



MADCAP MIMIC 8.2

Touring the Workspace

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

Mimic's workspace is flexible and gives you several options to work the way that you want. For detailed information about interface areas not covered in this PDF, please refer to the online Help.

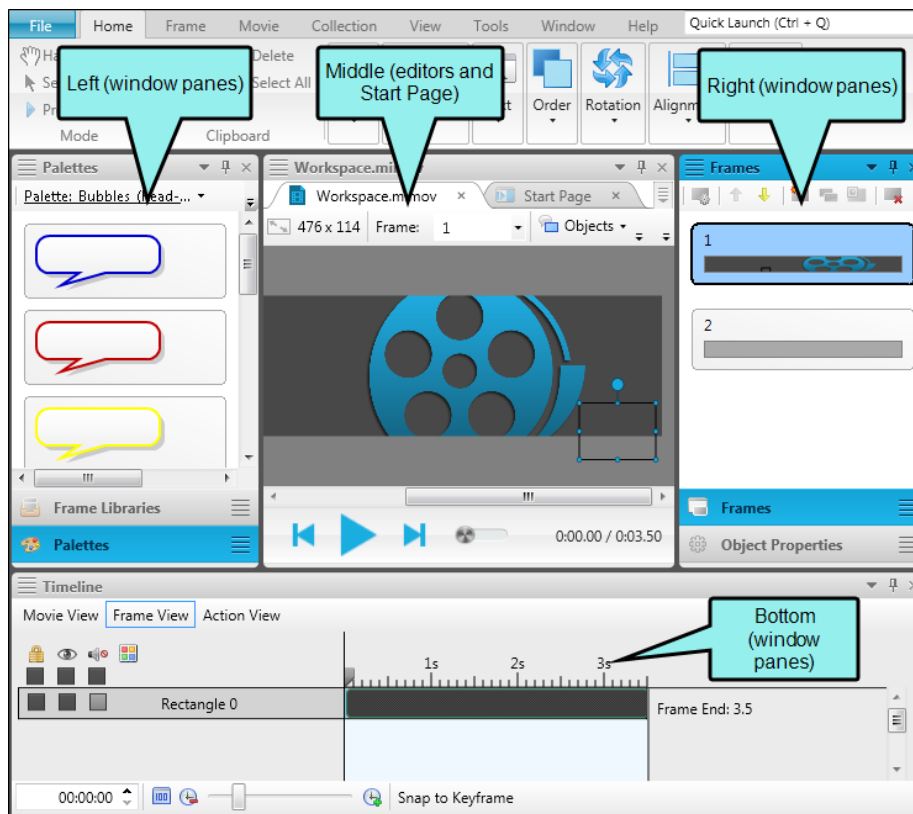
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I Main Sections of the Interface

The user interface consists of the following major sections.

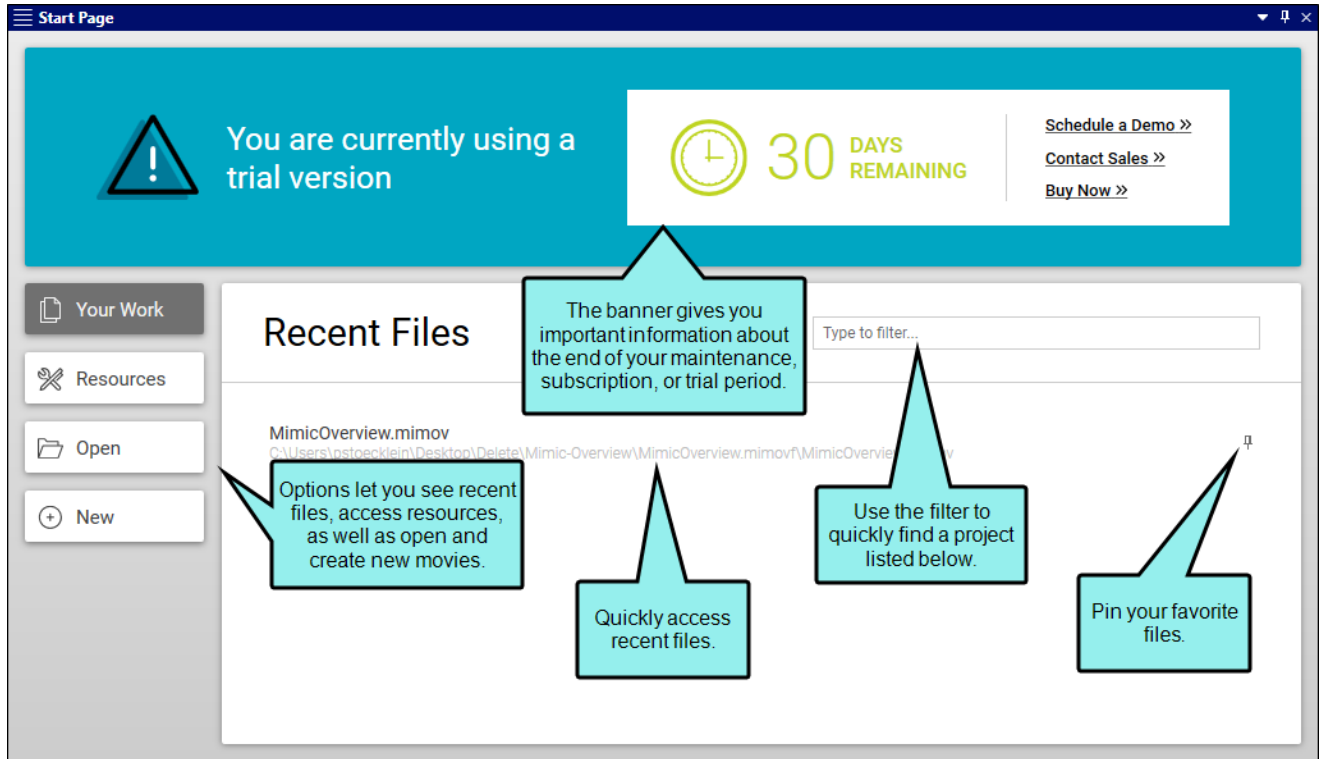
- **Top** The top portion of the Mimic interface displays a ribbon view, used to access features.
- **Left** The left side of the Mimic interface is the default location for many different window panes (e.g., Movies window pane, Palettes window pane, Help TOC window pane, Help Index window pane).
- **Middle** The middle section of the interface is the default location for the editors in Mimic (e.g., Frame Editor, Collection Editor, Dictionary Editor). This middle section also displays the Start Page, which is used for quickly performing high-level tasks and accessing information.
- **Right** The right side of the interface is the default location for other window panes (e.g., Frames window pane, Objects window pane, Dynamic Help).
- **Bottom** The bottom portion of the interface is the default location for yet more window panes (e.g., Timeline window pane, Messages window pane).



The window panes on the right, left, and bottom of the interface are used to support the work that you do in the editors in the middle. You have the flexibility in Mimic to close or move elements around as you like, so it is not mandatory that every window or editor remain permanently in its default location. See "Customizing the Workspace" on page 11.

I Start Page

The Start Page is a handy window pane that displays when you first launch Mimic and remains open unless you close it. You can use the Start Page to open and create movies, view the online Help, and see news and updates. If you do not see it, select **View > Start Page**.



Page Options on Left

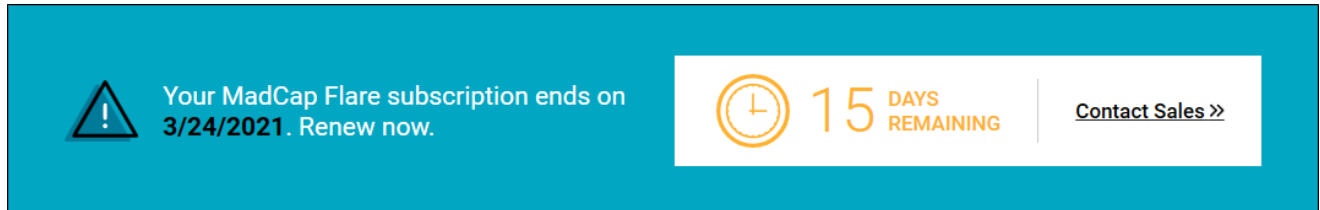
A series of options on the left side of the Start Page can be used to access different information or perform specific actions.

- **Your Work** Displays recent projects, with a filter field at the top. This is the same information that was previously shown on the left side of the Start Page in previous versions. But by clicking this option, you can now see more of it.
- **Resources** This is the same dynamic information that was previously displayed at the bottom of the Start Page. Again, by moving it to a separate page view, more space becomes available to list resources.
- **Open** Lets you open an existing Mimic project.
- **New** Opens the wizard so that you can create a new Mimic movie or collection.

License Expiration Banner

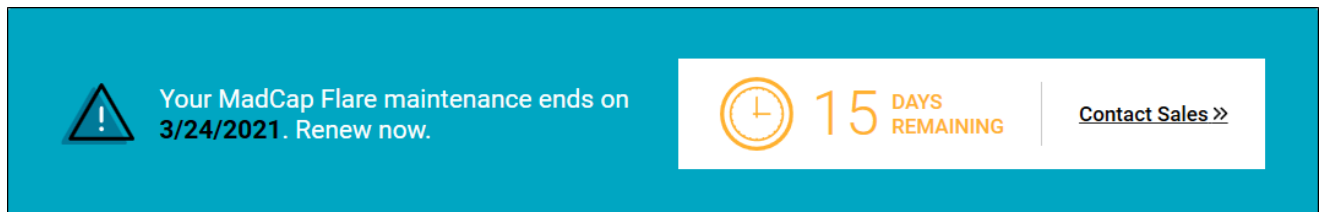
Depending on your type of license (e.g., subscription, maintenance, trial), a banner displays when a deadline for renewing or purchasing is approaching. You can click a link to take action (e.g., Contact Sales). If you have more than 90 days left, you will not see a banner.

Subscription



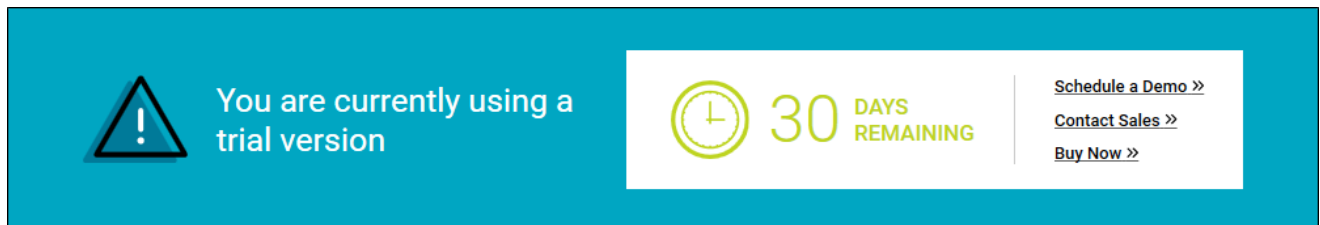
A blue banner with a white warning triangle icon on the left. The text reads: "Your MadCap Flare subscription ends on 3/24/2021. Renew now." To the right, there is a white box containing a clock icon, the number "15", and the text "DAYS REMAINING". Further right, there is a link that says "Contact Sales >>".

Maintenance



A blue banner with a white warning triangle icon on the left. The text reads: "Your MadCap Flare maintenance ends on 3/24/2021. Renew now." To the right, there is a white box containing a clock icon, the number "15", and the text "DAYS REMAINING". Further right, there is a link that says "Contact Sales >>".

Trial

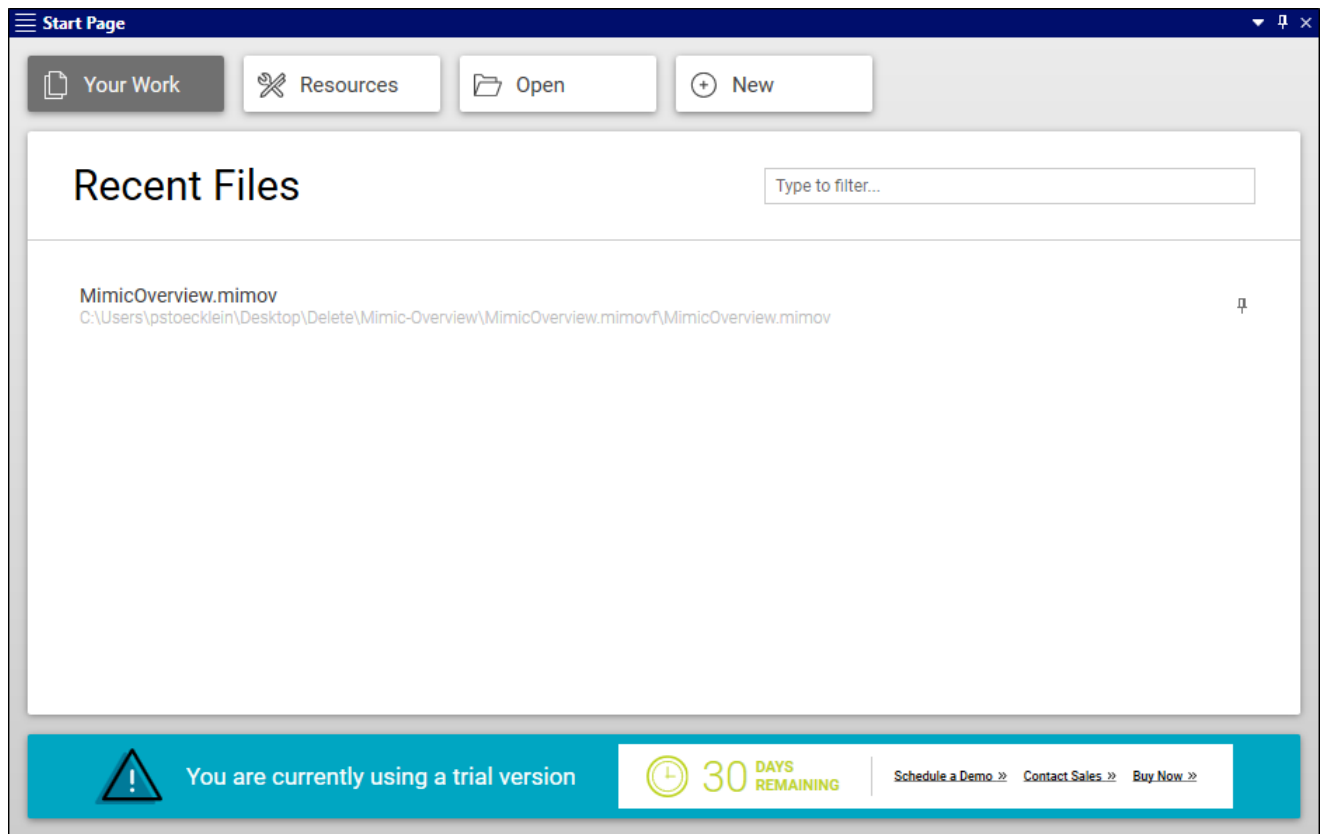


A blue banner with a white warning triangle icon on the left. The text reads: "You are currently using a trial version". To the right, there is a white box containing a clock icon, the number "30", and the text "DAYS REMAINING". Further right, there are three links: "Schedule a Demo >>", "Contact Sales >>", and "Buy Now >>" stacked vertically.

Responsive to Window Size

The layout of the Start Page changes depending on the size of the window.

For example, if the window is large, the page options are shown on the left, and the information banner is at the top. But if the window is reduced in size, the page options are shown at the top, and the information banner is at the bottom. A horizontal bar might also appear if the window becomes narrow enough.



CHAPTER 2

Customizing the Workspace

You can set preferences and customize the workspace in various ways.

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I Customizing Window Layouts

When you move window panes, explorers, or editors around in the Mimic interface, the configuration (or "layout") of the workspace is changed. You can do several things with layouts, including the following.

How to Save a Window Layout

You can save different layouts of the interface, in case you want to use them for different purposes.

1. Configure the workspace how you want it.
2. Select **Window > Save Layout > Save Window Layout As**.
3. In the Save Window Layout dialog, enter a name for the layout.
4. Click **OK**.

How to Auto-Save a Window Layout

You can automatically save the layout of the workspace when you exit Mimic. The next time you launch Mimic, that same layout will be displayed.

Select **Window > Auto-save Layout**.

How to Select a Saved Window Layout

You can quickly change the configuration of your workspace by selecting a window layout that you have saved previously.

Select **Window > Layout > [Name of Layout]**.

How to Reset the Window Layout


You can return the workspace configuration to the original layout that you saw when you first installed and launched Mimic.

Select **Window > Reset Layout**.

How to Reload the Window Layout

You can return the workspace to the saved configuration of the layout. In other words, if you are working in a particular layout and have opened different interface elements or moved interface elements around, you can select this option to go back to the saved configuration.

Select **Window > Reload Layout**.

 **NOTE** Resetting a layout returns the interface to the way it was when you opened Mimic for the first time. Reloading a layout means returning the interface to your last saved layout.

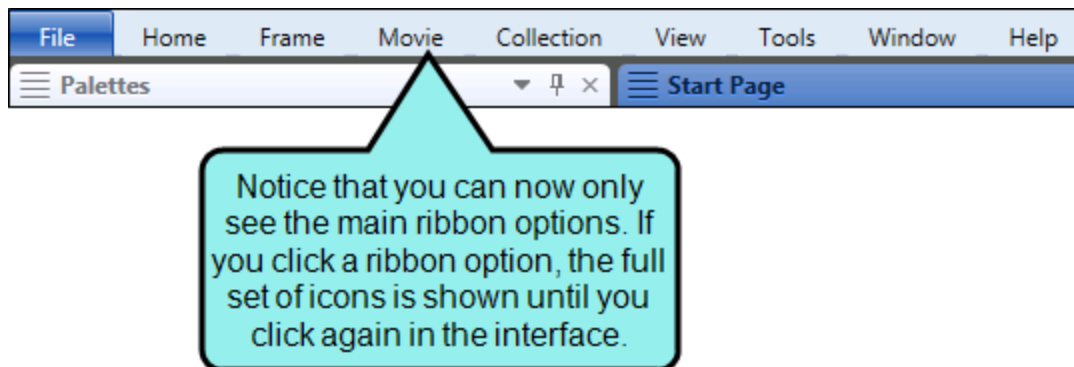
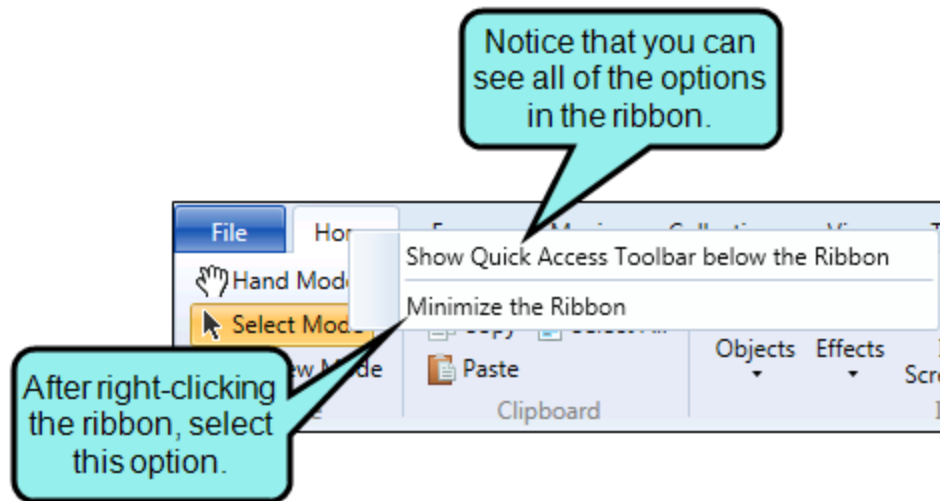
How to Delete a Window Layout

You can open the Manage Window Layouts dialog, which lets you select or delete an existing layout.

1. Select **Window > Layout > Layouts**.
2. Select the layout that you want to delete.
3. Click **Delete**.
4. Confirm the deletion by clicking **OK**.
5. Click **Close**.

I Minimizing Ribbons

You can minimize the ribbons so that you only see the top portion of the ribbons until you select an option. To do this, right-click anywhere in a ribbon and select **Minimize the Ribbon** from the context menu.



I Selecting an Interface Color Theme

You can use the Interface tab on the Options dialog (**File > Options**) to choose a color scheme for the interface: black, classic, or silver.

How to Select an Interface Color Theme

1. Select **File > Options**.
2. Select the **Interface** tab.
3. Click in the **Active Theme** drop-down and select a color scheme.
4. Click **OK**.

APPENDIX

PDFs

The following PDFs are available for download from the online Help.

I Cheat Sheets

Shortcuts Cheat Sheet

I User Guides

Getting Started Guide

Key Features Guide

Movie Creation Guide

Movie Editing Guide

Movie Generation Guide

Touring the Workspace Guide

What's New Guide