

How to Eject a CD with a Mac

This article shows you how to eject a CD on your Mac and how to remove a CD from a non-working CD drive. Although newer Macs don't have CD drives, older Macs do, and the CDs used in these machines can sometimes get stuck or become unresponsive when you press the 'Eject' key (Release).

Eject the disc in the usual way



Press ? Eject your Mac's (Release) button. This key is in the upper right corner of your Mac's keyboard. If the CD tray is still active, the disc will be ejected when you press this key.

Ejecting the disc will take a few seconds if you were using the disc right before pressing **the Eject** key .

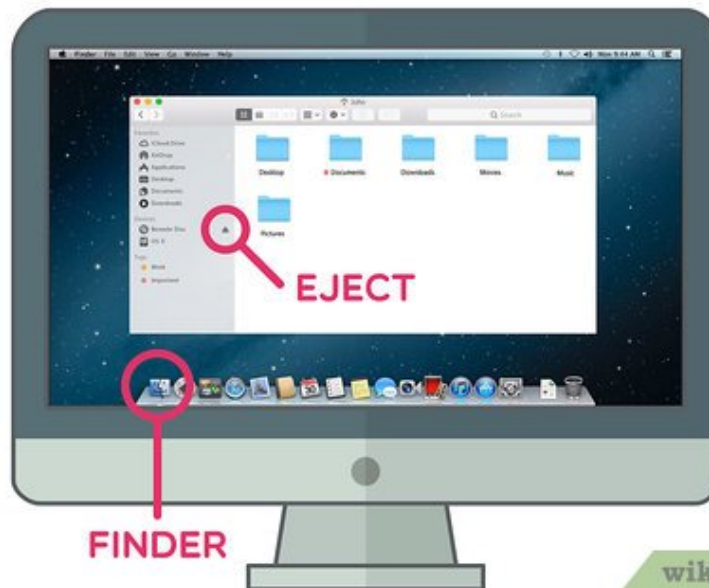
If you want to eject a disc from an external drive, you need to press and hold the key F12 until the disc is ejected. Most external drives are equipped with a separate button for users to press to eject the disc.

Some drives have a small hole in the front. You can insert a paperclip or similar object into this hole and push it to open the disc tray by hand.



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Press key ? Command and key E at the same time. This shortcut is the command to eject the CD if the **Eject** key is not working and the CD drive is not damaged.



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Use Finder. Open Finder with the blue face icon in your Mac's Dock and do the following:

Find the disc name under the "Devices" heading on the left side of the window.

Click the triangular "Eject" icon to the right of the disk name.



Drag the disk icon to the trash. Find the disk icon on your computer screen, click and drag it to the trash can in the bottom right corner of the screen and release it. This is the operation to eject a disc on a Mac.



Eject the disc using iTunes in the following way:

Open **iTunes**

Click **Controls** in the top left corner of the screen.

Click Eject Disc or **Eject [Name of Disk]** below the selection list.

Release the stuck disc



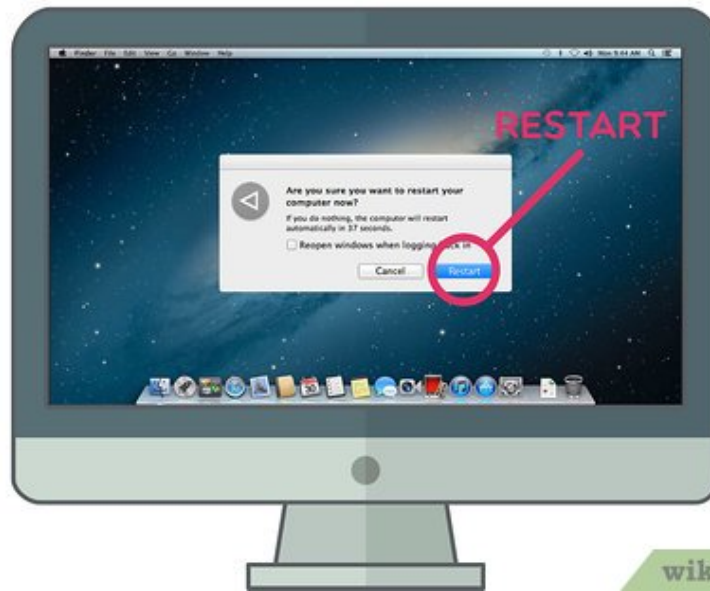
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Close open applications. Some CD drives - especially external drives - will not respond to eject commands if the CD is being used by an application. You can open your browser, but make sure iTunes, music/movie programs, video games, and any other programs using the disc are turned off.



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Tilt your Mac while ejecting the disc. Tilt the part of your Mac down that contains the disc tray, then use one of the ejection methods you use for working discs. Sometimes, some of the technical components that handle disc ejection become weaker over time; At this point, gravity can provide the necessary push to release the disc.



Restart your Mac while holding down the mouse button. This usually tells the Mac to eject the CD immediately upon reboot.

If you use a traditional mouse for your Mac, remember to hold down the left mouse button.



Use Disk Utility to open the CD tray. Open Spotlight by clicking the magnifying glass icon, typing `disk utility` Spotlight, and clicking **Disk Utility** to open the program and then do the following:

Click your disc name on the left side of the window.

Click **Eject** . It's at the top of the window.



Use Terminal commands. Click Spotlight, type `terminal` and click **Terminal** to run the program. Type `drutil eject` in Terminal and press `?` Return to request to open the CD drive.

If this command doesn't work, try typing `drutil tray eject`.



Try the above methods again after letting your computer rest. Turn off the computer for a period of time (at least 10 minutes), then turn it on and perform the above methods again to see the results.



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Bring your computer to see a technician. If the above methods do not work, it may be because the CD drive is no longer working or the CD is stuck in the drive. Take your computer to a technical center or Apple store so a technician can help remove the disk instead of trying to handle it yourself.

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