

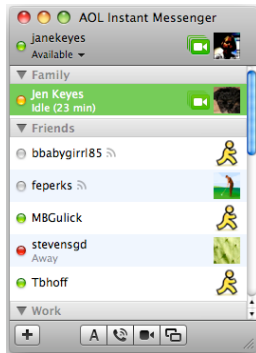
Using iChat to Create a Podcast

When working in Mac OS X Leopard, it's possible to record a video chat so that it can be viewed later or even published as a Podcast. iChat also allows screen sharing (This cannot be recorded) and sharing of files and pictures in iPhoto. Both file sharing and iPhoto sharing can be recorded.

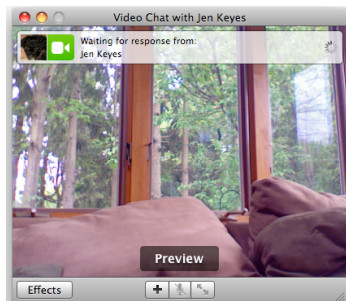
Before you can record a video chat, you have to have set up iChat with your screen name and buddies with whom you can chat.

Recording a Video Chat

1. Find a buddy who has a video camera icon next to their name.



2. Double click on their video camera icon. The other individual will have to accept the invitation

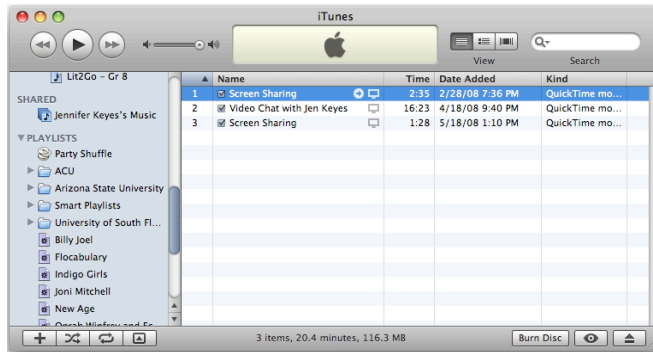


3. Begin the chat



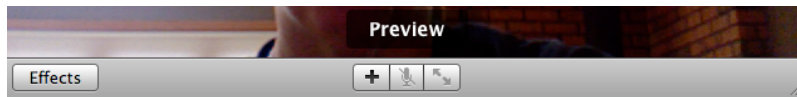
4. To begin recording this chat, go to the Video menu and select Record Chat. The other person has to approve the recording and the recording will begin.
5. When finished, go to the Video menu and select Stop Recording.
6. The video is automatically transferred to iTunes in a playlist called "iChat Chats and the video will appear there.

- This video can be watched on the computer, transferred to an iPod, burned to a CD or DVD and added to a Podcast.
- It's helpful to set up the iChat Chats playlist so that it shows a column for Date Added. From the View menu select View Options.
- In the window that appears check Date Added. You might also want to check Kind. You could also uncheck many of the other options as they really aren't needed for this playlist. Notice the simplified playlist below.

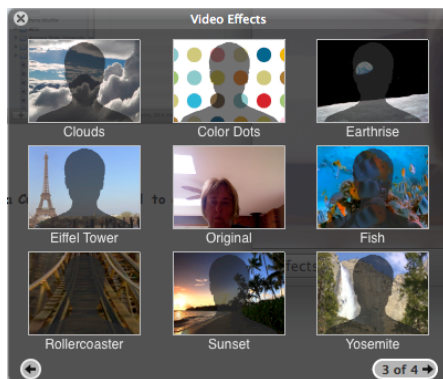


Adding a Custom Background to a Video Chat

- Invite someone to chat.
- In the lower left corner of the preview window, click on the Effects button.



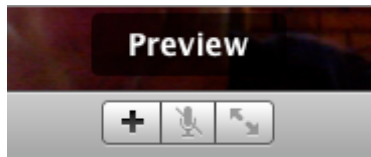
- Move to the third group of effects using the arrow in the lower right corner of the window.



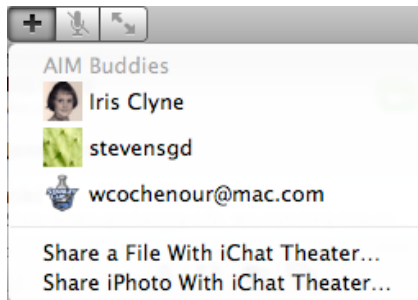
- Choose a background. When directed move out of the picture. This allows the software to detect the background.
- When this process has been completed it will say Background Detected. Move back into the range of the camera.
- Record the video chat with this background to add to the topic of the discussion. The person you are chatting with can add a background too. In fact on your screen the background they add will be more visible.
- It is best to have a solid green background for this effect. Otherwise your image projected in front of the background will be somewhat broken up.

Recording iChat Theatre or Screen Sharing

1. Start a video chat using the same process as in the first section of this handout.
2. Click the + symbol at the bottom of chat window.



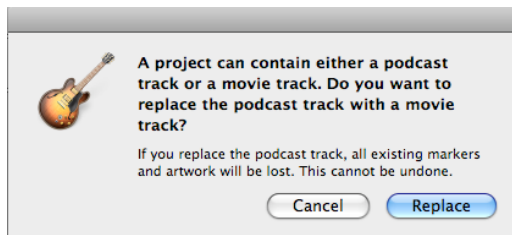
3. Choose to Share a File with iChat Theater or Share iPhoto with iChat Theater.



4. With the first option, navigate to the file you wish to share. Once it is open begin recording the video chat as previously done.
5. When sharing iPhoto, select the images you wish to share and they will be shown with music playing in the background. Record the chat.

Creating a Podcast From a Video Chat

1. Open GarageBand and create a new Podcast Episode.
2. In the Media Browser select Audio, and then iTunes.
3. Choose the iChat Chat's Playlist and select your most recent recorded chat
4. Drag that video chat to the Podcast track in GarageBand. The following warning appears.



5. Click Replace to add the video to this Podcast. Podcasts can have either images (enhanced) or video but not a mixture of the two. If you need a mixture of video and still images along with text and transitions, this can be created in iMovie and brought into GarageBand.
6. Add any desired sound effects and or music.
7. Export to iTunes, iWeb or to disk.