

# Free space on macOS Sierra with Optimize Storage

In the newly released macOS Sierra, Optimize Storage feature will free up storage space on the device, when it can clean up the trash, remove unnecessary files, ...

For those who have updated their Mac to macOS Sierra, the latest feature will be Optimize Storage, with the function of freeing and optimizing the storage space on the device. This feature will take care of cleaning up the memory on the computer, delete unnecessary files, put unused files on iCloud, . with the tools available right on your computer. In this article, we will show you how to use Optimize Storage and its useful tools to increase free space on your Mac.

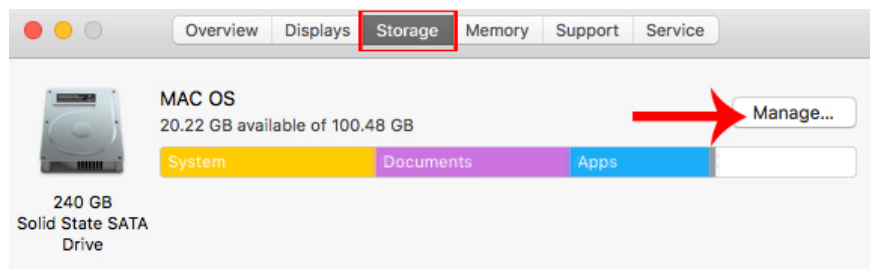
## Step 1:

First of all, click **the Apple icon** on the left corner of the screen and select **About this Mac** .



## Step 2:

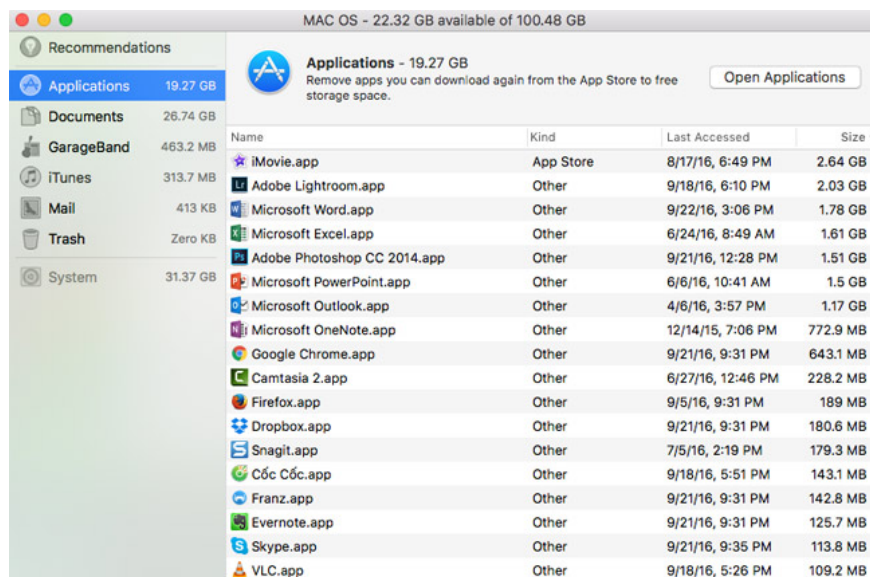
Next, click the **Storage** tab to see the amount of storage we have used on the Mac. Click on the **Manage** button next to open other options.



### Step 3:

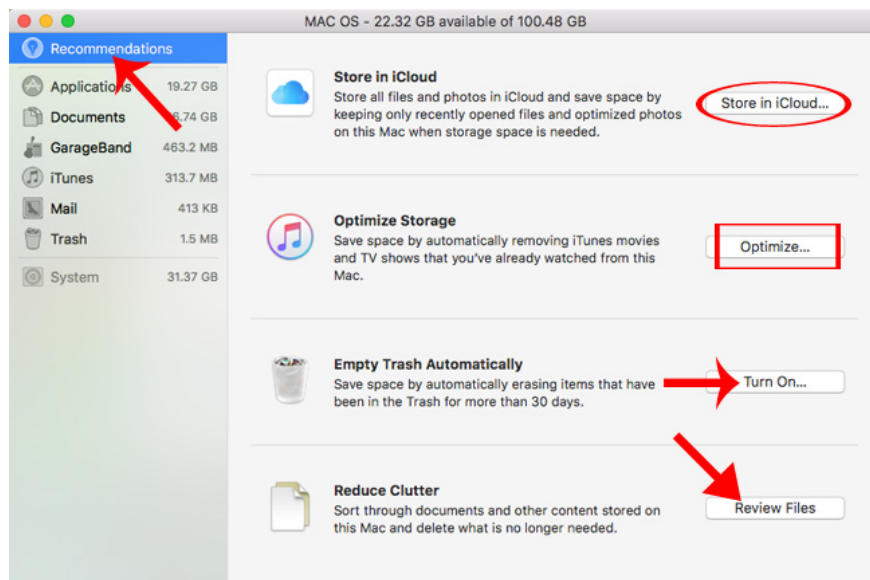
After opening **Optimize Storage**, in **Applications** section, we will see a list of all files and file storage places on the machine, including: Applications (Applications), Documents (Documents), GarageBand (GarageBand Data), iBooks (Books), iCloud Drive (iCloud Drive), iOS Files (iOS Data), iTunes (iTunes Data), Mail (Email), Photos (Photos), and Trash (Trash).

Also, in the list you will see the files will be sorted by time, file size, file type. This will help to find out which files are large to uninstall more conveniently.

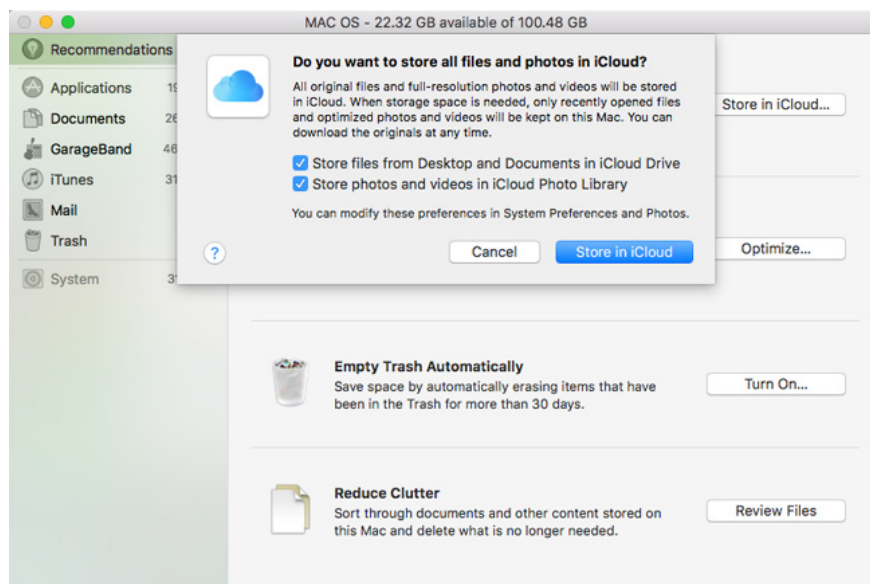


### Step 4:

Also at the interface of Optimize Storage function, click on **Recommendations**. There are 4 options to free up space on your computer, including: Store in iCloud, Optimize Storage, Empty Trash Automatically and Reduce Clutter.



When you click on the **Store in iCloud option**, the data stored on Desktop and Document items will appear on other devices. This also takes away a lot of storage space on iCloud.



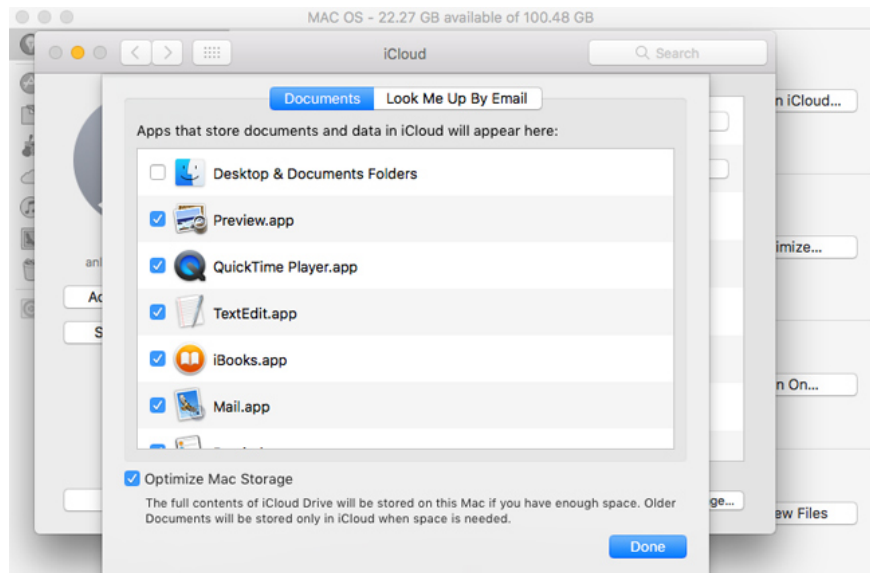
## Step 5:

With **Optimize Storage** option, we can set up automatic mode to delete TV shows and movies on iTunes. This will free up quite a lot of storage space, especially for those who regularly browse through iTunes.

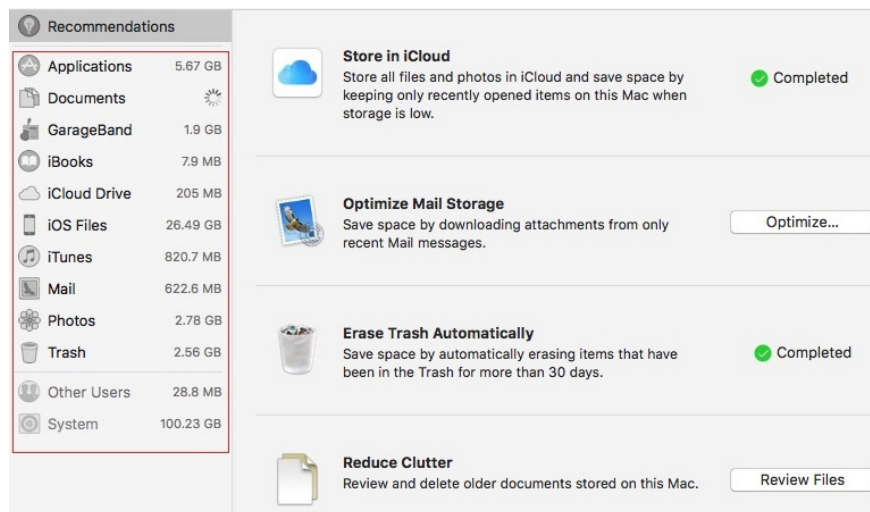
## Step 6:

When selecting **Empty Trash Automatically** will save storage space when automatically emptying the trash when it has been more than 30 days.

And **Reduce Clutter** will rearrange all documents and content by size, then delete files that are not used for a long time.



These are the options to clean up the memory space of Optimize Storage feature on macOS Sierra. When using all the optimization features, space on the Mac will be saved quite a lot.



However, you should also regularly clean up the recycle bin and check the applications or data files that are no longer used to remove them. Don't miss the storage space saving feature on macOS Sierra with this Optimize Storage feature.

### Refer to the following articles:

1. Instructions on how to install macOS Sierra (clean install) 10.12 on Mac
1. How to create a MacOS Sierra installed USB drive 10.12
1. Useful tips for macOS 10.12 Sierra

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