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Ready, Set Up, Go
Your MacBook is designed so that you can set it up quickly and start using it right away. If you have never used a MacBook or are new to Mac computers, read this chapter for help getting started.

**Important:** Read all the installation instructions (and the safety information starting on page 59) carefully before you first use your computer.

If you are an experienced user, you may already know enough to get started. Make sure you look over the information in Chapter 2, “Life with Your MacBook,” to find out about the new features of this MacBook.

Many answers to questions can be found on your computer in Mac Help. For information about using Mac Help, see “Getting Answers” on page 29. Apple may release new versions and updates to its system software, so the images shown in this book may be slightly different from what you see onscreen.

**Important:** Remove the protective film around the 60W MagSafe Power Adapter before setting up your MacBook.
What’s in the Box

AC power cord  60W MagSafe Power Adapter

Setting Up Your MacBook
Your MacBook is designed so that you can set it up quickly and start using it right away. The following pages take you through the setup process, including these tasks:

• Plugging in the 60W MagSafe Power Adapter
• Connecting cables and accessing a network
• Turning on your MacBook and using the trackpad
• Configuring a user account and other settings using Setup Assistant
• Setting up the Mac OS X desktop and preferences
Step 1: Plug in the 60W MagSafe Power Adapter to provide power to the MacBook and charge the battery.

Make sure the AC plug is fully inserted into the power adapter and the electrical prongs on your AC plug are in their completely extended position. Insert the AC plug of your power adapter into a power outlet and the MagSafe connector into the MagSafe power port. As the MagSafe connector gets close to the port, you’ll feel a magnetic pull drawing it in.

To extend the reach of your power adapter, first pull the AC plug up to remove it from the adapter. Attach the included AC power cord to the adapter, making sure it is seated firmly. Plug the other end into a power outlet. The AC power cord provides a grounded connection.

When disconnecting the power adapter from an outlet or from the computer, pull the plug, not the cord.
When you first connect the power adapter to your MacBook, an indicator light on the MagSafe connector starts to glow. An amber light indicates that the battery is charging. A green light indicates that the battery is fully charged or is not installed. If you don’t see a light, make sure the connector is seated properly.

Step 2: **To access the Internet or a network, connect one end of an Ethernet cable to your MacBook and the other end to a cable modem, DSL modem, or network.**

To use a dial-up connection, you need the external Apple USB Modem, available for purchase from the online Apple Store at www.apple.com/store or from an Apple Authorized Reseller. Plug the Apple USB Modem into a USB port on your MacBook, and then connect a phone cord (not included) from the modem into a phone wall jack.
Note: Your MacBook also comes with AirPort Extreme technology for wireless networking. For information about setting up a wireless connection, in the menu bar, choose Help > Mac Help, and then search for “AirPort.” See “Getting Answers” on page 29.

Step 3: Press the power (⃛) button briefly to turn on your MacBook.
You hear a tone when you turn on the computer.

It takes the computer a few moments to start up. After it starts up, Setup Assistant opens automatically.
If your computer doesn’t turn on, see “If your MacBook doesn’t turn on or start up” on page 46.
Step 4: Configure your MacBook with Setup Assistant.
The first time you turn on your MacBook, Setup Assistant starts. Setup Assistant helps you enter your Internet and email information and set up a user account on your MacBook. If you already have a Mac, Setup Assistant can help you automatically transfer files, applications, and other information from your previous Mac. See the next section, "Migrating Information to Your MacBook," for more information.

If you don’t intend to keep or use your other Mac, it’s best to deauthorize it from playing music, videos, or audiobooks that you’ve purchased from the iTunes Store. Deauthorizing a computer prevents any songs, videos, or audiobooks you’ve purchased from being played by someone else and frees up another authorization for use. For information about deauthorizing, in iTunes, open Help > iTunes Help.
Migrating Information to Your MacBook

You can follow the prompts in Setup Assistant to migrate existing user accounts, files, applications, and other information from another Mac computer. You can do this with one of the following methods:

- Using a FireWire cable to connect the two computers together and transfer the information
- Using an Ethernet cable connected directly between both computers, or connecting both computers to the same network
- Wirelessly, directly between both computers, or with both computers on the same wireless network

Before performing migration, use Software Update on your other Mac to ensure you have the latest version of Mac OS X software—either Mac OS X v10.4.11 or Mac OS X v10.5.6 (or later).

You can choose the items (user accounts, documents, movies, music, photos, and so on) that you want to migrate to your MacBook.

**Important:** Don't use the other Mac for anything else until the migration is complete.

If you don't use Setup Assistant to transfer information when you first start up your computer, you can do it later using Migration Assistant. If the connection is terminated during migration, you can resume the migration at a later time using Migration Assistant on your MacBook and your other Mac. Go to the Applications folder, open Utilities, and double-click Migration Assistant.
Step 5: Customize the Mac OS X desktop and set preferences.

Menu bar  Help menu  Spotlight search icon

Finder icon  Dock  System Preferences icon
You can quickly make the desktop look the way you want using System Preferences. Choose Apple () > System Preferences from the menu bar. As you get to know your computer, explore System Preferences, your command center for most settings on your MacBook. For more information, open Mac Help and search for “System Preferences” or for the specific preference you want to change.

Putting Your MacBook to Sleep or Shutting It Down
When you finish working with your MacBook, you can put it to sleep or shut it down.

Putting Your MacBook to Sleep
If you’ll be away from your MacBook for only a short time, put it to sleep. When the computer is in sleep, you can quickly wake it and bypass the startup process.

To put your MacBook to sleep, do one of the following:
- Close the display.
- Choose Apple () > Sleep from the menu bar.
- Press the power (â€œ) button and click Sleep in the dialog that appears.
- Choose Apple () > System Preferences, click Energy Saver, and set a sleep timer.

**NOTICE:** Wait a few seconds until the sleep indicator light starts pulsing (indicating that the computer is in sleep and the hard disk has stopped spinning) before you move your MacBook. Moving your computer while the hard disk is spinning can damage it, causing loss of data or the inability to start up from the hard disk.
To wake your MacBook:
- *If the display is closed,* simply open it to wake your MacBook.
- *If the display is already open,* press the power () button or any key on the keyboard.

When your MacBook wakes from sleep, your applications, documents, and computer settings are exactly as you left them.

**Shutting Down Your MacBook**

If you aren’t going to use your MacBook for a day or two, it’s best to shut it down.

The sleep indicator light goes on briefly during the shutdown process.

**To shut down your MacBook, do one of the following:**
- Choose Apple () > Shut Down from the menu bar.
- Press the power () button and click Shut Down in the dialog that appears.

If you plan to store your MacBook for an extended period of time, see “Important Handling Information” on page 63 for information about how to prevent your battery from draining completely.
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Basic Features of Your MacBook

- Microphone
- iSight camera
- Camera indicator light
- Stereo speakers
- Battery (underneath)
- Trackpad
- Trackpad button
- Sleep indicator light
- Infrared (IR) receiver
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- Volume controls
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Note: Adapters and other accessories are sold separately at www.apple.com/store.

#### MagSafe power port
Plug in the included 60W MagSafe Power Adapter to recharge the MacBook battery.

#### Gigabit Ethernet port
Connect to a high-speed Ethernet network, a DSL or cable modem, or another computer. The Ethernet port automatically detects Ethernet devices and doesn’t require an Ethernet crossover cable.

#### Mini-DVI (video out) port
Connect to an external display or projection system that uses a DVI or VGA connector. You can purchase adapters for supported video formats.

#### FireWire 400 port
Connect high-speed external devices, such as digital video cameras and storage devices.

#### Two USB (Universal Serial Bus) 2.0 ports
Connect a modem, iPod, iPhone, mouse, keyboard, printer, digital camera, and more to your MacBook. You can connect one high-powered external USB device. You can also connect USB 1.1 devices.

#### Audio in port
Connect your MacBook to a line-level microphone or digital audio equipment.

#### Audio out port
Connect external speakers, headphones, or digital audio equipment.

#### Security slot
Attach a lock and cable (available separately) to prevent theft.
Using the Trackpad and Keyboard

Use the trackpad to move the pointer and to scroll, tap, double-tap, and drag. How far the pointer moves onscreen is affected by how quickly you move your finger across the trackpad. To move the pointer a short distance, move your finger slowly across the trackpad; the faster you move your finger, the farther the pointer moves. To fine-tune the tracking speed in System Preferences, choose Apple () > System Preferences, click Keyboard & Mouse, and then click Trackpad.

Here are some useful trackpad and keyboard tips and shortcuts:

- **Secondary clicking or “right-clicking”** lets you access shortcut menu commands. To set this option, select “Place two fingers on trackpad and click button for secondary click” in the Trackpad pane of Keyboard & Mouse preferences. You can also secondary click by holding down the Control (ctr)l key while you click.

- **Two-finger scrolling** lets you drag two fingers to scroll quickly up, down, or sideways in the active window. To set this option, select “Use two fingers to scroll” and “Allow horizontal scrolling” in the Trackpad pane of Keyboard & Mouse preferences.

- **Forward deleting** deletes characters to the right of the insertion point. Pressing the Delete key deletes characters to the left of the insertion point. To forward delete, hold down the Function (fn) key while you press the Delete key.
Using the MacBook Battery
When the MagSafe power adapter is not connected, your MacBook draws power from its battery. The length of time that you can run your MacBook varies, depending on the applications you use and the external devices connected to your MacBook. Turning off features such as AirPort Extreme or Bluetooth® wireless technology can help conserve battery charge.

If the battery runs low while you are working, attach your power adapter and let the battery recharge. To replace a low battery with a charged one when your computer isn’t connected to a power adapter, shut down your computer.

You can determine the charge left in the battery by looking at the battery level indicator lights on the battery itself. Press the button next to the lights, and the lights glow briefly to show how much charge is left in the battery. You can check the charge with the battery in or out of the MacBook.

**Important:** If only one indicator light is on, very little charge is left. If no lights are on, the battery is completely drained and the MacBook won’t start up unless the power adapter is connected. Plug in the power adapter to let the battery recharge, or replace the drained battery with a fully charged battery (see page 35).
The amount of battery charge left can also be checked by viewing the Battery ( ), status icon in the menu bar. The battery charge level displayed is based on the amount of power left in the battery with the applications, peripheral devices, and system settings you are currently using. To conserve battery power, close applications and disconnect peripheral devices not in use, and adjust your Energy Saver settings. For more information about battery conservation and performance tips, go to www.apple.com/batteries/notebooks.html.

**Charging the Battery**

When the power adapter that came with your MacBook is connected, the battery recharges whether the computer is on, off, or in sleep. The battery recharges more quickly, however, when the computer is off or in sleep.
Getting Answers

Much more information about using your MacBook is available in Mac Help on your computer, and on the Internet at www.apple.com/support/macbook.

To get Mac Help:
1 Click the Finder icon in the Dock (the bar of icons along the edge of the screen).

2 Click the Help menu in the menu bar and do one of the following:
   a Type a question or term in the Search field, and select a topic from the list of results or select Show All Results to see all topics.
   b Choose Mac Help to open the Mac Help window, where you can click links or type a search question.
**More Information**

For more information about using your MacBook, see the following:

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Boost Your Memory
This chapter provides information and instructions for installing additional memory and for removing and replacing the battery in your MacBook.

Your computer has two memory slots that you access by removing the computer’s battery. Your MacBook comes with a minimum of 2 gigabytes (GB) of 800 MHz Double Data Rate (DDR2) Synchronous Dynamic Random-Access Memory (SDRAM) installed. Both memory slots can accept an SDRAM module that meets the following specifications:

- Double Data Rate Small Outline Dual Inline Memory Module (DDR2 SO-DIMM) format
- 1.25 inch (3.18 cm)
- 1 GB or 2 GB
- 200-pin
- PC2-5300 DDR2 800 MHz Type RAM

You can add two 2 GB memory modules for a maximum of 4 GB of memory. For best performance, fill both memory slots and install an identical memory module in each slot.

**WARNING:** Apple recommends that you have an Apple-certified technician install memory. Consult the service and support information that came with your computer for information about how to contact Apple for service. If you attempt to install memory and damage your equipment, such damage is not covered by the limited warranty on your computer.
Installing Additional Memory
Installing memory involves removing and replacing the battery. The following procedure includes instructions for removing the battery, adding memory, and replacing the battery.

Step 1: Remove the battery.
1 Shut down your MacBook. Disconnect the power adapter, Ethernet cable, USB cables, and any other cables connected to the MacBook to prevent damaging the computer.

**WARNING:** Use care when handling the battery. See the battery safety information on page 62.
2 Turn over the MacBook and locate the battery latch. Use a coin to turn the latch a quarter turn clockwise to unlock the battery, and gently remove it.

**WARNING:** The internal components of your MacBook can be warm. If you have been using your MacBook, wait 10 minutes after shutting down to let the internal components cool before continuing.
Step 2: Install memory.

1. Loosen the three captive screws that secure the L-bracket, pull out the long end first to remove the bracket, and place it to the side.
   Levers on the memory slots spring out when you remove the bracket.

2. Touch a metal surface inside the computer to discharge any static electricity from your body.
To remove a memory module installed in a slot, move the lever all the way to the left in one swift motion until the edge of the memory module pops out. Pull out the memory module. Repeat to remove the other memory module.
4 Insert the new memory modules in the slots:
   a Insert the gold edge first, with the notch on the left side.
   b Use two fingers with firm, even pressure to push in the memory modules. You should hear a click when the memory is inserted correctly.
   Note: The new memory module may have some residue on it from a lubricant that makes the memory easier to install. The residue is normal and should not be wiped off.
   c If the levers don’t return to the closed position, move them to the right to close them.
5 Replace the L-bracket by inserting the short end first and tightening the screws.
Step 3: Replace the battery.

1. Place the right side of the battery into the battery compartment. Gently press the left side of the battery down. Use a coin to turn the latch a quarter turn counterclockwise to lock the battery into place.

2. Reconnect the power adapter and any other cables that were attached.
Making Sure Your MacBook Recognizes the New Memory

After installing additional memory in your MacBook, check whether the computer recognizes the new memory.

**To check the computer’s memory:**

1. Start up your MacBook.
2. When you see the Mac OS X desktop, choose Apple () > About This Mac.
   - For a detailed breakdown of the memory installed in your computer, open System Profiler by clicking More Info, and then click Memory.
   - If your MacBook doesn't recognize the memory or doesn't start up correctly, confirm that the memory you installed is compatible with your MacBook and that it is installed correctly.
Problem, Meet Solution
Occasionally you may have problems while working with your MacBook. Read on to find some solutions to try when you have a problem. You can also find more troubleshooting information in Mac Help and on the MacBook Support website at www.apple.com/support/macbook.

If you experience a problem with your MacBook, there is usually a simple and quick solution. Think about the conditions that led up to the problem. Making a note of things you did before the problem occurred will help you narrow down possible causes and find the answers you need. Things to note include:

- The applications you were using when the problem occurred. Problems that occur only with a specific application might indicate that the application is not compatible with the version of the Mac OS installed on your computer.
- Any new software that you installed, especially software that added items to the System folder.
- Any hardware that you installed, such as additional memory or a peripheral.

Problems That Prevent You from Using Your MacBook

If your MacBook doesn't respond or the pointer doesn't move

On rare occasions, an application might “freeze” on the screen. Mac OS X provides a way to quit a frozen application without restarting your computer.

To force an application to quit:

1. Press Command (⌘)-Option-Esc or choose Apple () > Force Quit from the menu bar. The Force Quit Applications dialog appears with the application selected.
2. Click Force Quit.
The application quits, leaving all other applications open.

If you need to, you can also restart the Finder from this dialog.

Next, save your work in any open applications and restart the computer to make sure the problem is entirely cleared up.

If the problem occurs frequently, choose Help > Mac Help from the menu bar at the top of the screen. Search for the word “freeze” to get help for instances when the computer freezes or doesn’t respond.

If the problem occurs only when you use a particular application, check with the application’s manufacturer to see if it is compatible with your computer. To get support and contact information for the software that came with your MacBook, go to www.apple.com/guide.

If you know an application is compatible, you might need to reinstall your computer’s system software. See “Reinstalling the Software That Came with Your MacBook” on page 53.

If your MacBook freezes during startup, or you see a flashing question mark, or the screen is dark and the sleep indicator light is glowing steadily (not in sleep)

The flashing question mark usually means that the computer can’t find the system software on the hard disk or any disks attached to the computer.
Wait a few seconds. If the computer doesn’t soon start up, shut it down by holding down the power (Ô) button for about 8 to 10 seconds. Disconnect all external peripherals and try restarting by pressing the power (Ô) button while holding down the Option key. When your computer starts up, click the hard disk icon, and then click the right arrow. After the computer starts up, open System Preferences and click Startup Disk. Select a local Mac OS X System folder.

If that doesn’t work, try using Disk Utility to repair the disk:

- Insert the Mac OS X Install DVD into your computer.
- Restart your computer and hold down the C key as it starts up.
- Choose Installer from the menu bar, and then choose Open Disk Utility. When Disk Utility opens, follow the instructions in the First Aid pane to see if Disk Utility can repair the disk.

If using Disk Utility doesn’t help, you might need to reinstall your computer’s system software. See “Reinstalling the Software That Came with Your MacBook” on page 53.

If your MacBook doesn’t turn on or start up
Try the following suggestions in order until your computer turns on:

- Make sure the power adapter is plugged into the computer and into a functioning power outlet. Be sure to use the 60W MagSafe Power Adapter that came with your MacBook. If the power adapter stops charging and you don’t see the indicator light on the power adapter turn on when you plug in the power cord, try unplugging and replugging the power cord to reseat it.
Check whether the battery needs to be recharged. Press the small button on the battery. You should see one to four lights indicating the battery’s level of charge. If a single indicator light is flashing, allow the power adapter to charge the battery at least until that indicator light is glowing continuously.

If the problem persists, reset the MacBook power manager by disconnecting the power adapter, removing the battery, and holding down the power (Ô) button for at least 5 seconds.

If you recently installed additional memory, make sure that it is correctly installed and that it is compatible with your computer. See whether removing it and reinstalling the old memory allows the computer to start up (see page 37).

Press the power (Ô) button and immediately hold down the Command (⌘), Option, P, and R keys simultaneously until you hear the startup sound a second time. This resets the parameter RAM (PRAM).

If you still can’t start up your MacBook, see “Learning More, Service, and Support” on page 55 for information about contacting Apple for service.

If the screen suddenly goes black or your MacBook freezes

Try restarting your MacBook.

1 Unplug any devices that are connected to your MacBook, except the power adapter.
2 Press the power (Ô) button to restart the system.
3 Let the battery charge to at least 10 percent before plugging in any external devices and resuming your work.

To see how much the battery has charged, look at the Battery (🔋) status icon in the menu bar.
The screen might also darken if you have energy saver features set for the battery.

**If you forget your password**
You can reset your administrator password and passwords for all other accounts.

1. Insert the Mac OS X Install DVD. Then restart your computer and hold down the C key as it starts up.
2. Choose Utilities > Reset Password from the menu bar. Follow the onscreen instructions.

**If you have trouble ejecting a disc**
- Quit any applications that might be using the disc and try again.
- If this doesn’t work, restart the computer while holding down the trackpad button.

**Using Apple Hardware Test**
If you suspect a problem with the MacBook hardware, you can use the Apple Hardware Test application to help determine if there is a problem with one of the computer’s components, such as the memory or processor.

**To use Apple Hardware Test:**
1. Disconnect all external devices from your computer except the power adapter. If you have an Ethernet cable connected, disconnect it.
2. Restart your MacBook while holding down the D key.
3. When the Apple Hardware Test chooser screen appears, select the language you want to use.
4. Press the Return key or click the right arrow button.
When the Apple Hardware Test main screen appears (after about 45 seconds), follow the onscreen instructions.

If Apple Hardware Test detects a problem, it displays an error code. Make a note of the error code before pursuing support options. If Apple Hardware Test doesn't detect a hardware failure, the problem may be software related.

For more information about Apple Hardware Test, see the Apple Hardware Test Read Me file on the Applications Install DVD that came with your computer.

Problems with Your Internet Connection

Your MacBook has the Setup Assistant application to help walk you through setting up an Internet connection. Open System Preferences and click Network. Click the "Assist me" button to open Network Setup Assistant.

If you have trouble with your Internet connection, you can try the steps in this section starting with Network Diagnostics.

To use Network Diagnostics:
1. Choose Apple () > System Preferences.
2. Click Network and then click "Assist me."
3. Click Diagnostics to open Network Diagnostics.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions.
If Network Diagnostics can’t resolve the problem, there may be a problem with the Internet service provider (ISP) you are trying to connect to, with an external device you are using to connect to your ISP, or with the server you are trying to access. You can try the following steps.

**Cable Modem, DSL, and LAN Internet Connections**

Make sure all modem cables are fully plugged in. Check the modem power cord, the cable from the modem to the computer, and the cable from the modem to the wall jack. Also check the cables and power supplies for Ethernet hubs and routers.

**Turn the modem off and on to reset the modem hardware**

Turn off your DSL or cable modem for a few minutes, and then turn it back on. Some ISPs recommend that you unplug the modem’s power cord. If your modem has a reset button, you can press it either before or after you turn the power off and on.

**Important:** Instructions that refer to modems do not apply to LAN users. LAN users might have hubs, switches, routers, or connection pods that DSL and cable modem users do not have. LAN users should contact their network administrator rather than an ISP.

**PPPoE Connections**

If you are unable to connect to your Internet service provider using PPPoE (Point to Point Protocol over Ethernet), make sure you have entered the correct information in Network preferences.

**To check PPPoE settings:**
1. Choose Apple () > System Preferences.
2. Click Network.
3 Click Add (+) at the bottom of the network connection services list, and choose PPPoE from the Interface pop-up menu.

4 Choose an interface for the PPPoE service from the Ethernet pop-up menu. Choose Ethernet if you are connecting to a wired network, or AirPort if you are connecting to a wireless network.

5 Enter the information you received from your service provider, such as the account name, password, and PPPoE service name (if your service provider requires it).

6 Click Apply to make the settings active.

Network Connections

Make sure the Ethernet cable is plugged into your MacBook and into the network. Check the cables and power supplies to your Ethernet hubs and routers.

If you have two or more computers sharing an Internet connection, be sure that your network is set up properly. You need to know if your ISP provides only one IP address or if it provides multiple IP addresses, one for each computer.

If only one IP address is provided, then you must have a router capable of sharing the connection, also known as network address translation (NAT) or “IP masquerading.” For setup information, check the documentation provided with your router or ask the person who set up your network. You can use an AirPort Base Station to share one IP address among multiple computers. For information about using an AirPort Base Station, check Mac Help or visit the Apple AirPort website at www.apple.com/support/airport.

If you cannot resolve the issue using these steps, contact your ISP or network administrator.
Problems with AirPort Extreme Wireless Communication

If you have trouble using AirPort Extreme wireless communication:

- Make sure the computer or network you are trying to connect to is running and has a wireless access point.
- Make sure you have properly configured the software according to the instructions that came with your base station or access point.
- Make sure you are within antenna range of the other computer or the network’s access point. Nearby electronic devices or metal structures can interfere with wireless communication and reduce this range. Repositioning or rotating the computer might improve reception.
- Check the AirPort (Airport) status icon in the menu bar. Up to four bars appear, indicating signal strength. If the signal strength is weak, try changing your location.
- See AirPort Help (choose Help > Mac Help, and then choose Library > AirPort Help from the menu bar). Also see the instructions that came with the wireless device for more information.

Keeping Your Software Up to Date

You can connect to the Internet and automatically download and install the latest free software versions, drivers, and other enhancements from Apple.

When you are connected to the Internet, Software Update checks to see if any updates are available for your computer. You can set your MacBook to check for updates periodically, and then you can download and install updated software.
To check for updated software:
1 Open System Preferences.
2 Click the Software Update icon and follow the onscreen instructions.
   • For more information, search for “Software Update” in Mac Help.
   • For the latest information about Mac OS X, go to www.apple.com/macosx.

Reinstalling the Software That Came with Your MacBook
Use the software installation discs that came with your computer to reinstall Mac OS X and any applications that came with your computer. You can choose “Archive and Install,” which saves your existing files and settings, or “Erase and Install,” which erases all your data.

Important: Apple recommends that you back up the data on your hard disk before restoring software. Because the “Erase and Install” option erases your hard disk, you should back up your essential files before installing Mac OS X and other applications. Apple is not responsible for any lost data.

Installing Mac OS X
To install Mac OS X:
1 Back up your essential files.
2 Make sure your power adapter is connected and plugged in.
3 Insert the Mac OS X Install DVD that came with your computer.
4 Double-click Install Mac OS X.
5 Follow the onscreen instructions.
Note: To restore Mac OS X on your computer to the original factory settings, click Options in the “Select a Destination” pane of the Installer, and then select “Erase and Install.” If you choose “Erase and Install,” you’ll see a message reminding you to use the Applications Install DVD to reinstall the bundled applications that came with your computer.

6. When the installation is complete, click Restart to restart your computer.

7. Follow the prompts in the Setup Assistant to set up your new user account.

Installing Applications
If you reinstall Mac OS X on your computer and select the “Erase and Install” option, you must reinstall the applications that came with your computer, such as the iLife applications.

To install the applications that came with your computer:
1. Make sure your power adapter is connected and plugged in.
2. Insert the Applications Install DVD that came with your computer.
3. Double-click Install Bundled Software.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions.
5. When the installation is complete, click Close.
Learning More, Service, and Support
Your MacBook does not have any user-serviceable parts other than the battery and the memory. If you need service, contact Apple or take your MacBook to an Apple Authorized Service Provider. You can find more information about the MacBook through online resources, onscreen help, System Profiler, or Apple Hardware Test.

Online Resources
For online service and support information, go to www.apple.com/support. Choose your country from the pop-up menu. You can search the AppleCare Knowledge Base, check for software updates, or get help from Apple’s discussion forums.

Onscreen Help
You can look for answers to your questions, as well as instructions and troubleshooting information, in Mac Help. Choose Help > Mac Help.

System Profiler
To get information about your MacBook, use System Profiler. It shows you what hardware and software is installed, the serial number and operating system version, how much memory is installed, and more. To open System Profiler, choose Apple () > About This Mac from the menu bar and then click More Info.

AppleCare Service and Support
Your MacBook comes with 90 days of technical support and one year of hardware repair warranty coverage at an Apple Store retail location or an Apple-authorized repair center, such as an Apple Authorized Service Provider. You can extend your coverage by purchasing the AppleCare Protection Plan. For information, go to www.apple.com/support/products or the website for your country listed below.
If you need assistance, AppleCare telephone support representatives can help you with installing and opening applications, and basic troubleshooting. Call the support center number nearest you (the first 90 days are complimentary). Have the purchase date and your MacBook serial number ready when you call.

**Note:** Your 90 days of complimentary telephone support begins on the date of purchase. Telephone fees may apply.

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Telephone numbers are subject to change, and local and national telephone rates may apply. A complete list is available on the web:

[www.apple.com/contact/phone_contacts.html](http://www.apple.com/contact/phone_contacts.html)
Locating Your Product Serial Number

Use one of these methods to find your computer’s serial number:

- Choose Apple () > About This Mac, and then click the version number beneath the words “Mac OS X” to cycle through the Mac OS X version number, the build version, and the serial number.
- Click the Finder icon and open /Applications/Utilities/System Profiler. Click Hardware in the Contents pane.
- Remove the battery and view the serial number for your MacBook in the battery bay. For information about removing the battery, see page 35.
Last, but Not Least
For your safety and that of your equipment, follow these rules for handling and cleaning your MacBook and for working more comfortably. Keep these instructions handy for reference by you and others.

**WARNING:** Incorrect storage or use of your computer may void the manufacturer’s warranty.

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**Important Safety Information**

**WARNING:** Failure to follow these safety instructions could result in fire, electric shock, or other injury or damage.

**Proper handling**  Set up your MacBook on a stable work surface that allows for adequate air circulation under and around the computer. Do not operate your MacBook on a pillow or other soft material, as the material can block the airflow vents. Never place anything over the keyboard when operating your MacBook. Never push objects into the ventilation openings.

The bottom of your MacBook may become very warm during normal use. If your MacBook is on your lap and gets uncomfortably warm, move it to a stable work surface.

**Water and wet locations**  Keep your MacBook away from sources of liquid, such as drinks, washbasins, bathtubs, shower stalls, and so on. Protect your MacBook from dampness or wet weather, such as rain, snow, and fog.
60W MagSafe Power Adapter  Make sure the AC plug or AC power cord is fully inserted into the power adapter before plugging the adapter into a power outlet. Use only the power adapter that came with your MacBook, or an Apple-authorized power adapter that is compatible with this product. The power adapter may become very warm during normal use. Always put the power adapter directly into a power outlet, or place it on the floor in a well-ventilated location.

Disconnect the power adapter, remove the battery, and disconnect any other cables if any of the following conditions exist:

• You want to add memory.
• You want to clean the case (use only the recommended procedure described on page 64).
• The power cord or plug becomes frayed or otherwise damaged.
• Your MacBook or power adapter is exposed to rain, excessive moisture, or liquid spilled into the case.
• Your MacBook or power adapter has been dropped, the case has been damaged, or you suspect that service or repair is required.

The MagSafe power port contains a magnet that can erase data on a credit card, iPod, or other device. To preserve your data, do not place these or other magnetically sensitive material or devices within 1 inch (25 mm) of this port.

If debris gets into the MagSafe power port, remove it gently with a dry cotton swab.
**MagSafe power specifications:**

- **Frequency:** 50 to 60 Hz, single phase
- **Line Voltage:** 100 to 240 V
- **Output Voltage:** 16.5 V DC, 3.65 A

**Battery**  Do not drop, disassemble, crush, incinerate, or expose the battery to temperatures above 212° F (100° C). Stop using the battery if it appears damaged in any way. Replace the battery only with an Apple-authorized battery for this product. Dispose of used batteries promptly according to your local environmental guidelines.

**Hearing damage**  Permanent hearing loss may occur if earbuds or headphones are used at high volume. You can adapt over time to a higher volume of sound that may sound normal but can be damaging to your hearing. If you experience ringing in your ears or muffled speech, stop listening and have your hearing checked. The louder the volume, the less time is required before your hearing could be affected. Hearing experts suggest that to protect your hearing:

- Limit the amount of time you use earbuds or headphones at high volume.
- Avoid turning up the volume to block out noisy surroundings.
- Turn the volume down if you can't hear people speaking near you.

**High-risk activities**  This computer system is not intended for use in the operation of nuclear facilities, aircraft navigation or communications systems, air traffic control systems, or for any other uses where the failure of the computer system could lead to death, personal injury, or severe environmental damage.
Laser Information for Optical Disc Drives

**WARNING:** Making adjustments or performing procedures other than those specified in your equipment’s manual may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

The optical disc drive in your computer contains a laser that is safe in normal use but that may be harmful to your eyes if disassembled. For your safety, have this equipment serviced only by an Apple Authorized Service Provider.

Important Handling Information

**NOTICE:** Failure to follow these handling instructions could result in damage to your MacBook or other property.

Operating environment  Operating your MacBook outside these ranges may affect performance:
- **Operating temperature:** 50° to 95° F (10° to 35° C)
- **Storage temperature:** -4° to 113° F (-20° to 45° C)
- **Relative humidity:** 5% to 90% (noncondensing)
- **Operating altitude:** 0 to 10,000 feet (0 to 3048 meters)

Turning on your MacBook  Never turn on your MacBook unless all of its internal and external parts are in place. Operating the computer when parts are missing may be dangerous and may damage your computer.
Carrying your MacBook  If you carry your MacBook in a bag or briefcase, make sure that there are no loose items (such as paper clips or coins) that could accidentally get inside the computer through vent openings or the optical drive slot or get stuck inside a port. Also, keep magnetically sensitive items away from the MagSafe power port.

Using connectors and ports  Never force a connector into a port. When connecting a device, make sure the port is free of debris, that the connector matches the port, and that you have positioned the connector correctly in relation to the port.

Using the optical drive  The SuperDrive in your MacBook supports standard 12 cm (4.7 inch) discs. Irregularly shaped discs or discs smaller than 12 cm (4.7 inches) are not supported and can become lodged in the drive.

Storing your MacBook  If you are going to store your MacBook for an extended period of time, keep it in a cool location (ideally, 71° F or 22° C) and discharge the battery to 50 percent. When storing your computer for longer than five months, discharge the battery to approximately 50 percent and then remove it from your MacBook. To maintain the capacity of the battery, recharge the battery to 50 percent every six months or so.

Cleaning your MacBook  When cleaning the outside of your MacBook and its components, first shut down your MacBook, unplug the power adapter, and remove the battery. Then use a damp, soft, lint-free cloth to clean the computer’s exterior. Avoid getting moisture in any openings. Do not spray liquid directly on the computer. Do not use aerosol sprays, solvents, or abrasives that might damage the finish.
Cleaning the MacBook screen  To clean the MacBook screen, first shut down your MacBook, unplug the power adapter, and remove the battery. Then use the included cleaning cloth to wipe the screen. Dampen the cloth with water if necessary. Do not spray liquid directly on the screen.

Understanding Ergonomics
Here are some tips for setting up a healthy work environment.

Keyboard and Trackpad
When you use the keyboard and trackpad, your shoulders should be relaxed. Your upper arm and forearm should form an angle that is slightly greater than a right angle, with your wrist and hand in roughly a straight line.
Use a light touch when typing or using the trackpad and keep your hands and fingers relaxed. Avoid rolling your thumbs under your palms.

Change hand positions often to avoid fatigue. Some computer users might develop discomfort in their hands, wrists, or arms after intensive work without breaks. If you begin to develop chronic pain or discomfort in your hands, wrists, or arms, consult a qualified health specialist.

**External Mouse**
If you use an external mouse, position the mouse at the same height as the keyboard and within comfortable reach.

**Chair**
An adjustable chair that provides firm, comfortable support is best. Adjust the height of the chair so your thighs are horizontal and your feet are flat on the floor. The back of the chair should support your lower back (lumbar region). Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for adjusting the backrest to fit your body properly.
You might have to raise your chair so that your forearms and hands are at the proper angle to the keyboard. If this makes it impossible to rest your feet flat on the floor, you can use a footrest with adjustable height and tilt to make up for any gap between the floor and your feet. Or you can lower the desktop to eliminate the need for a footrest. Another option is to use a desk with a keyboard tray that’s lower than the regular work surface.

**Built-in Display**
Adjust the angle of the display to minimize glare and reflections from overhead lights and windows. Do not force the display if you meet resistance. The display is not meant to open past 130 degrees.

You can adjust the brightness of the screen when you take the computer from one work location to another, or if the lighting in your work area changes.

More information about ergonomics is available on the web:

[www.apple.com/about/ergonomics](http://www.apple.com/about/ergonomics)

**Apple and the Environment**
Apple Inc. recognizes its responsibility to minimize the environmental impacts of its operations and products.

More information is available on the web:

Regulatory Compliance Information

FCC Compliance Statement
This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. See instructions if interference to radio or television reception is suspected.

Radio and Television Interference
This computer equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio-frequency energy. If it is not installed and used properly—that is, in strict accordance with Apple’s instructions—it may cause interference with radio and television reception.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device in accordance with the specifications in Part 15 of FCC rules. These specifications are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference with radio and television reception. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. You can determine whether your computer system is causing interference by turning it off. If the interference stops, it was probably caused by the computer or one of the peripheral devices.

If your computer system does cause interference to radio or television reception, try to correct the interference by using one or more of the following measures:

• Turn the television or radio antenna until the interference stops.
• Move the computer to one side or the other of the television or radio.
• Move the computer farther away from the television or radio.
• Plug the computer in to an outlet that is on a different circuit from the television or radio. (That is, make certain the computer and the television or radio are on circuits controlled by different circuit breakers or fuses.)

If necessary, consult an Apple Authorized Service Provider or Apple. See the service and support information that came with your Apple product. Or consult an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions.

Important: Changes or modifications to this product not authorized by Apple Inc. could void the EMC compliance and negate your authority to operate the product.

This product has demonstrated EMC compliance under conditions that included the use of compliant peripheral devices and shielded cables (including Ethernet network cables) between system components. It is important that you use compliant peripheral devices and shielded cables between system components to reduce the possibility of causing interference to radios, television sets, and other electronic devices.
Responsible party (contact for FCC matters only):
Apple Inc. Corporate Compliance
1 Infinite Loop, MS 26-A
Cupertino, CA 95014

Wireless Radio Use
This device is restricted to indoor use when operating in the 5.15 to 5.25 GHz frequency band.

Exposure to Radio Frequency Energy
The radiated output power of the AirPort Extreme technology is below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, it is advised to use the wireless equipment in such a manner that the potential for human contact during normal operation is minimized.

FCC Bluetooth Wireless Compliance
The antenna used with this transmitter must not be collocated or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter subject to the conditions of the FCC Grant.

Bluetooth Industry Canada Statement
This Class B device meets all requirements of the Canadian interference-causing equipment regulations.

Industry Canada Statement
Complies with the Canadian ICES-003 Class B specifications. Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada. This device complies with RSS 210 of Industry Canada.

Bluetooth Europe—EU Declaration of Conformity
This wireless device complies with the R&TTE Directive.

Europe—EU Declaration of Conformity
The equipment complies with the RF Exposure Requirement 1999/519/EC, Council Recommendation of 12 July 1999 on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz).

Hereby, Apple Inc. declares that this 802.11a/b/g/n Mini-PCIe card is in compliance with the R&TTE Directive.

Complies with European Low Voltage and EMC Directives.
See: www.apple.com/euro/compliance

Korea Warning Statements
"이 기기는 가정용으로 전자파저항등록을 한 기기로서 주거지역에서는 물론 모BILE 지역에서 사용할 수 있습니다."

Singapore Wireless Certification

Complies with EIA Standards L29000025
Taiwan Wireless Statements

Taiwan Class B Statement

VCCI Class B Statement

Russia

External USB Modem Information
When connecting your MacBook to the phone line using an external USB modem, refer to the telecommunications agency information in the documentation that came with your modem.

ENERGY STAR® Compliance
As an ENERGY STAR® partner, Apple has determined that standard configurations of this product meet the ENERGY STAR® guidelines for energy efficiency. The ENERGY STAR® program is a partnership with electronic equipment manufacturers to promote energy-efficient products. Reducing energy consumption of products saves money and helps conserve valuable resources.

This computer is shipped with power management enabled with the computer set to sleep after 10 minutes of user inactivity. To wake your computer, click the mouse or trackpad button or press any key on the keyboard.

For more information about ENERGY STAR®, visit: www.energystar.gov
Disposal and Recycling Information

This symbol indicates that your product must be disposed of properly according to local laws and regulations. Because the backlight lamp in this product contains mercury, the product must be disposed of separately from household waste. When your product reaches its end of life, contact Apple or your local authorities to learn about recycling options.

For information about Apple’s recycling program, go to www.apple.com/environment/recycling.

Battery Disposal Information

Dispose of batteries according to your local environmental laws and guidelines.


Nederland: Gebruikte batterijen kunnen worden ingeleverd bij de chemokar of in een speciale batterij/container voor klein chemisch afval (kca) worden gedeponeerd.

Taiwan:

廢電池請回收
European Union—Disposal Information:

The symbol above means that according to local laws and regulations your product should be disposed of separately from household waste. When this product reaches its end of life, take it to a collection point designated by local authorities. Some collection points accept products for free. The separate collection and recycling of your product at the time of disposal will help conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment.
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