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gMovie™ Player

user guide

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gMovie™ Player

gMovie™ Player is a Palm OS® application which enables the display and playback of multimedia including video, animation and images including sound. gMovie Player supports direct playback from removable storage devices such as the Sony CLIÉ MemoryStick, MemPlug SmartMedia Adaptor for Handspring Visor and SD/MMC for Palm m500/505.

Quick Start

- ☐ Install the gMovie™ Player application on your Palm OS handheld using the standard Install Tool (Windows) or Install Handheld Files… (Mac) and HotSync.
- ☐ HotSync gMovie™ content* to your handheld device and enjoy!

* Visit the Generic Media website, www.genericmedia.com to find sample gMovie™ content that you can download. You can also learn more about gMovie™ Maker, an easy-to-use tool that allows you to create your own gMovie™ content.

Minimum System Requirements

The gMovie™ Player application is compatible with Palm OS 3.1 and higher.

Installing gMovie™ Player

Install the Palm Desktop software to a computer before you follow the instructions below:

Windows

- ☐ Start the Install Tool in the Palm Desktop folder.
- ☐ From the list of users, select the appropriate user name.
- ☐ Click [Add].
- ☐ Navigate to the directory where gMovie™ Player is stored.
- ☐ Double-click on the gMovie™ application file. gMovie™ Player is added to the list of files to be transferred to the handheld during the next HotSync operation.
- ☐ Click [Done].
- ☐ Run the HotSync operation to transfer the file to the handheld device.

The gMovie™ Player icon will appear in the Applications Launcher display.

Macintosh

- ☐ Start the Palm Desktop application.
- ☐ From the HotSync menu, choose Install Handheld Files...
- ☐ Drag and drop gMovie™ Player onto the Application list or click on Add Item and navigate to the directory where gMovie™ Player is stored.
- ☐ Run the HotSync operation to transfer the file to the handheld device.

The gMovie™ Player icon will appear in the Applications Launcher display.

Starting gMovie™ Player

Start gMovie™ Player from the Applications Launcher of the handheld.

The media list appears.

: displays type of media item

: displays dimensions of media item in pixels

: displays duration of media item in seconds

: displays storage requirements in kilobytes

: displays details of media item

Playing back a media item

In the media list, tap the desired media item name.

The media is displayed and automatically played back. The movie will loop by default (see Preferences to change this behavior).

Tap ⏸ to stop playback. To restart the media, tap ▶.

Tap ⏮ to return to the beginning of the media.

To play back the previous media item

Tap ◀ at the upper right corner of the display.

To play back the next media item

Tap ▶ at the upper right corner of the display.

To mute the sound

Tap the speaker icon, 🔊, to toggle sound on/off.

To increase/decrease the volume

Tap the different volume bars, 📶, to control the volume level of sound.

To return to the media list

Tap ☰ at the upper right corner of the display.

To play back all media items consecutively (play sequence mode)

With the stylus, tap and hold ▶ for more than one second. In play sequence mode, the icon will change into ⏩. To exit play sequence mode, tap and hold ⏩ for more than one second.

To delete a media item

Display the media item to delete, and then tap the icon.
Tap Delete…
Tap [OK].

The media item will be deleted, and the display will return to the media list.

To view detail information about a media item

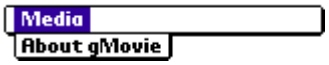
Not all media items are authored with details. When there are details, the icon appears to the right of the media item's name in the list view. With the stylus, tap to display details of the media item:

Details can also be displayed using the Details… menu item while viewing a movie.

Menu Commands

Media

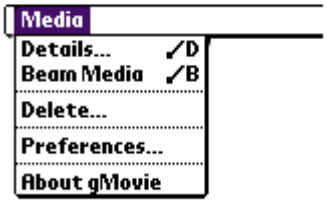
This menu is displayed by tapping the icon when the media list is displayed.



About gMovie

Select About gMovie from the menu to display version information about gMovie™ Player.

This menu is displayed by tapping the icon while a media item is playing.



Details

Detailed information of the active media item is displayed.

Beam media

You can transmit the currently playing media file to another Palm OS® handheld device via the Infrared port. For details of infrared communications, see your handheld device's manual.

Delete

To delete a media item, select the item from the file list by tapping on its name. From the menu tap Delete… When the Delete Media dialog is displayed, tap [OK] to perform the deletion, or tap [Cancel].

Preferences

gMovie Player's preferences panel lets you set default behaviors for the Player.

Loop movie playback

Check or uncheck the Loop movie playback to affect what happens when you reach the end of a movie. Checking this box will cause the current movie to loop repeatedly. Unchecking the box will cause the movie to stop playing when it reaches the end of the item. If looping is turned on and the Player is in Play Sequence mode, all movies will play in sequence and the sequence will loop.

Limit maximum volume

Check or uncheck Limit maximum volume to control the default audio levels.

Audio Channels

For most movies, you'll want to select Both. However, some movies are authored in more than one language, with each language occupying one of the audio channels. If the movie is authored in multiple languages, with Both selected you will hear both audio tracks simultaneously. Use this preference to select one of the channels to listen to one language.

Uninstalling gMovie™ Player

You can remove the gMovie™ Player application from the handheld by following the procedure below.

Tap the icon to display the Applications Launcher of the handheld device.

Tap the icon to display the menu.

Tap App, then Delete…
The Delete dialog will appear.

Tap the gMovie item in the list, then tap Delete…
The Delete Application dialog will appear.

Tap [Yes].
The gMovie™ Player application is deleted from main memory. To cancel deletion, tap [No] instead of [Yes].

Tap [Done].
The display returns to the Applications Launcher.