



Mac OS 8.6

Faster. Smarter. Far more clever.



Key Features

Sherlock—your personal search detective

- Access more than 20 Internet search engines with a single click
- Search for information inside your documents, including PDF and HTML files
- View search results ranked by relevance in one convenient window
- Save search criteria and results for later reuse
- Summarize a document into a couple of paragraphs

Fastest network performance

- Copy files over a network faster than ever
- Maximize the efficiency of high-bandwidth networks

PowerPC-native AppleScript

- Automate nearly any task on your computer, including Finder and Sherlock functions
- Launch scripts automatically with Folder Actions
- Experience AppleScript performance that's up to five times faster

More great features

- Get up and running with your new system software in minutes
- Get on the Internet free for 30 days
- Enjoy up to 25 percent more PowerBook battery life
- Surf the web with Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Communicator
- Read e-mail and newsgroup messages with Microsoft Outlook Express
- Make Internet aliases for your favorite web pages, e-mail addresses, and servers
- Navigate faster than ever through documents and Finder windows
- Browse and search through the easy, interactive Apple Help system
- Switch between applications in a flash
- Customize the information displayed in Finder windows
- Access documents from within your applications more easily with new Open and Save panels*
- Synchronize your computer with the world's atomic clocks

*Requires applications that support this feature.

More speed. More intelligence. Astounding ease of use. It could only be Mac OS 8.6, an upgrade to the most exciting development in Macintosh system software in years, Mac OS 8.5. This latest version of the Mac OS continues to offer a warm welcome to new users while further extending the control and customization that advanced users demand.

Leading the powerful enhanced features in Mac OS 8.6 are the expanded capabilities of Apple's revolutionary Sherlock technology—your personal search detective. On the Internet, Sherlock can now send your query to more than 20 leading search engines with a single click. Or you can easily narrow your search by using the "Uncheck All" feature, then selecting only desired search engines. In a few seconds Sherlock reports back, with results ranked by relevance. You can view them all in one convenient window, then link to any result instantly with a single click. And you can save search criteria and results for later use.

Sherlock also allows you to search within documents on any storage device your computer has access to—even through hundreds of thousands of files. Simply tell it what you're looking for, in plain English, and Sherlock does the rest. Now Sherlock can search PDF and HTML files using the "Find by Content" feature—just index the storage device to be searched, or index a single folder through the contextual menu. Sherlock can even summarize an entire document into a couple of paragraphs.

With native AppleScript built into the Mac OS, you can automate nearly any task on your computer, turning it from a servant into an assistant. New for Mac OS 8.6 is URL Access scripting support: Your computer can download files from an FTP site, or find out who won the game last night, and you never have to lift a finger. Also included is the newest version of ColorSync, making color management even easier. Pair it with AppleScript to get color information on any image. And since ColorSync now supports GIF and JPEG file formats, you can be sure your colors stay true even on the Internet.

Now your PowerBook G3 can last as long as your cross-country flight. You can work even longer with your PowerBook G3 computer because Mac OS 8.6 extends its battery life by up to 25 percent.

There's much more waiting for you in Mac OS 8.6, including increased stability; improved Speech Recognition for command and control; new LaserWriter utilities; updated support for USB, DVD, and FireWire devices; and integrated Game Sprockets to support the latest games. Look inside to find out more about these and other exciting Mac OS 8.6 features.

Mac OS 8.6. At work, home, or school, there's no better way to optimize the performance of your Macintosh computer.



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Performance Comparison

Mac OS vs. Windows NT Network Copying Speed



In a head-to-head test, copying a 185MB Adobe Photoshop file, Mac OS 8.6 finished 22% faster.

Based on time in seconds to copy a 185MB file from client to server over 100-Mbps Ethernet via IP. 300-MHz Power Macintosh G3 client with Mac OS 8.6, 300-MHz Macintosh Server G3 with Mac OS 8.1 and AppleShare IP 6; Compaq EN PII/400 client with Windows NT 4.0 workstation, HP PII/400 NetServer LH3 server with Windows 4.0 server.

Features

Benefits

Sherlock—your personal search detective

Search the Internet function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finds the information you need wherever it is • Lets you query your favorite Internet search engines simultaneously • Supports searching the Internet from behind firewalls, including SOCKS and authenticated proxy servers
Find by content function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lets you search for information on your hard disk based on the contents of your documents • Now supports PDF and HTML files • Lets you index a single folder by using the contextual menu
Reusable search criteria and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides easy access to the most up-to-date information you're interested in
Summarize function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives you a one- or two-paragraph summary of an entire document

Fastest network performance

Network Copy and other file-copying enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies files over a network faster than with Windows NT • Moves files to removable disks faster than ever
Efficient network usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes greater advantage of the bandwidth of your network
Network Browser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeds your navigation across network file servers

Native AppleScript

Comprehensive support for Macintosh system functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes the Internet scriptable so you can automate any task—uploads, downloads, and information retrieval • Allows you to automate nearly any task on your Macintosh system, including network configuration, printing, ColorSync functions, and Sherlock searches
Folder Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lets you attach AppleScript scripts to folders that respond to actions on the folder, such as opening or closing, moving or resizing, or adding or removing items
Optimized for PowerPC processors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runs scripts up to five times faster than before

Easy setup

Improved installer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows you to install new system software in minutes • Makes custom installations as simple as easy installations—and lets you save custom configurations for later reuse • Checks the system for problems and fixes them without requiring you to boot from a CD-ROM • Supports remote installations when used with Apple Network Assistant
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Superior Internet experience

Internet aliases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows you to save your favorite URLs as desktop icons—double-click to go directly to any site
Free 30-day Internet access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lets you try out the Internet at no cost
Internet date and time services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks and synchronizes the date and time with Internet time servers based on the world's atomic clocks
Microsoft Internet Explorer and Netscape Communicator software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lets you enjoy web sites from all over the world with the latest versions of the most popular browsers
Microsoft Outlook Express software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers versatile e-mail and newsgroup capabilities
IrDA capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lets you check e-mail using a compatible PowerBook and IrDA-capable Nokia or Ericsson mobile phone (ISP required)



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Features

Benefits

Improved user experience

Smart Scrolling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enables scroll bars to proportionally reflect how much of your document appears in the window• Allows you to jump to the section you want in your documents by manipulating the scroll bar thumb directly• Allows faster navigation, with up and down arrows together at the bottom of the scroll bars, and horizontal arrows at the right side of the scroll bar
Apple Help	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides a more interactive HTML-based help system• Lets you use Sherlock to search for any word or phrase related to your question• Is compatible with Apple Guide
Application Switcher palette	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows you to reposition the menu by creating a floating toolbar for one-click access to all open applications
Ability to move and resize the columns in Finder windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gives you greater control over which file information you view
Enhanced Open and Save panels*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides you with more information to help you select the right folder or file• Displays such information as size and last modification date• Lets you view the most recent servers and folders you've used• Lets you create a pop-up menu of your favorite servers and folders
Universal Favorites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lets you access frequently used files, folders, and servers from the Apple Menu, Network Browser, and Open and Save panels• Lets you add any item in the Finder, on your system, or on the network to your favorites

* Requires applications that support this feature.

1

Search the web or your computer with lightning speed and amazing ease.

2

Zero in on the exact information you're looking for with a single click.

3

Access your open applications with one click.

4

Navigate your network easily through folders.

5

Visit your favorite URLs from your desktop with Internet aliases.





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10 Great Reasons to Upgrade to Mac OS 8.6

1. Use Sherlock to search the Internet with more than 20 search engines
2. Search for information inside your documents, including PDF and HTML files
3. View search results ranked by relevance in one convenient, scrollable window
4. Improve the battery life of your PowerBook G3 by up to 25 percent
5. Enjoy increased stability
6. Copy files over a network faster than with Windows NT
7. Automate nearly any task on your computer with AppleScript
8. Run AppleScript scripts up to five times faster than before
9. Get up and running with your new system software in minutes
10. Get on the Internet free for 30 days

New in Mac OS 8.6 update for Mac OS 8.5 users

- Improve the battery life of your PowerBook G3 by up to 25 percent
- Enjoy increased stability
- Have information delivered from the Internet to your desktop
- Create logs of print jobs and fonts for easy reference
- Use Speech Recognition to control your iMac or Power Macintosh G3 with your voice
- Use the latest USB and FireWire devices without installing extra software
- Read and write to DVD-RAM discs

For More Information

For more information about this product, or to find out where to buy Apple products—through a reseller or from the Apple Store—visit www.apple.com or call 1-800-538-9696.

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Product Details

Included software

- Aladdin Stuffit Expander, DropStuff, and Expander Enhancer 5.1
- America Online 4.0
- Appearance 1.1
- Apple Remote Access Client 3.1.3
- AppleScript 1.3.7
- ColorSync 2.6.1
- Extensions Manager 4.0.4
- File Exchange 3.0.1
- Finder 8.6
- HyperCard Player 2.4.1
- Internet Access 1.3.1
- LaserWriter 8.6.5
- Mac OS Help 2.0
- Mac OS Runtime for Java 2.1.1
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.5
- Microsoft Outlook Express 4.5
- Multilingual Internet Access 1.0
- Netscape Communicator 4.5
- Open Transport 2.0.3
- Open Transport SNMP 1.0
- Personal Web Sharing 1.5.1
- QuickDraw 3D 1.5.4
- QuickDraw GX 1.1.6
- QuickTime 3.0.2
- QuickTime VR 2.1
- Sherlock 2.1

System Requirements

- Mac OS–based Apple computer with a PowerPC processor (Apple PC Compatibility Cards are not supported)
- 24MB of physical RAM, with virtual memory set to at least 32MB
- CD-ROM drive (not required for network installations)

Ordering Information

To install Mac OS 8.6, you must have Mac OS 8.5 installed, then update to Mac OS 8.6.

Mac OS 8.5

Order No. M6672LL/A

Package contents:

- CD-ROM containing Mac OS 8.5 software, third-party software, and electronic documentation
- Installation manual

Mac OS 8.6 Free Updater*

Visit www.apple.com to download the software.

Download contents:

- Self-installing application including Mac OS 8.6 updater software, third-party software, and electronic documentation

Mac OS 8.6 CD Updater*

Order M7454LL/A

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1-888-295-0653 in Canada.

Package contents:

- CD-ROM containing Mac OS 8.6 updater software, third-party software, and electronic documentation

Mac OS 8.6 Full Installation CD**

Visit www.apple.com for complete details.

Package contents:

- CD-ROM containing full version of Mac OS 8.6 software, third-party software, and electronic documentation
- Installation manual

*Requires installation of Mac OS 8.5.

**Requires proof of purchase of Mac OS 8.5 and upgrade order form.