

# ScreenPlay and Sequel

## Version 2.7 Software Release Notes



Applied Magic has released a new version for ScreenPlay and Sequel as of January 2004. Several improvements and new features have been included on this free upgrade. The following are instructions and descriptions of the new features offered on Version 2.7 for ScreenPlay and Sequel:

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Make sure you complete all current projects before proceeding with the 2.7 Software Installation.
2. Start your ScreenPlay/Sequel.
3. Place the 2.7 Software disk in the CD-ROM compartment on the front of ScreenPlay/Sequel.
4. When the software installation menu appears, select 'Version 2.7 Software Update'.
5. Select 'Install'.
6. Click 'Version 2.7' so it is highlighted, then select 'Install All'.
7. When installation is complete, you must restart your ScreenPlay/Sequel.
8. You may now install any extras or software. If it is not still in the drive, place the 2.7 Software disk in the CD-ROM compartment again and select 'Add-Ons and Extras for 2.7'.
9. If you wish to install free add-ons or software samples select 'Applied Magic Add-Ons (various)'. You can then select individual add-ons to install or simply select 'Install All'. Once this installation has taken place the menu for Applied Magic Add-Ons will automatically appear again.
10. If you wish to activate any software select 'Activate Add-On Software'. Then select the add-on you wish to activate, enter your activation code and select 'OK'. Simply repeat this process for each add-on you wish to activate. If you wish to activate Magic Mattes, select 'Install Magic Mattes' from the mail Add-Ons menu and follow those instructions.  
NOTE: You DO NOT need to reinstall software that was activated prior to installing 2.7. The software will remain activated.
11. When you have installed everything you want, select 'Finished' and restart your unit.
12. Congratulations! You have installed your new 2.7 software!

### Having trouble installing your new software?

For Applied Magic technical support assistance e-mail [support@applied-magic.com](mailto:support@applied-magic.com) or call 760-931-6971.

### NEW FEATURES

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**Audio Cross Fade** - (Not available for Sequel Hardware) Prior to this release, anytime a transition was used between two video clips, the audio always sustained its full volume and would abruptly switch at the transition point, for a not-so professional sounding result. You would then be forced to crossfade the audio of each clip manually to achieve a smooth transition of that sound. With the new Audio Cross Fade feature, simply select (highlight) the first video and while holding down the Shift key, right-click on the second video clip, this selects the second clip and at the same time a pop-up menu will appear. From this menu select "Cross Fade" and the audio within these two clips will crossfade based on the duration of the transition that was used between the two video clips. This feature can also be used on overlapping audio clips that are on the audio channels. As long as the audio clips overlap one another, just select them by holding down the Shift key and remember to right-click on the last audio clip of your selection, this will select that last clip and also bring up the pop-up menu. Select "Cross Fade" and the selected audio clips will automatically crossfade based on the amount of the original overlapping of these clips.

**Storyboard Loop Playback** - All storyboards now feature a Loop Playback mode. This feature can be helpful when a loop playback of a Storyboard is desired. Right click onto the Storyboard tab and select "Details" and then select the type of Loop Playback you wish. Then go back to the Storyboard, make sure you are in the correct playback mode (Full Screen or Quarter Screen) and press Play. The Storyboard will loop endlessly until you press the Stop or Spacebar key. This is a great option for duplicating a project where the video needs to play continuously, such as a trade show or a wedding reception.

**Volume Batch Control** - (Located in "Add-On's and Extra's for 2.7" under "Free System Extensions"). Changing the volume level of audio clips is now very easy. Simply hold down the Shift key and select the clips (AV and/or audio) you wish to change and then press Magic + V to display the Volume Control Panel and adjust to the desired volume and press "SET". The selected clips will now reflect this new volume setting. You can also use this feature to "Mute" the volume of selected clips as well.

**Letterbox Masks** - (Located in "Add-On's and Extra's for 2.7" under "Free System Extensions"). Three new letterbox masks that can be used on the graphics channel of the Storyboard. These graphics create real-time letterboxing over video that still allow you to do transitions, slow motions, and other special effects, without merging.

**Time Code Effect** - (Located in "Add-On's and Extra's for 2.7" under "Free System Extensions"). A new special effect that allows one to display the timecode of individual video clips as they play through the Storyboard while in the Full Screen mode. Output all or a selected few of your video clips with this feature. A great tool that gives more options to clients that need exact reference points for re-editing purposes.

**8 New Color Effects** - (Located in "Add-On's and Extra's for 2.7" under "Free System Extensions"). 8 new color effects (4 UV and 4 Luma), that will install into the Color Effects bin

**Clip Stats** - (Located in "Add-On's and Extra's for 2.7" under "Free System Extensions"). Select a clip and press Magic + C to find out data (disk space, data rate compression, etc.) about that clip

**Thumbnail Cache** - (Located in "Add-On's and Extra's for 2.7" under "Free System Extensions"). Enabled by pressing Magic + T. Improves cache speed of thumbnails in bin when starting up system.

Also included is a list of original and new shortcut keys and their explained purpose.

## **IMPROVED EXTENTIONS** (Located in "Add-On's and Extra's for 2.7" under "Free System Extensions")

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**Grab Screen** - Better image quality of output.

**Fast/Reverse Motion** - Will install without an activation code.

## **OPTIONAL SOFTWARE ADD-ONS**

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**Magic Audio** - Audio enhancement tools which will allow the user to improve or change the sound of their music, voice over or ambient sounds. With Magic Audio you can do slow/fast motion audio, change duration of audio and still maintain pitch, five point EQ, noise Gating, compression, echo/reverb and much more.

**\$120** *Get your activation code today!*

**Pan & Zoom Plus** - A companion software feature for Pan and Zoom. This feature will allow you to batch your Pan and Zooms so you can create several Pan and Zoom effects at one sitting by rendering the saved batch. This will save time and your patience when using Pan and Zoom for photomontages and presentations.

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**Magic Mattes** - Through Magic Mattes all A/B Roll video mixes can be enhanced with theme based mattes which have dozens of matching artistic graphic overlays. Place heart shapes, stars, circles, TV frames, and more, anywhere on the screen for perfect PIP effects in real time. You no longer need to wait for rendering time of LumaKey or ChromaKey to mix Pan and Zoom sequences with a background.

**\$99** *Get your activation code today!*

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