

Welcome to *TEKTOK*
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“Painful as it may be, a significant emotional event can be the catalyst for choosing a direction that serves us – and those around us – more effectively. Look for the learning.”
– Louisa May Alcott

Web Sites

[Calendars through the Ages](#)

My pick of the day is the beautifully illustrated Calendars through the Ages. Organized into chapters with a horizontal menu at the top, and subdivided into topics with a vertical menu on the left, Calendars through the Ages begins with an in-depth look at the astronomical basis of calendars. Significant historical calendars (such as the Roman and Mayan) and currently used international calendars (Jewish, Chinese, and Islamic) are covered in Various Calendars.

<http://www.webexhibits.org/calendars/>

[Calendopaedia](#)

"Since the dawn of civilization man has kept track of time by use of the sun, the moon, and the stars. Man noticed that time could be broken up into units of the day (the time taken for the earth to rotate once on its axis), the month (the time taken for the moon to orbit the earth) and the year (the time taken for the earth to orbit the sun)." But since a month is not a whole number of days, nor a year a whole number of months or day, the task is not simple. "The ways in which these problems were tackled down the centuries and across the world is the subject of this Web site."

<http://calendopedia.com/>

[A Walk Through Time](#)

"In the 1840's a Greenwich standard time for all of England, Scotland, and Wales was established, replacing several 'local time' systems. The Royal Greenwich Observatory was the focal point for this development because it had played such a key role in marine navigation based upon accurate timekeeping. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) subsequently evolved as the official time reference for the world and served that purpose until 1972." This fabulous site, produced by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, presents both the history of timekeeping and a peek at its current state. If you want to coordinate your Windows-based computer clock to the NIST clock, you can

download a program to do so over the Internet (look under NIST Time Calibration).

<https://www.nist.gov/pml/time-and-frequency-division/popular-links/walk-through-time>

Hardware/Software

AppCleaner

AppCleaner is an application that allows you to quickly and completely remove unwanted software applications and all associated files quickly just like AppDelete. AppCleaner is simple thanks to its search function that finds applications easily, fast and efficiently.

Simply drop the unwanted application onto the AppCleaner interface window. When you do that, AppCleaner will look for the related files, present you with a window listing everything it found and you can delete them all at once by clicking the delete button. To move forward with deletion process, you will need to know your administrator username and password. Everything you choose to delete is moved to the Trash, so you can review it before deleting it entirely and if you decide you don't want to delete an app all you need to do is move it from the Trash back into the Applications folder.

Alternatively, AppCleaner features a simple checkbox uninstallation and tabs across the top of the window which lets you browse through all your installed apps divided into "Applications", "Widgets" and "Others". The last category "Other" is interestingly useful as it shows all your plugins and components, which you normally have to go digging for in your Application Library.

AppCleaner's drag and drop method of deleting applications is easy, but the app offers an even easier way to delete applications. Turn the SmartDelete feature on within the preference menu and it will detect when an app has been trashed and scour your hard drive for files related to your deleted app. Then a found files window opens and offers to remove any files associated with that software to the Trash as well. Remember again, you will need the administrator username and password to move the items to the Trash. Also in the preference menu, you can add launched, default apps, 3D transitions, and others you want to protect from deletion. This could come in very handy for new or less experienced macOS users.

AppCleaner for macOS with its streamlined process is overall extremely easy to use which minimizes any problems and the small lightweight application interface is very easy for even the most novice user.

AppCleaner is offered as a free download and offers versions for macOS 10.4 through macOS 10.12. There is a link on the site to donate any dollar amount to the developer to help support further development.

<https://freemacsoft.net/appcleaner/>

Hints and Tips

How to Capitalize Words and Add Periods Automatically in Mac OS

The newest versions of MacOS support the ability to automatically capitalize words and to add periods with a double-space, two typing features which originated from the iPhone and iPad world but now are available on the Mac. Auto-capitalize words means that any word at the start of a sentence will be automatically capitalized, as will proper names, whereas the double-space for a period trick can be used anywhere you want to insert a period, whether at the end of a sentence or elsewhere. Let's cover how to enable these two handy iOS typing features on your Mac.

You'll need a modern version of macOS to have these abilities, anything beyond 10.12 will include the features whereas earlier versions do not.

How to Enable Automatic Word Capitalization & Double-Space for Period in Mac OS

1. Open the  Apple menu and go to System Preferences, then choose "Keyboard"
2. Go to the "Text" tab
3. Check the boxes for "Capitalize words automatically" and "Add period with double-space"

Optionally but recommended, you can enable auto-correct for Mac too by checking the box for "Correct spelling automatically" while you're in the same preference panel, yet another iPhone and iPad friendly feature that Mac users may appreciate.

Now that automatically capitalize words and period with double-space are enabled, you can immediately test the features in any word processing app or application where entering text is required, whether that's Pages, Office / Word, Messages, or TextEdit, or any others. They work just as described, when you complete a sentence hit space bar twice and a period will be entered without having to hit the period key, and when you start typing a new sentence or new word, it will be capitalized automatically without having to hit the shift key.

These new typing abilities may take some getting used to for some, and longtime touch typers or those who just prefer to precisely control their own keyboard input may not be particularly thrilled with these features, so they may not want to turn the features on at all and instead opt to leave them disabled. On the other hand, some keyboardists and typers may appreciate the new easier features, particularly if they're coming to the Mac from the iOS side of the Apple world where they have may have become accustomed to the same features.

As usual, unchecking the boxes will disable the auto-capitalize and auto-period features as well, and you can perform similar settings adjustment in iOS if desired.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

What do cows say at Christmas?

MOOey Christmas!

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has NOEL!

What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck?

A Christmas Quacker.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on December 8:

0065 –BC– Horace Rome, lyric poet/satirist (Satire, Odes)

1765 Eli Whitney inventor (Cotton Gin)

1861 William Durant founded General Motors

1865 Jean Sibelius Tavastehus Finland, composer (Valse Triste, Finlandia)

1886 Diego Rivera [Lenin of México] México, painter/husband of Frida Kahlo

1894 James (Grover) Thurber Columbus OH, humorist (Men, Women & Dogs)

1911 Lee J Cobb New York NY, actor (Virginian, 12 Angry Men, On the Waterfront)

1925 Sammy Davis Jr New York NY, singer/dancer/actor (Ocean's 11, Candy Man)

1933 Flip Wilson [Clerow] Jersey City NJ, comedian (Flip Wilson Show)

1936 David Carradine Hollywood CA, actor (Kung Fu, Mean Streets)

1937 James MacArthur Los Angeles CA, actor (Danny Williams–Hawaii 5–0)

1943 Jim Morrison Melbourne FL, singer (Doors) is he really dead?

1947 Gregg Allman Nashville TN, guitarist/vocalist (Allman Brothers Band)
1953 Kim Basinger Athens GA, actress (Batman)
1953 Roy Firestone sportscaster (Life's Most Embarrassing Moments)
1964 Teri Hatcher Sunnyvale CA, actress (Lois Lane–Lois & Clark, Desperate Housewives)

On this day...

1776 George Washington's retreating army crosses Delaware River from New Jersey
1863 Abraham Lincoln announces plan for Reconstruction of South
1902 Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr became Associate Justice on Supreme Court
1955 Brooklyn catcher Roy Campanella wins his 3rd MVP Award
1967 Beatles "Magical Mystery Tour" album is released in UK
1980 "Bravo" network premieres on cable TV
1987 President Reagan & Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev sign a treaty eliminating medium range nuclear missiles

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