



PlaybackPro Plus X
User Guide





PlaybackPro Plus is a professional, high-definition, non-linear media playback application for macOS. It makes professional media playback on a Mac quick and simple.

About PlaybackPro Plus

PlaybackPro Plus makes professional media playback on a Mac quick and simple. By utilizing the best in Apple video technology, PlaybackPro Plus is optimized to play virtually any modern Mac file type. The intuitive interface allows you to rapidly add media, organize and play clips, apply custom settings and save playlists, all without altering the original files.

PlaybackPro Plus includes a mixer for crossfades and direct cuts between clips, support for still images and remote control over ethernet using the DT18 multi-system controller or TCP/IP and UDP commands.

Automatic output resolution and aspect ratio functions are built-in, with real-time manual adjustments available for sizing, stretching, cropping, as well as gain, saturation, black levels, hue and volume.

Connecting a PlaybackPro Plus system is easy too. By using modern Apple video adapters or third party broadcast converters, PlaybackPro Plus easily connects to professional switchers, video projectors, LED video walls and high-resolution monitors. PlaybackPro Plus is not currently compatible with video output devices such as an Aja T-TAP or Blackmagic UltraStudio device. Please visit our www.dtvideolabs.com/faq for current information.

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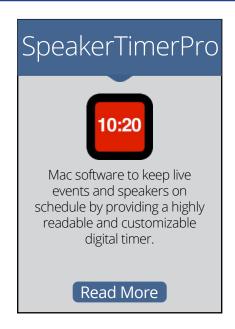


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Before You Begin

1.1 PreFlight

Each version of macOS has specific settings which have a great impact on playback performance. Before you begin, please visit www.dtvideolabs.com/preflight. This page also includes a link to a printable PDF if needed.

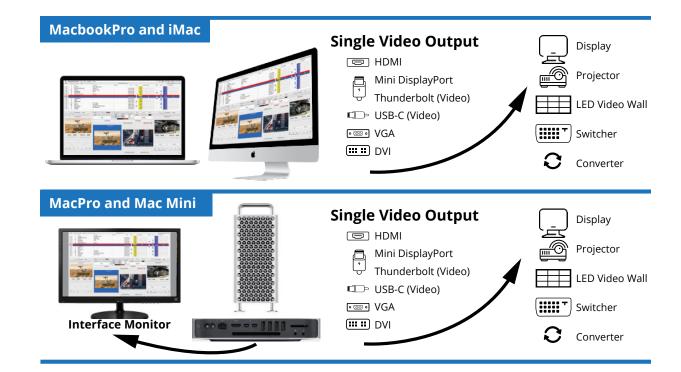


1.2 System Specifications

Using the right Mac system, configured with recommended codecs and container files is key to successful high resolution playback with PlaybackPro Plus. Please visit www.dtvideolabs.com/system-recommendations for the most current specifications and Mac system recommendations.



2.1 General Hardware Setup

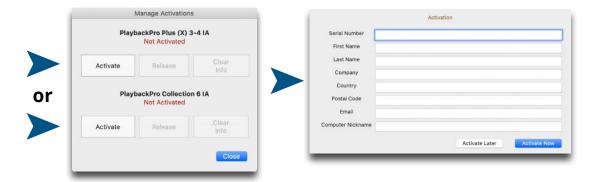


2.2 License Activation

Activating an Internet Activated (IA) Serial Number

PlaybackPro Plus can be activated using a serial code from either PlaybackPro Plus or the PlaybackPro Collection.

- (1) Download the PlaybackPro Plus IA application from the link provided in your purchase email or from the Internet Activated (IA) table on www.dtvideolabs.com/downloads
- (2) Place the unzipped program file into the Applications folder then double click to launch.
 - A delay of up to 10 seconds can occur when launching the application. This is normal behavior as the application checks the license.
- (3) In the dialog box click the "Activate" button under the name of the application to be activated



Notes

Internet access is required to activate or release a license, however it is not necessary for program use once a license is activated

- Registration information can be unique each time an application is activated
- Licenses are single seat and allow for the use of one application at a time, on one computer at a time
- License may be released from one computer and moved to another using the release process outlined below and at <u>www.dtvideolabs.com/activation</u>

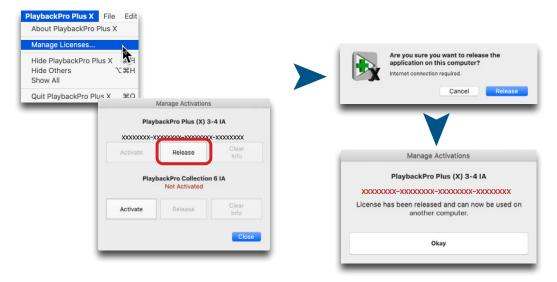
Once activated, the Application Control Window will appear. If you encounter any problems during activation, please visit www.dtvideolabs.com/contact or email technical@dtvideolabs.com.

Releasing an Internet Activated Serial Number

Connect the computer to the internet

- (1) Launch PlaybackPro Plus
- (2) Go to the PlaybackPro Plus menu (to the left of the File Menu), select "Manage Licenses"
- (3) Store the serial number. A DT Videolabs serial number will always be 4 sets of 8 digits with dashes in-between.

(4) Click on "Release License". The system will report when the license has been successfully released and available to activate on another system.



IMPORTANT License information will be retained on your system after you release a license. Users of previous versions will notice the addition of the "Clear Info" button which removes previous license info from your system and can aid in troubleshooting. If you have trouble activating a license, clear the info and try activating again. If you use the "Clear Info" button, it is important for you to retain a copy of your license number so you can reactivate.

New USB Installation Collection Instructions

- (1) Insert the USB Enabler key into the system
- (2) If you haven't already, go to www.dtvideolabs.com/down-loads to download the Collection
- (3) Place the unzipped program files into the Applications folder then double click an application to launch
- (4) If running an application on a system for the first time, a window will open after you attempt to create or open a show. Select "Install Key Driver" and follow the on-screen instructions



2.3 Demo Mode

If you need to evaluate PlaybackPro Plus or set up a show off-line, you can use Demo mode. It is fully functional but has a watermark on the fullscreen output. Download the USB version of PlaybackPro Plus (Internet Activated versions do not offer a demo mode) from www.dtvideolabs.com/downloads, launch it, click on "New Show." After a few moments, you will get a dialog box with options for the USB key. Select "Run as Demo."



2.4 Top Keyboard Commands



See <u>Section 7</u> for a complete list of keyboard commands.

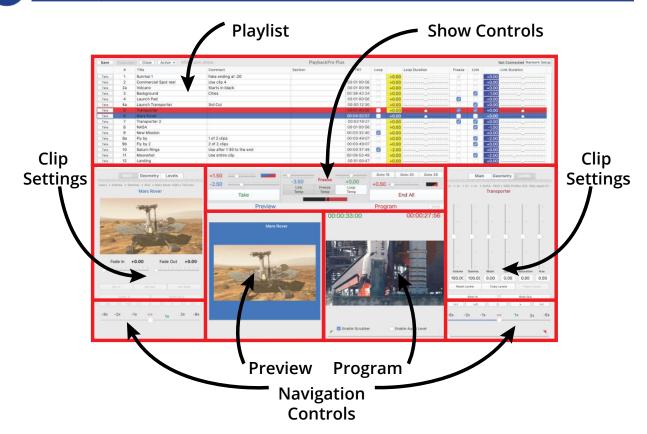
2.5 Audio

Currently, audio is handled by macOS. To change the audio output go to System Preferences, Sound, Output. Multi-channel audio is possible with PlaybackPro Plus. Please contact us for current instructions.

Common compatible codecs are AAC, AIFF/AIFC, MP3 and .WAV.



3.1 Layout



3.2 Preview / Program

PlaybackPro Plus is designed on a Preview/Program paradigm, similar to a production switcher.

Preview - Preview is what will play next. Preview is always in blue. When a clip is selected from the playlist, it is placed in Preview and begins to pre-roll in the background to allow direct cuts and immediate transitions with clips playing in Program. Preview is used to set in/out points, set levels, fades and geometry.

Program - Program is what's going to the output. Program is always in red. When a clip is Taken from Preview, it transitions to Program and plays with any attributes you've set (in/out Points, fades, geometry, levels, etc). The Program window shows the clip exactly as it appears on the external output.

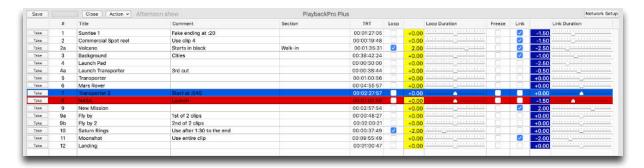
Green counter - The green counter is located over the Preview and Program window and shows the time elapsed relative to the In point.

Red counter - The red counter is located over the Preview and Program window and shows the time remaining relative to the Out point.

Setup - The aspect ratio of the output is reflected in the Preview and Program sections. To change the output resolution use the "Setup" button and select the desired resolution.

3.3 Playlist

The clips are shown in the Playlist and attributes are applied as clips are played. The clips are only being referenced, PlaybackPro Plus is nondestructive to original clips.



Adding Clips

"File" menu and select "New Clips"

"Action" button and select "New Clips"

Press Command + N

Drag and drop from a Finder window

Removing Clips

"File" menu and select "Remove Clip"

Highlight clip and press Command + Delete

"Action" button, select "Edit Multiple", select clips, select "Delete Selected"

Duplicating Clips

Highlight clip and select "File" and "Duplicate"

Highlight clip and select "Action" and "Duplicate"

Highlight clip and press Command + D

Duplicated clips create a new clip entry in the playlist but do not create a new file on a hard drive.

Ordering Clips

Clips can be reordered by dragging and dropping, or by using the "Move Up" and "Move Down" options from the "Action" button.

Locating Clips

If a clip has been moved from its original location or is off-line, its text will be grayed out. By clicking the "Action" button and selecting "Locate" you can redirect the reference to its new location, however the clip must have the same name.

Playlist Fields

Field - Enter alphanumeric text to allow for easy cueing of the next desired clip. In PlaybackPro Plus, the Clip Number can be entered on the keyboard to directly load a clip into Preview. In SimpleSync, the Clip Number can be used to load clips into Preview across multiple PlaybackPro Plus systems. The Clip Number field is for operator convenience, and does not affect the order in which the clips are played.

Title - Allows you to rename the reference of the clip for easier identification. Changing the title in this field does not change the filename of the original file stored on a hard drive.

Comment - Enter text / production notes for the clip

Section - Enter text / production notes for the clip

TRT - Total runtime of the clip

Loop - Select to loop an individual clip. When a clip that's set to Loop begins playback, the "Loop Temp" button in Show Controls is activated. See Section 4.2 for more information on Show Controls. An entire playlist may be looped by selecting the "Link" checkbox for each clip.

Loop Duration - Sets the loop duration time. A negative number creates a seamless Dissolve (-3.00 = 3 second dissolve) between the end of the clip and the beginning of the clip, zero creates a Cut, and a positive number creates a Delay (+3.00 = 3 second Delay) before the clip starts playing again. This is the same as clicking the "Loop Temp" button and setting the "Loop Duration" manually in Show Controls.

Freeze - Selecting this checkbox will freeze on the last frame of the clip playing in Program and activates the "Freeze Temp" button in Show Controls. To end the freeze, "Take" another clip or click on the "Freeze Temp" button.

Link - When checked, the next clip in the playlist will automatically load into Preview, the "Link Temp" button in Show Controls will activate and the clip will transition to Program when the clip playing in Program ends. This is the same as manually selecting the next clip in Preview, clicking the "Link Temp" button, and setting the "Link Duration" manually in Show Controls. The clip in Preview (and Link Duration) can still be changed once the clip is playing.

Link duration - Sets the duration for a transition to the next clip when playout of the clip ends. A negative number creates a Dissolve (-3.00 = 3 second dissolve), zero creates a Cut, and a positive number creates a Delay (+3.00 = 3 second Delay).

Print - The playlist can be printed or saved as a PDF file by using the File menu and selecting Print.

3.4 Navigation Controls

Navigation Controls are used for finding specific parts of a clip to set In and Out points and the Slate image. There is a set of controls for both Preview and Program.



- (1) **Goto In / Out** Moves the playback position to the In or Out Point
- (2) **Control Buttons** Fast Reverse, Play-Pause Toggle, Pause, Play and Fast Forward buttons (in order from left to right)
- (3) **Shuttle** Temporarily changes the playback speed. This is primarily used to set up a clip in Preview, however it can be used in Program. Clips in Program always begin playback at normal speed.
- (4) **Scrubber** Used to find specific parts of a clip so that In, Out, and Slate can be set. This is primarily used in Preview, however they can be used while in Program. When a Preview clip is Taken to Program, it starts from its In Point regardless of the Scrubber position.



4.1 Clip Settings

The Clip settings determine how a clip is played back in Program, and only affects the selected clip (whether in Preview or Program). All settings are saved when the Show File is saved.

Main Tab

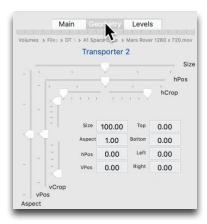


- **File Path Indicator** Shows the path and name of the referenced file
- Fade-In Duration Tells clip how long to Fade-In on Take
- Fade-Out Duration Tells clip how long to Fade-Out at end
- **Set In** Sets where clip will begin playback
- Set Out Sets where clip will end playback
- **Set Slate** Used to set the Slate image for that clip

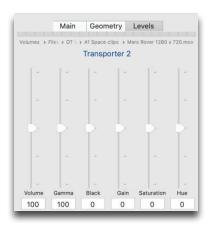
Geometry

Geometry settings are available on both the Preview and Program side to control the size, aspect ratio, cropping and positioning of clips and will be stored in the playlist if altered.

Geometry can be copied and pasted between clips using the "Copy Geometry" and "Paste Geometry" buttons.



Levels



Level settings are also available on both the Preview and Program side to control the black level, gain, gamma, color, hue and volume of the current clip. If the clip is in Program, changes are seen on the video output as well as in the Program section.

Levels can also be copied and pasted between clips using the "Copy Levels" and "Paste Levels" buttons.

4.2 Show Controls and Clip Transitions

The Show Controls breakdown into 3 areas: Take, Program's End and End All. Each is covered in the following sections.

Take Program's End End All



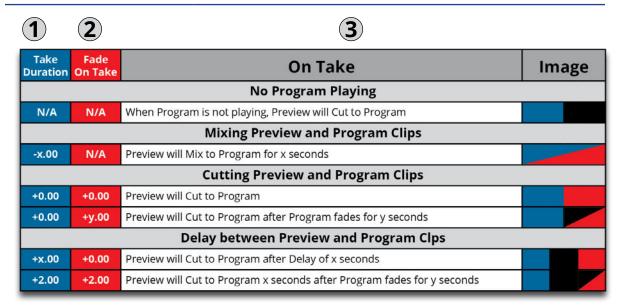
Take

(1) **Fade On Take Duration** - If "Take" is clicked while a clip is playing in Program, and the Take Duration is +0.00 or greater (a Cut or Delay), this control fades Program video and audio for the designated duration, before performing the Cut or Delay.



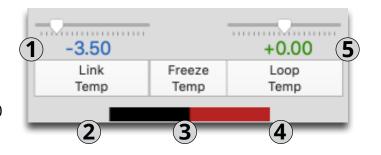
- (2) **Take Duration** Controls how the Preview clip transitions to Program when "Take" is clicked. A negative number creates a Dissolve (-3.00 = 3 second dissolve), zero creates a Cut, and a positive number creates a Delay (+3.00 = 3 second Delay).
- (3) **Take** Takes the Preview clip to Program. If there is nothing playing in Program, clicking "Take" causes the Preview clip to begin playing immediately (as a Cut), regardless of the Take Duration.

Possible Take Transitions



Program's End

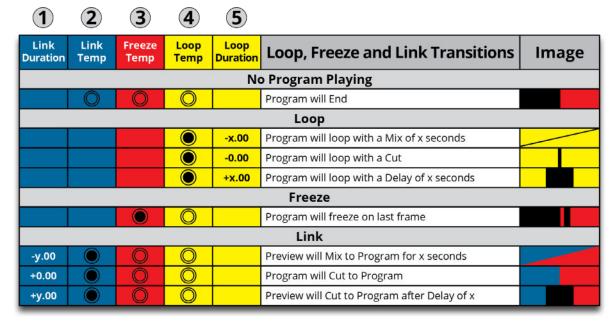
(1) **Link Duration** - Controls how the Preview clip transitions to Program when "Link Temp" is selected and the Program clip has reached its end. A negative number creates a Dissolve (-3.00 = 3 second dissolve), zero creates a Cut, and a positive number creates a Delay (+3.00 = 3 second Delay).



- (2) **Link Temp** Temporarily Links or Un-links Preview and Program based on the Link Duration. The preview clip will not play if either "Freeze Temp" or "Loop Temp" is selected. This does not affect the clip's permanent Link setting.
- (3) **Freeze Temp** Temporarily freezes Program clip when it reaches its Out Point. A freeze can be terminated by either unselecting "Freeze Temp", "Taking" a Preview Clip, or clicking "End All". The program clip will not Freeze if "Loop Temp" is selected. This does not affect the clip's permanent Freeze setting.
- (4) **Loop Temp** Temporarily Loops or Un-loops the Program clip. Click "End All" to immediately end a loop, or "Take" if a clip is loaded in Preview. This does not affect the clip's permanent Loop setting.

(5) **Loop Duration** - Controls how a loop will transition upon itself. A negative number creates a Dissolve (-3.00 = 3 second dissolve), zero creates a Cut, and a positive number creates a Delay (+3.00 = 3 second Delay).





Goto Buttons

The Goto 10 / Goto 20 / Goto 30 buttons immediately take the progarm to 10, 20 or 30 seconds from the clip's Out Point.

End All

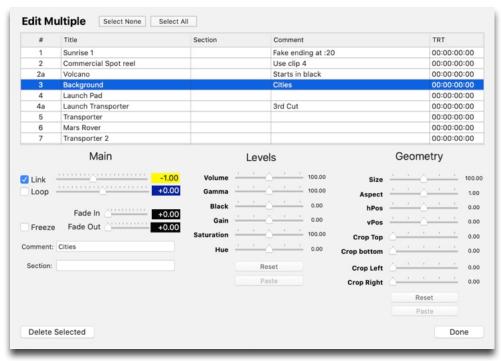
- (1) **End All Duration** Specifies how long audio and video will fade out when "End All" is clicked
- (2) **End All** Ends Program playback and Preview clip will not play



End All Duration	Result	Image
+0.00	Program will End, Preview will not start	
+x.00	Program will fade-out for x seconds, Preview will not start	

4.3 Edit Multiple Mode

The "Edit Multiple" mode may be selected from the "Action" menu to make changes across multiple clips and must be used with great care. Please make sure you are comfortable with any changes before you save your playlist.



5 Controller Options





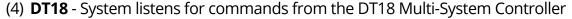


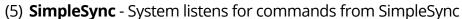
6 Remote Control

Overview

PlaybackPro Plus offers several remote control options.

- (1) **No Control** Stops all listening for remote commands
- (2) **UDP Listen** System listens for commands over ethernet from remote system
- (3) **TCP/IP Listen** System listens for commands over ethernet from remote system







The DT18 Multi-System Controller is designed and built by DT Videolabs. It allows ethernet control of up to four PlaybackPro Plus systems. For more information, including technical specifications and the User Guide, visit www.dtvideolabs.com/controller-dt18



UDP Listen TCP/IP Listen

Latency Correction, Delay In Seconds: 0.000000

DT18 Controller SimpleSync

6.2 SimpleSync

SimpleSync is a free, multi-sync roll companion application for PlaybackPro Plus. To download SimpleSync and the detailed User Guide please use these links.

Download User Guide - <u>www.dtvideolabs.com/dt-videolabs-user-guides</u> Download SimpleSync - <u>www.dtvideolabs.com/downloads</u>

6.3 UDP and TCP/IP Remote Control

To control PlaybackPro Plus from a device other than SimpleSync, use UDP or TCP/IP control. Select UDP Listen or TCP/IP Listen from the "Network Setup" menu. To stop all communications, select "No Control" from the "Network Setup" menu.



TCP/IP

PlaybackPro Plus listens for a connection on port 4647. Set the IP address (should be static) and port number on the device that will be controlling PlaybackPro Plus, and tell it to connect. Once connected, the Network Status will show TCP/IP Connected, rather than TCP/IP Listening. Disconnect the remote source before selecting a different remote option. See the table below for commands.



UDP

PlaybackPro Plus listens for commands on port 7000. Set the IP address (should be static) and port number on the device that will be controlling PlaybackPro Plus. See the table below for commands.



Preview	Preview Controls TCP/IP and UDP Commands	
Command	Function	
EF	Set Fast Forward Speed	
ER	Set Fast Reverse Speed	
EI	Goto In Point	
EO	Goto Out Point	
GOxxx	Load clip #xxx into Preview	
ES	Mark In Point	
EE	Mark Out Point	
EP	Toggle Play/Pause	
E-	Step Back One Frame	
E+	Step Forward One Frame	
TA	Take clip to Program	

Program Controls TCP/IP and UDP Commands		
Command	Function	
GTxxx	Load clip #xxx and Take	
KL	End All Playback	
OF	Set Fast Forward Speed	
OR	Set Fast Reverse Speed	
10	Goto 10 seconds	
20	Goto 20 seconds	
30	Goto 30 seconds	
OI	Goto In Point	
00	Goto Out Point	
SL	Enable Loop Temp	
EL	Disable Loop Temp	
PA	Pause Playback	
PL	Play from current location	
OP	Toggle Play/Pause	
0-	Step Back One Frame	
0+	Step Forward One Frame	

Show Controls TCP/IP and UDP Comm		TCP/IP and UDP Commands
Command	Function	
CL	Clear Preview Clip	
K-	Decrease End All Fade Out	
K+	Increase End All Fade Out	
FT	Toggle Freeze Temp	
I-	Decrease Link Temp duration	
I+	Increase Link Temp duration	
IT	Toggle Link Temp	
L-	Decrease Loop Temp duration	
L+	Increase Loop Temp duration	
LT	Toggle Loop Temp	
NX	Select Next Clip for Preview	
PR	Select Previous Clip for Preview	
SA	Save Show Flle	
SIxxx	Select Clip by #xxx ID for Preview	
TIxxx	Take Clip by #xxx ID	
F-	Decrease Fade On Take Duration	
F+	Increase Fade On Take Duration	
Т-	Decrease Take Duration	
T+	Increase Take Duration	

Show Inquiries TCP/IP and UDP Commands		
Command	Request	Return Value(s)
AD	All clip durations	All clip durations, comma delimited
AN	All clip names	All clip names, comma delimited *
AU	All clip numbers	All clip numbers, comma delimited *
ID	All Clip IDs	All Clip numbers and filenames, comma delimited *
LS	Loop Status	Yes or No
PS	Playback Status	0=paused, 1=playing, N/A=no clip in Program
VD	Preview clip duration	TRT in 00:00:00:00 format
VN	Preview clip name	Name of clip in Preview
VU	Preview clip number	Clip number in # field, N/A = no clip number
GD	Program clip duration	TRT in 00:00:00:00 format
GN	Program clip name	Name of clip playing in Program
GU	Program clip number	Clip number in # field, N/A = no clip number
TE	Program time elapsed from In Point	Time in 00:00:00:00 format
TR	Program Time remaining	Time in 00:00:00:00 format
SF	Show File Name	Show file name, no data if unnamed

^{*} commas in the returned values will be replaced with periods



All Keyboard Commands

Show Files	Show Controls
	Select Previous Clip for Preview
Open Show	Select Next Clip for Preview
Close Show	Clear Preview Clip
Save Show Command S	Take Preview to Program Return
Save Show As Shift + Command S	End All PlaybackEsc
Page Setup (Shift) + Command P	Decrease Take Transition Duration Option ;
Print P	Increase Take Transition Duration Option
Preview Controls	Decrease Link Temp Duration Option A
Toggle Play/PauseOption Space	Increase Link Temp Duration Option S
Step Forward One Frame Option	Toggle Link Temp Shift + Option L
Step Backward One Frame Option	Decrease Take Program Fade Duration Option D
Set Fast Forward Speed Option	Increase Take Program Fade Duration Option F
Set Fast Reverse Speed Option	Decrease Loop Temp Duration Option G
Goto In Point	Increase Loop Temp Duration Option H
Goto Out Point	Toggle Loop Temp Option L
Program Controls	Decrease End All Fade Out Option J
	Increase End All Fade Out Option K
	Toggle Freeze Shift + Control + Option L
Step Forward one Frame Sinte	Goto 10 Seconds Option 1
Step Backward One Frame Shift + Option Set Fact Forward Speed Shift + Option	Goto 20 Seconds Option 2
Set Fast Forward Speed. Shift + Option Set Fast Reverse Speed Shift + Option	Goto 30 Seconds
Goto In Point Shift + Command	Edit
Goto Out Point Shift + Command	Cut Command X
Clips	CopyCommand C
New Clips Command N	Paste Command V
Delete Clip Command Delete	Select All
Duplicate Clip	Window
Select Previous Clip	Toggle Full Screen
Select Next Clip	Minimize to Dock Command M
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