Welcome to Snow Leopard
How to get started

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Install Snow Leopard

To install Snow Leopard, insert your installation disk and double-click Install Mac OS X, then follow the onscreen instructions.

Click here to repair your startup disk or restore from a backup.

To restore your computer’s software, see the user guide that came with your computer.
Select installation options
When you’re ready, click Install to begin installing Mac OS X Snow Leopard. When the installation is finished, your computer will restart.

Click Customize if you want to change what’s installed.

For additional information, see the Instructions folder on your installation disc.
Meet Snow Leopard

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Desktop
From the menu to the Dock, Snow Leopard looks great and helps you stay organized.
Stacks
The Dock includes the Documents, Downloads, and Applications stack. Stacks provide a convenient way to get to documents and applications. To create a stack, drag a folder to the Dock.

When you click a stack, the items in it appear in a grid, fan, or list.
Download Stack

Items you download in Safari, Mail, or iChat always go to the Downloads stack so that you can find them quickly.

Click the Downloads stack to see items you’ve downloaded.

The latest download appears here.
Customizing stacks

Stacks appear as a fan or a grid automatically based on the number of items in the stack. You can specify which style you want to use and change the stack’s sort order.

To customize a stack, position the pointer over the stack icon and then hold down the mouse button until a menu appears.
Finder

See your files in Cover Flow and browse through them quickly.
Cover Flow

Cover Flow lets you see your movies, presentations, PDF files, and more in large-size previews as you flip through them.

Click this button for Cover Flow.

Move the pointer over an item to play a movie or see the pages of a document, for example.

Drag the slider to thumb through your documents.
Sidebar

The Finder sidebar makes it easy to get to folders on your computer, shared computers on your network, and your saved searches.

Shared computers available on your network automatically appear here.

Commonly used searches are included in the sidebar, and you can add your own searches.
Spotlight
In a Finder window or the menu bar, use Spotlight to search for items on your computer. If you use the same search often, save it in the Search For section of the sidebar.

Type your search in the search field.
Click Save to add a Smart Folder to the sidebar.
See your search results in Cover Flow.
Shared computers

Shared computers on your network automatically appear in the sidebar so that you can quickly find the documents they contain.

Get immediate access to the Public folder on any shared computer.

Search for documents on shared computers.
Screen sharing

Use screen sharing to get to the desktop of shared computers on your network. You can monitor use, change settings, and much more from your computer.

Select the computer and then click Share Screen.

To see the toolbar, choose View > Show Toolbar.

You’ll see the desktop of the other computer in a window.

To use all of your screen, click the Full-Screen button.
Sharing
You can share your files, your website, your screen, and much more with other computers on your network. To start, open System Preferences and then click Sharing.

Click the Add (+) button to select users and groups who can share your files.

Click the Add (+) button to select any folder you want to share.
Back to My Mac

With your MobileMe subscription, an Internet connection, and Back to My Mac and sharing turned on, you can access any of your computers from anywhere on the Internet.

Back to My Mac is on automatically.

Back to My Mac computers appear in the sidebar.
Quick Look

See stunning previews of movies, PDF files, presentations, spreadsheets, and more without opening an application.
View documents

You can use Quick Look in the Finder, Time Machine, and Mail. To view an item in Quick Look, select it and then press the Space bar.

Click the Quick Look button in the Finder window toolbar.

Click here for a full-screen preview.
Browse contents
When you view documents in Quick Look, you can flip through each page of your document or view each slide of a Keynote presentation.

Each slide of a Keynote presentation appears here.
Show collections
You can use Quick Look to view several items at once. To automatically scan through the items, click the Play button.

Click the Index Sheet button to view all the items.

Click a picture in the index sheet to view it.

Click the Camera button to add a photo to iPhoto.
Time Machine
Automatically back up your Mac. If you’re missing a document, travel back in time to recover it.
Turn on Time Machine

To start using Time Machine, just connect a FireWire or USB disk or a Time Capsule to your computer, and then click “Use as Backup Disk” in the dialog that appears.

When you turn on Time Machine, it backs up your computer to the disk you’ve selected.
Recover files
Easily find a missing document by seeing how your desktop looking in the past. Time Machine does a backup each hour of the current day, and then saves daily backups.

Type in the search field to look for the document.

Click the back arrow to go back in time.

Use Quick Look to check a document before you restore it.

Browse items in your backup using Cover Flow.

When you find the document, select it and then click Restore.
Set Time Machine preferences
To set Time Machine options, open Time Machine preferences. You can select a different backup disk or specify folders or disks you don’t want to include in your backups.

Click Options to select items you don’t want to back up.
Exchange
Mail, iCal, and Address Book now include Exchange support, so you can access your work email, calendars, and contacts.
Mail

To start using Exchange, just enter your Exchange email address and password, and Mail does the rest for you. Snow Leopard automatically sets up iCal and Address Book, too.

See your Exchange messages, notes, and tasks in Mail, and use smart mailboxes to locate special ones.

Email invitations to Exchange meetings appear with your other message.

Receive attachments with your Exchange messages and use Quick Look to view them.
iCal
With iCal set up to access your Exchange server, you can accept and propose meetings with other Exchange users. You can also manage your tasks.

Access your Exchange calendars alongside your personal calendars.

Receive and respond to meeting invitations.

Propose meetings, schedule conference rooms, and invite attendees from your contacts list.
Address Book

Address Book gives you complete access to all your Exchange contacts, including the Global Address List.

Your Exchange contacts appear with your other Address Book contacts.

Type here to search the Global Address List.

Update all the information about your Exchange contacts in Address Book.
Safari
Safari redefines the browser, providing the most enjoyable way to experience the Internet.
Top sites
Safari identifies your favorite sites and displays them in a stunning preview that makes it easy to identify the sites you want to open.

Click here to view Top Sites.

To open a site, just click its preview.

The star indicates this site has been updated recently.

Click here to customize Top Sites.
**Full history search**

Using full history search, it’s easy to find a webpage you visited even if you don’t remember the details of the site.

So you can see webpages the way they looked when you opened them, Safari stores the text and images of every page in your history for one month.

To search your history, click here and type a word or two.
iChat
Make your chats more fun using video effects such as backdrops. Show off your work with iChat Theater.
Video backdrops

Use video backdrops with your chats to “be” anywhere in the world. iChat includes movies and still photos that you can use, or you can add your own.

Click Effects to select a video effect.

Select a video backdrop and then step out of the picture for a moment.

Add your own movies or pictures to use as a video backdrop.
Effects

While you’re in a video chat, you can select video effects to make your chats fun and interesting.

Click any effect to use it.

Click the effect in the center for the original view.
iChat Theater

To show photos, movies, or presentations in a video chat, start the chat and then drag the file or files you want to show to the chat window.

See how your presentation looks to your buddy.

Control your presentation here.
iChat screen sharing

Screen sharing lets you take control of a buddy’s computer to show how to do something, rather than just explain it.

Select a buddy with video chat capability, and then click the Screen Sharing button.

Click to switch screens. To copy a document to this computer, drag it here.
Tabbed chats

Use tabbed chats if you have a lot of chats. To do so, open the Messages pane of iChat preferences, and then select “Collect chats into a single window.”

Click a chat to return to it.

See the latest reply from your buddy.
Presence
If you have more than one MobileMe, AIM, Jabber, or Google Talk account, you can log in to all of them at the same time in iChat.

Use an animated GIF as your buddy picture.

Choose Invisible if you want to see who's available, but not be seen yourself.
QuickTime Player

QuickTime Player sports a new, simple design that gives you the best experience for viewing your movies.
Simple Controls

QuickTime Player provides simple controls to play a movie. So your movie can take center stage, the controls fade from view.

To see the controls, just move the mouse pointer over the movie window.

Click here to watch your movie in full screen.
Record video
Capture movies using QuickTime Player and the iSight camera built into your computer.

To record a movie, choose File > New Movie Recording, set up your shot, then click the record button.
Trim and Share media

Trim your movie to just the part you want to use, then share it with iTunes to use on your iPhone, iPod, or Apple TV. You can also share your movie in a MobileMe gallery or on YouTube.

Drag the ends of the trim area to select the part of the movie you want to keep.

Select the size appropriate for where you’ll view the movie.
Spaces
Organize your work and play by grouping application windows into a “space.” Then quickly switch between your spaces.
Arrange windows

Turn on spaces in Exposé & Spaces preferences, and then press Fn-F8 to show your spaces. To organize your windows, drag them from the current space to a different space.

Drag windows you want to use together into the same space.
Switch spaces
To switch between spaces, type Control + [an arrow key]. To go directly to a space, type Control + [a number key]. Arrange the order of spaces to suit your needs.
Customize spaces

After you turn on Spaces, you can add other spaces. You can also assign applications to each space so that the application’s windows always open in the same space.

Add rows and columns to create the spaces you need.

To assign an application, choose a space here or use the shortcut menu in the Dock.

Choose keyboard shortcuts that work best for you.

Click the Add (+) button to assign applications to spaces.
Mail

Use Apple-designed stationery to send gorgeous email messages complete with photos.
Stationery

When you create a message, select stationery to give it the perfect style whether the occasion is fun or formal. Including photos is easy using the Photo Browser.

Click to see the stationery you can use.

Select a type of stationery, and then click the stationery you want to use.

Select photos from iPhoto, Photo Booth, or Aperture.

Locate photos here, and then drag them to your message.
Notes and to-do items

Keep all your notes and to-do items in one place. Jot down reminders, shopping lists, and information you need. Include pictures, URLs, and attachments with your items.

See your notes and to-do items in the Reminders section of the sidebar.

Click to create a note or to-do item.

To create a to-do item, select text in the note and click To Do.

Click to set options for the to-do item. Items automatically appear in iCal.
Data detectors
You can turn dates in your email messages into iCal events. You can add names, phone numbers, and addresses to your contacts. You can even map addresses in Safari.
Parental Controls

Give yourself peace of mind. Manage the time your children spend on the computer and what they do there.
Time limits
Manage when your children use the computer by setting time limits for weekdays, weekends, and nights.

Specify how many hours a day your child may use the computer.

Specify the hours during which your child may not use the computer on school nights and weekends.
Content limits
To limit the websites your children can visit on the Internet, click Content and then select the level of restrictions you want to apply.

Select to try limiting access to adult websites. Click Customize if you want to specify websites your children can and cannot visit.

Select to allow your children access only to specific websites.
Mail and iChat limits
Protect your children from strangers by specifying who they chat with and exchange email with.

Enter your email address to be notified if your children try to correspond with someone who isn’t on the list.

Click the Add (+) button to add an address.
Remote controls

Manage parental controls on your child’s computer from your computer. When you turn on parental controls, select “Manage parental controls from another computer.”

Select your child’s computer and log in; then select your child’s user name.

Select this option on your child’s computer.
Photo Booth

Discover more ways to have fun with new types of snapshots. Video backdrops add to the possibilities.
Video backdrops

“Be” anywhere in the world—or out of this world—by using backdrops when you take a snapshot.

Select a backdrop, and then step out of the picture for a moment.
4-up snapshots
Now you can make a burst of four snapshots. You can export a 4-up snapshot as an animated GIF to use as your buddy picture in iChat.

Click the 4-up button.

When previewing a 4-up snapshot, click a frame to preview that frame and select how to use it.
Movie clips
Make a movie of yourself using effects and backdrops. Use your movie as a video greeting complete with audio to send to your friends in an email message.

Click the Movie Clip button.

When you preview a movie, move the pointer over the image to control playback.
Boot Camp
To use a Windows application on your Mac, install Boot Camp and your copy of Windows. Then you’re ready to go.
Install Boot Camp

Open Boot Camp Assistant (in the Utilities folder in the Applications folder) and print the *Boot Camp Installation & Setup Guide*. Then create a partition for Windows.

If you installed a beta version of Boot Camp, you only need to install the new Windows drivers by switching to Windows and inserting the Snow Leopard installation disc.
Install Windows

Insert your Windows XP or Windows Vista installation disc and click Start Installation.

Click when you’re ready to install Windows on your Mac.

Install the Windows drivers when you finish installing and setting up Windows.

To install Windows software on a MacBook Air, you need an external optical drive such as a MacBook Air SuperDrive.
Switch systems

In Mac OS X, open Startup Disk preferences to select your Windows partition. In Windows, open the Boot Camp Control Panel and then click Startup Disk.

Select your Windows partition and then click Restart.

Select your Mac OS X startup disk and then click Restart.