

# Input Devices

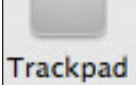
MacBooks have the same data input devices as most laptops: a keyboard and a trackpad. However, the trackpad has an innovative feature that makes it stand out from the crowd: there is no button – the trackpad itself performs the functions of a button. The trackpad uses multi-touch gestures to replace traditional navigation techniques. These are looked at in detail in Chapter Six. Some of these gestures are:

- **One-finger click.** Click in the middle of the trackpad to perform one-click operations
- **Scrolling.** This can be done on a page by dragging two fingers on the trackpad either up or down
- **Zooming on a page or web page.** This can be done by double-clicking with two fingers

When using the keyboard or trackpad, keep your hands and fingers as flat as possible over the keyboard and trackpad.

## Trackpad options

Options for the functioning of the trackpad can be set within the System Preferences. To do this:

- 1 Click on the Trackpad button 
- 2 Click on the tabs to set options for pointing and clicking, scrolling and zooming and additional multi-touch gestures with the trackpad



**Hot tip**

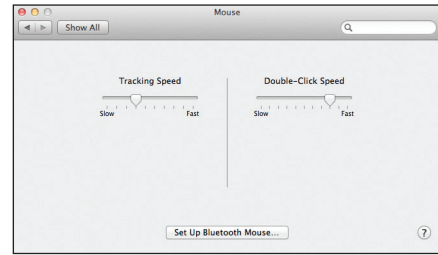
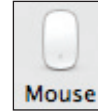
Instead of a traditional mouse, a Magic Mouse can also be connected to a MacBook. This is a mouse that has the same scrolling functionality as the trackpad.

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**Mouse options**

An external mouse can be connected to a MacBook and options for its functioning can be set within the System Preferences. To do this:

- 1 Click on the Mouse button
- 2 Drag the sliders to set the speed at which the cursor moves across the screen and also the speed required for a double-click operation

**Keyboard options**

Options for the functioning of the keyboard can be set within the System Preferences. To do this:

- 1 Click on the Keyboard button
- 2 Click on the Keyboard tab to set options for how the keyboard operates, such as the speed for repeating a key stroke and whether the keyboard is illuminated automatically in low light
- 3 Click on the Keyboard Shortcuts tab to set keyboard shortcuts for accessing certain functions and apps on your MacBook

