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*We all have our time machines.
Some take us back, they're called memories.
Some take us forward, they're called dreams.
~Anonymous*

Web Sites

[Virginia Tech: Study Skills Checklist](#)

Survey-style checklist that asks the students several questions in order to evaluate his/her study skills. The questions are categorized so the student can tell where to focus in order to maximize study time.

http://ucc.vt.edu/academic_support/study_skills_information/study_skills_checklist.html

[Study Skills for Success](#)

Information regarding study skills, including information on the SQ3R method.

<http://www.spicewoodgroup.com/html/study.html>

[Network for Instructional TV: Teaching Study Skills: A Guide for Parents](#)

[Archived Content] [Archived Content] Do you want to help your child study but don't know what practical solutions you can employ? This site offers concrete plans for parents interested in encouraging proper study habits.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20121127162544id/http://www.teachersandfamilies.com/open/parent/homework4.cfm>

Hardware/Software

Use Tabs in Apps in Sierra

We've all become accustomed to opening web pages in separate tabs in Safari, Google Chrome, and Firefox. In OS X 10.9 Mavericks, Apple gave us the capability to open different folders in tabs in Finder windows, making it easy to work in multiple folders with limited screen real estate.

In macOS 10.12 Sierra, Apple has gone one step further, building tab support system-wide so you can open windows in tabs in most Mac apps. Tab support is 'free' in apps, developers don't need to do anything to support it and you won't need to download an update to take advantage of it in most of your

apps. So how do you get started with tabs and how can you use them in your everyday work?

First, to determine whether Sierra was able to add tab support to a particular app, look in the app's View and Window menus. If you see View > Show Tab Bar and tab-related commands in the Window menu you're good to go.

Next, if Show Tab Bar doesn't have a checkmark in the View menu, choose it to reveal the tab bar, which appears between the app's main toolbar and the document itself. You'll see a tab for the current document or window, and (in most apps) a + button at the right side of the tab bar.

One final setup step: By default, documents open in separate windows. To make them open in tabs, open System Preferences > Dock, and choose always from the Prefer tabs when opening documents pop-up menu. This setting applies to both existing documents and those you create by choosing File > New. Now that you have everything configured, here is what you can do:

Create a new, empty tab:

Click the + button in the tab bar

Move between tabs:

1. Click the desired tab
2. Choose Window > Show Next Tab or Show Previous Tab
3. Press the control-tab (next) or control-shift-tab (previous) keyboard shortcuts
4. Choose Window > Tab Name

Merge multiple windows into tabs in one window:

1. Drag a document's tab from one window's tab bar to the tab bar window in another window
2. Choose Window > Merge All Windows

Move a tab to its own window:

1. Drag the tab out of its tab bar until it becomes a thumbnail of the document
2. Choose Window > Move Tab to New Window

Rearrange the order of the tabs:

Drag a tab to the desired position

Close a tab:

1. Hover over the tab to see the X button at the left side of the tab; click the X
2. Choose File > Close Tab
3. Press Command-W

Getting used to tabs may require a little adjustment, but if you configure your Mac to always prefer tabs when opening documents, using tabs will quickly become second nature just as it likely did for you in web browsers.

Hints/Tips

Unable to Click with Trackpad or Mouse in Mac OS? Here's the Fix!

Since most of our computing activities require the usage of a mouse click or trackpad click, it's understandably annoying if suddenly you're unable to click anything on a Mac. Typically the inability to click occurs all of a sudden, where the mouse still moves around on the screen, but the user can't click, and when a click on the trackpad or mouse is pressed, nothing is registered. Sometimes this pops up after a computer has been moved physically, some software has been installed, or the Mac has been rebooted, and while it's peevish to not be able to click, it's typically an easy issue to resolve in Mac OS .

Before anything else, you should absolutely check the hardware for obvious problems first. Usually there is no mechanical failure going on, but in some cases a MacBook bulging battery can push up against the trackpad mechanism and prevent clicking. Additionally, a damaged mouse or trackpad may also refuse to register a click, particularly if a Mac had water contact that seeped into the tracking area, or if a mouse took a dive into a swimming pool.

Check Any External Bluetooth Mouse or Trackpads

If you use a separate Bluetooth mouse or trackpad, like an Apple Magic Mouse or Magic Trackpad, it's possible the device has been turned on and something is pressing down on the click surface of that device, thereby rendering another mouse or tracking surface unable to click. This is surprisingly common, particularly for Mac users who use multiple tracking devices, or for MacBook users who carry and use a separate external Bluetooth mouse and who carry the computer around in a backpack or laptop bag, where the mouse or trackpad may have become activated and is pressed against something else in the tote, thereby causing a refusal of Mac OS X to register and acknowledge other clicks.

An easy way to figure out if this is the cause is to temporarily disable

Bluetooth. If suddenly the mouse or trackpad click starts working again, you have found your problem.

Don't skip this, I know it sounds silly, but it's a common cause of the mouse click not working. I just had it happen to myself, so don't discount this.

Reboot, Close the Lid

If the click failure is occurring on a MacBook, MacBook Air, or MacBook Pro then often rebooting and putting the Mac to sleep and then waking it up again after a few minutes seems to resolve the issue:

1. Reboot the Mac as usual from the  Apple menu
2. When the Mac has booted back up, and assuming the mouse still isn't clicking, close the lid and put the MacBook to sleep for about two minutes
3. Open the MacBook lid and use the computer as normal, the mouse / trackpad should click as usual again

Admittedly that's a quirky solution, but it does work to resolve inexplicable mouse failures in modern versions of MacOS and Mac OS X on the MacBook line.

Other Troubleshooting tips

- If the MacBook is new enough to have haptic feedback with a Force Click surface, sometimes disabling Force Click on the trackpad can resolve failure to register clicks
- Delete mouse and trackpad preference files to troubleshoot unusual behavior is particularly effective if the problem started happening after a system update or installing software
- Reset the Mac SMC controller, which requires a reboot
- Reset NVRAM / PRAM on the Mac, which also requires a reboot but is separate from the SMC process
- Check for hardware failures, like a bulging battery which would require replacement, or for dents or damage indicating a drop has occurred and may have caused a physical hardware issue – these type of hardware situations are typically serviced by Apple or Apple authorized repair centers

No Solution? Try Tap Clicking!

Another solution if all else fails is to enable Tap To Click on the trackpad, which allows you to simply tap a finger rather than press down to initiate a click, a feature that exists on the Mac and is popular with Windows laptops.

Some people like this feature a lot anyway, and it's an easy solution for trackpad and Magic Mouse users.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

1 - Can a man legally marry his widow's sister in the state of California?

2 - Clara Clatter was born on December 27th, yet her birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?

3 - What do you do with dead elements ?

1 - No, because he's dead.

2 - She lives in the Southern Hemisphere, where the seasons are reversed.

3 - Barium

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on January 12:

1580 Jean Baptiste van Helmont Belgian chemist, (found boiling point temperature)

1588 John Winthrop 1st Governor (Massachusetts Bay Colony)

1876 Jack London writer/socialist (Call of the Wild)

1906 Henny Youngman England, comedian (Take my wife please...)

1906 Tex Ritter Texas, country singer (5 Star Jubilee, The Wayward Wind)

1925 Bill Burrud Hollywood CA, host (Safari to Adventure, Animal World)

1926 Ray Price country singer (For The Good Times)

1930 Glenn Yarborough singer (Limelinters-Honey & Wine, Jubilee)

1935 "The Amazing" Kreskin Montclair NJ, mentalist/telepath

1935 Ron Harper Turtle Creek PA, actor (Wendy & Me, Planet of the Apes)

1944 Joe Frazier Beaufort SC, heavyweight champion boxer (Olympics-gold-1964)/champ (1968-73)

1947 Tom Dempsey NFL record-holder (longest field goal, 63 yards)

1951 Kirstie Alley Wichita KS, actress (Star Trek II, Cheers-Rebecca)

1951 Rush Hudson Limbaugh III Cape Girardeau MO, conservative radio & television host

1952 Ricky Van Shelton Danville VA, country musician (Somebody Lied, From a Jack to a King, Rockin' Years)

On This Day:

1777 Mission Santa Clara de Asis founded in California

1839 Anthracite coal 1st used to smelt iron, Mauch Chunk PA

1863 President Davis delivers his "State of the Confederacy" address

1921 Kenesaw Mountain Landis becomes 1st commissioner of baseball
1948 Mohandas Mahatma Gandhi begins his final fast
1952 University of Tennessee admits its 1st black student
1957 Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) founded
1958 NCAA adds 2 point conversion to football scoring
1965 "Hullabaloo" premieres on NBC-TV
1966 "Batman" with Adam West & Burt Ward premieres on ABC TV
1966 LBJ says US should stay in S Vietnam until communist aggression ends
1970 Boeing 747 makes its maiden voyage
1971 "All in the Family" premieres on CBS featuring 1st toilet flush on TV
1981 "Dynasty", a prime time soap opera inspired by Dallas, starring Joan Collins, premieres on ABC-TV
1991 US Congress gives George Bush authority to wage war against Iraq
1995 Pope John Paul II begins visit to Southeast Asia
1997 HAL becomes operational (2001: A Space Odyssey); this date was given as January 12, 1992 on screen, but 1997 is the date used in both the novel and screenplay

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