

The J-Trix Titler

Cheers for checking out this program for Mac OS X. It should run on early revisions of the OS, through to Snow Leopard. Otherwise, use a virtual machine / emulator, such as VirtualBox, QEMU or PearPC.

- The J-Trix is designed to do falling, random characters at various speeds, as a background for your own short title message. You can choose whatever colours you like, but it's best to use something vibrant, as the trailing characters will be faded close to black.
- Images that you choose to use for the overlay must be 960 × 720 pixels for the 4:3 mode and 1280 × 720 pixels for the 16:9 aspect. The alpha channel is specified separately, and should be inverted, meaning that the black parts are the most visible, and the white is transparent. You can use any images that QuickTime supports. I also recommend converting any grey-scale images (including the alpha channel) to 24 bit colour, because they tend to look patchy for some unknown reason.
- The program also lets you determine how many frames pass before the characters shift downwards, and how often the characters all change to a new, random selection. The default settings are aimed at 50 Hz videos, so if you're doing 60 Hz, you might want a value a bit higher.
- To create a movie file from the PICT files that The J-Trix produces, a program like Quick Movie is recommended. I personally use this to make a MOV file, which I then put into JES DeInterlacer, to produce DV files suitable for iMovie.

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