



Call it a Software Update

The best way to keep your Mac happy is to update your system software periodically with Software Update. Software updates include important firmware updates that can improve the overall system stability and performance of your Mac. They can also provide improved security of Mac OS X, or address battery performance issues. In addition to releasing new versions of the system software at regular intervals, Apple also releases a stream of free software application updates to enrich your computing experience.

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 printers you don't own, choose Make Inactive from the Update menu.



To get updates immediately, follow these steps:

1. From the Apple menu, choose Software Update. Software Update checks for available updates. In the Software Update window, select the items you want to install, then click Install. Usually, you should install all available updates.
2. Enter an Admin user name and password.
3. After the update is complete, restart the computer if necessary.
4. You can repeat these steps to see if more updates are now available. Because some software updates are prerequisites for others, you may need to repeat these steps several times to complete the software update sequence.



By default, it automatically checks for updates weekly. You can change the interval from weekly to daily or monthly, or you can turn off scheduled checks if you want.

To ensure your machine automatically checks for updates follow these steps to make sure that your machine is continually up to date:

1. From the Apple menu, choose to System Preferences.
2. Select Software Update.
3. Ensure Check for Updates is ticked then choose the frequency. Weekly is recommended.

