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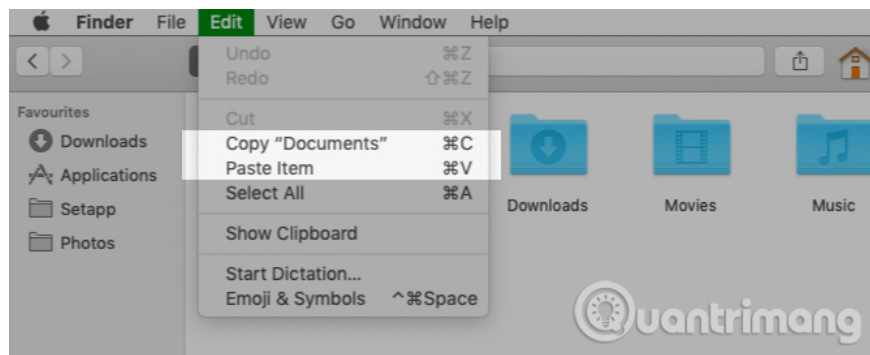
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## How to copy and paste on a Mac

The easiest way to copy and paste on a Mac is to use an easy-to-remember keyboard shortcut:

1. `Cmd + C` to copy
2. `Cmd + V` to paste

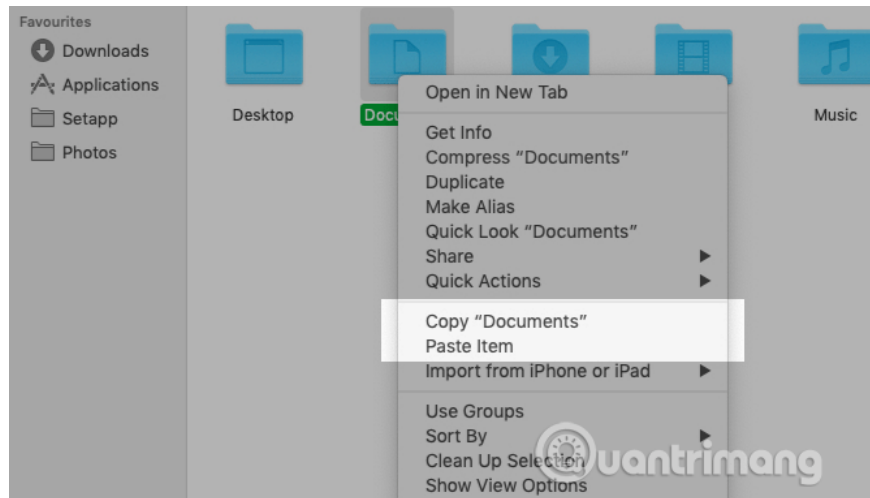


If switching from Windows to macOS, these shortcuts are very handy because it is similar to the `Ctrl + C` and `Ctrl + V` `Ctrl` to copy in Windows.

If you don't like using the shortcut, you can use the menu command. To use the menu command, select the item you want to copy, click **Edit**> **Copy** to copy to the clipboard.

Then navigate to the place where you want to create a copy, right-click the blank space, choose **Edit> Paste** . To paste the copied text, leave the child exactly where you want to enter the text.

The third option is very easy to use the **Copy** and **Paste** command in the context menu or right-click menu. It works like menu commands and keyboard shortcuts.



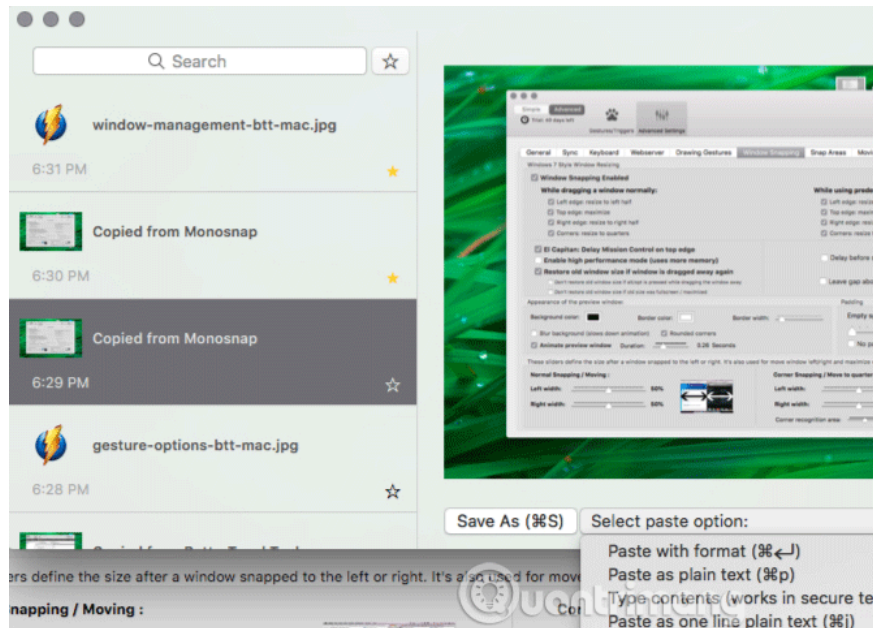
You can use the copy and paste command with any content like text, images and documents. In addition, this command also works on all Mac applications (including the Finder) unless the paste or copy functionality on the application or website is disabled.

## How to paste without formatting

With the above methods, when copying and pasting text on a Mac, pasted text will remain in its original format.

If you want to paste text in the format of the target document, use **Edit> Paste and Match Style** instead of **Edit> Paste** as above. When pasting text with the keyboard shortcut, use **Option + Shift + Cmd + V** instead of **Cmd + V**

## Copy paste faster with the Clipboard manager



Every time you want to copy and paste something, you first need to copy the content from the original location to the clipboard, then move to the place where you want to paste and paste it. If only a little duplication is made, it does not matter but if multiple replication is performed and with different positions, this process is very time consuming. Fortunately, a clipboard management application will help you fix this problem. It will store everything you copy to the clipboard and keep it so that when you want to copy it, it can be searched and accessed.

You can use the clipboard application to only manage text entries or an application that stores text, images, hyperlinks, documents, and other content types. Some clipboard management applications you can consider are CopyClip, 1 Clipboard, Pastebot and Paste.

If you use Mac productivity apps like Alfred, BetterTouchTool or Keyboard Maestro, you don't need to install a dedicated clipboard application. Such productivity applications often have the accompanying clipboard management function.

## How to copy and paste between Apple devices



Apple devices can share a clipboard, so you can copy data from a Mac and paste it into iPhone (and vice versa). To do this you need to make sure to turn on Bluetooth on both devices and log in to the same iCloud account.

Next, enable **Handoff** on both devices by:

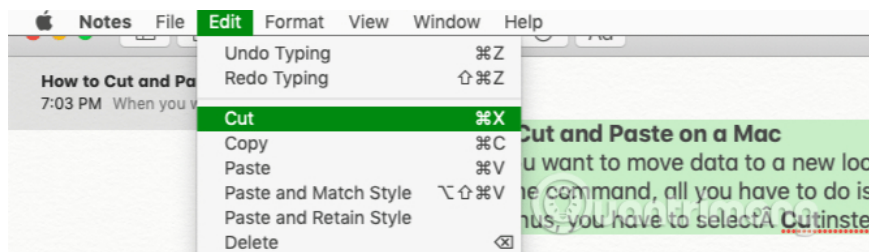
1. **On Mac** : In **System Preferences**> **General** , select **Allow Handoff between this Mac and your iCloud devices** .
2. **On iPhone** : Open the **Settings** app, in **General**> **Handoff** , turn on **Handoff** .

Now you can copy and paste between Mac and iPhone using the copy and paste command specific to each device. Shared clipboard is called Universal Clipboard. It is part of Continuity, a feature set that lets you use your Mac and iPhone together.

In addition, you can copy and paste between Mac and iPhone using Copied application for macOS and iOS. To share clipboard between Mac and Android phone, install Alt-C on both devices.

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## How to cut and paste on Mac



When you want to move the data to a new location instead of copying it, you need a cut and paste command instead of copying and pasting.

To use the command, replace the shortcut **Cmd + C** to copy with **Cmd + X** In the application menu and right-click menu, you must select **Cut** instead of **Copy** . Paste shortcuts and menu options remain the same. This is how to move new data in macOS.

Previously, you had to copy the data as usual and use the shortcut **Cmd + Option + V** to simulate the collage action. The corresponding menu **item ( Move Item Here )** is only displayed if you hold the **Option** key while pasting.

This unusual collage is still useful for certain content, such as Finder files and folders. The new cut and paste command works well with text, reminders, contacts, document objects, etc.

Now you know how to copy and paste on Mac. This allows you to make copies of selected items in different locations while keeping the originals.

I wish you all success!

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