



University Computing & Communications Services

GETTING STARTED WITH MAC OS X

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Learn about Apple's latest desktop operating system environment. This workshop will provide a hands-on overview of the new desktop interface and features. The class is designed to help you become more productive and comfortable with your transition to the new operating system.

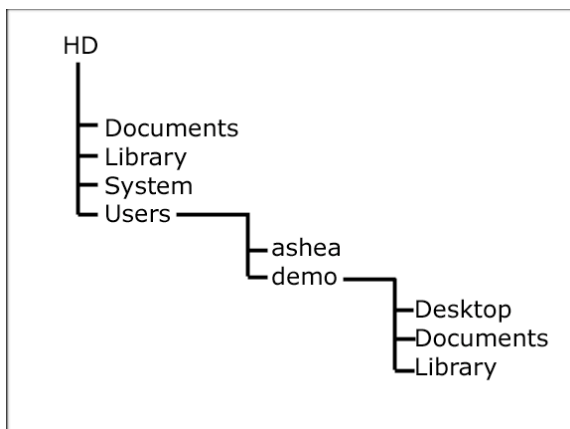
Introduction to Mac OS X

Why Mac OS X?

Several reasons:

- ❖ Apple is not supporting Mac OS 9 anymore. OS X is the future of Apple.
- ❖ Protective Memory
 - When an OS 9 application crashes, the operating system may become unstable, and you may need to reboot the computer.
 - In OS X, when an application crashes, just that application crashes. All your other applications that were running are still ok.
- ❖ Multi-user

File / Folder Layout

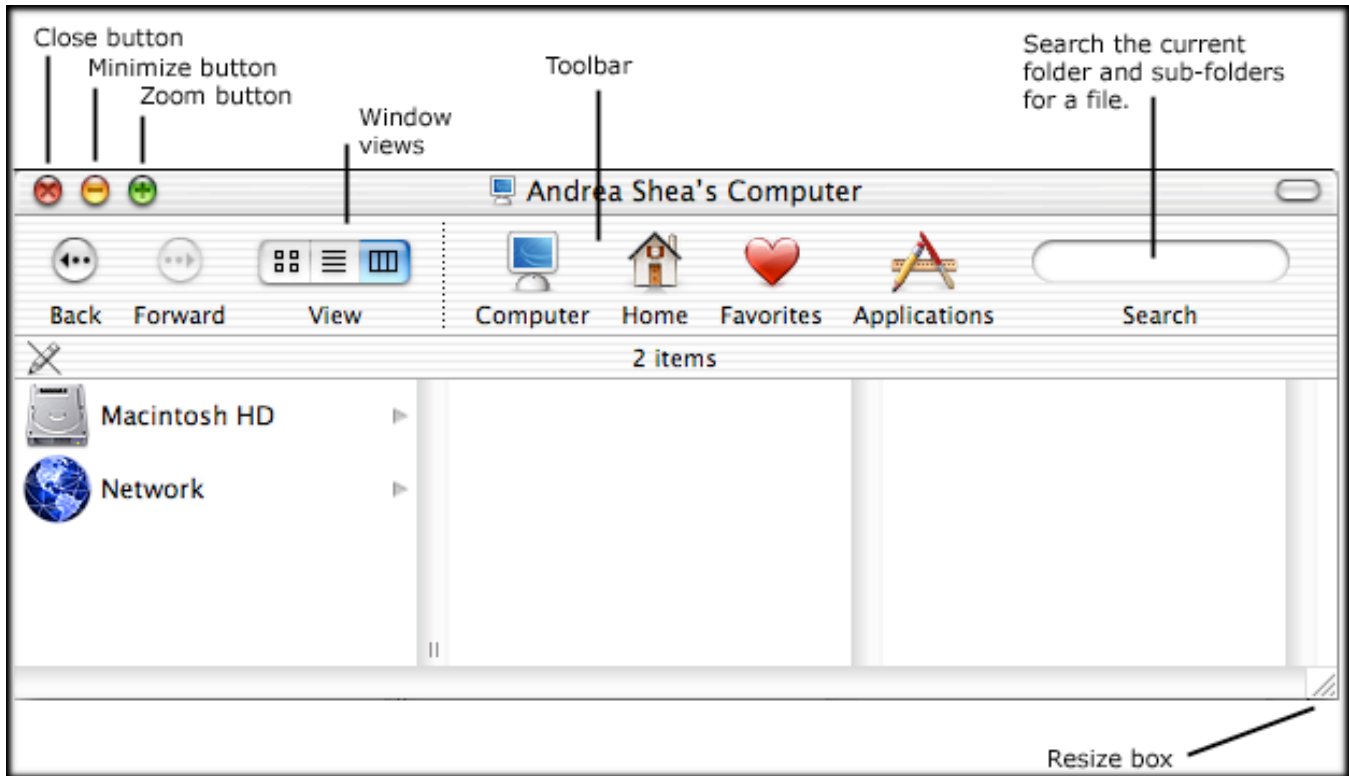


Where do I store my files?

- ❖ Files should be stored in your User folder
- ❖ Folders included in your User folder include Desktop, Documents, Library

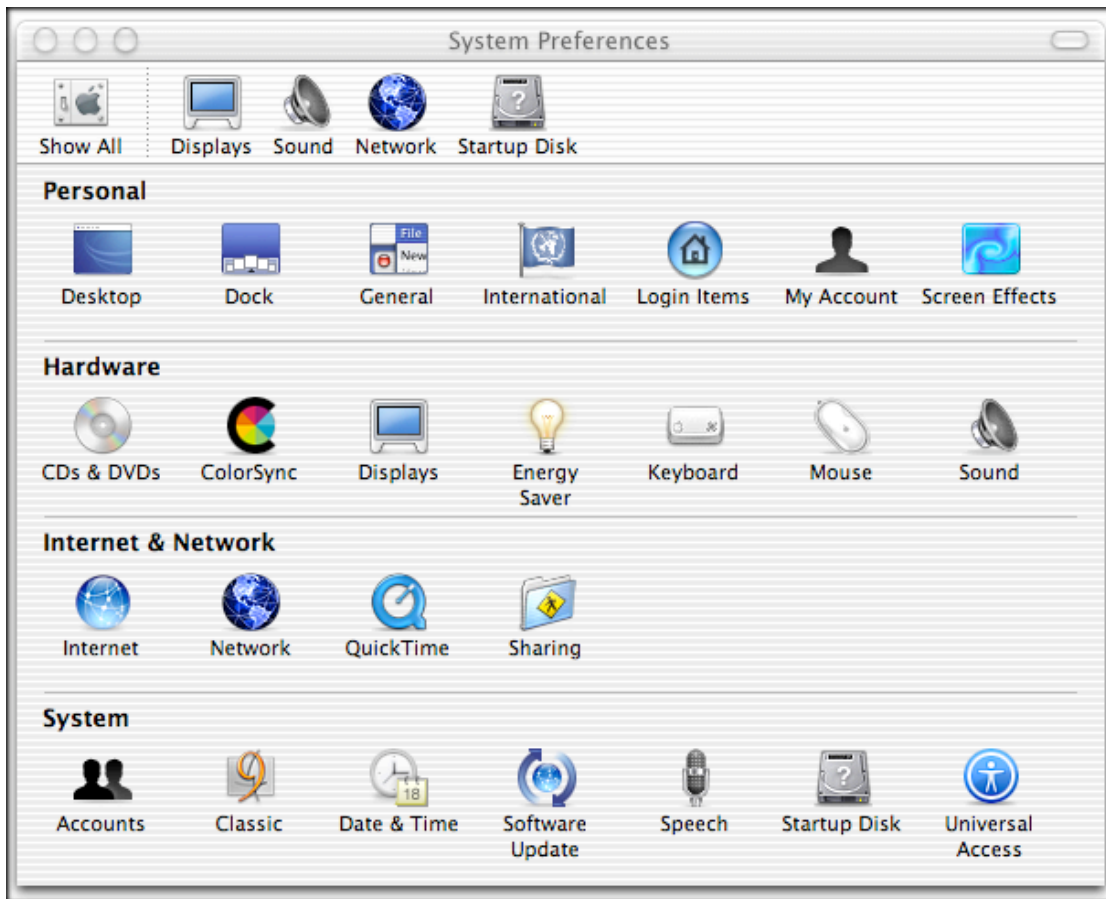
User Interface

Windows



- ❖ Back and Forward Buttons
- ❖ Red – Close, Yellow – Minimize, Green – Resize
- ❖ Three different views
 - Icon
 - List – Includes useful information such as the date and size of the file
 - Column – Most powerful view
- ❖ Toolbar
 - **Computer** – Click to get to the Harddrive
 - **Home** – Click to get to your user folder
 - **Favorites** – This folder contains aliases of documents, folders, etc. that you've designated as Favorites
 - **Applications** – This button takes you to the folder that contains the applications
 - This toolbar can be customized by dragging icons on and off

System Preferences



Some of the Preferences and their descriptions:

Preference	Description
Desktop	Change your desktop's color, or use an image
Dock	Modify Dock settings
General	Controls the look and behavior of windows, menus, buttons, etc.
CDs & DVDs	Specifies what to do when a CD or DVD is inserted into the computer.
Screen Effects	Screen saver options.
Energy Saver	Determine when or if your Mac goes to sleep to save energy.
Sound	Controls sound effects, input, and output sounds.
Date & Time	Controls how the date and time are displayed.
Software Update	Specifies when to check for software updates.

❖ Desktop

- Choose a desktop color, pattern, or picture
- Can have desktop pattern change after a specified time interval

❖ Screen Effects

- Choose from existing picture sets, or use your own pictures
- Specify when screen effects kick in
- Specify "Hot Corners" (forcing screen effects to turn on or off)

Backing up Data onto a CD

- ❖ Always a good idea to periodically back up important data
- ❖ A CD can hold approximately 650 megabytes of data – the equivalent of about 460 floppies!
- ❖ To burn a CD:
 1. Put in a blank CDR.
 2. A dialog box appears, choose **Open Finder**
 3. Enter in a name for the CD
 4. The CD's icon appears on the Desktop
 5. Drag folders and files that you want burned onto the CD
 6. When ready to burn the CD, drag the CD icon to the trash can (which will turn into a "Burn" icon)

Applications that come with OS X

- ❖ Sherlock
 - Find information on the web without using a browser
 - Some of the available "channels" include:
 - Stocks
 - Movies
 - Yellow Pages
 - eBay
 - Flights
 - Dictionary
- ❖ iTunes
 - Convert your audio CD tracks into MP3 files to store on your computer
 - Listen to Internet Radio Stations
 - iTunes Music Store - Purchase albums (about \$9.99) or singles (\$0.99) [requires iTunes 4]
- ❖ iMovie
 - Capture digital video from a camcorder
 - Video-editing
 - Transfer to VHS videotape or QuickTime
- ❖ iPhoto
 - Create slideshows, picture albums
- ❖ iDVD
 - Create DVDs (requires a Mac with a DVD-R/CD-RW SuperDrive)

Resources

Books

- * The Robin Williams Mac OS X Book, Jaguar Edition by Robin Williams
- * Mac OS X: The Missing Manual by David Pogue
- * iMovie: The Missing Manual by David Pogue

Magazines

- * MacWorld
- * MacAddict

Web Sites

- * **Apple** <http://www.apple.com/macosx>
- * MacWorld <http://www.macworld.com>
- * MacAddict <http://www.macaddict.com>
- * VersionTracker <http://www.versiontracker.com>

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