

Activate iSight remotely?

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elegantmachine

Aug 2, 2009 1:26 PM

I didn't find any other fitting category than this, and I hope someone can answer my question(s).

Is it possible to activate iSight remotely, let's say... from work?
And if: How?

And: If i want to stream iSight, like an ordinary webcam, with an ip to access, which is the best way of doing it?

(I want to know what my cat is up to when i'm at work XD)

Macbook 13", Mac OS X (10.5.6)

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Mac Medic (be@MacOSG.com)

Aug 2, 2009 6:36 PM

[Re: Activate iSight remotely?](#)
in response to elegantmachine

I use LogMeIn to remotely access and control my computer at home. It's free and works great.

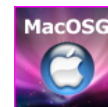
<https://secure.logmein.com/products/free/>

I will also be publishing a story next weekend at [Macsimum News](#) on how to set up a live webcam for security purposes, just like you want to do. I can monitor my house live remotely and also record everything (via a Quicktime movie) that goes on. It will upload the QT movie via FTP to my server, so even if someone breaks in and steals the computer, I still have them on video on my server. 😊

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Level 7
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EZ Jim

Aug 4, 2009 6:42 AM

[Re: Activate iSight remotely?](#)
in response to elegantmachine

Hello, elegantmachine

I see you have not yet marked your question as "Answered," so you may be waiting for some other alternatives. Here are some other suggestions for your consideration.

Is it possible to activate iSight remotely, let's say... from work? ... How?

Apple Remote Desktop can give complete control your Mac, including iSight, remotely:

<http://store.apple.com/us/product/MB422Z/A>

The documentation that comes with it (and its **Help**) have the answers to your "How" questions.

And: If i want to stream iSight, like a ordinary webcam, with an ip to access, which is the best way of doing it?

One of the streaming or webcam apps from this list will meet your needs:

<http://discussions.apple.com/thread.jspa?threadID=2013310>

Evocam is widely used and has good documentation for first-time streaming webcam users.

Apple's pro-level QuickTime Broadcaster/Streaming Server will certainly do what you ask, but, unless you are familiar with it, you may not want to do the study needed to get it working – unless you need some special part of its vast capability. (Probably not necessary for "Kitty.")

If your needs are simple enough, you might even be satisfied with some simpler, browser based method like Yahoo! Messenger's rudimentary web-cam function.

If you do not need long-term, reliable, operation, perhaps easiest of all is to use a web based chat room like possible with <http://www.mebeam.com> or <http://www.tokbox.com> Using something like this, although Kitty will not be much of a chat partner, it should be possible to set up a "chat" from home, then go somewhere else, and log into the chat room you have established.

Take a look at the list and decide based on the functions you need versus the ease of use you want.

EZ Jim

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