

# Spike

You are installing a demo version of Spike. Except for the restrictions described below, is a fully functional version of the program.

Spike requires that you have QuickTime installed.

## About Spike®

Spike® is a batch movie analyzer that can determine the playability of QuickTime files from specified target media and specified target platforms. Spike offers many of the features of Apple's unsupported MovieAnalyzer, although Spike is updated for QuickTime 2.5 and beyond. Spike includes a suite of options that give you complete control over QuickTime data rate spikes. Spike can process batches of QuickTime files as large as you like.

Most QuickTime software reports an average data rate after compression. Many people use this figure to make the decision about playability on their target platform. Problems are caused by the fact that the average data rate does not tell you anything about momentary data-spikes which may occur in a movie. A movie that reports an average data rate of 150k can still have many spikes in excess of 500k. Such spikes will cause playback from CD-ROM or the web to stutter or glitch. Spike will identify these problems.

Spike can process a folder of movies, a folder of folders of movies, or an entire hard drive full of movies. Spike will examine each frame and calculate a data rate. Using the "Settings" window you specify a target data rate. If you are going to allow some spikes, you have many options to control which spikes are considered to be severe enough to cause a movie to glitch on your playback media and consequently, to be rejected by Spike.

## Demo version restrictions

The demo version will allow processing batches of up to 15 movies only. The full version allows batches of any size. The demo version will expire. The full version won't. The demo version does not allow access to the 63 built-in pre-sets. The full version does. The demo version will, from time to time, remind you to register for the full version. After you've had ample time to experiment with the software, the "Save" and "Print" menu items will become disabled in the demo version. There are several other minor differences between the demo version and the full version.

## Registering Spike:

When you register Spike, you will receive a registration code that will convert the demo version into a full version. The full version will not expire and has no restrictions on the number of files you can process in a single batch. Further, the full version will enable any menu options that have become disabled during the course of your trial period. There are several other differences between the full version and the demo version. Finally, as a registered user you will receive email notification of periodic updates to Spike that will add additional features to the software.

Online registration is available.

The single-user Special Introductory price is \$89 (USD)  
After July 1, 1997, the price will increase to \$129 (USD)

--or (for AMP members)--  
After July 31, 1997, the price will increase to \$129 (USD)

Feel free to inquire about site licenses or quantity discounts.

If you require a registration code immediately (that is, before we have finalized the registration service), please send email to the following address:

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Contacting YAV

Upgrades are posted to the Spike web site at <http://www.yav.com/docs/Spike.html>.

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