



Get the latest updates.

Automatically.

Call it a Software Update

In addition to releasing new versions of the system software at regular intervals, Apple also releases a stream of free software updates to enrich your computing experience. Mac OS X automatically checks weekly for software updates provided you have an internet connection.

You can choose a different schedule, or check manually if you don't have a continuous Internet connection. If Software Update finds an item to download, it appears in a list. Click on an item to get a description before downloading it. If you see updates that you will never use, such as a language you don't speak or drivers for a printer you don't own, choose Make Inactive from the Update menu.

To get updates immediately, follow these steps:

- 1) Choose System Preferences from the Apple Menu.
- 2) Choose Software Update from the View menu.
- 3) Click Update Now.
- 4) Select the items you want to install, then click Install.
- 5) Enter an Admin user name and password.
- 6) After the update is complete, restart the computer if necessary.

[Learn more](#) about how to use Software Update.

