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## **Thank you**

Thank you for trying iPhoto Buddy.

## **What's new in version 1.3.9?**

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Addressed several minor cosmetic issues under when running under Mac OS X El Capitan (10.11.x).

## **Installation:**

To install iPhoto Buddy, simply copy the iPhoto Buddy application to any folder on your hard drive. The "Applications" folder is recommended, but not required.

If iPhoto Buddy is already installed on your Mac, you can simply delete the previous version, or allow the Finder to replace it with this newer version. The newer version will retain your Library List and all of your previous settings.

*Note: be sure to quit both iPhoto Buddy and iPhoto Buddy Menu prior to deleting/replacing a previous version.*

*Note: beginning with version 1.2.8, iPhoto Buddy is a Universal application. As such, it now has a file extension (.app) that may or may not be visible in the Finder, depending upon your Finder Preferences. Prior versions of iPhoto Buddy did not have a file extension. As such, it is possible to have copies of both the older (non-Universal) and the newer (Universal) application in the same folder – and they will appear to be exactly the same! To avoid this confusion, simply delete any previous versions of iPhoto Buddy from your hard drive(s).*

## **Instructions:**

Refer to the iPhoto Buddy Manual for instructions on how to use iPhoto Buddy and iPhoto Buddy Menu.

## **If you need assistance or have suggestions/comments:**

Feel free to email me at [support@iphotobuddy.com](mailto:support@iphotobuddy.com). I always appreciate feedback and suggestions!

## **iPhoto Buddy Needs Your Help!**

### **A note from the author.**

The response to iPhoto Buddy has been quite overwhelming. While it was originally developed for my own personal use and as a programming exercise, it was subsequently posted to the Internet in response to a few requests I received in various discussion forums.

I'm quite pleased at the reception it has received, and my original bandwidth-related issues appear to be resolved (at least for now). Still, a great deal of time and effort has gone into supporting iPhoto Buddy as well as updating it to include requested features and to correct the occasional bug.

For the moment, iPhoto Buddy is free—and I certainly wish to keep it that way. You are not required to pay anything to download or use it. If you like it however, please consider making a donation to the author in the spirit of shareware, and in the interest of keeping it updated and available at no charge from my site. You can

easily make a donation in any amount you like using any of the methods below:

1. From within iPhoto Buddy, select “About iPhoto Buddy” from the “iPhoto Buddy” menu, and click on the “PayPal Donate” or “Donate By Snail Mail” buttons.
2. From the Finder, double-click on the “Donate To iPhoto Buddy” URL file found in the same folder as this READ ME file.
3. From within your web-browser, click the “Donate” button on the iPhoto Buddy Download Page located at: <http://www.iphotobuddy.com/download.html>.
4. Some iPhoto Buddy users have expressed a desire to donate directly by sending a check. To do so, please mail your check to:

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Unless you choose to donate by check (via snail mail), donations are made through Pay Pal, which means they are fast, easy, safe, secure, and free of any service charges. I do not collect/retain any personal information, and I will not contact you beyond saying “Thank You.”

Believe me, I hate being pestered for money as much as the next person, but the realities of keeping iPhoto Buddy alive and free of charge are what they are. Please do your part to help keep iPhoto Buddy free!

***Your support and feedback are greatly appreciated!***

## **Un-installation (to remove iPhoto Buddy from your Mac):**

If you have previously used iPhoto Buddy to access more than one iPhoto Library, and you wish to revert to using just the default Library with iPhoto, then you will want to “reset” iPhoto so that it will automatically find and use the default Library, as it did before you began using iPhoto Buddy. To do so, simply use iPhoto Buddy one last time to launch iPhoto with your default Library. Henceforth, iPhoto will always default to using that Library (just as originally intended by Apple).

To permanently remove iPhoto Buddy from your Mac, simply drag the application file to the Trash. While it is not necessary, you can also remove iPhoto Buddy’s Preferences folder, if you’d like. It is simply a folder called “iPhoto Buddy” in your Preferences folder, in your Library folder, in your Home (user) folder:

/Users/YOUR\_USER\_NAME/Library/Preferences/iPhoto Buddy

To remove this folder, simply drag it to the Trash.

## **Version history:**

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### **v 1.3.9**

- Corrected a bug that caused the iPhoto Buddy Menu item in Buddy's Preferences to be disabled when running Mac OS X El Capitan (10.11.x).
- Addressed several minor cosmetic issues when running Mac OS X El Capitan (10.11.x).

### **v 1.3.8**

- Corrected a bug that caused the iPhoto Buddy Menu item in Buddy's Preferences to be disabled when running Mac OS X Yosemite (10.10.x).
- Addressed several minor cosmetic issues when running Mac OS X Yosemite (10.10.x).
- Other minor performance/compatibility improvements.

### **v 1.3.7**

- Added support for Aperture – launch any of your Libraries using Aperture (requires iPhoto 9.3 or later and Aperture 3.3 or later)
- Corrected an issue that prevented some newly-created Libraries from being properly added to the Library List
- Corrected an issue in iPhoto Buddy Menu that prevented the iMovie menu option from displaying and/or working properly on some systems.
- Improved compatibility with the new unified Library format used by iPhoto 9.3
- Improved compatibility with Mac OS X 10.9 Mavericks.

### **v 1.3.6**

- Updated for compatibility with Mac OS X 10.7 (Lion).
- Corrected a bug that occasionally prevented random Thumbnails from being created as expected.
- Corrected a bug with Help Tags.
- Miscellaneous stability improvements.

### **v 1.3.5**

- Updated for compatibility with iLife '11 (iPhoto 9.x).

- Corrected a bug that occasionally prevented Events, Faces, and Places from being included in the Info Panel.

## v 1.3.4

Version 1.3.4 introduces two of the most frequently requested features: **Library Launchers**, and **Thumbnails** for iPhoto Buddy Menu.

- **Library Launchers** are icons you can double-click from the Finder or click in the Dock to instantly open a Library in iPhoto without having to launch iPhoto Buddy first. They're easy to create, very fast, and their icons can even be customized with one of your own photos.
- Buddy's **Thumbnail Images** are now optionally displayed in iPhoto Buddy Menu. The Thumbnail size is user-adjustable.
- Entries in Buddy's Library List can now be quickly re-linked to Libraries that have been moved from one drive (volume) to another. It is no longer necessary to delete and recreate the entry.
- Corrected an issue that prevented random Thumbnail creation with Libraries created by iPhoto 8.x and later.
- Corrected an issue in iPB Menu which could cause un-mounted volumes to be mounted without the user's input.
- Miscellaneous performance and stability improvements.

## v 1.3.3 *(a maintenance release)*

- Introducing iPhoto Buddy Menu – a persistent Status Menu in your Mac's Menu Bar that provides instant access to each of your Libraries – even when iPhoto Buddy is not running. Mac OS X 10.4 or later required.
- Corrected an issue introduced in v1.3.2 that caused a crash at startup on OS X 10.4.11 if there were invalid entries in the user's Login Items list.
- Corrected an issue introduced in v1.3.2 that prevented iPhoto Buddy Menu from launching if a particular item was not set in Buddy's Preferences.
- Minor issues with sheet-window layering corrected.

## v 1.3.2

- Introducing iPhoto Buddy Menu – a persistent Status Menu in your Mac's Menu Bar that provides instant access to each of your Libraries – even when iPhoto Buddy is not running. Mac OS X 10.4 or later required.
- Create new Libraries in one simple step – no more creating empty folders in the Finder first.
- A new Preferences option allows the user to specify which (if any) Library Buddy should register when it quits, so that subsequently launching iPhoto (or the

other iApps) *without* using Buddy always opens the same Library. The selected Library is indicated in the Library List with a blue dot.

- Corrected an issue where Buddy would launch iWeb in stead of iMovie from the contextual menu or the Dock Menu.
- Corrected an issue where Buddy could quit iDVD without giving the user an opportunity to save changes to their projects first.
- The Preference item to prevent iPhoto from overwriting the Library registered with the other iApps was removed, as it is ineffective.
- Performance and stability improvements.

### v 1.3.1

- Added support for iPhoto 8 (iLife '09).
- Added icons in the Library List indicating which Library is currently registered with iPhoto and which is currently registered with other Applications.
- Improved the Library verification process so that adding Libraries to the Library List is more reliable.
- A warning message is displayed if the user attempts to add a Library that contains ampersand characters (&) in the path to the Library List.
- Corrected an issue that prevented some Libraries from opening as expected from the Dock Menu.
- Corrected an issue that prevented the Dock Menu from behaving correctly when iPhoto Buddy was not the front Application.
- Performance and stability enhancements.

### v 1.3

- Added support for Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard).
- Corrected an issue that caused loading of the Info Panel and Album List to fail with iPhoto 7.1.x Libraries.
- Significantly faster load times for the Info Panel and Album List.
- The Info Panel and Album List are now displayed in a resizable drawer.
- Updated appearance on Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard).
- A number of significant performance and stability improvements.

### v 1.2.8

- Buddy now allows you to save & use a separate copy of iPhoto's Preferences with each Library in your Library List.
- Corrected an issue that caused Buddy to display an error message and quit if the Info Panel was open while in Name mode if there were unfound Libraries in the Library List.
- Corrected an issue that caused Buddy to display an error message and quit if

the Info Panel was open and a Library belonging to iPhoto 4.x or earlier was selected in the Library List.

- Buddy now updates the Library List properly when changes have been made to a Library in the List while Buddy was not the active application.
- Corrected an issue where Buddy was not always properly caching Library information, causing delays when changing the selection in the Library List.
- Corrected an issue that caused Buddy to incorrectly display the error message “Library Registration Failed”, when in fact, the “registration” had been successful.
- Corrected an issue where Album counts were not always correct on some systems for iPhoto 2.x Libraries.
- Minor performance and stability improvements.

### v 1.2.7

- Added support for iLife '08
- iPhoto Buddy is now a Universal Application
- Added preferences for selecting the specific version/copy of each iLife Application Buddy will launch
- Buddy now automatically adds the Default Library to the Library List upon first launch
- The Default Library is now highlighted in the Library List
- Libraries can be added to the Library List by dropping them on Buddy’s icon in the Finder/Dock
- Thumbnails can be added to the selected Library by dropping them on Buddy’s icon in the Finder/Dock
- Random thumbnails can now be assigned from Libraries that do not contain the original photo files
- PDF files now supported for thumbnails
- Improved Library searching
- Corrected a bug that prevented the modifier keys from being properly recognized when attempting to register a Library without launching one of the iApps
- Corrected a bug where Buddy didn't always properly honor the "Attempt to mount network and Disk Image volumes at startup" preference setting
- Minor performance and stability improvements

### v 1.2.6

- Added Library Search feature
- Added support for directly launching iWeb with the selected (or Default) Library
- Corrected an issue where Podcasts did not display correctly in the Album List
- Improved “Reveal In Finder” feature

- Double-clicking an Album, Slideshow, etc. in the Album List now launches iPhoto and switches to the selected item as expected.
- Internet-based version checking no longer slows/hangs the application if the website is down or the computer's Internet connection is slow
- Links to website and support email have been modified to reflect the new URL for the iPhoto Buddy website: <http://www.iphotobuddy.com/>
- Minor performance and reliability improvements

#### **v 1.2.5**

- Added the ability to automatically check for a newer version of iPhoto Buddy via the Internet (active Internet Connection required)
- Corrected an issue that prevented adding new iPhoto 6 Libraries to the Library List under certain circumstances
- Minor performance and reliability improvements

#### **v 1.2.4**

- Added support for iLife '06
- Improved international (non-English Language) support.
- Corrected an issue that caused an error message to be displayed if the user clicked the Launch button when there was no selection in the Library List.

#### **v 1.2.3**

- Corrected Info Panel data for iPhoto 5.0.2 and later.

#### **v 1.2.2**

- Added support for HFS+ case-sensitive disk format.
- Improved Library-switching reliability on certain systems running OS X 10.4.x (Tiger).
- Improved double-click responsiveness.
- Corrected a text-encoding error in the Dock Menu.

#### **v 1.2.1**

- Compatible with Mac OS X 10.4 (Tiger).
- New preference added to optionally prevent iPhoto from changing the selected Library to be used with iMovie/iDVD.
- If a password protected Library is registered when iPhoto Buddy is quit, Buddy registers the default Library instead. This prevents password protected Libraries from being subsequently opened in iPhoto (or iMovie/iDVD) via the Finder.
- "Not found" Libraries are no longer incorrectly identified as empty folders.



## **v 1.2b**

- Corrected a v 1.2 bug that displayed non-English, accented characters incorrectly in the Album List and in the folder information of the Library List.
- Corrected a V 1.2 bug that prevented the Library List from being properly updated when a new, empty folder has just been converted to a new, empty iPhoto Library.

## **v 1.2**

- Added support for iLife '05
- Completely redesigned the Info Panel to provide more pertinent and accurate information.
- Added optional Library password protection, with Keychain support
- Added optional, resizable thumbnail images to the Library List
- Freshened the user interface to be more consistent with recent versions of iPhoto
- The Album List is now sorted exactly as iPhoto sorts it, rather than alphabetically. Hierarchical folders are fully supported.
- Added a new preference to determine what action iPhoto Buddy will take immediately after launching iPhoto (or iMovie/iDVD): Do nothing, Hide, Minimize to the Dock, or Quit.
- Added “Dock Poof” animation when deleting Libraries from the Library List
- Buddy is now better able to locate iApps that have been moved from their default locations
- Corrected a bug that caused iDVD to launch in place of iPhoto when using the contextual menu from the Library List.
- Corrected a cosmetic bug that caused the Launch button to flash when clicked
- A number of “under the hood” changes to improve speed and stability.

## **v 1.1.8**

- Added support for iLife '04
- Added support for iDVD
- Improved support for long Library names.
- Resolved an issue where the font used to display button text was incorrect on some systems.

## **v 1.1.7**

- Now Fully compatible with OS X 10.3 “Panther” as well as OS X 10.2 “Jaguar”
- Double-clicking an album in the Album List now works in OS X 10.3.x “Panther” AND in OS X 10.2.x “Jaguar”.
- Launching iPhoto while the Album List is active now has the same effect as double-clicking the currently selected Album.

- Folder-renaming in the Info Panel now behaves more like folder-renaming in the Finder.
- Command-Up Arrow and Command-Down Arrow keys now select the first and last items in the active List, respectively.

## v 1.1.6

- Version 1.1.6 is primarily a maintenance update
- In the interest of consistency with iPhoto, the Album List (in the Info Panel) now refers to the Library itself as “Photo Library” as opposed to the user-supplied Library name.
- Added “Delete Library” and “Rename Library” options to the “File” menu.
- Changed the order and wording of several contextual menu options for consistency with like options in the main menus.
- Corrected a bug that caused the System to repeatedly display the network authorization dialog when the Library List contains Libraries on unmounted network volumes.
- Added a Preference option to determine whether or not iPhoto Buddy attempts to mount unmounted network volumes at startup if there are Libraries in the Library List that reside on network volumes.
- “Reveal In Finder” option now works properly for Libraries on mounted network volumes.
- The “Drive” and “Path” display modes now include the System-supplied server name/IP address for Libraries on network volumes.

## v 1.1.5

- Added a dock menu for selecting Libraries and launching/quitting iPhoto & iMovie.
- Added several Assistance dialogs to help new users get up and running quickly and easily.
- Library names (and paths to Libraries) can now contain any character supported by the Finder, including symbols and accented characters.
- Double-clicking an album in the Album List now instructs iPhoto to switch to that Album, launching (or re-launching) iPhoto with the appropriate Library as necessary.
- Increased the use of contextual menus throughout the application.
- Added checkboxes to the warning dialogs so the user can optionally suppress them in the future.
- Corrected contextual menu behavior when the Library List is empty.
- Added direct links for email support and for making donations in the “About iPhoto Buddy” window.
- The Library List now sorts correctly
- iPhoto Buddy now correctly remembers which Preference Page was last selected after a quit and re-launch.
- The selected Library now remains selected after being renamed in the Library

List.

- Several other minor bug fixes.

#### **v 1.1.4**

- A Library can now be selected in the Library List by typing in the first few characters of the Library's name.
- An album can similarly be selected in the Album List (Info Panel).
- Contextual Menus now work for opening, revealing, and deleting a Library from the Library List.
- When a Library is added to the Library List, it is now automatically selected, whereas previously, the current selection was unchanged when a Library was added.

#### **v 1.1.3**

- Holding down the Command (⌘) key while “launching” the selected Library now “registers” that Library without launching iPhoto or iMovie. As such, any subsequent launch of iPhoto (or iMovie) from the Finder will open that Library.
- A new option has been added to the General Preferences that will “register” the default iPhoto Library with both iPhoto and iMovie each time iPhoto Buddy is quit manually—thus restoring both iApps to their “default” behavior. For backward compatibility with prior versions of iPhoto Buddy, this new Preference option is off by default.
- The ‘&’, ‘<’, and/or ‘>’ characters can now be used in Library names and in the names of any folders in the Library's path. Previously, this would cause iPhoto to delete its Preferences file, display its “first-time startup” dialog, and open only the default Library.
- Corrected a bug where iPhoto Buddy did not distinguish properly between iPhoto and iMovie when both were running at the same time as iPhoto Buddy.

#### **v 1.1.2**

- Renamed “Select/View” button to “Launch” button in the interest of consistency with its current function. The old label became obsolete several versions ago but was not updated until this version. Various labels and menu items have been updated to reflect the change.
- Added “Launch iPhoto With Default Library” to “File” menu. This new option removes any previous Library “registration”, allowing iPhoto to resume using it's own default Library.
- Corrected a bug where the Launch button was not fully disabled when iPhoto Buddy was launched with an empty Library List.

## **v 1.1.1**

- Various minor bug fixes
- Added color feedback on Select/View button
- Added preference option for color feedback