

Mac Maintenance

1-Backup

a) TimeMachine

b) Bootable clone - Carbon Copy Cloner or SuperDuper

2-Keep software up to date

Software Update - both Apple and third party

3-Clean Off the Desktop

3-Disk Utility

a-check S.M.A.R.T. Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting

b-Repair Disk Permissions - after installing or uninstalling a bunch of applications

c-Repair Disk

4-Periodically RESTART your Mac - once every week or two

a-frees up RAM

b-purges virtual memory swaps

c-regenerates some cache files

5-Occasionally RELAUNCH Web browsers

longer they run the more RAM they demand

6-Check hard-drive space - maintain at least 10% or 10GB whichever is less

7-Run only application that you need

4 Simple Mac Maintenance Tips - 2012

<http://osxdaily.com/2012/03/04/mac-maintenance-tips/>

Mac General Maintenance - 2010

http://reviews.cnet.com/8301-13727_7-20005830-263/mac-general-maintenance-recommendations/

RESETTING SMC - System Management Controller

<http://support.apple.com/kb/ht3964>

RESETTING PMU - Power Management Unit -NOTE: for non-Intel portables

<http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1431>

Resetting PRAM/NVRAM

<http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1379>

- Speaker volume
- Screen resolution
- Startup disk selection
- Recent kernel panic information, if any

Command-Option-P-R keys at Startup.

Boot to SAFE MODE - HOLD DOWN SHIFT KEY at Startup

<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1564>

Fix PERMISSIONS - open Disk Utility - **do this while booted from your internal drive**

Good to do while in SAFE MODE

<http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1452>

Run cleaning application - ONYX

1. Clear the dyld cache
2. Clear the font, boot, and kernel caches
3. Clear all user-related caches
4. Run Daily, Weekly, and Monthly scripts

Reset Safari