

medienwerk PDF-Presenter

Manual · Version 2.0 · macOS and Windows

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1. What the app does

medienwerk PDF-Presenter shows PDF presentations the way you know it from PowerPoint: the audience sees the current slide in full screen on a projector or second monitor, while your own screen shows the **presenter view** with the current slide, the next slide, all slides as thumbnails, the talk timer, the time of day and – if you use it – the countdown of an **Ontime** timer from your network.

Any PDF works: exports from PowerPoint, Keynote, Google Slides, Canva, LibreOffice and others. Slides are rendered sharply at the full resolution of the projector and pre-rendered in the background, so the next slide appears without delay.

2. System requirements

macOS	macOS 14 Sonoma or later, Apple Silicon or Intel
Windows	Windows 10 or 11, 64-bit
Screens	A second monitor or projector for the audience (works with one screen, too)
Clicker	Any presenter remote that works with PowerPoint (Logitech, Kensington, …)
Ontime (optional)	Ontime 1.x, 3.x or 4.x in the same network

3. Installation

macOS

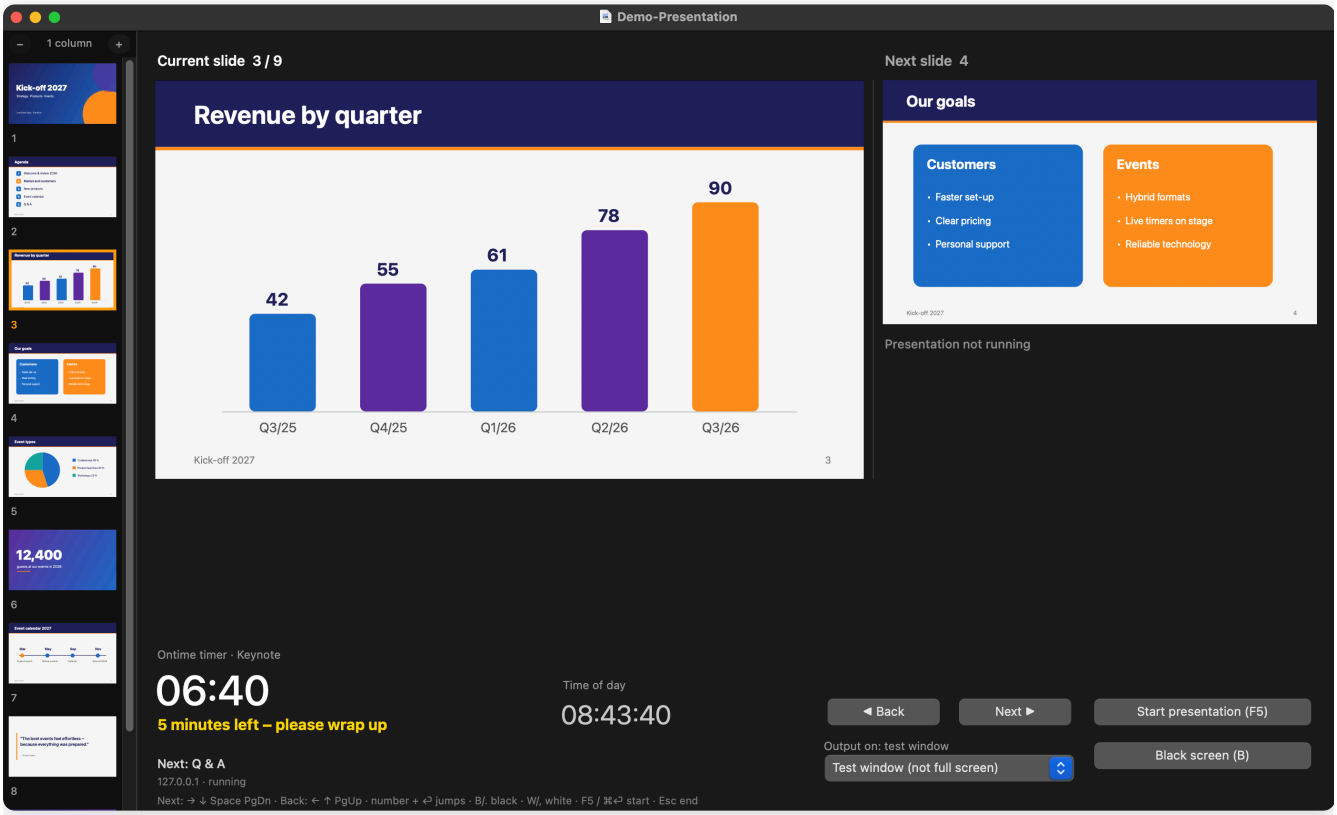
1. Open **medienwerk-PDFPresenter-2.0.dmg** and drag the app into **Applications**.
2. On the first start, right-click the app and choose **Open**, then confirm with **Open**. (The app is signed but not yet notarized by Apple, so macOS asks once.)
3. macOS may ask whether the app may access the local network – allow it if you want to use Ontime.

Windows

1. Run **medienwerk-PDFPresenter-Setup-2.0.0.exe** and follow the installer, or start **medienwerk-PDFPresenter-2.0.0-portable.exe** directly without installing (e.g. from a USB stick).
2. If Microsoft SmartScreen warns about an unknown app, click **More info** → **Run anyway**.
3. If the Windows firewall asks about network access, allow it for the private network to use Ontime.

4. Getting started

1. Connect the projector or second monitor. On a Mac set the displays to **Extend** (not “Mirror”) in System Settings → Displays; on Windows press `Win` + `P` → **Extend**.
2. Open your PDF: **File** → **Open …** (`⌘O` / `Ctrl+O`), drag the PDF onto the window, or use “Open with” in the Finder / Explorer. Recently used files are under **File** → **Open Recent**.
3. Press `F5` or click **Start presentation**. The audience sees the slide in full screen, you keep the presenter view.
4. Press `Esc` to end the presentation.



The presenter view on the Mac.

5. The presenter view

- **Slide sidebar (left)** – all slides as thumbnails; the current one is framed in orange. Click a slide to jump to it.
- **Current slide** – exactly what the audience sees.

- **Next slide** – what comes after this one (“End of presentation” after the last slide). Below it the status: black/white screen, a slide number you are typing, or “Presentation not running”.
- **Talk time** – starts with the presentation; pause or reset it with the buttons below.
- **Time of day** and the **Ontime timer** (when connected).
- **Back / Next**, **Start / End presentation**, **Black screen** and the **output screen** selection.

6. Presenting on the second screen

With **Output on** you choose where the audience view appears:

Automatic (second screen)	Uses a screen that does not show the presenter view. Recommended.
A specific screen	Always uses this monitor or projector.
Test window (not full screen)	Shows the audience view in a normal window – for rehearsing without a projector.

With only one screen, the presentation covers it completely like in PowerPoint; the keys keep working and `Esc` brings you back. If a screen is connected or removed during the presentation, the output moves automatically. While presenting, the computer does not go to sleep and the mouse pointer is hidden over the slide. A mouse click on the audience screen goes to the next slide, a right click goes back.

7. Presenter clicker and keyboard

Presenter remotes send the same keys as the keyboard, so they work without any setup.

Action	Keys
Next slide	`→` `↓` `Space` `Page Down` `Enter` `N`
Previous slide	`←` `↑` `Page Up` `Backspace` `P`
First / last slide	`Home` / `End`
Jump to a slide	type the number, then `Enter` (`Esc` cancels)
Black screen on / off	`B` or `.`
White screen on / off	`W` or `,`
Start from the beginning	`F5` · `⌘⇧⏎` / `Ctrl+Shift+Enter`
Start from the current slide	`Shift+F5` · `⌘⏎` / `Ctrl+Enter`
End the presentation	`Esc` (first removes a black screen or a typed number) or `F5`

> On many Mac keyboards the F-keys need `fn`. Presenter remotes send F5 directly.

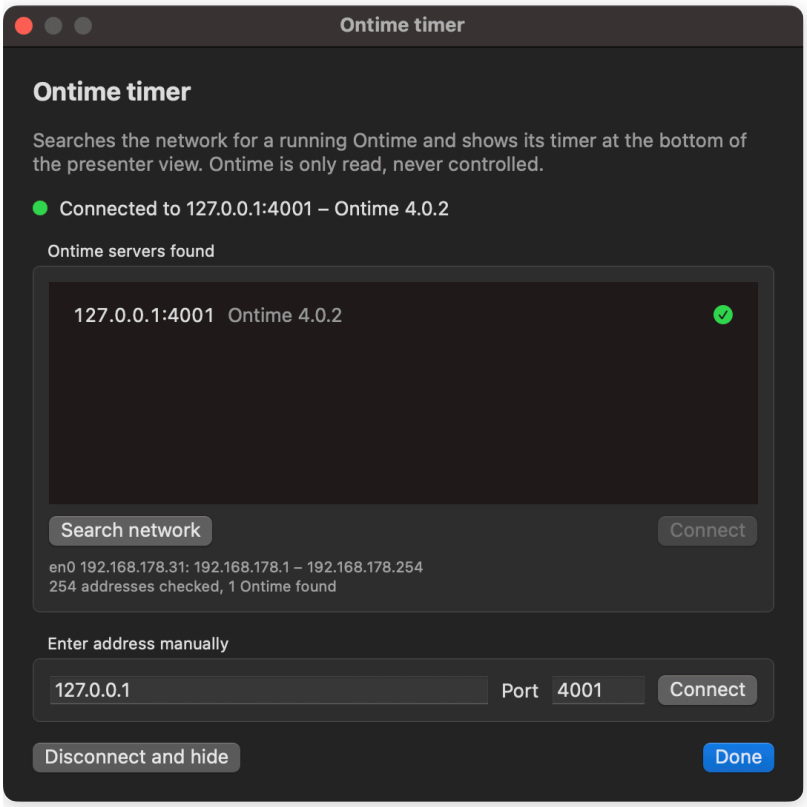
8. Timers and the Ontime timer

The **talk time** starts with the first presentation start and keeps running when you end the presentation; use **Pause timer** and **Reset timer** (also in the Presentation menu).

Ontime

Ontime is a free show timer often used on stages. PDF-Presenter shows the Ontime countdown at the bottom of the presenter view – the app only reads Ontime and never controls it.

1. Choose **Ontime** → **Search for Ontime** (`⌘⇧F` / `Ctrl+Shift+F`). The app searches this computer and the local network (port 4001) and connects to the first Ontime found.
2. If there are several, select one in the list or under **Ontime** → **Found**. You can also type an address in **Connect to Ontime …** (`⌘T` / `Ctrl+T`), including another port.
3. The timer is white while running, orange when paused and red with a minus sign in overtime. The event title is shown above it.
4. The app reconnects on the next start; if Ontime moved to another address it searches again. **Disconnect Ontime** hides the timer.



Searching and connecting Ontime.

9. Adjusting the layout

- **Sidebar width** – drag the line between the sidebar and the slides.
- **Current vs. next slide** – drag the line between the two slides.
- **Slides per row** in the sidebar (1–4) – the **–** / **+** buttons above the thumbnails or **View** → **Slide sidebar** (`⌘1` – `⌘4` / `Ctrl+1` – `4`).

- Double-click a dividing line to reset it; **View** → **Reset layout** (`⌘0` / `Ctrl+0`) resets everything.

All settings are kept for the next start.

10. Language

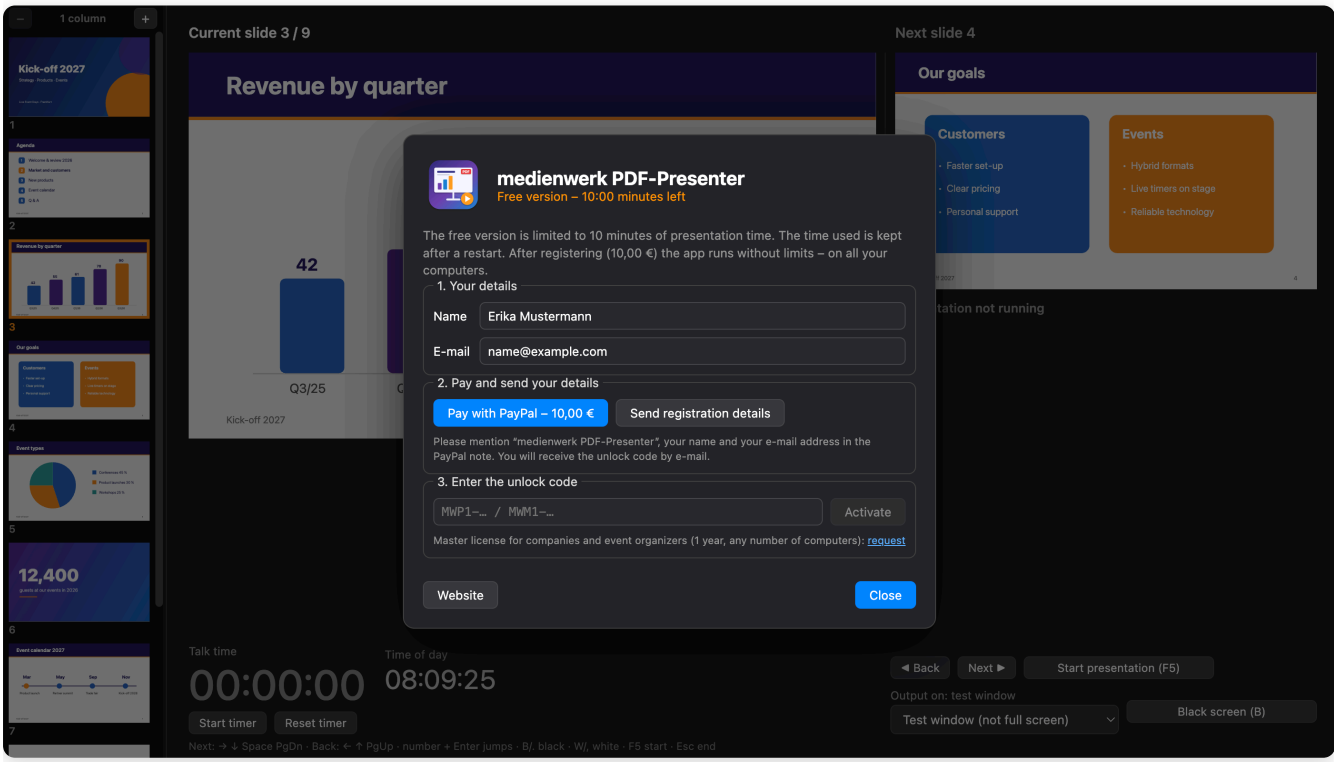
The app speaks English, German and French and starts in the language of your system. Change it under **View** → **Language**; the app restarts in the new language.

11. Free version and registration

The free version has all features. It can present for **10 minutes in total**; the time used is kept after a restart. The remaining time is shown in the window title. When it is used up, the output ends and the registration window opens – the presenter view keeps working.

Registration costs **10,00 €** and unlocks the app without any limits – personally for you, on all your computers:

1. Open **Register …** (Mac: application menu, Windows: Help menu). Enter your **name** and your **e-mail address**.
2. Click **Pay with PayPal – 10,00 €**. In the PayPal note please mention **“medienwerk PDF-Presenter”**, your name and your e-mail address – the app copies this text to the clipboard for you.
3. Click **Send registration details**; your e-mail program opens with the details – send the e-mail.
4. You receive your **unlock code** (it starts with `MWP1–`) by e-mail. Paste it into **Register …** – with exactly the same name and e-mail address – and click **Activate**.



The registration window (Windows).

> The code belongs to your name and e-mail address and works on all your computers. Companies and event organizers can request a **master license** (code starts with `MWM1–`): valid for one year on any number of computers, without name or e-mail.

12. Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
The slide appears on the wrong screen	Choose the screen under **Output on**. Mac: displays must be set to “Extend”.
Only one screen is listed	Mirroring is on: switch to “Extend” (Mac: System Settings → Displays, Windows: `Win` + `P`).
The clicker does nothing	Click once into the presenter window so it has the focus, then try again. Check the clicker’s USB receiver.
Ontime is not found	Both computers must be in the same network; Ontime uses port 4001 by default. Allow network access (macOS prompt / Windows firewall), or enter the address by hand.
“The unlock code does not match”	Enter exactly the e-mail address you registered with; paste the complete code.

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