

PinchZoom for Resolve

User Guide

Trackpad pinch-to-zoom for DaVinci Resolve

Version 1.8

macOS 14 (Sonoma) or later · Apple Silicon & Intel

DaVinci Resolve free & Studio

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1 Installing

1. **Unzip** the download and drag **PinchZoom** into **Applications**.
2. **Open it** from Applications. It's notarized by Apple, so it opens like any other app. If macOS asks about an app downloaded from the internet, click **Open**.
3. Click **Get Started**, then **allow Accessibility** when asked: find **PinchZoom** in System Settings and turn it on. PinchZoom starts working as soon as it's allowed.

> **Why Accessibility?** macOS requires it for any app that reads trackpad gestures. PinchZoom collects no data and doesn't connect to the internet.

2 Gestures

All gestures work only while DaVinci Resolve is the app in front.

Pinch	Spread two fingers to zoom in, pinch together to zoom out. Works on the timeline, viewer, Fusion node graph, Color page nodes and Fairlight timeline.
Twist to scrub	Turn two fingers to step the playhead. Clockwise moves forward. Twist slowly for single frames, faster to move quickly. Turn your fingers like a knob, keeping the gap between them steady.
Two-finger double-tap	Fits the whole timeline, like Resolve's Shift-Z. Double-tap again to return to your previous zoom.

With **Haptic feedback** on, you'll feel a light click on your trackpad as each frame passes, and a double click when the timeline fits.

3 Zoom Center

Choose where pinching zooms from: the **Playhead**, or your **Mouse** pointer. Set it in the menu bar popup.

Mouse mode relies on Resolve's **View → Zoom Around Mouse Pointer** setting. PinchZoom turns it on for you.

Switching with a shortcut

Press **Control-Option-Command-M** (⌃⌥⌘M) to switch between Playhead and Mouse. A small confirmation appears on screen.

To change the shortcut, click it in the menu bar popup (the **Switch** row), then press the keys you want. It must include Command, Control or Option. Press **Esc** to cancel or **Delete** to turn the shortcut off.

4 Menu bar settings

Click the PinchZoom icon in your menu bar. The icon dims while PinchZoom is paused.

On / Paused	Switch at the top. Turns PinchZoom on or off without quitting.
Zoom → Speed	How far each pinch zooms.
Zoom → Center	Playhead or Mouse (section 3).
Zoom → Switch	Your Zoom Center shortcut (section 3).
Reverse direction	Flips which pinch zooms in and which zooms out.
Double-tap to fit timeline	Turns the two-finger double-tap on or off.
Twist to scrub frames	Turns twist-to-scrub on or off. Its **Speed** slider sets how fast scrubbing moves overall.
Haptic feedback	Trackpad clicks while scrubbing and fitting.
Launch at login	Starts PinchZoom automatically. Recommended.
Quit	Closes PinchZoom completely.

5 Updating

Updates are free. When a new version is released:

1. Re-download PinchZoom from your **Gumroad Library** or the link in your receipt email.
2. Quit the old version (menu bar popup → **Quit**).
3. Drag the new app into Applications and choose **Replace**.
4. **Updating from version 1.7 or earlier?** The app was renamed from **ResolvePinchZoom** to **PinchZoom**. Drag the old **ResolvePinchZoom** to the Trash.
5. Open it. If it asks for Accessibility again, remove the old entry in **System Settings → Privacy & Security → Accessibility** and turn the new one on.

6 Troubleshooting

Pinching does nothing in Resolve

1. Check the menu bar popup says **On**.
2. Quit PinchZoom and open it again.
3. Re-grant Accessibility: remove PinchZoom from **Privacy & Security → Accessibility**, relaunch it and allow it again. This often fixes things after a macOS update.

Twisting zooms instead of scrubbing

Keep the gap between your fingers steady while you turn, like a knob. If your fingers spread or close while turning, macOS may read it as a pinch.

It zooms on the playhead, not my mouse

Set Zoom Center to **Mouse**. If it still zooms on the playhead, turn on **View → Zoom Around Mouse Pointer** in Resolve yourself.

I can't see the icon in my menu bar

On MacBooks with a notch, macOS hides icons when the menu bar is full. Quit one or two other menu bar apps. If it's still missing, open PinchZoom from Applications.

Typing produces odd characters (like å or ∫)

The Option key is stuck down. Tap **Option** once to release it, and let me know if it keeps happening.

7 Uninstalling

1. Quit PinchZoom (menu bar popup → **Quit**).
2. Drag **PinchZoom** from Applications to the Trash.
3. Optional: remove it from **System Settings → Privacy & Security → Accessibility**.

8 Getting help

Reply to your Gumroad purchase receipt email and describe what's happening. Include your Mac model and your macOS and Resolve versions if you can. More at **pinchzoomresolve.com**.

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