

Sierra MacOS

The latest OS for mac, Sierra has some new features. Please refer to this list to see if your mac is compatible with the new MacOS

<http://www.everymac.com/mac-answers/macos-sierra-faq/macos-sierra-1012-compatible-macs-system-requirements.html>

In general if your mac is late 2009 or later, it should upgrade.

Also on a sidenote, if you are still on Snow Leopard, The “Mac App Store Update for OS X Snow Leopard”—quite a mouthful, even for Apple’s naming conventions—was issued Wednesday so that 10.6 users could continue to access the Mac Apple Store, the apps available there, and most importantly, the upgrade to OS X 10.11, or El Capitan.

If you are running Snow Leopard, click on the Apple menu and choose Software Update.

Siri

One of the big additions to Sierra is Siri!

You can activate Siri from several places. There is a new icon in your menu bar, dock and there is a keyboard shortcut that you can modify to your liking.

You can exit Siri by pressing Esc.

Of course, if you didn’t activate Siri at install you can do that in System Preferences. You can also choose whether you want voice feedback.

Also the voice that speaks to you can be changed to your liking.

You can ask Siri to do just about anything

Find Documents by name, length of time since..., subject

Email by subject, etc.

Play music

Find Photos

When you have search results, you can add them to your Today notifications by clicking the + icon

Optimize Storage

Click on Apple menu and choose About this Mac

Then click on Storage and then Manage.

If you have plenty of iCloud storage, this is a great place to free up space. If not, make sure you are not choosing to send things there.

You can go through the list on the left to see if there are items that you don't use or are too old for your OS.

and on the right are automatic actions you can choose to clear up storage on your mac.

Here are some links for Sierra for your further perusal:

<http://www.pocket-lint.com/news/138907-macos-sierra-tips-and-tricks-maximise-your-macbook>

<http://www.macworld.com/article/3101944/mac/how-to-use-optimized-storage-in-macos-sierra.html>

<http://www.apple.com/macos/sierra/>

<http://osxdaily.com/2016/06/14/macos-sierra-compatibility-list/>