

Photo Booth with Video!

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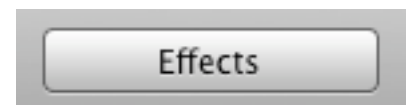


About Photo Booth

Apples Photo booth comes bundled with Mac OS X Leopard. Using the built in camera, an iSight camera, or digital video camera you can use photo booth to take still pictures or make short movies that include different effects or backgrounds. Along with being super fun to play with Photo Booth can also be helpful in the classroom.

Basics of Using Photo Booth

1. Select the type of snapshot you would like to take (still image, 4-up quick snapshot, or a movie clip) by clicking the appropriate button under the live display screen.
2. If you would like to add an effect or background to your snapshot or video click the effects button under the live display screen.
3. When you are ready to take a picture or start recording click the red shutter button below the live display screen.
4. After your picture or movie will appear as a thumbnail image in the bottom preview strip. To view the image or movie simply click on it's thumbnail.
5. If you don't like what was taken click the x in the thumbnail.
6. Photo Booth saves your items in a folder named Photo Booth located in the Pictures folder. A quick way to find them is by going to the File > Reveal in Finder.



More about Effect & Backgrounds

Many effects can be added to your picture or video. Some effect transform the look of your snapshot others distort the image. Several effects allow you to add or remove the amount of distortion. Use the slider bar to adjust the amount of distortion.

Backgrounds effects let you use a picture or movie to replace the actual background of the scene behind you. Photo booth has many backgrounds provided or you could use your own simply by dragging an image into the Photo Booths background effects screen. The background is not perfect and sometime the masking leave holes but over all if is a very fun effect.

Using your Pictures or Video

Once you have taken your picture or video you have several options. Click on the picture or video and send it into your iPhoto, set it as your account or iChat buddy picture, or email it to someone. Because the picture of video is also saved in the Photo Booth folder you can also add it to documents or open it in other programs.

To use your video simply drag it to the desk top and you have quick time movie you can take into iMovie to edit further or just use the unedited movie to upload to a web site, YouTube or email to someone.

Using Photo Booth in the Classroom

The following are just a few ideas on how to use Photo Booth in the classroom:

- Reading Improvement/Assessment
Make a movie of your students as they read out loud. Do this a couple time through out the year. You can use the videos to show how their reading has improved through out the year.
- Teaching Symmetry
Use the mirror effect to show symmetry.
- Student Newscast/Daily Announcements
Students can use video to create daily announcements or a special newscast. Use a photo of the school as the background.
- Make a how to video
Make a short video reinforcing concepts learned in class. Post them on a class web page to be used as homework help.
- Help get to know student's name and face
Take a picture of each student and create a class directory or seating chart.
- Video Blog
Create a video blog of what was talked about in class.
- Book Review/Report
Allow students to use the video to do a book review or report.

Example Projects

1. Book Reviews
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1MjNQlu_5A
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RM7aWJMnlhc>
2. Stop Animation
<http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali/story.php?itemID=11937>

Resources

1. Composer FX Effects for Photo Booth – \$9.95

<http://www.digitalthoughtsoftware.com/cfx>

Composer FX Image comes with over 400 effects that include Comic Book, Hearts, 3D Video Wall, Plasma, Glass, Sky, Aquarium, Snow, TV, Pencil and many more. Can also be used with iChat.