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iMac Pro at a glance

Say hello to iMac Pro



This guide provides the essential information you need to get the most from your iMac Pro.

Take a look around. Want a quick intro to the features of your iMac Pro? See the next section, [Take a tour](#).

Get started. Press the power button on the back of your iMac Pro, follow the Setup Assistant prompts, and you're up and running. See [Work wirelessly](#), [Set up](#), and [Migrate your data](#).

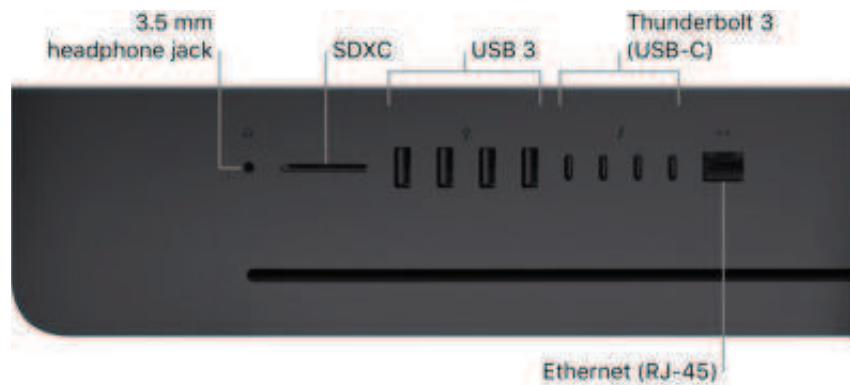
Stay in sync. Access your documents, photos, music, apps, contacts, and calendars across all your devices with iCloud. And use your iMac Pro with your iOS devices to make and receive phone calls and texts, copy and paste across devices, or create an Instant Hotspot. Learn more in [Access your content anywhere with iCloud](#) and [Use your iMac Pro with iCloud and Continuity features](#).

Unleash your creativity. Edit photos, organize albums, and share memories with Photos; organize and listen to music, books, movies, and more with iTunes; create presentations with Keynote; and check out all the apps available on the [App Store](#), to express yourself in as many ways as you have ideas.

Dig deeper. Explore your iMac Pro and get your questions answered. See [Mac Help](#).

Take a tour

Your iMac Pro has the following features built in:



- *3.5 mm headphone jack*: Plug in stereo headphones to experience high-quality sound while watching movies or listening to your favorite music.
- *SDXC card slot*: Transfer photos, videos, and data to and from your iMac Pro, with high-capacity SD cards.

The SDXC card slot supports SD cards up to UHS-II performance.

- *USB 3 ports*: Connect an iPad, iPhone, iPod, digital camera, camcorder, external storage, or printer quickly and easily. The iMac Pro USB 3 ports support USB 3 and USB 2 devices.
- *Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) ports*: Connect Thunderbolt 3 and USB-C devices or displays. Or use an [adapter](#) to connect Thunderbolt 2 peripherals, a display or projector, and more. For more information about connecting external displays to your iMac Pro, see [Use an external display](#).
- *10 Gigabit Ethernet (RJ-45) port*: Nbase-T Ethernet technology supports multiple data rates for speeds up to 10 Gbit/s over standard twisted pair copper cabling up to 100 meters (328 feet) in length. Depending on the device you're connecting to, the cable type and technology used, and the cable length, the highest link speed is automatically negotiated. For example, if the device you're connecting to is 10 Gbit/s-capable and the cable can support the speed, the two devices negotiate the 10 Gbit/s speed. See the following chart for connection speeds and cable types. Speeds are for cables up to 100 meters (328 feet) in length, unless otherwise specified.

Cable Type	1 Gbit/s	2.5 Gbit/s	5 Gbit/s	10 Gbit/s
Category 5e	✓	✓	✓	Not supported
Category 6	✓	✓	✓	✓ Up to 55 m (180 feet) in length
Category 6a	✓	✓	✓	✓



- *AC power cord:* Pass the power cord through the hole in the stand, plug it into the power port on the back of your iMac Pro, then plug the cord into a power outlet.
- *Power button:* Press and hold for three seconds to turn your iMac Pro on or off, or press quickly to put it to sleep.



- *Retina 5K display:* Enjoy gorgeous, true-to-life images with the bright 27-inch screen. The Retina 5K display has 5120 by 2880 resolution and support for P3 wide color.
- *1080p FaceTime HD camera:* Make FaceTime video calls or take pictures and video with the camera at the top of the display. If the light is glowing, the camera is on. For more information, see [FaceTime](#).
- *Speakers and microphones:* Eliminate unwanted noise, boost your voice, and speak to Siri using the four built-in microphones. Along with the stereo speakers, the mics work to improve your FaceTime and videoconferencing experience. For more information, see [Siri](#).

Connect accessories


Work wirelessly

Using Bluetooth® technology, your iMac Pro can wirelessly connect (that is, pair) with devices such as the included Magic Mouse 2 and Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad, and with optional devices like the Magic Trackpad 2, AirPods, peripheral devices, wearable sport accessories, and others. To connect your iMac Pro with a device that's not already paired, choose Apple menu > System Preferences, then click Bluetooth.

Note: Your Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad behaves like a wired keyboard when connected using the included USB to Lightning cable. Bluetooth isn't used, and all communication is over the cable.

What's included

To use your iMac Pro, you need two accessories included in the box—the Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad and the Magic Mouse 2.

Important: To begin using your Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad and Magic Mouse 2, simply make sure the on/off switch of each device is on  (green is visible). The devices connect to your iMac Pro automatically.



- *Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad:* Your rechargeable Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad is already connected with your iMac Pro and is ready to use. When you need to charge the keyboard or if you need to connect it again, connect it to your iMac Pro using the included Lightning to USB cable.

To customize how your keyboard works, use the Keyboard pane of System Preferences. Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, click Keyboard, then click the buttons at the top to see the options available for keyboard, text, shortcuts, and input sources. To learn what the function keys on the keyboard do, see [Keyboard](#).

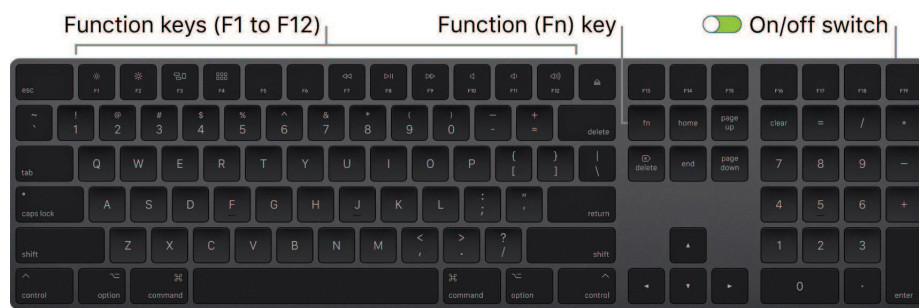
- *Magic Mouse 2:* Like the Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad, your rechargeable Magic Mouse 2 is already connected with your iMac Pro out of the box; you can use it anywhere within range of your computer. When you need to charge the mouse or if you need to connect it again, connect it to your iMac Pro using the included Lightning to USB cable.












To customize your gestures, use the Mouse pane of System Preferences. Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, click Mouse, then click the buttons at the top to see all the scrolling, clicking, swiping, and tapping options.

If you configured your iMac Pro with the optional Magic Trackpad 2, it comes connected with your iMac Pro and is ready to use. If you purchased a Magic Trackpad 2 separately, connect it to your iMac Pro with the included Lightning to USB cable to connect with it using Bluetooth. Use this same cable to charge your devices as necessary, then unplug them and use them in the location that works best for you.

Keyboard

The function keys on your Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad provide shortcuts for common functions, such as increasing the volume or screen brightness.








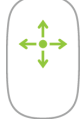



- *On/off switch:* Slide the on/off switch on the back edge of the keyboard to turn it on  (green is visible) or off.
- *Brightness keys (F1, F2):* Press  or  to increase or decrease the brightness of the screen.
- *Mission Control key (F3):* Press  to view what's running on your iMac Pro, including all your spaces and open windows.
- *Launchpad key (F4):* Press  to instantly see all the apps on your iMac Pro. Click an app to open it.
- *Media keys (F7, F8, F9):* Press  to rewind,  to play or pause, or  to fast-forward a song, movie, or slideshow.
- *Mute key (F10):* Press  to mute the sound from the built-in speakers or 3.5 mm headphone jack.
- *Volume keys (F11, F12):* Press  or  to increase or decrease the volume of sound from the built-in speakers or 3.5 mm headphone jack.
- *Function (Fn) key:* Each function key (on the top row) can also perform other functions. Hold down the Fn key while you press a function key to trigger the action associated with the key.


Tip: Press the Fn key twice to turn on dictation, which lets you dictate text wherever you can type it (for example, in Messages, Mail, Pages, and many other apps).

Set keyboard preferences. Use the Keyboard pane of System Preferences (choose Apple menu > System Preferences, click Keyboard, then click the buttons at the top to see the available options).

Mouse


Here are some common gestures you can use with your Magic Mouse 2.

Gesture	Action
	Turn on/off: Slide the on/off switch on the bottom of the mouse to turn it on  (green is visible).
	Click: Press anywhere on the mouse surface to click or double-click.
	Secondary click: Press the left or right side of the mouse to perform a “secondary click.” (Enable right- and left-click in System Preferences  > Mouse > Secondary click.)
	360° scroll: Brush one finger along the surface to scroll or pan in any direction.
	Screen zoom: Hold down the Control key and scroll with one finger to enlarge items on the screen. (Enable this feature in System Preferences  > Accessibility > Zoom > Use scroll gesture with modifier keys to zoom.)
	Two-finger swipe: Swipe left or right to move through pages, photos, and more.

Customize your gestures. To set preferences and enable gestures, choose Apple menu > System Preferences (or click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock), click Mouse, then click the buttons at the top to see the available options.

Charge the battery

Your Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad and Magic Mouse 2 each have a built-in rechargeable battery.

Charge the battery. Connect your Magic Keyboard with Numeric Keypad or Magic Mouse 2 to your iMac Pro with the included Lightning to USB cable. To check the charge level, click  in the menu bar at the top of the screen, then choose the device.

Tip: To charge the battery faster, be sure your input device is turned on when you connect it to your iMac Pro.

For more information about the rechargeable battery in your keyboard or mouse, go to [Apple Lithium-ion Batteries](#).

Adapters

The following Apple adapters are available to connect external devices, displays, and more, to the Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) ports on your iMac Pro.



Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) to Thunderbolt 2 Adapter: Connect your iMac Pro to Thunderbolt 2 devices or a Thunderbolt display.




USB-C Digital AV Multiport Adapter: Connect your iMac Pro to an HDMI display, while also connecting a standard USB device to your iMac Pro.



USB-C VGA Multiport Adapter: Connect your iMac Pro to a VGA projector or display, while also connecting a standard USB device to your iMac Pro.

Adapters and other accessories are sold separately at [apple.com](#) or your local Apple Store. Review the documentation or check with the manufacturer to make sure you're choosing the right adapter for your iMac Pro.

Use an external display

The Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) ports  on your iMac Pro support video output. You can use an external display, a projector, or an HDTV with your iMac Pro.

Note: The Thunderbolt 3 ports on your iMac Pro are managed by two controllers, one for the two left ports, the other for the two right ports. Each controller can support two 4K displays or one 5K display. So you can connect up to four 4K displays or two 5K displays to your iMac Pro. To connect two 5K external displays, for example, connect the first 5K display to either of the first two Thunderbolt 3 ports, and the second 5K display to either of the last two Thunderbolt 3 ports.

To connect this device to a Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) port

Use this cable or adapter

Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) display

Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) cable

USB-C display

USB-C (USB 3.1) cable

Thunderbolt 2 display

Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) to Thunderbolt 2 adapter

HDMI display or HDTV

USB-C to HDMI adapter or a USB-C Digital AV Multiport adapter

VGA display or projector

USB-C VGA Multiport adapter

DisplayPort or Mini DisplayPort display

USB-C to DisplayPort or Mini DisplayPort adapter

DVI display or projector

USB-C to DVI adapter

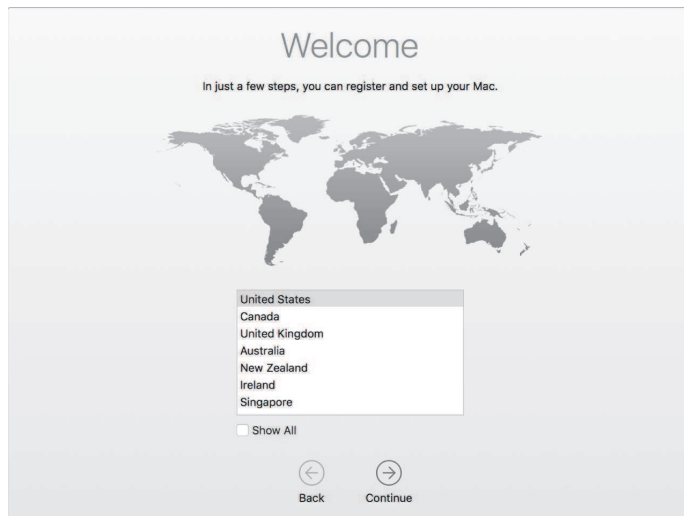
If you have an HDTV connected to an Apple TV, you can use AirPlay to mirror your iMac Pro screen in up to 1080p HD. See [AirPlay](#) for details.

Adapters and other accessories are sold separately at apple.com or your local Apple Store. Review the documentation or check with the manufacturer to make sure you choose the right adapter.


Get started


Set up


The first time you turn on your iMac Pro, Setup Assistant walks you through the simple steps needed to start using your new iMac Pro. If you want to transfer your data from another computer, see [Migrate your data](#) for details.





Be sure to connect to Wi-Fi, turn on Bluetooth® wireless technology, get an Apple ID, then sign in to iCloud. You can also activate Siri if you want. You can do these steps quickly and easily with Setup Assistant—but if you want to do them later, here’s how:

Connect to Wi-Fi. Click the Wi-Fi status icon  in the menu bar, then choose a Wi-Fi network and enter the password, if necessary.

Turn Wi-Fi on or off. Click the Wi-Fi status icon  in the menu bar, then choose Turn Wi-Fi On or Turn Wi-Fi Off.

Turn Bluetooth on or off. Click the Bluetooth icon  in the menu bar, then choose Turn Bluetooth On or Turn Bluetooth Off.

Tip: If you don’t see the Wi-Fi status icon  or Bluetooth icon  in the menu bar, you can add them. For Wi-Fi, choose Apple menu > System Preferences, then click Network. Click Wi-Fi in the list on the left, then select “Show Wi-Fi status in menu bar.” For Bluetooth, choose Apple menu > System Preferences, click Bluetooth, then select “Show Bluetooth in menu bar.”

Get an Apple ID. Your Apple ID is the account you use for everything you do with Apple—including using the App Store, the iTunes Store, iCloud, Messages, and more. Your Apple ID consists of an email address and a password. You need only one Apple ID to use

any Apple service, on any device—whether it’s your computer, iOS device, Apple Watch, or Apple TV. It’s best to have your own Apple ID and not share it—create a separate Apple ID for each family member.

If you don’t already have an Apple ID, you can create one (it’s free). Go to [the Apple ID account website](#).

Important: If you forget your Apple ID password, you don’t need to create a new Apple ID. Just click the Forgot link in the login window to retrieve your password.

Set up iCloud on your iMac Pro. With iCloud, you can store all of your content—documents, movies, music, photos, and more—in the cloud, and access it anywhere you go.

To set up iCloud, choose Apple menu > System Preferences, then click iCloud. In the window that appears, enter your Apple ID and password. Then select the features you want to use. To find out more, see [Access your content anywhere with iCloud](#).

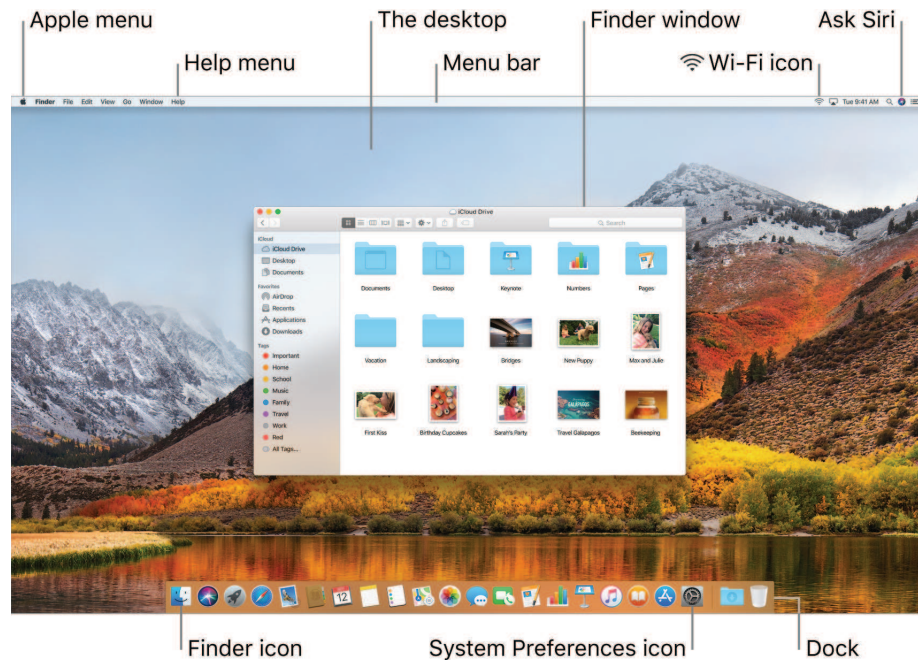
Important: Be sure to use the same Apple ID for iCloud on all your devices.

For information about setting up and using Siri on your iMac Pro, see [Siri](#).



Find your way around

The desktop, menu bar, Finder, and Help


The first thing you see on your iMac Pro is the *desktop*, where you can quickly open apps, search for anything on your iMac Pro and the web, organize your files, and more.

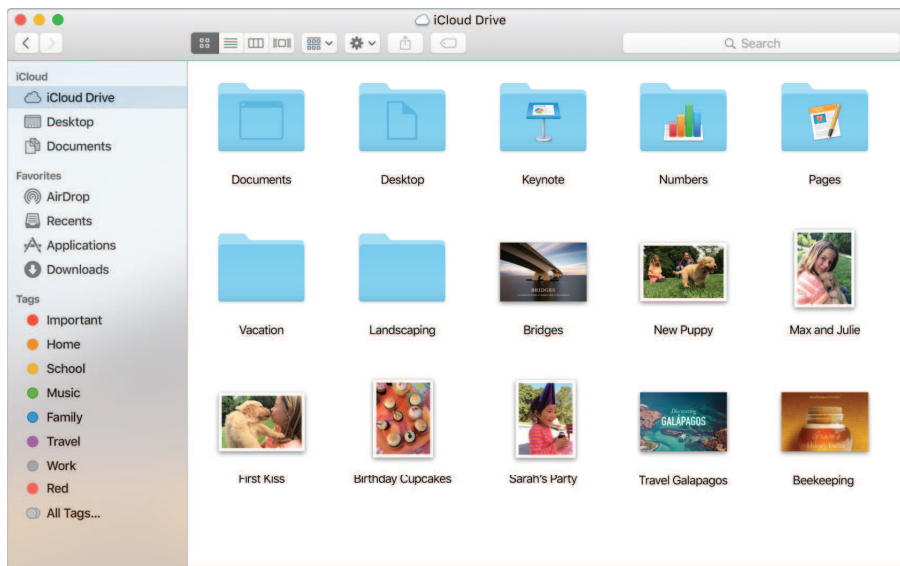


Tip: Can't find the pointer? To magnify it temporarily, slide the mouse back and forth quickly.

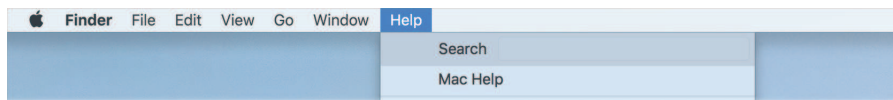
Menu bar. Use the menus and icons along the top of the screen to open new windows, connect to a Wi-Fi network, check your Wi-Fi status , change the volume , query Siri, and more. The menu items change, depending on which app you're using.

Apple menu. The Apple menu in the upper-left corner of the screen contains frequently used items. To open it, click the Apple icon.

Finder. The Finder is an app that's always open. Use the Finder to organize and locate your files. To open a Finder window, click the Finder icon  in the Dock at the bottom of the screen.



Help menu. Help for your iMac Pro and apps is always available from the Finder. To get help, click the Help menu and choose Mac Help. Or type in the search field and choose a suggestion.



To learn more, see [Mac Help](#).

Read on to learn about [the Dock](#) and other features of the desktop.

The Dock

The Dock, at the bottom of the screen, is a convenient place to keep the apps and documents you use frequently.


Apps go on the left side of the line;
files and folders go on the right.



Open an app or file. Click its icon in the Dock.

Add an item to the Dock. Drag the item and drop it where you want it. Place apps to the left of the line in the Dock, and files or folders to the right.


Remove an item from the Dock. Drag it out of the Dock. The item isn't removed from your iMac Pro—just from the Dock.

Tip: You can make the Dock larger or smaller, add or remove items, move it to the left or right side of the screen, or even set it to hide when you're not using it. To change how the Dock looks, click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, or choose Apple menu > System Preferences. Then click Dock.

Quickly open apps

Your iMac Pro comes with apps for all the things you love to do—browse the web, check email, share photos, enjoy movies, and more.



Open an app. Click an app icon in the Dock, or click the Launchpad icon  in the Dock, then click the app you want. You can also search for an app using Spotlight, then open the app directly from your Spotlight search results.

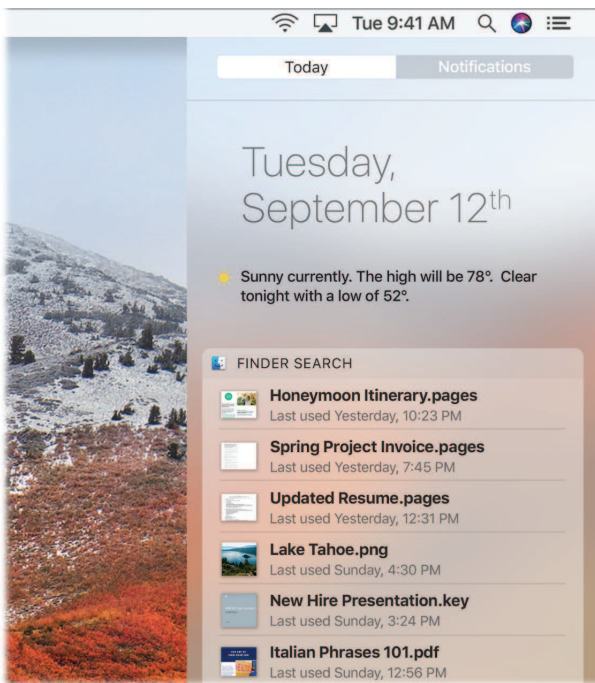
Ask Siri. Say something like: "Open Calculator."


Organize apps in Launchpad. Launchpad organizes your apps in a grid. Drag an app to a new location to rearrange apps. Drag an app onto another app to create a folder. Drag more apps to the new folder to add them. To remove an app from a folder, drag it out.

Get more apps. Click the App Store icon  in the Dock and search for apps you want. Apps you download from the App Store appear automatically in Launchpad. To quickly get updates for apps and macOS, click Updates in the App Store.

Notification Center


Use Notification Center to view details about your day (calendar, stocks, weather, and more) and catch up on notifications you might have missed (email, reminders, app notifications, and more).



Open Notification Center. Click the Notification Center icon  at the top right of the screen. Tap Today to see what's coming up or Notifications to review what's come in.

System Preferences

System Preferences is where you personalize your iMac Pro settings. For example, use Energy Saver preferences to change sleep settings. Or use Desktop & Screen Saver preferences to add a desktop background or choose a screen saver.

Customize your iMac Pro. Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, or click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock. Then click the preference you want to set.



Spotlight

Spotlight Q is an easy way to find anything on your iMac Pro, such as documents, contacts, calendar events, and email messages. Spotlight Suggestions offer info from Wikipedia articles, web search results, news, sports, weather, stocks, movies, and other sources.

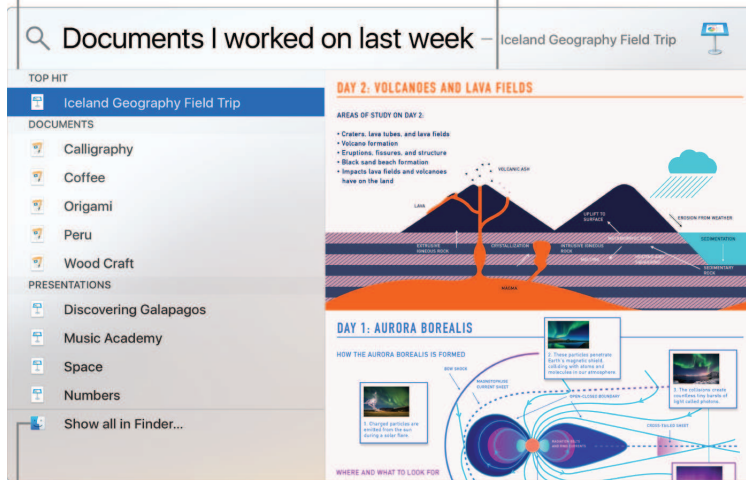
When you search with Spotlight, the preview area on the right provides search results you can interact with—make a call, send an email message, play a song, get directions, even convert currencies. Spotlight can provide answers to math questions or define words, all on your desktop.

Search for anything. Click Q at the top right of the screen, then start typing.

Tip: Type Command–Space bar to show or hide the Spotlight search field.

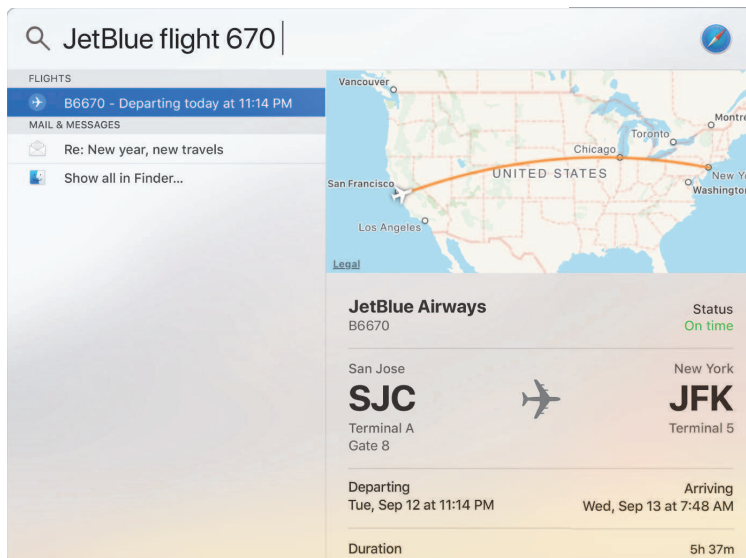
Get weather, stocks, sports, transit info, and more.

Interact with the preview in Spotlight.




Find your files quickly.

Get flight info. Enter the airline and flight number in Spotlight to see your flight status and a map, without having to open Safari.



Preview your results. Click a search result and view it in the preview on the right. Sometimes that's all you need to do—click items or links directly in the preview. You can also double-click a result to open it.



Open an app. Type the app name in Spotlight, then press Return.

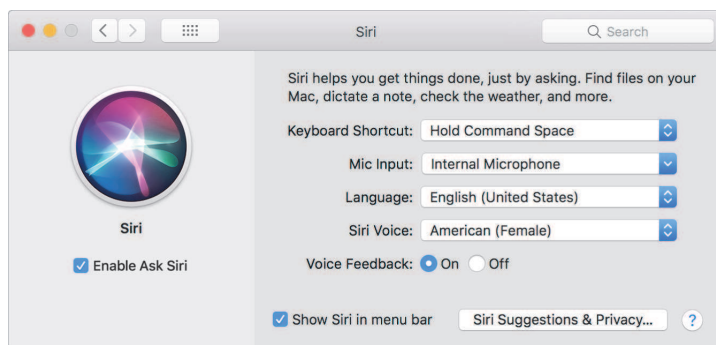
Turn off Spotlight Suggestions. If you want Spotlight to search only for items on your iMac Pro, you can turn off Spotlight Suggestions in Spotlight preferences. Click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click Spotlight, then click to deselect Spotlight Suggestions. Make any other changes you want to the list of categories Spotlight searches.

Siri


You can talk to Siri on your iMac Pro and use your voice for many tasks. For example, you can find files, schedule meetings, change preferences, get answers, send messages, place calls, and add items to your calendar. Siri can give you directions (“How do I get home from here?”), provide information (“How high is Mount Whitney?”), perform basic tasks (“Create a new list called Groceries”), and much more.


Note: Siri may not be available in all languages or in all areas, and features may vary by area.

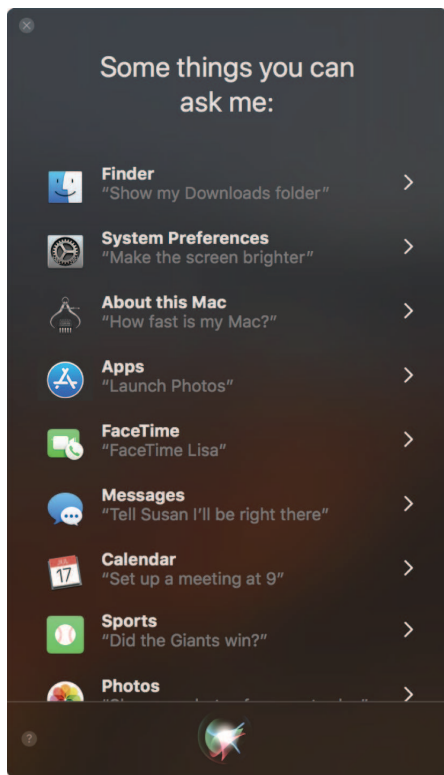
Enable Siri. Click the Siri icon  in the menu bar or in the Dock, then click Enable when prompted. Or click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click Siri, then select Enable Ask Siri. You can also set other options, such as Language.



Note: To use Siri, your iMac Pro must be connected to the Internet.

Speak to Siri. Click Siri  in the menu bar or the Dock and start speaking. Or press and hold the Command key and the Space bar, and speak to Siri.

Tip: To learn about more ways you can use Siri, ask “What can you do” at any time, or click the Help button .



Play some music. Just say, "Play some music," and Siri does the rest. You can even tell Siri, "Play the top song from March 1991."

Find and open files. Ask Siri to find files and open them right from the Siri window. You can ask by file name or by description. For example, "Show me files Ursula sent," or "Open the spreadsheet I created last night."

Drag and drop. Drag and drop images and locations from the Siri window into an email, text message, or document. You can also copy and paste text.

Pin a result. Save Siri results from Sports, Reminders, Clock, Stocks, Notes, Finder, and general knowledge (Wikipedia, for example) to the Today view in Notifications. Click the plus sign **+** in the top right of a Siri result to pin it to the Today View. To see it later, click the Notification Center icon **≡**, then click Today. If you're checking a sports score, for example, results stay up to date.

Change the voice. Click the System Preferences icon **⚙️** in the Dock, click Siri, then choose an option from the Siri Voice menu.

You'll find suggestions for things you can ask Siri throughout this guide—they look like this:


Ask Siri. Say something like:

- "Open the Keynote presentation I was working on last night."
- "What time is it in Paris?"

What's new

New macOS features

macOS High Sierra offers many exciting new features, including:

- *Spotlight*: Instead of going to an airline website, open Spotlight and quickly type an airline and flight number to get current flight status information. For more details, see [Spotlight](#).
- *Safari*: You can customize behaviors per website with new preferences for page zoom, auto-play, content blockers, Reader View, and more; and Safari now removes cross-site tracking data to make it more difficult for advertisers to learn your habits. For more information, see [Safari](#).
- *Mail*: Mail search now returns Top Hits of your most relevant messages and offers the ability to view messages full screen in split view—so you can have a message you're referencing open as you write a new one. For more information, see [Mail](#).
- *Photos*: Add effects to Live Photos and loop them into fun videos; use the improved editing tools with advanced features like Curves and Selective Color; and organize your photos quickly with the new pop-up menu. For more information, see [Photos](#).
- *FaceTime*: During a FaceTime call, you can capture a Live Photo and save it to Photos. Both of you must set your preferences to enable this feature. For more information, see [FaceTime](#).
- *Notes*: Add tables to your notes, and pin frequently used notes to the top of your list. For more information, see [Notes](#).
- *Family Sharing*: Your family can now share a single iCloud storage plan, with space for each family member to store private backups, documents, and photos. For details about setting up this feature, see [Access your content anywhere with iCloud](#).
- *iCloud Drive*: Share your files with colleagues or family members so everyone can work on the same document. Click the Share button , then click Add People. For more information about iCloud Drive, see [Access your content anywhere with iCloud](#).

Secure storage and secure boot


Your iMac Pro includes security features to protect what's on your computer and to prevent unauthorized software apps from loading during startup:

- *Secure storage:* The storage drive of your iMac Pro is encrypted with keys tied to its hardware to provide advanced levels of security. In the event of a catastrophic failure, data recovery may not be possible. It is highly recommended that you keep an up-to-date backup of your system to an external source. You can set up Time Machine or another backup plan to regularly back up the contents of your computer. For more information, see [Back up your files with Time Machine](#) in Mac Help and the Apple Support article [How to use Time Machine to back up or restore your Mac](#).
- *Secure boot and Startup Security Utility:* Support for secure boot is on automatically. It helps ensure that only legitimate macOS software loads on your computer at startup.

In the unlikely event that your iMac Pro won't start because it detects an untrusted component, your computer is already set to boot from a secure recovery partition to automatically correct issues where possible. To learn more about the Startup Security Utility or to find out how to set other options, such as booting from an external device, see the Apple Support article support.apple.com/kb/HT208198.

Migrate your data

It's easy to move your files and settings from another Mac or PC to your iMac Pro. To transfer the data when you first set up your iMac Pro, use Setup Assistant. To transfer data later, you can use Migration Assistant. If both computers are connected to the same Wi-Fi network, you can transfer the data wirelessly.



Tip: For best results, make sure your iMac Pro is running the latest version of macOS. To check for software updates, click the App Store icon  in the Dock, then click Updates in the App Store toolbar.

If you used Time Machine to back up your files from another Mac to a storage device (such as an AirPort Time Capsule or an external disk), you can copy the files from the device to your iMac Pro.



Use Migration Assistant. Open a Finder window, go to Applications > Utilities, then double-click Migration Assistant. Follow the onscreen instructions. For more information, see the Apple Support article [How to move your content to a new Mac](#).

Tip: For fastest migration, connect your old computer to your iMac Pro with a cable. If you migrate wirelessly, you'll get best results if you keep both computers near each other throughout the migration process.

Copy files from a storage device. Connect the device to the USB 3 port  or Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) port  on your iMac Pro, then drag files from your storage device to your iMac Pro.

Use Target Disk Mode. Depending on the type of Thunderbolt port on your old computer, you'll need different cables and/or adapters:

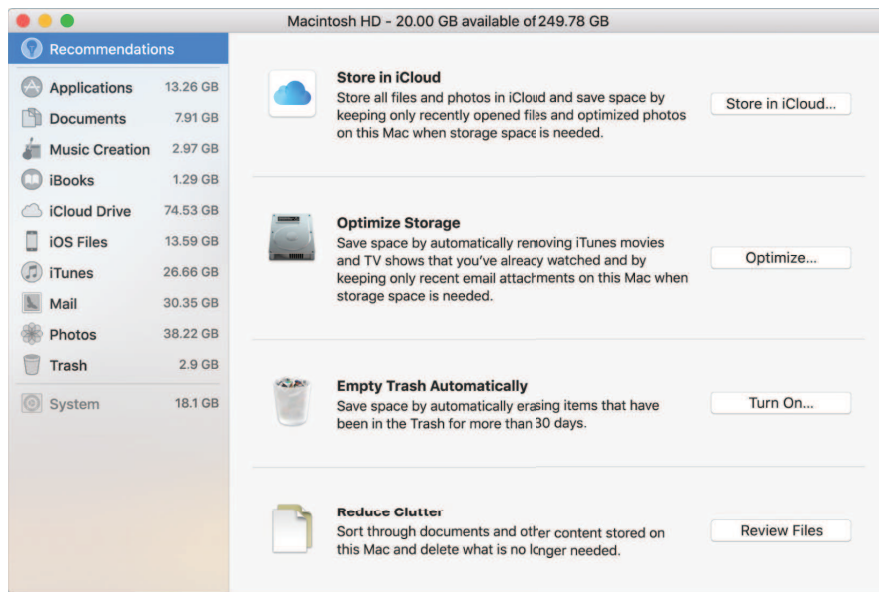
- *Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) port:* You'll need a Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) cable. Plug one end into a Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) port on your old computer and one end into a Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) port on your iMac Pro.
- *Thunderbolt 2 port:* You'll need a Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) to Thunderbolt 2 Adapter and a Thunderbolt 2 cable. Plug the adapter into a Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) port on your iMac Pro. Then connect one end of the Thunderbolt 2 cable to the adapter, and the other end to the Thunderbolt 2 port on your old computer.

Put the Mac you want to migrate data from in Target Disk Mode by restarting it while holding down the T key. Then connect the two computers using one of the options described above, and open Migration Assistant on your iMac Pro. Select "From a Mac, Time Machine backup, or startup disk" when asked how you want to transfer your information, click Continue, then select the disk you want to transfer information from.

Save space on your iMac Pro

macOS High Sierra frees up space on your iMac Pro and helps you save space as you work. You can set options to free up even more space on your iMac Pro.

Optimize storage. Go to Apple menu > About This Mac, click Storage, then click Manage, where you'll see storage recommendations. When your Mac is low on storage, you'll see an alert that can open this pane.



Set options to:

- *Store in iCloud:*
 - Store files in iCloud, where they stay secure and available. You can turn on iCloud Drive to store files on your desktop and in your Documents folder in iCloud.
 - Turn on iCloud Photo Library to store items from the Photos app in iCloud.

Even though your files are stored in the cloud, you can access them right where you left them on your iMac Pro. For more information, see [Access your content anywhere with iCloud](#).


- *Optimize Storage:* Remove iTunes movies and TV shows you've watched, and keep only recent email attachments.
- *Empty Trash Automatically:* Automatically erase items that have been in the Trash for more than 30 days.
- *Reduce Clutter:* Review documents and delete older ones stored on your iMac Pro.

macOS High Sierra also prevents you from downloading the same file twice from Safari, alerts you to remove installer software when you finish installing a new app, clears logs and caches that are safe to remove when you're low on storage, and more, to help you save space as you work.

Back up and restore

To keep your files safe, it's important to back up your iMac Pro regularly. The easiest way to back up is to use Time Machine—which is built into your iMac Pro—with a wireless AirPort Time Capsule (sold separately), or an external storage device connected to your iMac Pro.

Files stored in iCloud Drive and photos in iCloud Photo Library are automatically backed up to the cloud and don't need to be part of your Time Machine or other backup.

Set up Time Machine. Make sure your iMac Pro is on the same Wi-Fi network as your AirPort Time Capsule, or connect your storage device to your iMac Pro. Click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click Time Machine, then select Back Up Automatically. Select the drive you want to use for backup, and you're all set.



Time Machine:

- Automatically backs up your entire iMac Pro, including system files, apps, accounts, preferences, music, photos, movies, and documents.
- Remembers how your computer looked on any given day, so you can revisit your iMac Pro as it appeared in the past or retrieve an older version of a document.
- Lets you restore your entire system from a Time Machine backup. So if anything happens to your iMac Pro, your files and settings are safe and sound.

Important: Be sure to back up frequently to an external location so you can restore your information if necessary. The advanced encryption features of iMac Pro make it difficult to recover information from a damaged hard drive. For more information see [How to use Time Machine to back up or restore your Mac](#).

AirPort Time Capsule is sold separately at apple.com or your local Apple Store.


Learn more. To learn more about backing up and restoring your iMac Pro, see [Back up your files with Time Machine](#) in Mac Help.

Use iMac Pro with other devices

Use your iMac Pro with iCloud and Continuity features

There are many ways to use your iMac Pro with your other devices, such as iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, or Apple Watch. You can transfer files, share and edit documents, unlock your iMac Pro with your Apple Watch, turn your iPhone or iPad into an Internet hotspot, answer calls or send texts from your iMac Pro, and more.

Access your content across devices. With iCloud, you can securely store, edit, and share your documents, photos, and videos across devices to make sure you're always up to date. To get started, see [Access your content anywhere with iCloud](#).

To sign in to iCloud if you didn't when you set up your Mac, click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click iCloud, then sign in with your Apple ID, or create a new one if you don't yet have one. To learn more, see [Set up iCloud on your Mac](#) in Mac Help.

Use your iMac Pro with other devices. You can seamlessly move between your iMac Pro and other devices using Continuity. Just sign in to iCloud with your Apple ID, and whenever your iMac Pro and devices are near each other, they work together in great ways. With Continuity features, you can do things like start a task on one device and finish it on another (see [Handoff](#)), copy and paste between devices (see [Universal Clipboard](#)), answer calls or send texts from your iMac Pro (see [Phone calls and text messages](#)), transfer files with AirDrop (see [AirDrop](#)), and more.

For a list of system requirements for devices that support Continuity, see the Apple Support article [System requirements for Continuity](#). To learn more about using Continuity with your iMac Pro, see the Apple Support article [Use Continuity to connect your Mac, iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, and Apple Watch](#) or go to [All your devices](#).

Access your content anywhere with iCloud

iCloud is the easiest way to make sure all your important content is everywhere you are. iCloud stores your documents, photos, music, apps, contacts, and calendars, so you can access them anytime you're connected to the web.

You can use your Apple ID to set up a free iCloud account, which comes with 5 GB of free storage space. Purchases you make from the iTunes Store, App Store, or iBooks Store don't count toward your available space.


iCloud keeps everything up to date on your devices. So if you have an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, just sign in to iCloud using the same Apple ID and you'll have everything you need.

For system requirements about devices that support iCloud, see the Apple Support article [System requirements for iCloud](#).

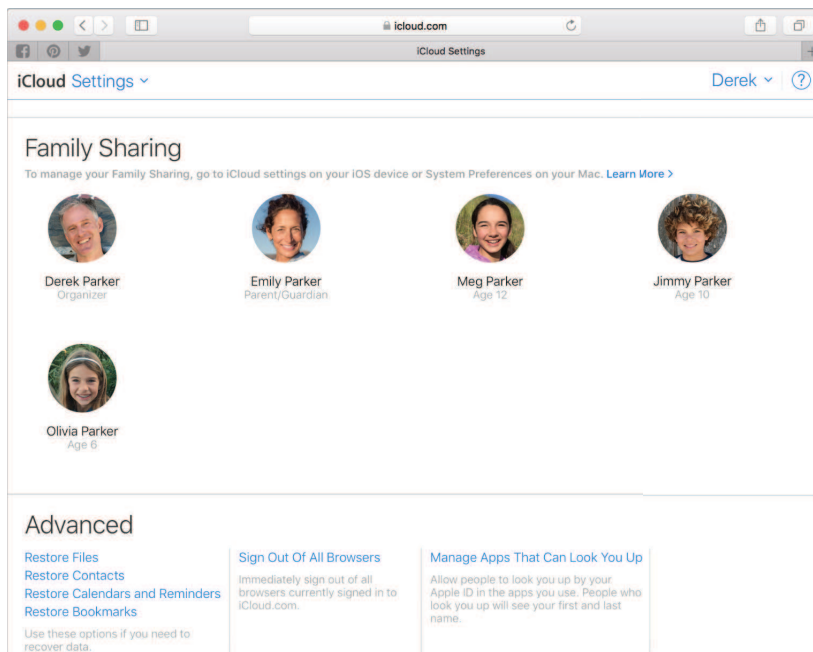



Here are some of the things you can do with iCloud.

Automatically store your desktop and Documents folder in iCloud Drive. You can save files in your Documents folder or on your desktop, and they're automatically available on iCloud Drive and accessible wherever you are. When working with iCloud Drive, you have access to files on your iMac Pro, on your iPhone or iPad in the iCloud Drive app, on the web at [iCloud.com](#), or on a Windows PC in the iCloud app. When you make changes to a file on a device or on iCloud Drive, you'll see your edits wherever you view the file.


To get started, click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click iCloud, select iCloud Drive, click Options, then select "Desktop & Documents Folders." To learn more, see the Apple Support article [Use iCloud Drive on iCloud.com](#).

Share purchases and storage with Family Sharing. Up to six members of your family can share their purchases from the iTunes Store, App Store, and iBooks Store and share the same storage plan—even if they each use their own iCloud account. Pay for family purchases with one credit card, and approve kids' spending right from your iMac Pro or iOS device. Also share photos, a family calendar, reminders, and locations. To set up Family Sharing if you didn't when you set up your Mac, click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click iCloud, then click Set Up Family. To learn more, see the Apple Support article [Set up Family Sharing](#).



Store and share photos using iCloud Photo Library and iCloud Photo Sharing. Store your photo library in iCloud and see your photos and videos, as well as the edits you make to them, on all your devices. Share photos and videos with only the people you choose, and let them add their own photos, videos, and comments. To get started, click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click iCloud, select Photos, then click Options. To learn more, see the Apple Support article [iCloud Photo Library](#).

Enjoy your purchases anywhere. When you're signed in to iCloud, purchases you've made from the iTunes Store, App Store, and iBooks Store are available at any time, no matter which computer or device you used to purchase them. So all your music, movies, books, and more are available wherever you go.

Locate your iMac Pro with Find My Mac. If your iMac Pro is stolen, you can easily locate it on a map, lock its screen, or even erase its data remotely if you have Find My Mac turned on. To turn on Find My Mac, click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click iCloud, then click Find My Mac.


Learn more. To learn more about iCloud, see [What is iCloud?](#) in Mac Help.

Handoff

With Handoff, you can continue on one device where you left off on another. Work on a presentation on your iMac Pro, then continue on your iPad. Or start an email message on your iPhone, then finish it on your iMac Pro. View a message on your Apple Watch, and respond to it on your iMac Pro. You don't have to worry about transferring files. When your iMac Pro and devices are near each other, an icon appears in the Dock whenever an activity can be handed off; to continue, just click the icon.

Click to continue what you were doing on your iPhone.



Turn on Handoff on your iMac Pro. Click the System Preferences icon  in the Dock, click General, then select “Allow Handoff between this Mac and your iCloud devices.”

Turn on Handoff on your iOS device. Go to Settings > General > Handoff, then tap to turn on Handoff. If you don't see the option, your iOS device doesn't support Handoff.

Turn on Handoff on your Apple Watch. In the Apple Watch app on iPhone, go to Settings > General, then tap to turn on Enable Handoff.

Note: To use Handoff, you need an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch with the Lightning connector and iOS 8 (or later) installed. Make sure your iMac Pro and iOS device have Wi-Fi and Bluetooth turned on and are logged in with the same Apple ID.

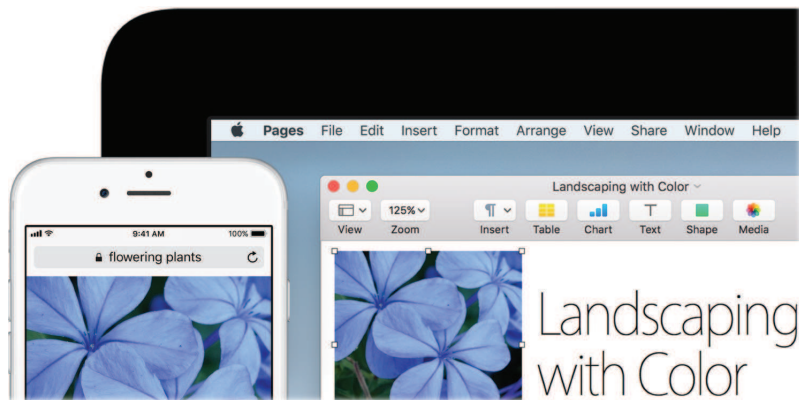
Handoff works with Safari, Mail, Calendar, Contacts, Maps, Messages, Notes, Reminders, Keynote, Numbers, and Pages.

Learn More. To learn more about Handoff, see [Pick up where you left off with Handoff](#) in Mac Help.

Universal Clipboard

Copy content from one device, and paste it into another nearby device within a short period of time. The contents of your clipboard are sent over Wi-Fi and made available to all Mac and iOS devices that are logged in with the same Apple ID and have Handoff, Wi-Fi, and Bluetooth turned on. For more information, see [Handoff](#).

Note: To use Universal Clipboard, you need an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch with the Lightning connector and iOS 10 (or later) installed.



Use across apps. You can copy and paste images, text, photos, and video between any apps that support copy and paste on your Mac, iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.

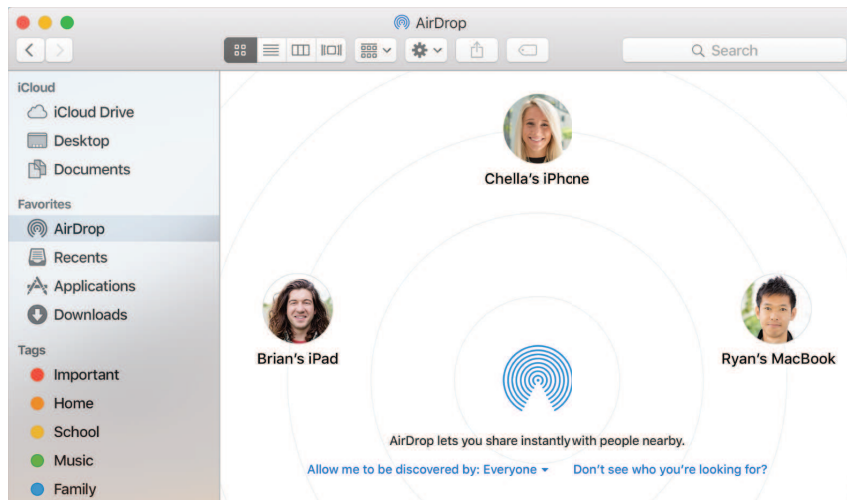
Copy and paste files. You can quickly move files from one Mac to another using Universal Clipboard. Copy a file on your iMac Pro and paste it into a Finder window, Mail message, or any app that supports copy and paste on a nearby Mac. You must be signed in with the same Apple ID on both Macs.


Learn more. To learn more about Universal Clipboard, see [Copy and paste across devices](#) in Mac Help.


AirDrop


AirDrop makes it easy to share files with nearby Mac computers and iOS devices. The devices don't need to share the same Apple ID.

Note: AirDrop for iOS requires devices that have the Lightning connector and iOS 7 or later. Not all older Macs support AirDrop (for a list of supported Macs, see the Apple Support article [Use AirDrop to send content from your Mac](#)).



Send a file from the Finder. Click the Finder icon  in the Dock, then click AirDrop in the sidebar on the left. When the person you want to send a file to appears in the window, drag the file to him or her.

Send a file from an app. While using an app like Pages or Preview, click the Share button  and choose AirDrop.

Control who can send items to you using AirDrop. Click the Finder icon  in the Dock, click AirDrop in the sidebar, then click "Allow me to be discovered by" and choose an option.

When you send a file to someone, the recipient can choose whether or not to accept the file. When someone sends you a file, you can find it in the Downloads folder on your iMac Pro.

Tip: If you don't see the recipient in the AirDrop window, check that the recipient can be discovered by you and make sure both devices have AirDrop and Bluetooth turned on and are within 30 feet (9 meters) of each other.

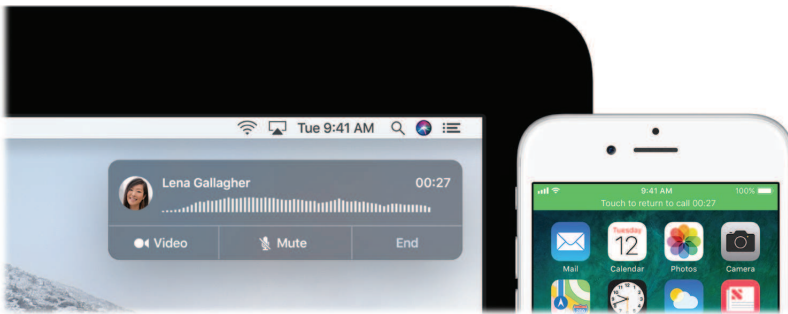
Learn more. To learn more about AirDrop, see [Use AirDrop to send files to devices near you](#) in Mac Help.

Phone calls and text messages

You can take calls—and make them—right from your iMac Pro. You can also receive and send text messages.

Note: A Wi-Fi connection is required in order to make or receive phone calls on your iMac Pro.

Take or make a call. When someone calls your iPhone, click the notification that appears on your iMac Pro screen and your iMac Pro becomes a speakerphone. If you want to make a call, click a phone number in a Spotlight search or in an app such as FaceTime, Contacts, Safari, or Calendar. You need a nearby device (iPhone or iPad) with a cellular connection in order to make phone calls.



Send and receive messages. Send and receive SMS and MMS text messages right from your iMac Pro. When friends and family text you, you can respond with whichever device is closest. All messages appear on your iMac Pro, iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, and Apple Watch. For more information, see [Messages](#).