

Apple introduced built-in screen recording on Mac with macOS Mojave. Undoubtedly, it comes in handy for making tutorials, taking evidence, or even recording FaceTime calls! If you're new to macOS or facing problems recording the video, let me show you how to do it in this simple tutorial.



The steps below apply to all Macs, from desktops like iMac, Mac mini to notebooks like MacBook Air and MacBook Pro.

Note: If your Mac has macOS High Sierra or older, you can record the screen using QuickTime Player.

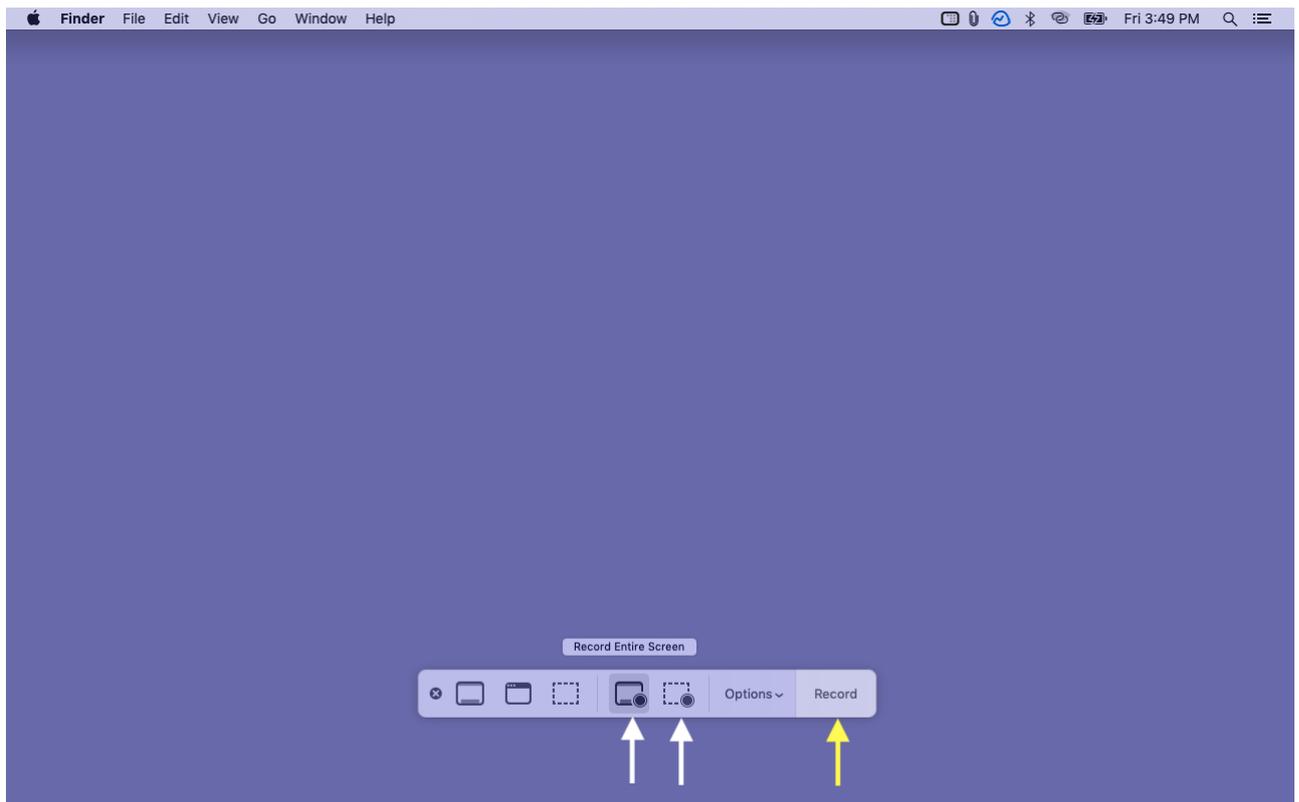
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How to record the screen using the Screenshot toolbar

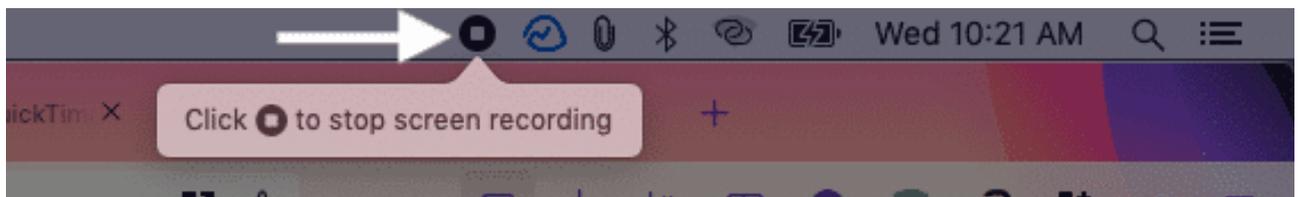
1. Press **Command + Shift + 5** in macOS Mojave or later.
2. *To record the entire screen:* Click the second rectangle from the right and click

Record.

3. To shoot a selected portion of the screen: Click the first rectangle from the right, select the desired portion, and finally click **Record**.



4. Click the **stop icon** in the top menu bar to stop the recording.



This is how you can quickly record your Mac screen. Now, before seeing the next method, let us talk about the *Options* in the Screenshot toolbar.

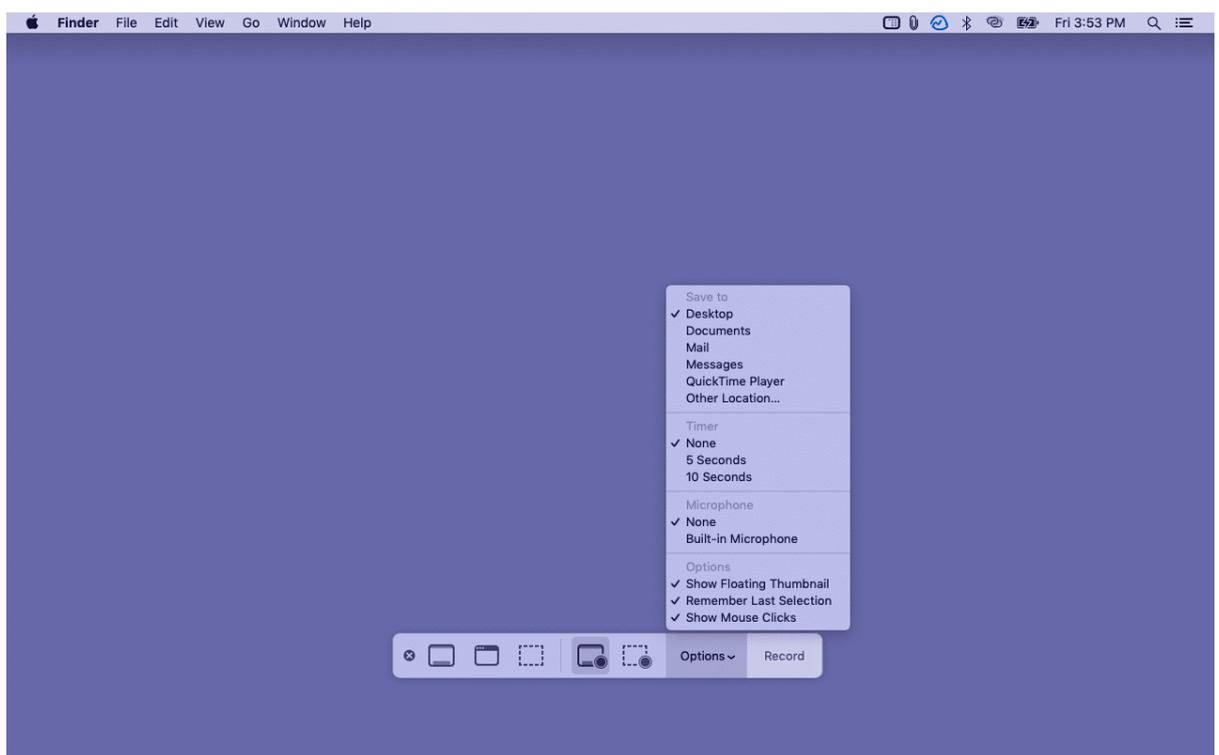
Different record settings in the Screenshot toolbar

When you click **Options**, it presents you with a few possibilities. These are:

- **Save to:** It lets you choose where you want the final recorded screen video file. Click

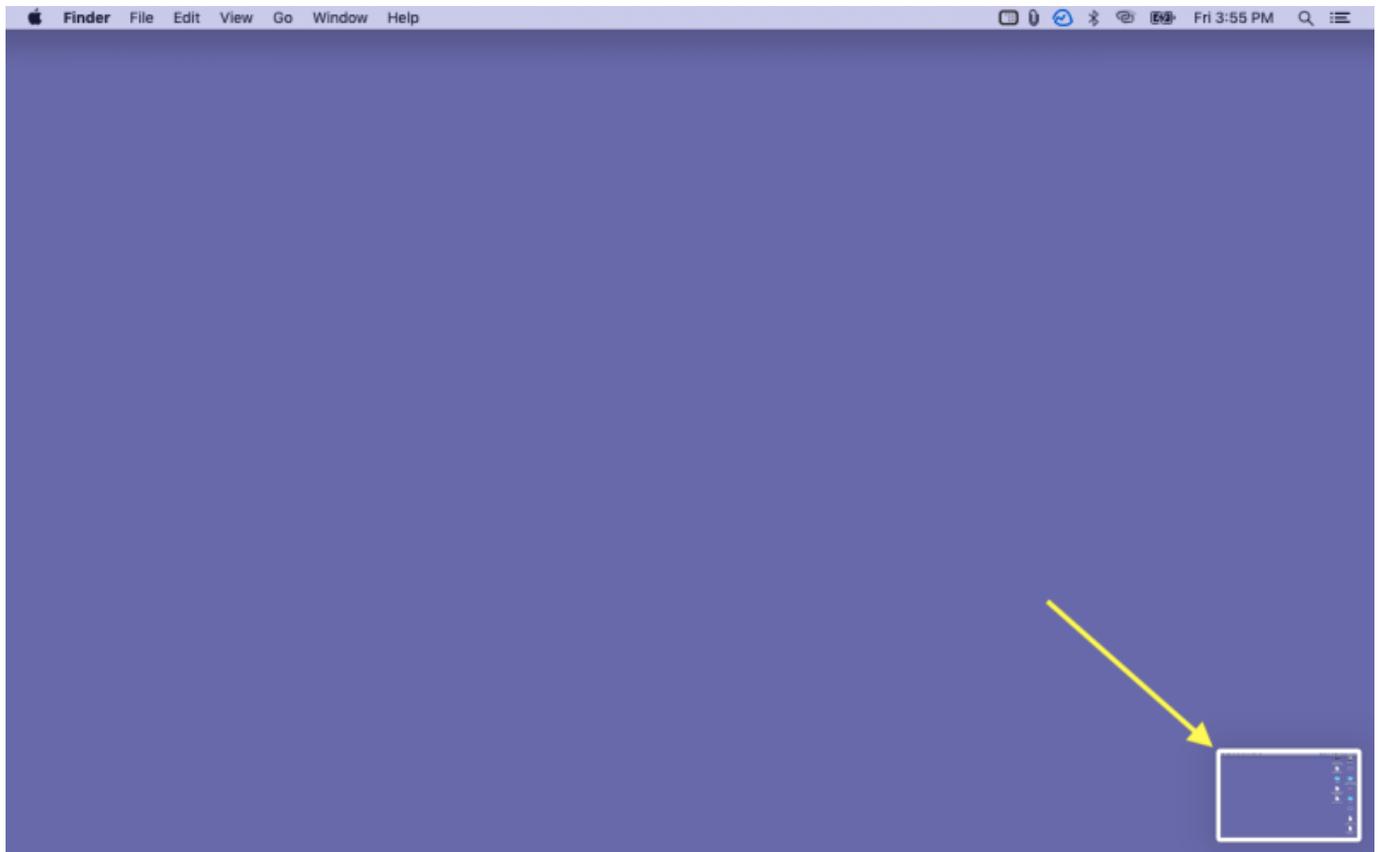
Other Locations to set a custom location.

- **Timer:** I use this often. It lets you set a timer of 5 or 10 seconds. After clicking record, the screen recording will begin after the set timer.
- **Microphone:** If you want external sound, select **Built-in Microphone** (or one of the available mics).
- **Other Options:**
 - After taking a screenshot or screen recording, you see a preview thumbnail in the lower right of the screen. If you do not want this, uncheck **Show Floating Thumbnail**.
 - **Remember Last Selection** applies the same options the next time you use the Screenshot toolbar.
 - Enabling **Show Mouse Clicks** will show a round highlight in the screen recording when there is a mouse click.



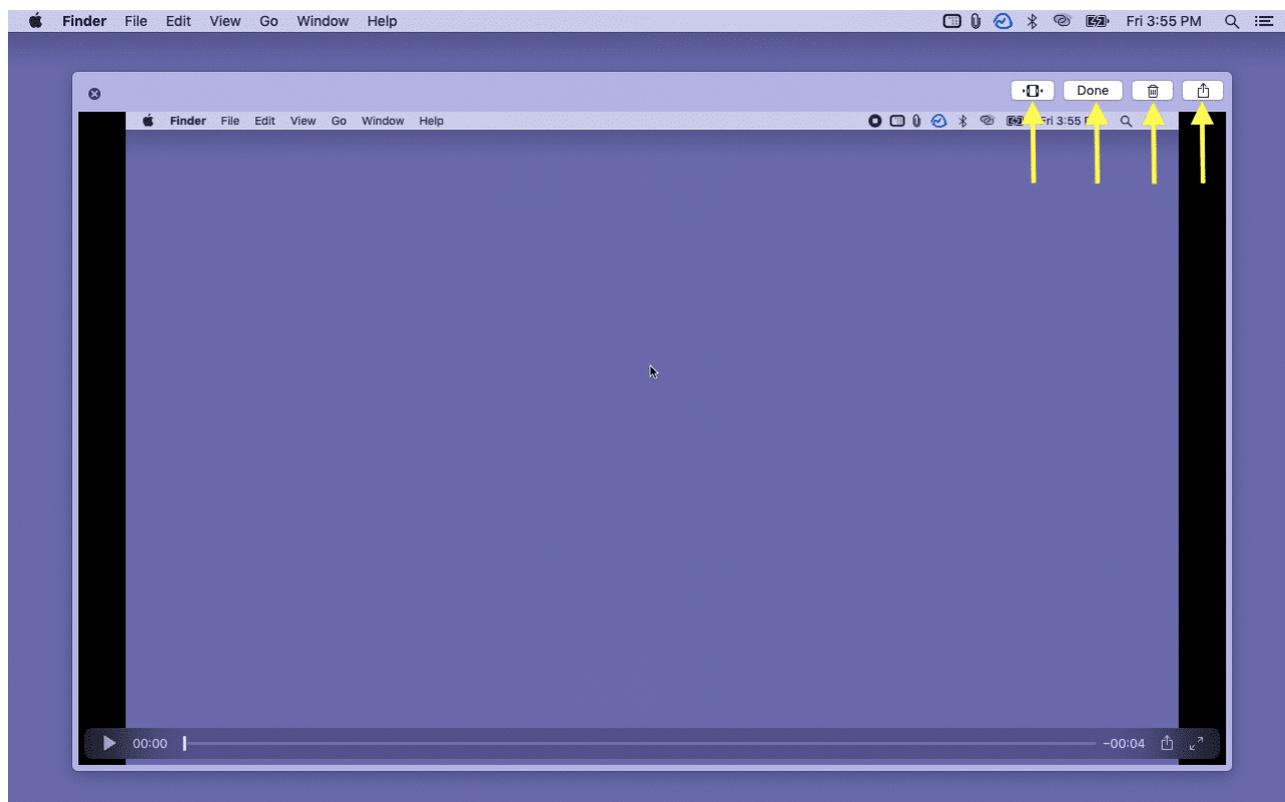
How to trim, share, save, and delete the screen recording

After you stop the screen recording, its thumbnail appears for a few seconds in the lower right. **Click** it.



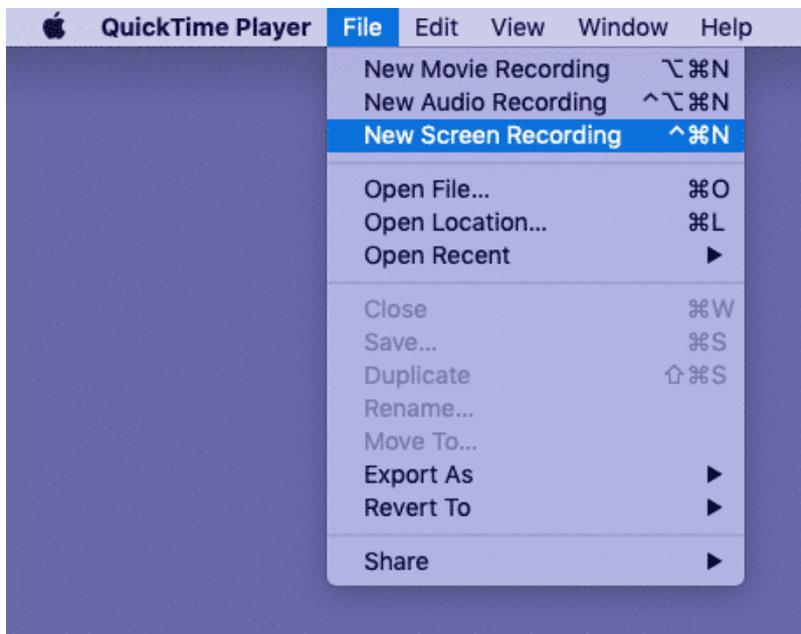
From here, you can:

- **Trim the screen recording:** Click the left-most icon at the top right. Now, drag the yellow edges and trim the two ends of the video.
- **Save:** The file will automatically save when the thumbnail disappears. But if you have clicked the thumbnail, click **Done** to save it.
- **Share the screen recording:** Click the share icon at the top right and choose **AirDrop** or one of the available options.
- **Delete the screen recording:** Click the trash icon.



Record Mac's screen using QuickTime Player

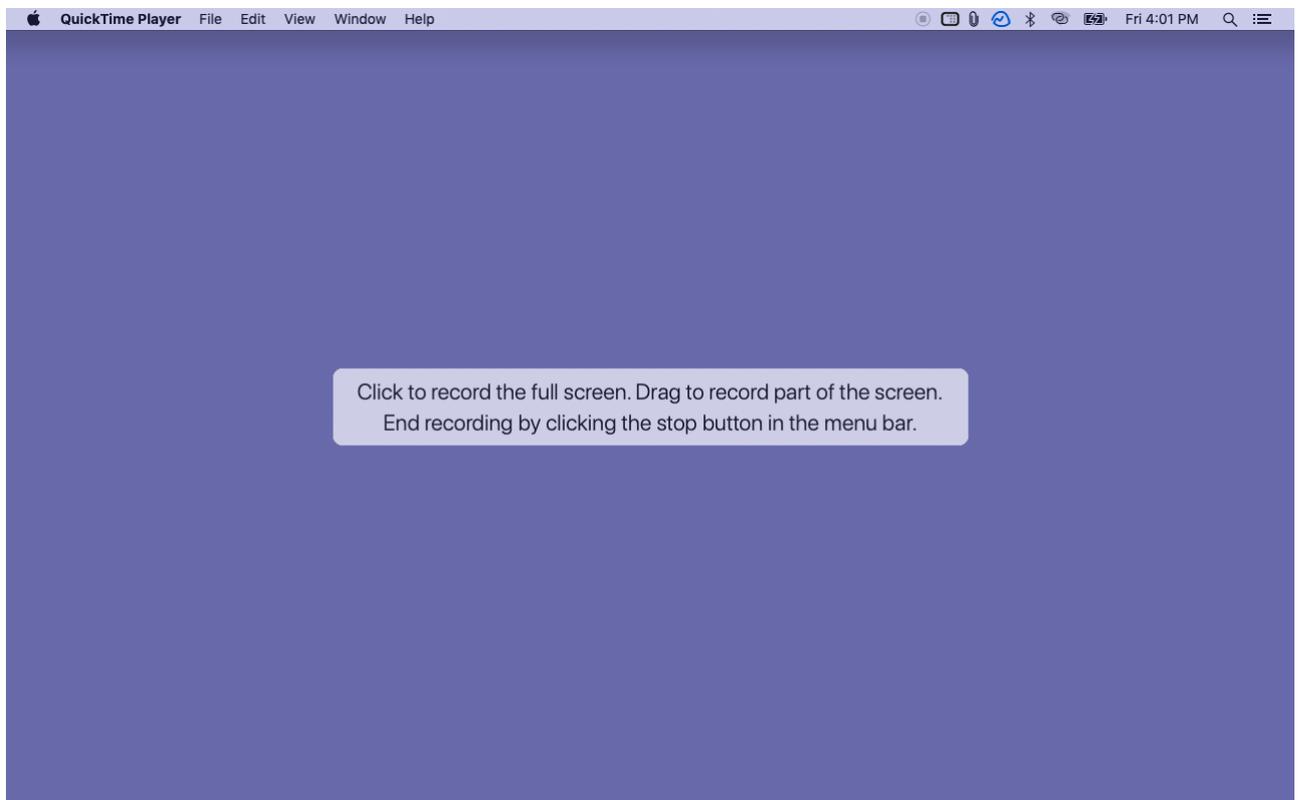
1. Open [QuickTime Player](#) using [Launchpad](#), [Spotlight](#), or the Applications folder.
2. Click **File** at the top menu bar and choose **New Screen Recording**.



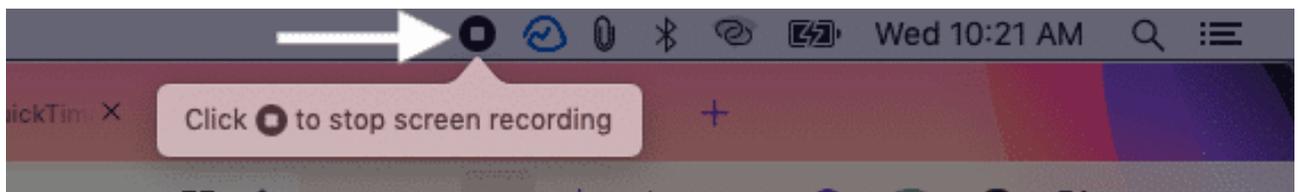
3. On recent macOS, it will open the Screenshot toolbar, similar to **Command + Shift + 5**.
4. On older versions of macOS, click the **tiny red-white record button**.



5. Next, **click anywhere** on the screen to record the entire screen. Or, drag to select a portion.



6. To stop the recording, click the **stop button** in the top menu bar.



Pro Tip: Your Mac also has a **Screenshot app** that most people do not know about. If you frequently need to take screenshots or screen recordings, add this app to the Dock.



Some handy points:

- The automatic name for screen recording is in this format - **“Screen Recording date at time.mov.”**

- Screen recording files can be opened in the most video player and editing apps like QuickTime, VLC, iMovie, etc.
- A few Mac apps may not allow you to record their window.
- After launching the screen recording tool, press **esc** if you wish to cancel.

Now, you know how to take screen recordings on your Mac using the inbuilt tools.

Third-party Mac screen recorders,

- [Camtasia](#)
- [Capto: Screen Capture & Record](#)
- [ScreenFlow](#)
- [OBS Studio](#)

I hope this quick guide on Mac's screen recording was helpful. If you have additional questions, please ask me via the comments section below.

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