iChat

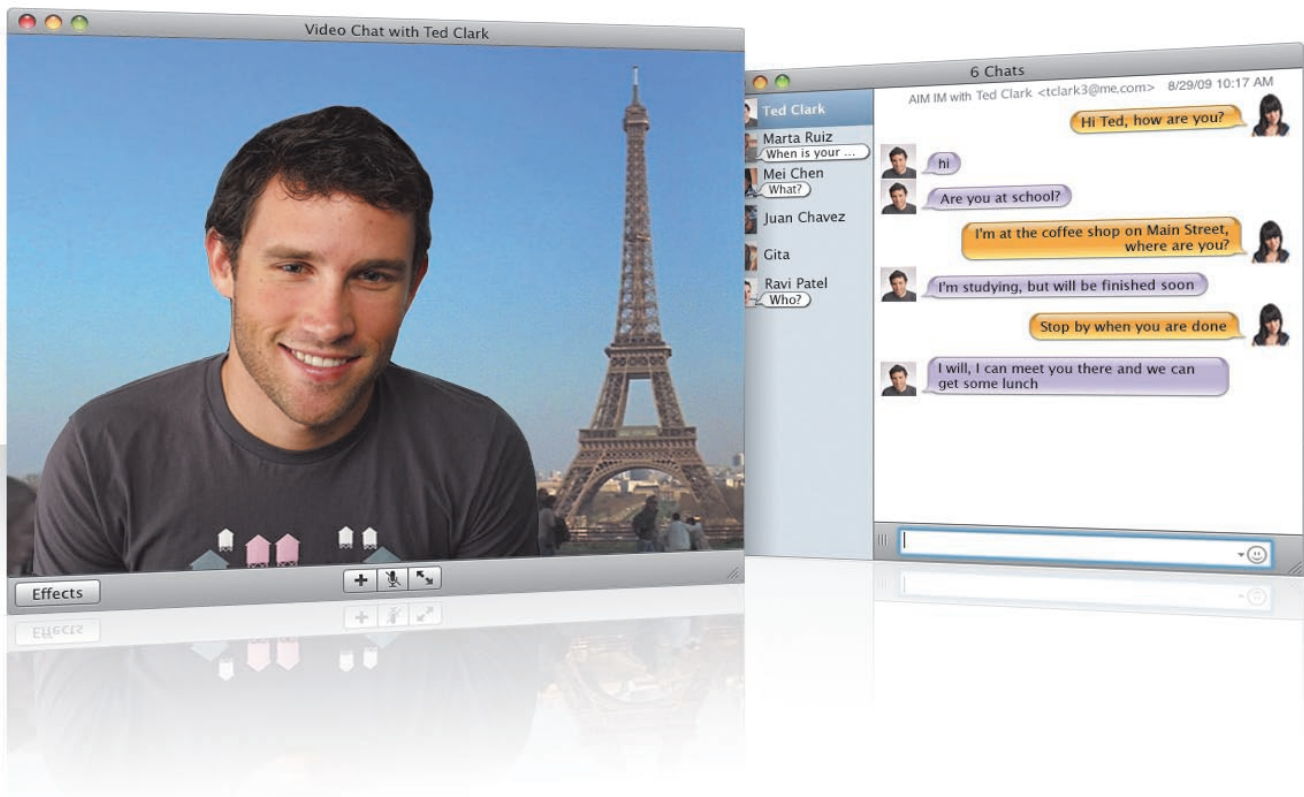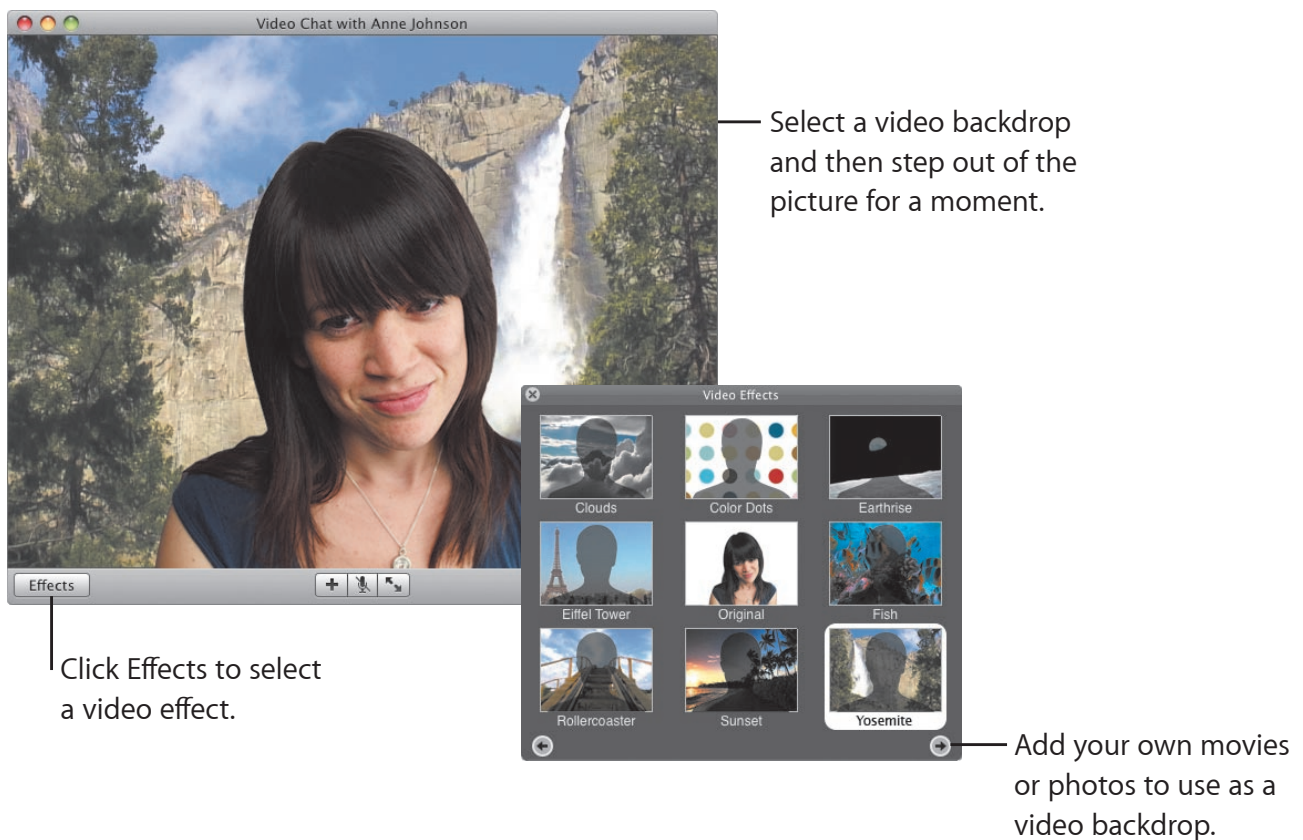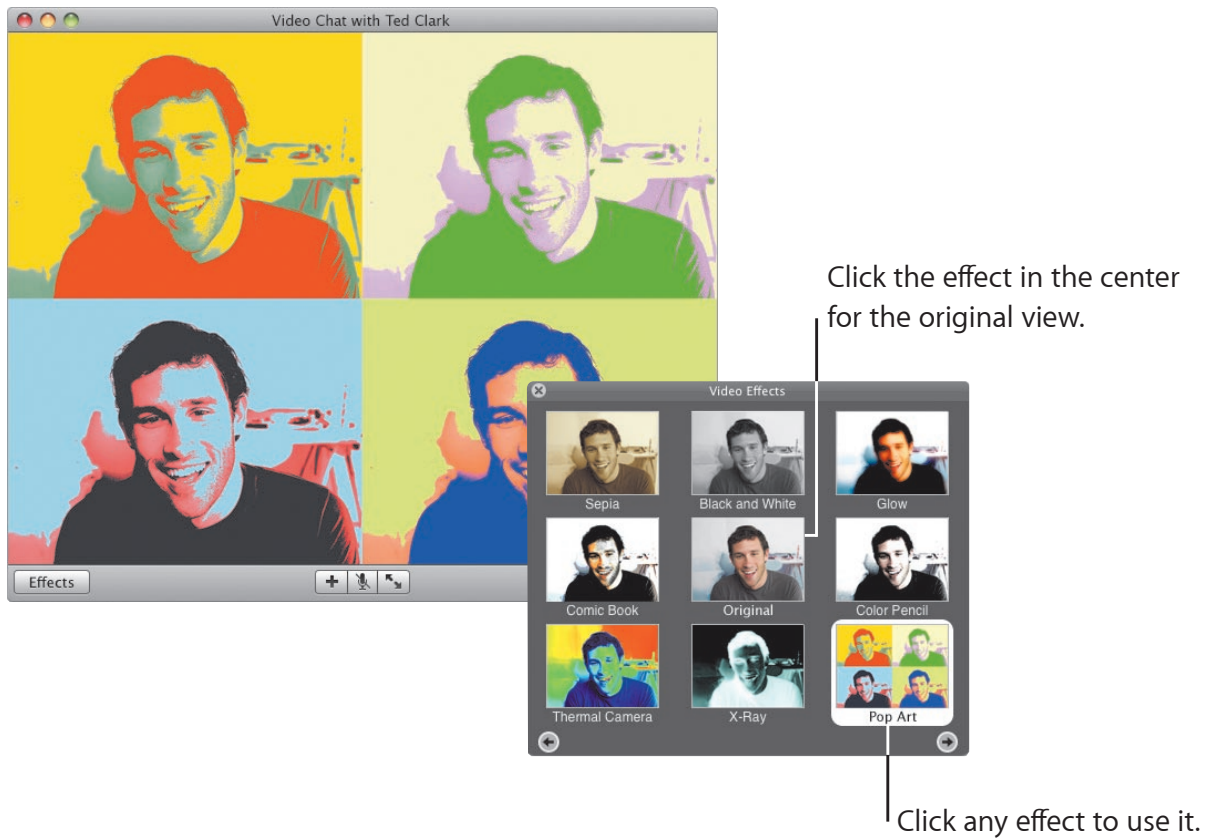**Make your chats more fun using video effects such as backdrops. Show off your work with iChat Theater.**

Video backdrops

Use video backdrops with your chats to "be" anywhere in the world. iChat includes movies and photos that you can use, and you can add your own.

Select a video backdrop and then step out of the picture for a moment.

Click Effects to select a video effect.

Add your own movies or photos to use as a video backdrop.

Effects

While you're in a video chat, you can select video effects to make your chats fun and interesting.

Click the effect in the center for the original view.

Click any effect to use it.

iChat Theater

To show photos, movies, or presentations in a video chat, start the chat and then drag the file or files to the chat window.
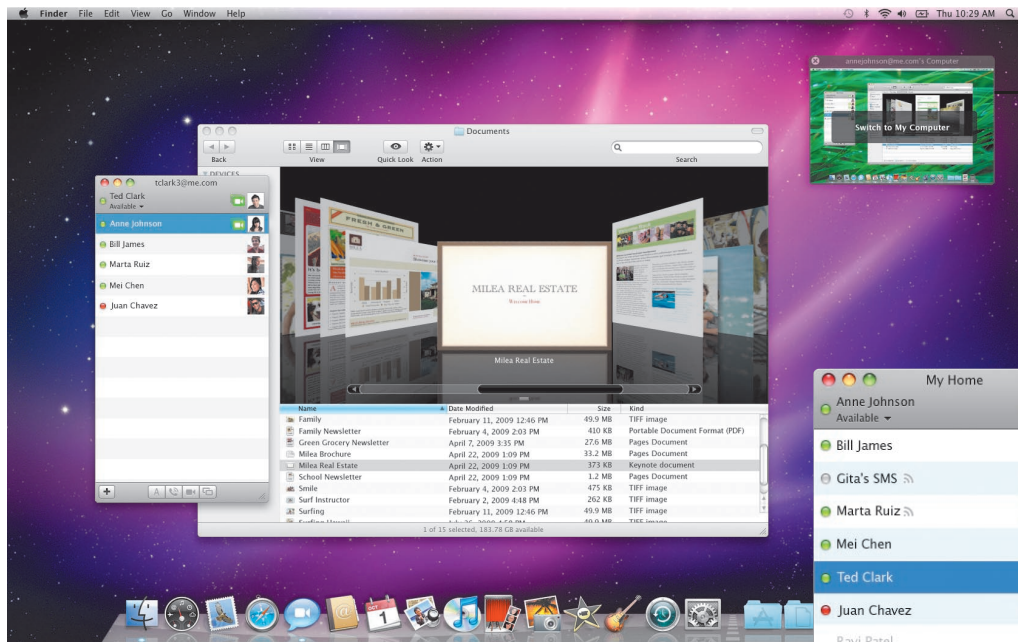

See how your presentation looks to your buddy.

Control your presentation here.

iChat screen sharing

Screen sharing lets you take control of a buddy's computer to show how to do something, rather than just explain it.
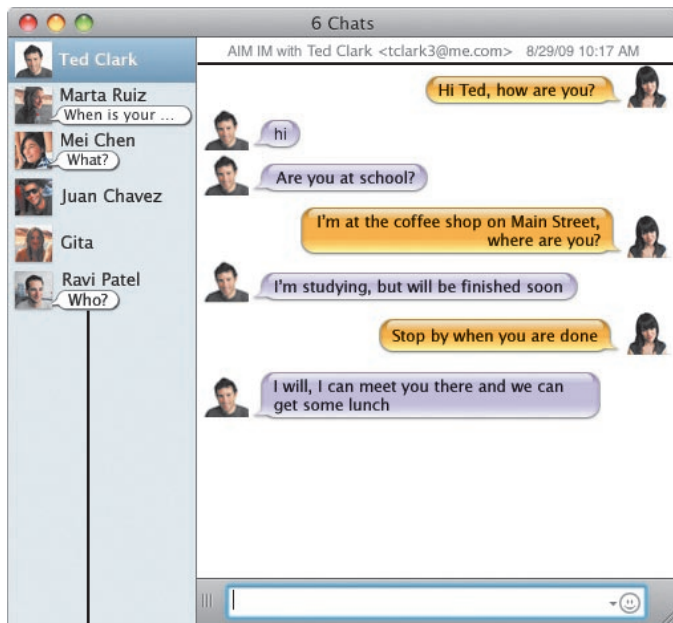

Click to switch screens. To copy a document to this computer, drag it here.

Select a buddy with video chat capability, and then click the Screen Sharing button.

Tabbed chats

Use tabbed chats if you have a lot of chats. To do so, open the Messages pane of iChat preferences, and then select "Collect chats into a single window."

Click a chat to return to it.

See the latest reply from your buddy.