

Don't forget

UNIX is an operating system that has traditionally been used for large commercial mainframe computers. It is renowned for its stability and ability to be used within different computing environments.

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Mountain Lion has a Power Nap function that updates items from the online iCloud service even when a Mac is in sleep mode. This can be set up by checking on the Wake for network access option in the Energy Saver section of System Preferences.

About OS X Mountain Lion

OS X Mountain Lion is the eighth version (10.8) of the operating system for Apple computers; the iMac, MacBook, Mac Mini and Mac Pro. When OS X (pronounced 'ten') was first introduced it was a major breakthrough in terms of ease of use and stability. It is based on the UNIX programming language, that is a very stable and secure operating environment and ensures that OS X is one of the most stable consumer operating systems that has ever been designed. More importantly for the user, it is also one of the most stylish and user-friendly operating systems available.

Through the previous seven versions of OS X it has been refined and improved in terms of both performance and functionality. This process continues with OS X Mountain Lion, which further develops the innovations introduced by its predecessor, Lion.

When OS X Lion was introduced, in 2011, it had a range of innovative functions that were inspired by Apple's mobile devices: iPhone, iPod touch and iPad. The two main areas where the functionality of the mobile devices has been transferred to the desktop and laptop operating system are:

- The way apps can be downloaded and installed. Instead of using a disc, OS X Mountain Lion utilizes the Mac App Store to provide apps, which can be installed in a couple of simple steps
- Options for navigating around pages and applications on a trackpad or a Magic Mouse. Instead of having to use a mouse or a traditional laptop trackpad, OS X Mountain Lion allows Multi-Touch Gestures that provide a range of ways for accessing apps and web pages and navigating around them

OS X Mountain Lion takes the work of OS X Lion even further, by adding more features that initially appeared on the iPad. These include the iMessage service, Notification Center, Reminders, Notes and the Games Center. There are also additions to the iCloud service that keep all of your content and devices synchronized and up to date.

OS X Lion was a genuinely revolutionary operating system in terms of the way in which people work and interact with their Macs. OS X Mountain Lion continues this work and takes it to the next level of power and functionality.