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*"You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers.
You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions."*
- Naguib Mahfouz

Web Sites

[The American Experience: Admiral Chester Nimitz](#)

This site is a biography of Chester Nimitz (1885–1966), an American admiral during WWII. Site compares him to MacArthur.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/macarthur/peoplevents/pandeAMEX90.html>

[Navy Department Library: Battle for Iwo Jima, 1945](#)

This site gives a brief description of the Battle for Iwo Jima along with the commanders involved, the troops who fought, and a description of the raising of the famous flag on the island. Be sure to investigate the hyperlinks to related resources that will give even more information.

<https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/online-reading-room/title-list-alphabetically/b/battle-for-iwo-jima.html>

[U.S. History: War in the Pacific](#)

The war in the Pacific raged throughout World War II. Read about the Japanese early successes, and see how the American troops recaptured and moved closer to Japan at the end of the war.

<http://www.ushistory.org/us/51d.asp>

Hardware/Software

macOS Sierra Slow? Fixes Here

When macOS Sierra was unveiled, it brought several benefits including the apple "Siri" assistant that provides personal touch to your Mac. Its expanded memory, recognition integrations and ability to search quickly through documents are some of the selling points of the OS. It also serves to bridge and bring together macOS that combines iOS, tvOS and watchOS. At a glance, macOS Sierra offers several advantages of the modern tech and makes everything easier. However, there have been various reports of macOS Sierra Slow and undesirable performance. In fact, it is already clear that older macOS (2008 – 2009) will not work with the new package and it proves troublesome even with the best upgrades. Fortunately, there are various ways to fix slow

Sierra without much effort or worry.

How to speed up Sierra

Many people who have bought the new OS are probably worried that it is very slow on their Macs. There are a few solutions that can help you determine whether your machine will work with macOS. Some of them include the following:

1. Clean Up Your macOS

It has become expected of most macOS packages to be memory hungry and uses more RAM than others and like El Capitan, Sierra is no different. Basically, this is why macOS Sierra will only run on Macs made in 2009 and later. If the macOS is compatible with your Mac, then there is no need to worry. Apple says such cases may often require simple fixes as freeing up the disk space by cleaning the macOS partitions.

There are various ways to do this although the simplest involves installing disk-clean software. Cleanmymac 3 is one of the most popular software used to free up macOS partitions and create more space. It simply finds and frees unnecessary occupied disk space converting it to usable memory. This added memory reduces the load on your RAM making it faster. It is important to find the recently upgraded cleaning software. The ones designed for macOS Sierra may present different challenges but you can update them to include recent upgrades. CleanmyMac 3 is a freely available disk cleaning software you can download online. If your disk partitions are fully packed, your Sierra will be very slow and you may need to find external storage or upgrade your internal memory to create more disk space.

Clean My Mac 3 is available for a FREE download [here](#).

2. Check compatibility

The first thing to do before attempting to install the new macOS Sierra is check if you have a compatible Mac. If your Mac is not listed as compatible with the OS, you will have various challenges and problems that include Slow mac Sierra. There are people who still want to use their old Macs with Sierra and some achieve this with different hardware and software upgrades. However, this is not recommendable as your Mac will encounter problems and require lengthened troubleshooting to verify algorithms. Those with compatible Macs need not to worry. Nonetheless, if you have

an old Mac, the simplest way to upgrade it to support Sierra is perform a RAM upgrade. The OS uses a lot of memory to run and offering more RAM is one of the biggest ways to boost its performance and support.

MacBook Pro (2010 and later)
MacBook Air (2010 and later)
Mac Mini (2010 and later)
Mac Pro (2010 and later)
MacBook (Late 2009 and later)
iMac (Late 2009 and later)

3. Moderate the UI experience

One great benefit of the Sierra OS is the provision of top class fresh looking user interface. The experience can be personalized to look perfect. However, you will soon encounter Sierra slow if you fail to moderate and tone down the glamour. Exciting effects like the transparency and heavy app duty will take a toll on the processor's performance once they are on. It gets even worse when you open many windows and quickly move from one to another juggling them around. It does not mean you should avoid using the OS features but full multitasking is bound to slow down performance.

Turn off "heavy effects": Go to Apple Menu -> System Preferences -> Accessibility -> Display

4. Use the new optimized storage upgrade

This new upgrade constantly works to free up unused disk space and clean up files. It organizes files in different categories and removes unread, unused or idle items from your Mac storing them on iCloud. From old screenshots to unused Mac apps, full-resolution photos, iTunes U courses, old presentations, unused fonts, old documents, old image and text files as well as old Mail attachments among others. It sends messages that prompt the user to allow the app installers to clear memory, cache, duplicate downloads and logs among such memory tags.

Go to Apple Menu -> About this Mac -> Storage:

5. Maximize iCloud

When using macOS Sierra, you have access to identical backup of everything you have on your HD stored in the cloud. This backup can be

accessed on your Mac and you can also download and use it on another Mac elsewhere. The remote access and unlimited nature of this storage is something to maximize by simply storing some of the data in the cloud and freeing up your disk space. You can always retrieve the data and files when need for their use arises. However, an external offline backup is often more preferable especially since the cloud backup automatically syncs and may choose to lose some data if unused for quite a long period of time.

Many reasons for Slow Mac Sierra involve low memory and disk space. For owners of new Macs, the OS probably works very efficiently. If you have already jammed the memory with many software applications and extensions that run in the background, you may need other packages that frequently free up memory by closing apps and windows that are not necessary. If you still have Sierra slow problems even with a big extra disk space and memory, it is likely a compatibility issue.

6. Manage Startup Items To Fix Slow Login

Clean startups assist in speeding up MacBooks that are running slow. With fast Macs there is no way you can waste time in your attempt to get the apps running. You can instantly access all the programs you wish when your Mac gains the speed that you so much need.

The optimization ensures that you benefit from getting a huge leap in terms of the performance of your computer; this is always a boon for anybody using a computer. As the computer fires up its speed, so do the apps commence on performing with the stability that is so much needed over a long period of time

To do this perfectly, you must first go to the System Preferences of your computer so that you can access groups and users before clicking on your Username. Click on the Login Items and select a program that you do not need at that moment. If you follow the above instructions, you can fix Sierra slow login.

7. Reset SMC and PRAM After Update

You must baseline and reset your System Management Controller (SMC) and your Parameter RAM (PRAM) device. Both of these components are minor cogs in the wheel, but once they get corrupted, things slow down. If your Macbook slow after sierra update, you should reset SMC and PRam. This is what you do:

SMC Reset on MacBook, MacBook Pro or MacBook Air:

You do not risk the loss of data or any other catastrophic event, so let out a sigh of relief. Power down the Mac. Unplug power cable and wait at least 15 seconds. Plug the power cord back in. Now hold down these four keys simultaneously; Left Shift + Option + Control + Power Button for at least 10 seconds. Release all the keys and power that baby back up like a regular start.

SMC Reset on iMac, Mac Pro, Mac Mini or Xserve:

Power down the Mac and Unplug power cable, wait at least 15 seconds. Plug the power cord back in and wait at least 5 seconds. Turn on your Mac.

PRAM Reset:

Power down the Mac. Let it sit for a couple of seconds. Start it back up and press these four keys simultaneously before the gray boot screen comes up; Option+ Command (⌘) + P + R. Don't release those four keys until the Mac restarts. When you hear the beep indicating its restarting, release the keys.

Famous People from American History

Chester W. Nimitz

Sailor / World War II Figure

Born: 24 February 1885

Birthplace: Fredericksburg, Texas

Best known as: Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet in World War II

United States Admiral Chester William Nimitz was the commander of the Pacific Fleet during World War II, the man who directed the U.S. victories at Midway, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Nimitz grew up in Texas, raised by his widowed mother and grandfather. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1905 and was promoted to ensign by 1907. Nimitz's first command was the destroyer Decatur, but it ran aground in 1908; he was reprimanded and assigned to submarine duty. He spent the next three decades working his way up in the navy, commanding submarines and surface ships, serving in staff positions

and becoming an expert on diesel engines. Following the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt named Nimitz to relieve Admiral Husband E. Kimmel as commander of the Pacific Fleet. An experienced and well-liked leader, Nimitz was also an effective military strategist who directed U.S. forces as they closed in on Japan, beginning in May and June of 1942 with the battles of the Coral Sea and Midway. Nimitz was promoted to the newly-created rank of fleet admiral in 1944 and became the naval equivalent to the army's General Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the war Nimitz oversaw the demobilization of the navy, served as a United Nations goodwill ambassador and, later, co-authored *Sea Power, A Naval History* (1960). He and his wife settled in the San Francisco area, where Nimitz was active in the community and a regent at the University of California.

It was on Nimitz's flagship, the U.S.S. Missouri that the Japanese surrendered on 2 September 1945... Nimitz ordered the ambush that killed his Japanese counterpart, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto... In 1972 the U.S.S. Nimitz was launched, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the world's largest warship.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

Q. How can a rose ride a bike?

A. It uses its petals!

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on November 16:

42 -BC- Tiberius Cesar 2nd Roman emperor (14-37 AD)

1873 W(illiam) C(hristopher) Handy Alabama, jazz star (St Louis Blues)

1908 Burgess Meredith Cleveland Ohio, actor (Mr Novak, Penguin-Batman, Rocky)

1928 Clu Gulager Holdenville OK, actor (Virginian, Survivors, Tall Man)

1933 Guy Stockwell NYC, actor (Chris-Adventures in Paradise)

1941 Ann Dore McLaughlin US Secretary of Labor

1944 Joanna Pettet London, actress (Knots Landing, Cry of the Innocent)

Helgenberger North Bend NB, actress (China Beach, Ryan's Hope)

1964 Dwight Gooden pitcher (NY Mets)

1967 Lisa Bonet San Francisco CA, actress (Cosby Show, Different World, Angel Heart)

On This Day:

1532 Pizarro seizes Incan emperor Atahualpa after victory at Cajamarca

1676 1st colonial prison organized, Nantucket, Massachusetts

1798 Kentucky becomes 1st state to nullify an act of Congress
1841 N.E. Guerin of NY patents cork-filled life preserver
1864 Union Gen William T Sherman begins march to the sea during Civil War
1907 Oklahoma becomes 46th state
1914 Federal Reserve System formally opens
1920 Postage meter 1st used in US in lieu of postage stamps
1933 Roosevelt establishes diplomatic relations with USSR
1950 UN gets US government approval to issue postage stamps
1959 "Sound of Music" opens on Broadway
1962 Wilt Chamberlain of NBA San Francisco Warriors scores 73 points vs NY
1965 1st public announcement about Walt Disney World
1966 Dr Sam Sheppard freed after 9 years in jail, by a jury
1973 President Nixon authorizes construction of the Alaskan pipeline
1976 Rick Barry (San Francisco), ends then longest NBA free throw streak of 60
1981 Luke marries Laura on General Hospital
1982 Agreement reached ending 57 day football strike
1990 Manuel Noriega claims US denied him a fair trial

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