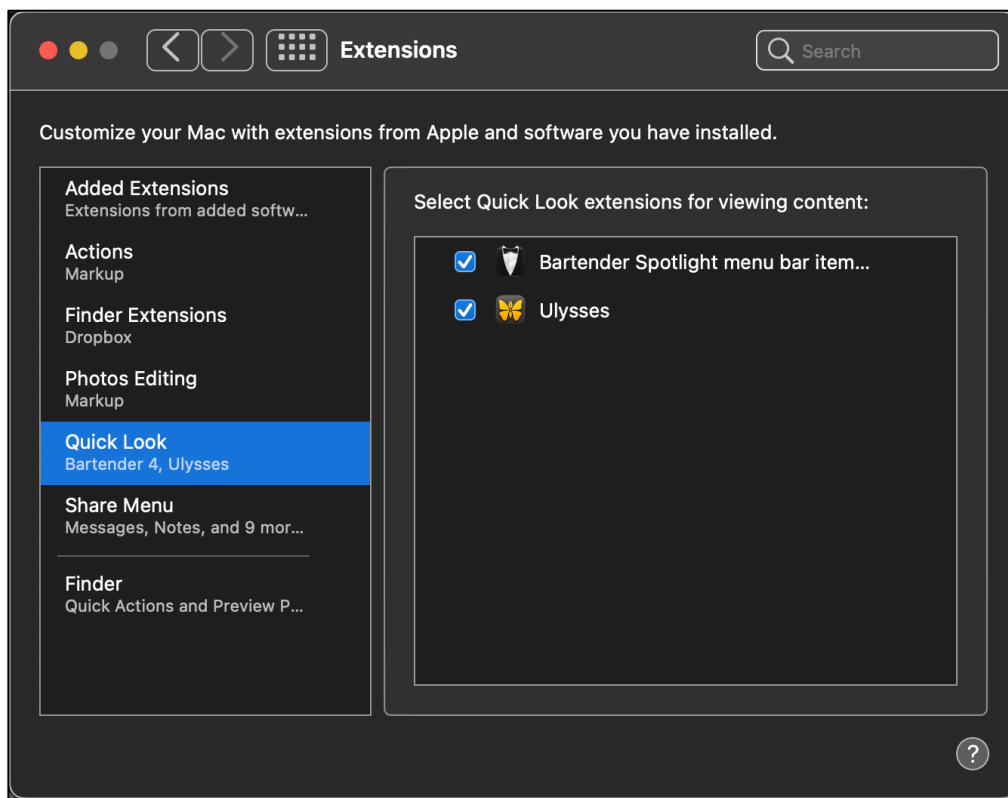
Quick Look Extensions

Quick Look will work with all the standard files that you're used to using like PDFs, text files, Pages files, Word documents, images, videos, etc.

However, it won't necessarily work with other types of files depending on the filename's extension. In addition, many third-party apps it won't work with Quick Look.

You may be able to add extensions to Quick Look's list of files that it can open by adding some file types to it.

Go to **System Preferences**, then **Extensions**, and then choose **Quick Look** to see a list of apps with extensions that can be added to Quick Look. (See the image on the next page.)



Quick Look App Extensions

The **App Store** also has apps that will add more Quick Look definitions for different file types. In addition, there's also a website (<http://www.quicklookplugins.com>) with a list of other apps that you can download from websites to add more file types to Quick Look.

Summary

In our discussion in Part 3, we examined more Quick Look features:

- Display of Videos, including moving back and forward, changing the playback speed, and using the Trim Bar
- Limitations of Quick Look to view files
- Quick Look Extensions

Next Presentation

For the next presentation, we'll take a look another macOS feature or utility.

Have a favorite Mac Tip or utility? Please feel free to pass it along, and I'll see if I can work it into a future presentation.

If you have any suggestions for presentation topics, including macOS utilities, please contact me at slp4668@gmail.com.

–Steve Parker

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