



Read Before You Install Mac OS X Public Beta

This document provides information about installing Mac OS X Public Beta that isn't in *Welcome to Mac OS X*.

For the latest information about Mac OS X, open Mac Help and search for "Late-Breaking News" after you install Mac OS X. For more information about Mac OS X, visit the Mac OS X Web site (www.apple.com/macosx/).

Important Mac OS X Public Beta is pre-release software provided on a trial basis for a limited time. It's being made available to you for evaluation and development purposes only. Do not use Mac OS X Public Beta in a commercial operating environment or with important data. You should back up all of your data before installing this software and regularly back up data while using the software. Your rights to use Mac OS X Public Beta are subject to the terms of the software license agreement that accompanies the software.

System requirements

This version of Mac OS X works with the following computers:

- any Power Mac G4 computer
- any Power Macintosh G3 computer
- any PowerBook G3 except the original PowerBook G3
- any iMac computer
- any iBook computer

Your computer must have

- at least 128 MB of RAM
- internal video, or an Apple-supplied ixMicro or ATI video card
- at least 1 GB of disk space available

Hardware issues

Updating your computer's firmware

Before you install Mac OS X, you may need to update your computer's firmware. Updaters and instructions are available at the Apple Software Updates Web site (asu.info.apple.com). You may also need to update the software for any device you use with your computer. Check with the manufacturer for the latest update.

Installing on an original Power Macintosh G3

If you install this release of Mac OS X on an original Power Macintosh G3 with an internal ATA disk, select a destination for Mac OS X that is in the first 8 GB of the disk.

Installing on a Power Mac G4 with a second ATA disk

If you have a Power Mac G4 computer that came with an internal ATA disk and you have installed a second ATA disk that uses the same connector as the original disk, you must install this release of Mac OS X on the original ATA disk.

Installing on a PowerBook G3

You cannot install Mac OS X on an external SCSI disk connected to a PowerBook G3 (bronze keyboard).

Installing on FireWire or USB disks

You cannot install this release of Mac OS X on a FireWire or USB disk.

Mac OS X currently provides limited support for FireWire hard disks. Although you cannot use a FireWire disk as your Mac OS X startup disk, you can store documents on a FireWire disk.

Installing on a computer with a third-party SCSI card

If you have installed a third-party SCSI card in your computer and you cannot start up Mac OS X, attach a disk or terminator to one of the card's ports.

Using more than one monitor

If you have more than one monitor connected to your computer, you may need to unplug the second monitor to install this release. If you still cannot install this release, remove any additional display cards.

AirPort not supported

This release of Mac OS X does not support using AirPort to connect to the network.

Starting installation

To start installing Mac OS X, do one of the following:

- Start up your computer using the Mac OS X CD. (Insert the CD, then restart your computer while holding down the C key.)
- Double-click the Install Mac OS X icon on the CD.

When the Mac OS X Installer appears, follow the onscreen instructions.

Installation issues

Erasing the destination

When you install Mac OS X, you can choose to erase the destination you select. In most cases, choose Mac OS Extended (HFS Plus) as the format.

Installing Mac OS X on the same volume with Mac OS 9

To install Mac OS X on the same volume with Mac OS 9, you must have Mac OS 9 installed on a Mac OS Extended (HFS Plus) format volume.

If you are installing Mac OS X on the same volume with Mac OS 9, do not select to erase the destination.

Restarting Mac OS X after using a Mac OS 9 CD

If you use a Mac OS 9 CD to start up your computer, your computer may not start up again in Mac OS X. Use the System Disk control panel (on the Mac OS X CD) to select the Mac OS X disk, then restart your computer.

About the PDF documents on the Mac OS X CD

This document and others on the Mac OS X CD are in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format. To open these documents when you start up your computer with Mac OS 9, use the Mac OS 9 version of Adobe Acrobat Reader available on your Mac OS 9 CD. To do so, you must start up your computer from your hard disk.

If you don't already have a copy of Acrobat Reader on your computer, use the Acrobat Reader Installer provided on the CD.

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