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**MADCAP MIMIC 8.2**

# What's New

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## CHAPTER 1

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# Introduction

Mimic 8.2 release notes can be found [here](#).

Following are the new features available in Mimic 8.2.

For more information about each feature discussed in this manual, open the online Help and refer to the "What's New" topic. Links are provided in some feature descriptions, taking you to topics that contain additional information and steps.



**NOTE** These are all features that were added to MadCap Flare in the past and have been inherited by this new release of Mimic.



### "Command Line Activation" on page 6

- Activate (or deactivate) Mimic from the command line
- Helpful for companies using imaged machines and not able to activate Mimic from the user interface
- Available only for customers with enterprise floating licenses



### "Interface Themes Redesigned" on page 10

- Different look for black, classic, and silver themes



## "Start Page Redesigned" on page 14

- Page options on left
- License expiration banner
- Responsive to window size

## CHAPTER 2

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# Command Line Activation

Mimic allows you to activate (or deactivate) the application from the command line. This can be helpful for companies using imaged machines and are not able to activate Mimic from the user interface.

 **IMPORTANT** This feature is available only for customers with enterprise floating licenses.

# I How to Use Command Line Activation

1. Open a text editor, such as Notepad++, create a new file named "license.json." Save the file at the root level of the Mimic.app folder in Program Files where you installed Mimic.

☆ **EXAMPLE** If you installed Mimic at C:\Program Files (this is just an example; your files might be installed in a different folder, such as Program Files x86), you would save the JSON file like this:

```
C:\Program Files\MadCap Software\MadCap Mimic  
8.2\Mimic.app\license.json
```

2. Within the JSON file, enter the following. Have your IT department help you complete the file's parameters if necessary.

## Parameters

- **LicenseKey (Required)** The purchased license key, which must be an enterprise floating key. You should have this key in the email that you received from MadCap Software when you purchased Mimic.
- **EmailAddress (Required)** The email address to use with activation.
- **FirstName (Optional)** The first name of the person activating.
- **LastName (Optional)** The last name of the person activating
- **UseProxy (Optional)** A true or false flag to indicate if you're using proxy settings.
- **Proxy (Optional)** Proxy settings to use, if needed, to access the Internet. All settings are required if the proxy is set.
  - **Address** The proxy address.
  - **Port** The proxy port.

- **UseAuthentication** A true or false flag to indicate if you are using authentication with proxy.
- **Username** The user account for proxy.
- **Password** The user password for proxy.

## Format

```
{
  "LicenseKey": "xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-ec712-448b8-9e11b-a18b3-4cedb", //required
  "EmailAddress": "email@me.com", //required
  "FirstName": "MadCap", //optional
  "LastName": "Simon", //optional
  "UseProxy": false, //optional
  "Proxy": {
    "Address": "",
    "Port": 0,
    "UseAuthentication": false,
    "Username": "",
    "Password": ""
  } //optional
}
```

3. After the completed JSON file is saved to the Mimic.app folder, open the command prompt on your computer.
4. Navigate to the location where the JSON file is saved.

☆ **EXAMPLE** Type the following in the command prompt and press ENTER:

```
cd\Program Files\MadCap Software\MadCap Mimic 8.2\Mimic.app
```

5. Type any of the following commands and press **ENTER**:

- `mimic -activate`
- `mimic -deactivate`

☆ **EXAMPLE** If you want to activate Mimic to work in it:

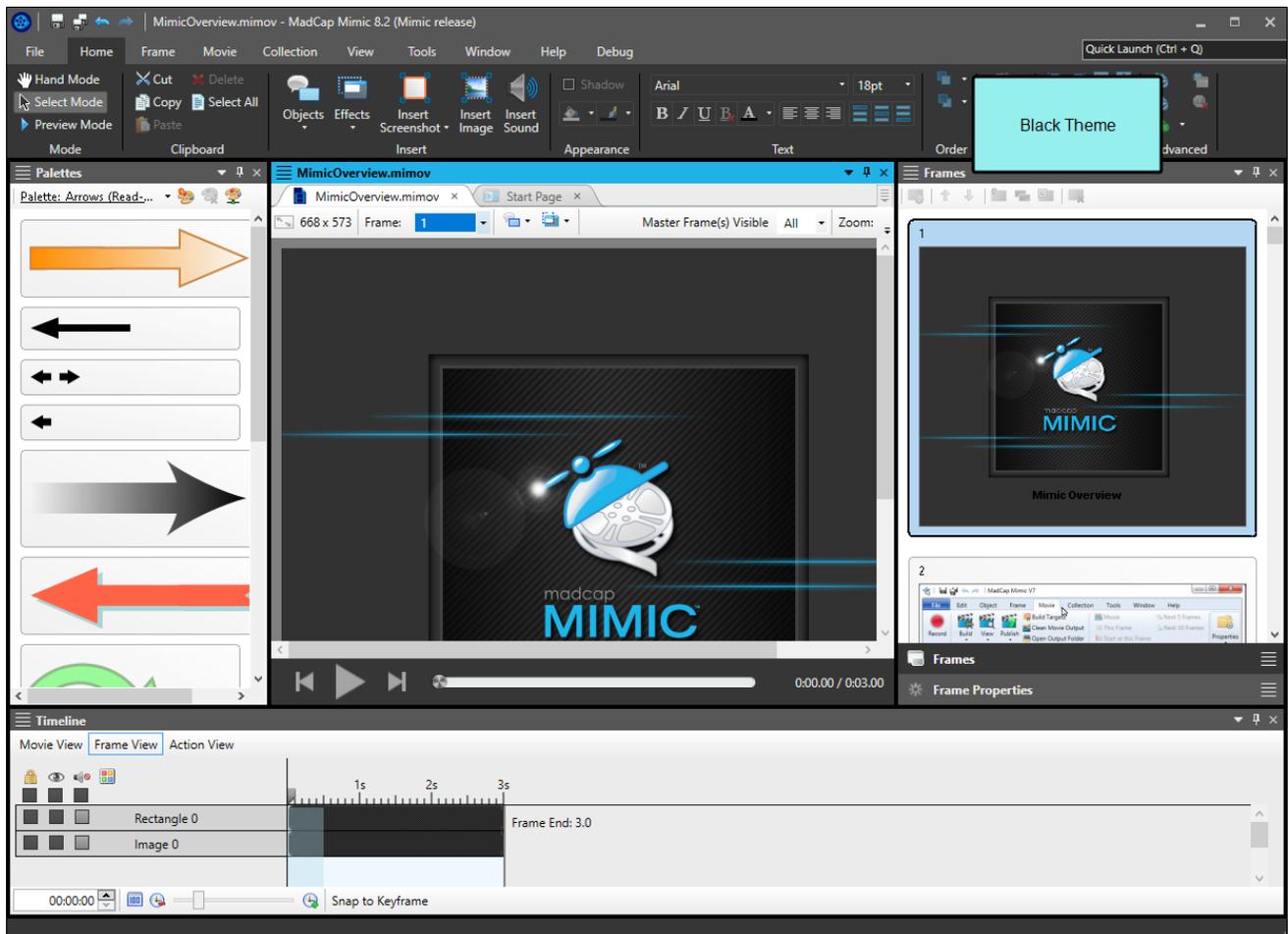


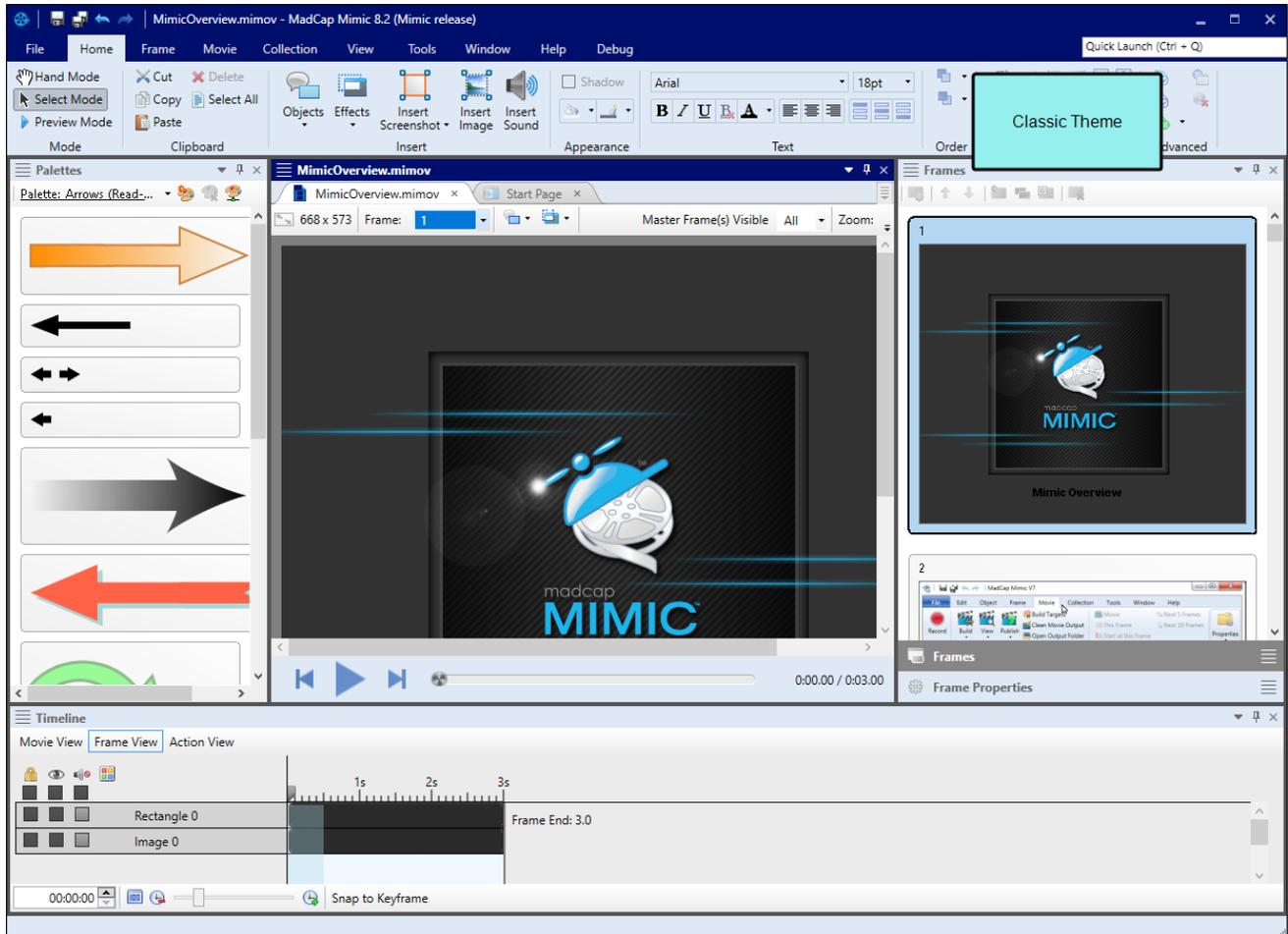
```
C:\Program Files\MadCap Software\MadCap Mimic 8.2\Mimic.app>mimic -activate
```

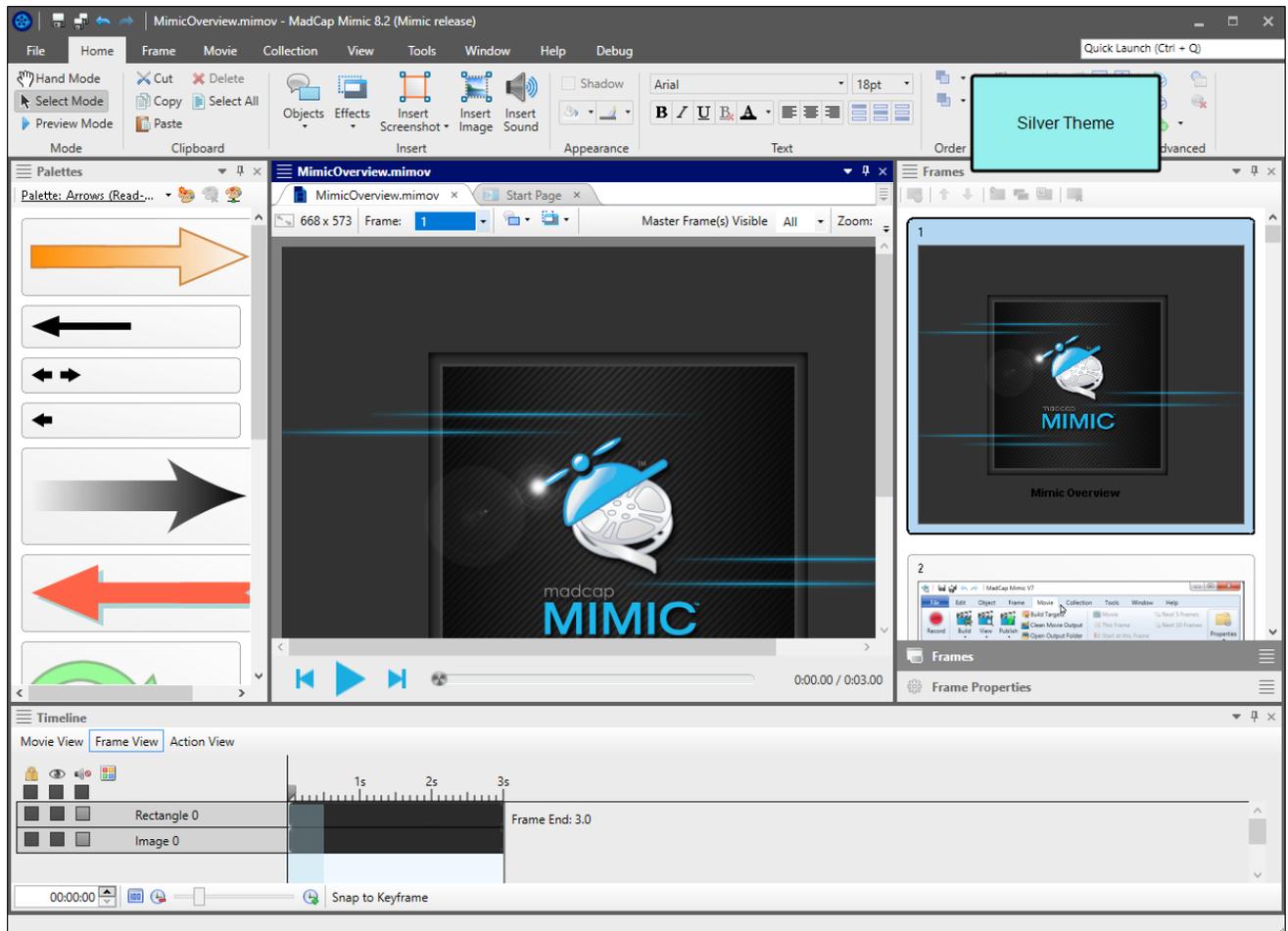
## CHAPTER 3

# Interface Themes Redesigned

The black, classic, and silver interface themes have been redesigned.







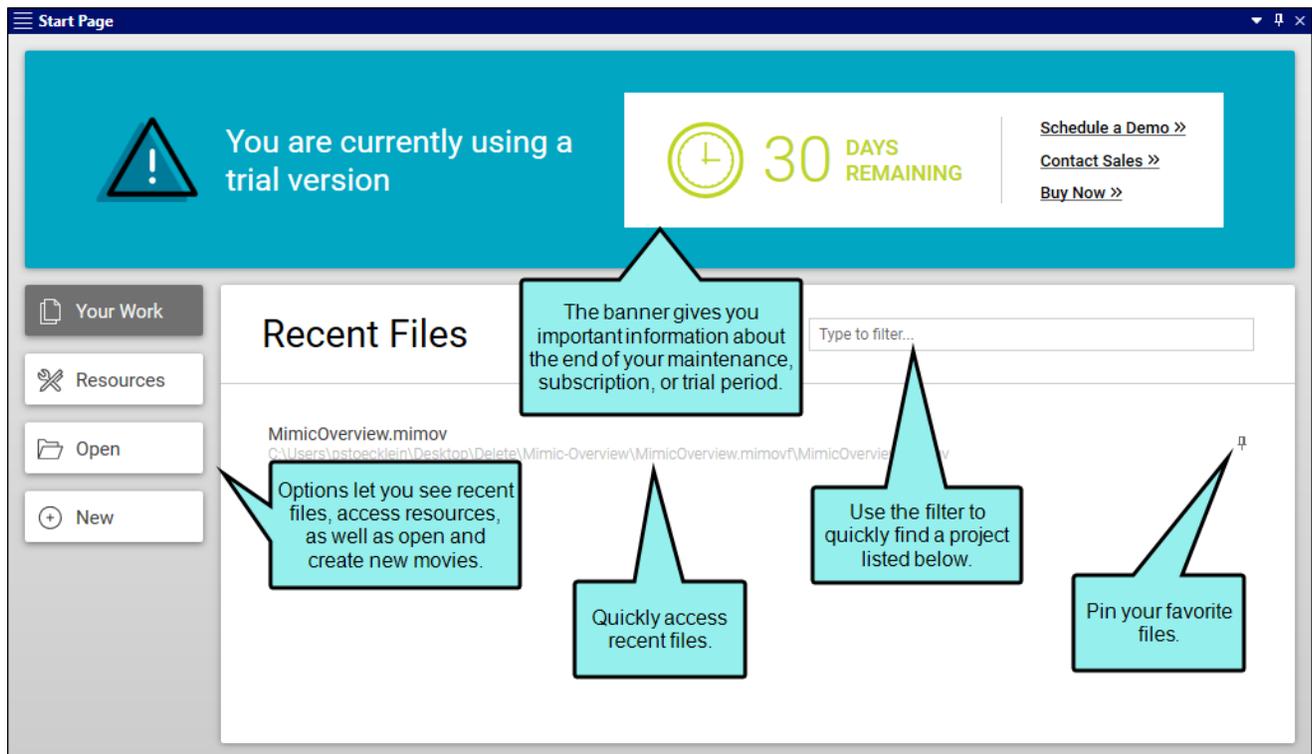
# I How to Select an Interface Color Theme

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**.

## CHAPTER 4

# Start Page Redesigned

The Start Page in Flare has been redesigned to make it more efficient, display a banner with the expiration date for the license type, provide links to take action, and allow for more space to display links and information.



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# I Page Options on Left

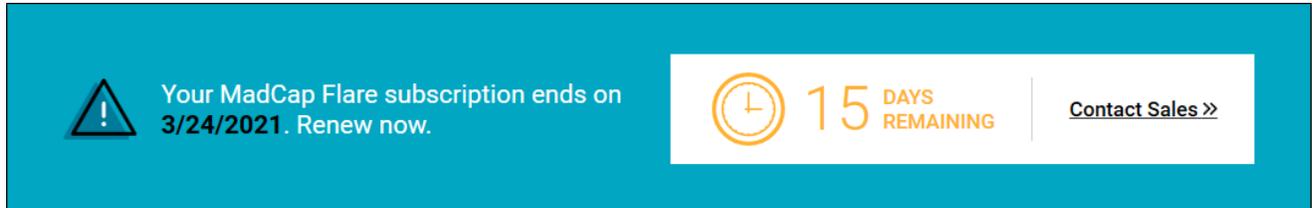
A series of options on the left side of the Start Page can be used to access different information or perform specific actions.

- **Your Work** Displays recent files, 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 Flare project.
- **New** Opens the wizard so that you can create a new Mimic movie or collection.

# License Expiration Banner

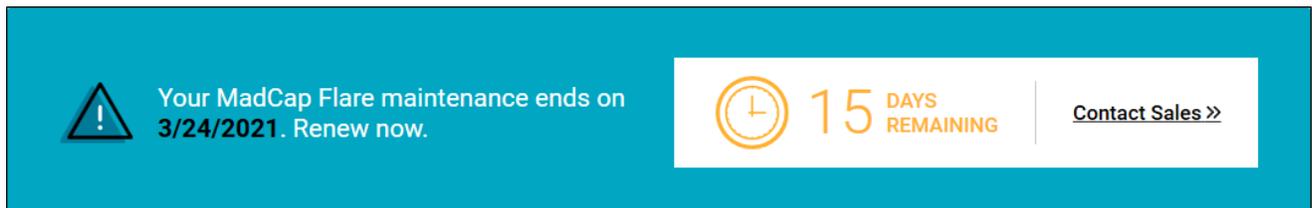
Depending on your type of license (e.g., subscription, maintenance, trial), a banner displays when a deadline for renewing or purchasing is approaching. You can click a link to take action (e.g., Contact Sales). If you have more than 90 days left, you will not see a banner.

## Subscription



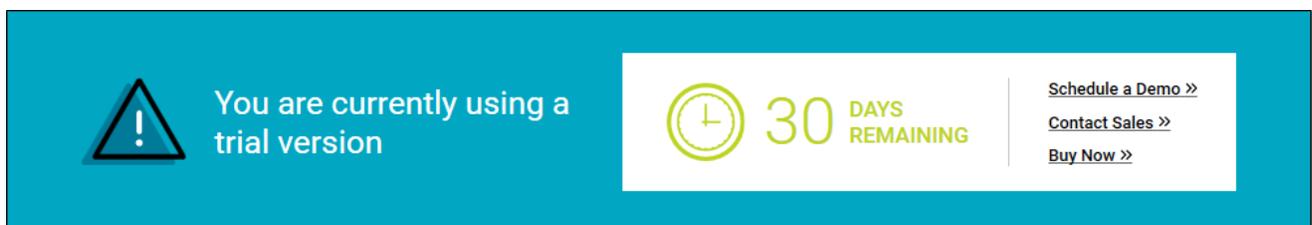
A blue banner with a white warning triangle icon on the left. The text reads: "Your MadCap Flare subscription ends on 3/24/2021. Renew now." To the right, there is a white box containing a clock icon, the number "15" in large orange font, and "DAYS REMAINING" in smaller orange font. Further right, there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

## 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" in large orange font, and "DAYS REMAINING" in smaller orange font. Further right, there is a link "Contact Sales >>" in blue text.

## Trial

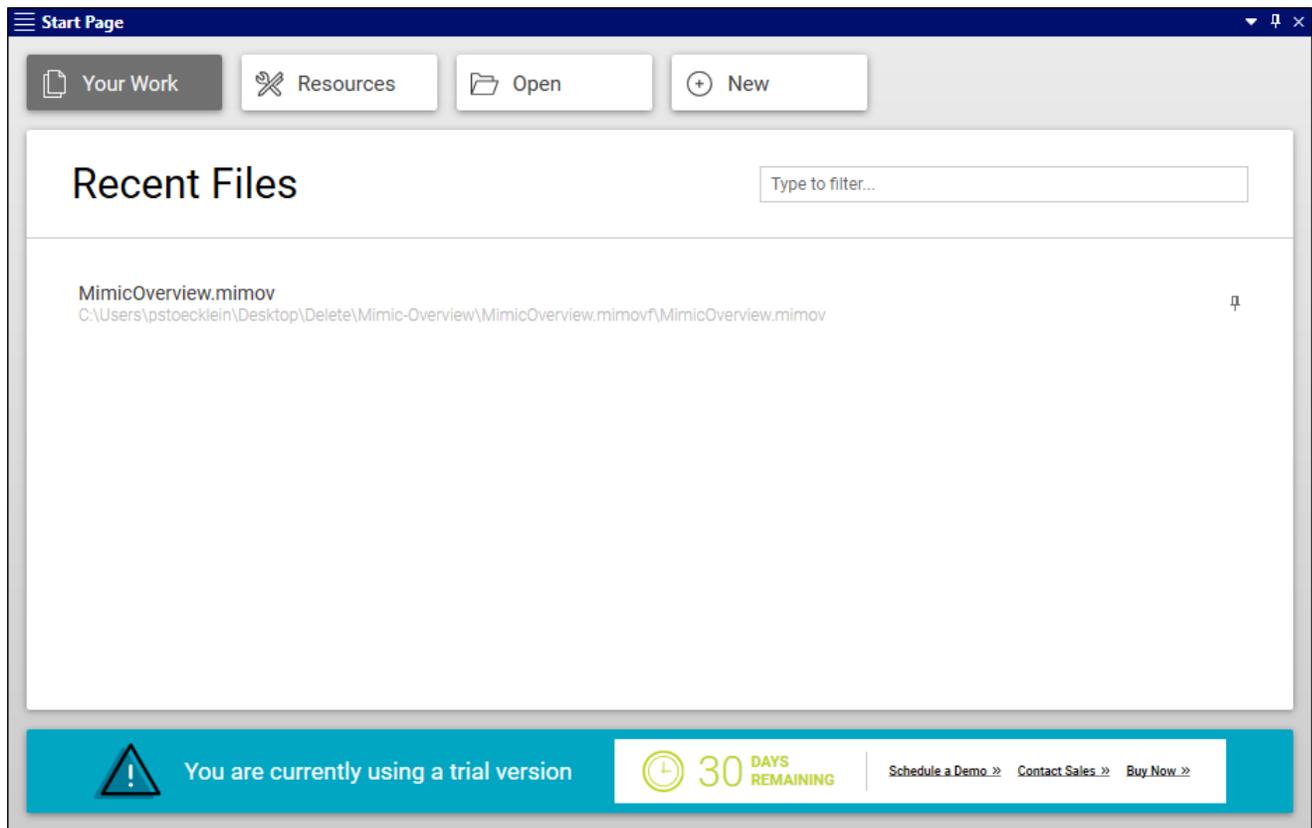


A blue banner with a white warning triangle icon on the left. The text reads: "You are currently using a trial version". To the right, there is a white box containing a clock icon, the number "30" in large green font, and "DAYS REMAINING" in smaller green font. Further right, there are three links: "Schedule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

# I 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.



## APPENDIX

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# 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*