Setting up Apple QMaster for Faster Transcoding and Compression

Qmaster is a background application that tells the computer how many processors to use when encoding in Compressor.

This document covers how to set up Qmaster for Apple’s Compressor, versions 3 and 4.

Setting Up Qmaster for Apple’s Compressor 4

Launch **Compressor 4.**

From the **Apple Qmaster** menu, choose **Share This Computer.**

The **Apple Qmaster Sharing** window will appear. Select the **Setup** pane.

![Apple Qmaster Sharing window](http://mediastorm.com)
Check the button adjacent to **Share this computer as** and select **QuickCluster with services**.

In the **Services** select **Compressor** and choose **options**.

In the pop up menu choose the **Number of Instances**, or processors, you’d like to use for your compression.

![Number of Instances](image)

**Note:** The more processors you use for your compression, the less responsive your computer will be for other tasks, like editing.

In the **Identify this QuickCluster as** window box, enter the name of your project.

In the **Advanced** tab of the Apple Qmaster Sharing, make sure the **Allow discovery via Bonjour** box is **not** selected.

![Advanced Settings](image)

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Click **OK**.

To start using Qmaster with Apple’s Compressor, see the additional compression and transcoding documents on MediasStorm’s Resources page: [http://mediastorm.com/train/resources](http://mediastorm.com/train/resources)

**Setting Up Qmaster for Apple’s Compressor 3**

Open **System Preferences**, located in the left-hand menu beneath the apple icon.

Select **Qmaster**.

If you receive the message that Qmaster must stop and reopen, click **OK**.
The Qmaster Preference Pane

If Qmaster is already running, press the Stop Sharing button at the bottom right of the Qmaster preference pane.

At the top of the window, select the Setup button.

From the Share this computer as option select QuickCluster with services.

In the Services menu select Share option adjacent to Compressor.

Select Options for Selected Services.

In the pop up menu choose the Number of Instances, or processors, you’d like to use for your compression.

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**Note:** If this above menu does not appear, deselect the Share button then select it again.

Also, the more processors you use for your compression, the less responsive your computer will be for other tasks, like editing.

In the **Identify this QuickCluster as** window box, enter the name of your project.

In the **Advanced** tab of the Qmaster preference, make sure the **Allow discovery via Bonjour** box is **not** selected.

Select **Start Sharing**.

Quit **System Preferences** (command-Q).

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