Let's get started

When you start your Mac mini for the first time, Setup Assistant helps you get going. Just follow a few simple steps to quickly connect to your Wi-Fi network, transfer your stuff from another Mac or a PC, and create a user account for your Mac.

You'll also be able to log in with your Apple ID. This allows you to shop the App Store, iTunes Store, and Apple Online Store. It lets you keep in touch using Messages and FaceTime. And it lets you access iCloud, which is automatically set up on your Mac in apps like Mail, Contacts, and Calendar. If you don't have an Apple ID, you can create one in Setup Assistant.

Get to know your desktop

The desktop is where you can find everything and do anything on your Mac. The Dock at the bottom is a handy place to keep the apps you use most. It's also where you can open System Preferences, which lets you customize your desktop and other settings on your Mac. Click the Finder icon to quickly get to all your files and folders.

The menu bar at the top has lots of useful information about your Mac. To check the status of your wireless Internet connection, click the Wi-Fi icon. Your Mac automatically connects to the network you chose during setup.

Hello.

iCloud

iCloud stores your music, photos, documents, calendars, and more. And it wirelessly pushes them to your Mac, iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, and even your PC. All without docking or syncing. So when you buy a song on one device, it's instantly available on all your other devices. When you adjust your calendar, all your devices stay up to date. And with Photo Stream, your latest photos appear everywhere you want to see them, automatically.

To customize your iCloud settings, open the Apple menu, choose System Preferences, and click iCloud. Then sign in with your Apple ID and choose the iCloud features you want to use.

Quick Start Guide

Let's get moving

It's easy to move files like documents, email, photos, music, and movies to your new Mac from another Mac or a PC. The first time you start your new Mac, it walks you through the process step by step. All you have to do is follow the onscreen instructions.

If your Mac mini shipped with OS X Server, the Server application will open and walk you through the configuration process.

Launchpad

Launchpad is the home for all the apps on your Mac. Just click the Launchpad icon in the Dock, and your open windows are replaced by a full-screen display of all your apps. Arrange apps any way you want, group them together in folders, or delete them from your Mac. When you download an app from the Mac App Store, it automatically appears in Launchpad.

Mission Control

Mission Control gives you a bird's-eye view of everything running on your Mac. Click the Mission Control icon in the Dock, and your desktop zooms out to display all the open windows in every application, all your full-screen apps, and Dashboard, the home of mini-apps called widgets. Click anything to zoom in on it. Think of Mission Control as the hub of your system—view everything and go anywhere with just a click.
Mouse. Swipe right and left with two fingers. Scroll up with one finger to zoom in and out. Press and hold the Control key and scroll with one finger to go full screen.

Click the Safari icon in the Dock to get a quick overview. Click the glasses icon to get a quick overview. Click the Reading List icon to get a quick overview.

Mail lets you manage all your email accounts from a single, ad-free inbox, even when you're not connected to the Internet. It also works with most email standards—Yahoo! Mail, and AOL Mail. You can also use Mail with the free me.com assistant will help you get started. The first time you open Mail, Setup email account you get with iCloud. You also can use Mail with the free me.com account. Mail lets you manage all your email accounts from a single, ad-free inbox, even when you're not connected to the Internet. It also works with most email standards—Yahoo! Mail, and AOL Mail. You can also use Mail with the free me.com account.

iCloud provides a set of tools that let you store and access your personal information, photos, documents, and other important items from your Mac, your iPhone, and your iPad. iCloud Drive lets you use your iCloud Drive to store and access files across your devices. iCloud Photos lets you use your iCloud Photos to store and access your photos, videos, and text documents. iCloud Mail lets you use your iCloud Mail to store and access your email messages.

iTunes is also where you'll find the App Store for iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch. The iTunes Store is the place to go to discover and buy new music, movies, TV shows, books, and more. With iTunes, you can organize and play your digital music and videos. You can also use iTunes to play your digital music and videos. With iTunes, you can organize and play your digital music and videos.