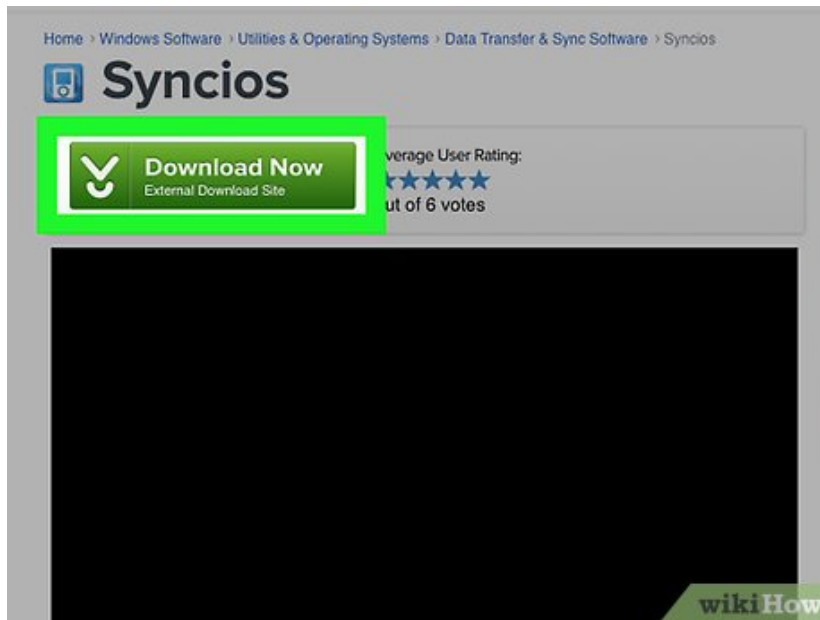


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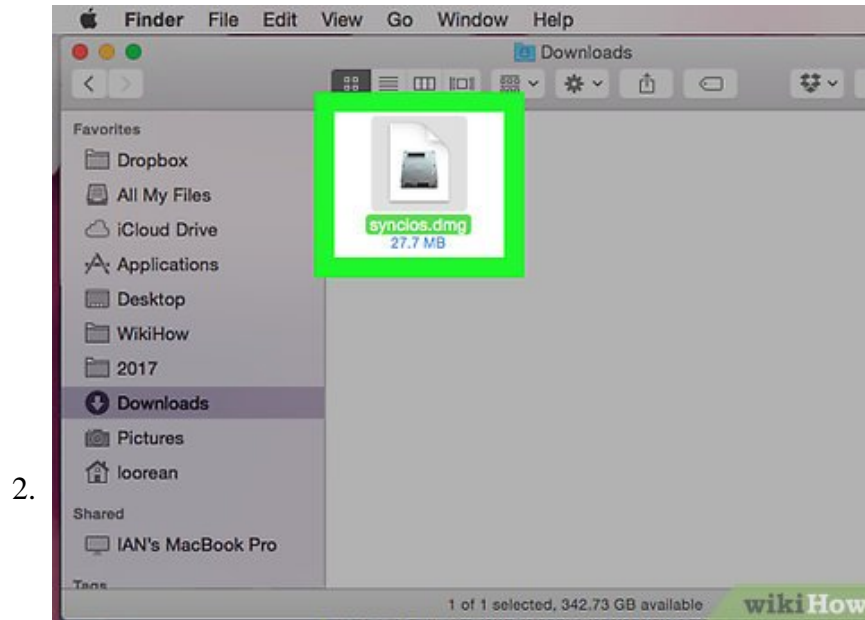
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Method 1 of 2:

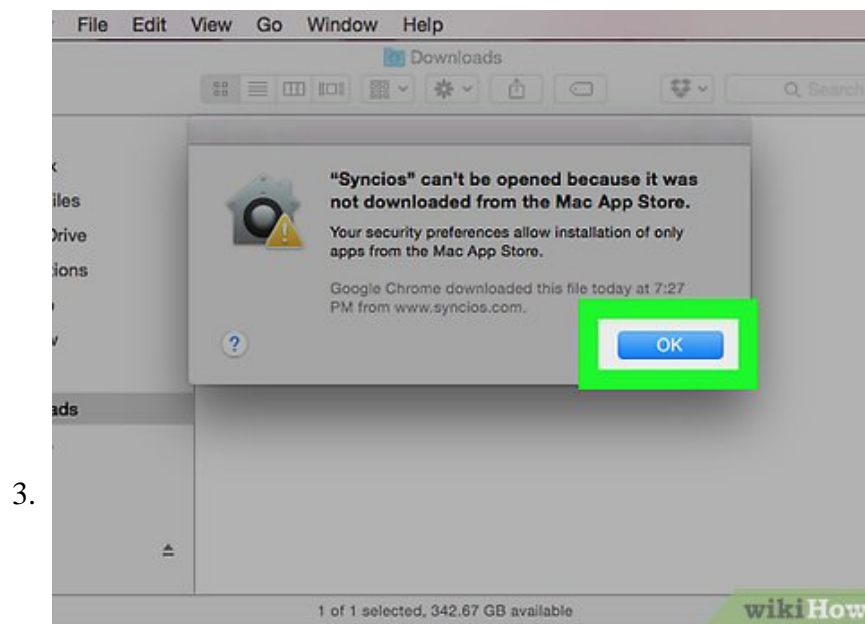
Allowing a Program



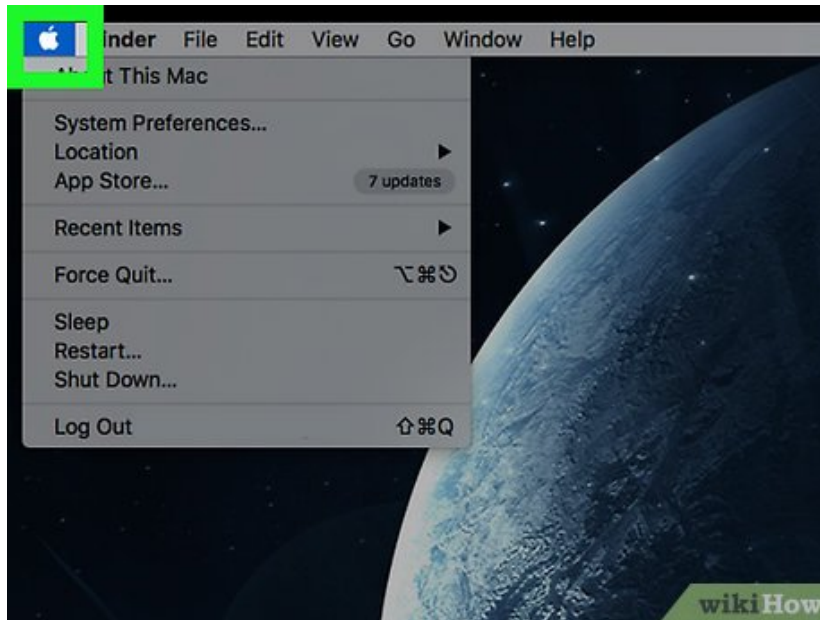
Download the software as you normally would from the Internet. If asked if you want to "keep" or "discard" the file, select keep. Note that you should only do this if you are certain you trust the publisher of the software.



Open your software's setup file. This will prompt a pop-up with an error message that says "[Name] can't be opened because it was not downloaded from the App Store."



Click . This will close the pop-up window.

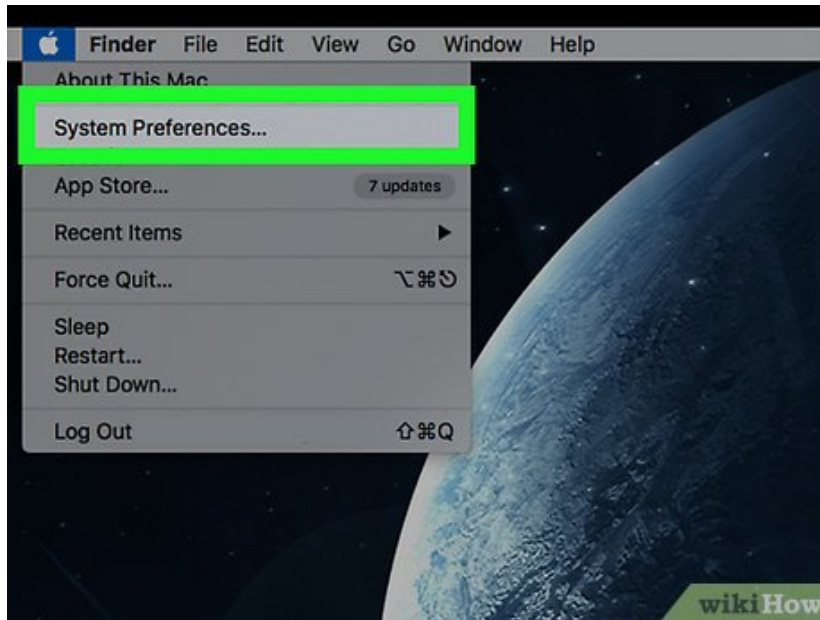


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Open the Apple menu

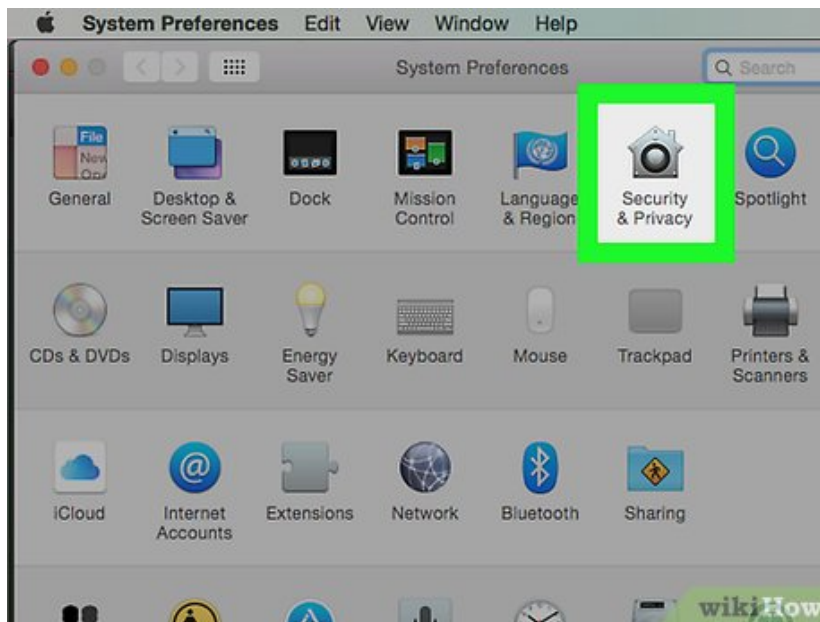


. Click the Apple logo in the top-left corner of the screen. A drop-down menu will appear.



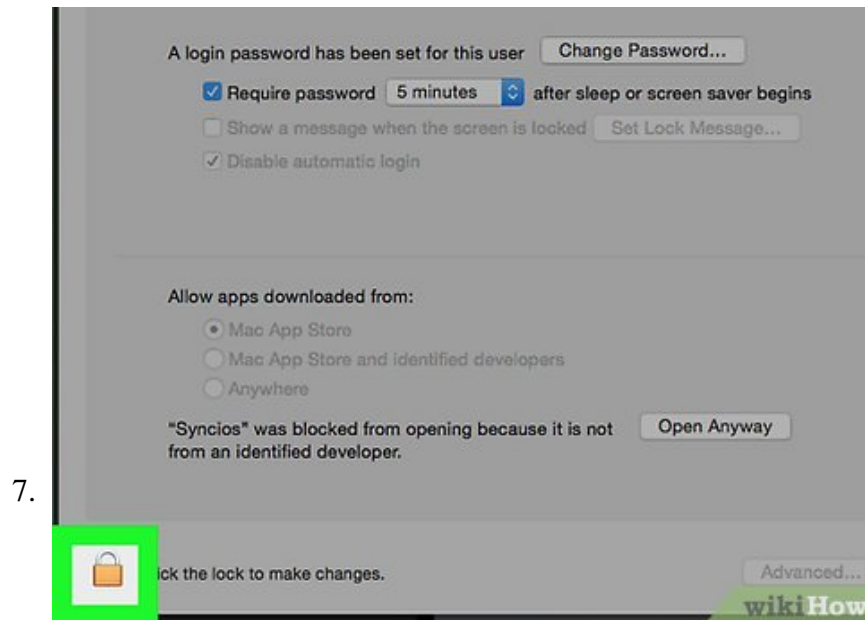
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Click **System Preferences**. This option is near the top of the drop-down menu.



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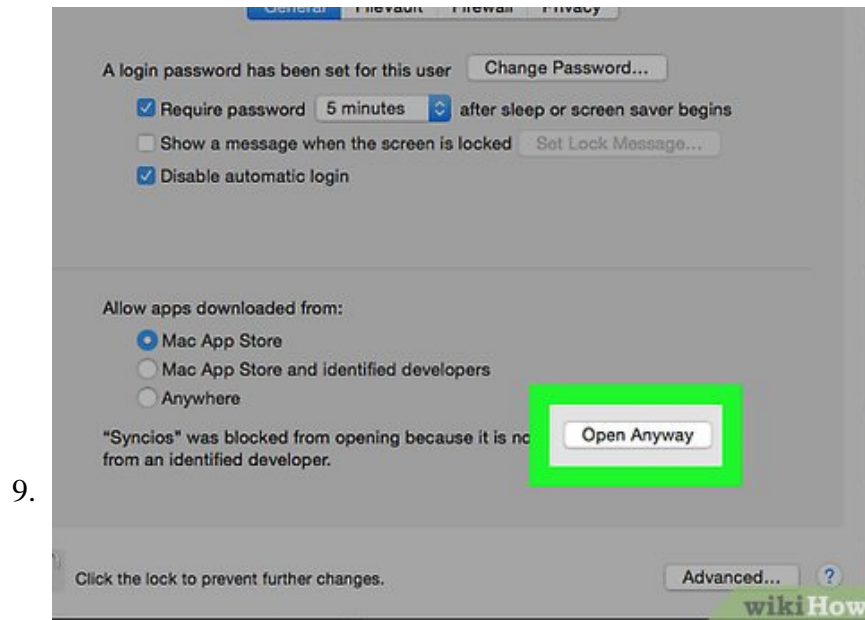
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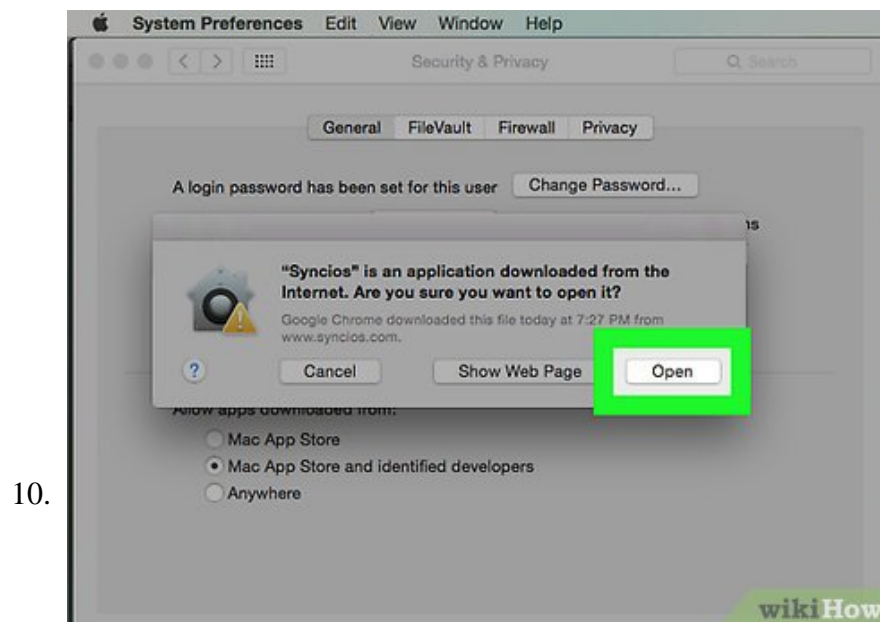
Click the lock icon. It's in the bottom-left corner of the window.



Enter your password, then click **Unlock**. This will allow you to edit items in this menu.



Click [Open Anyway](#). It's next to your file's name.

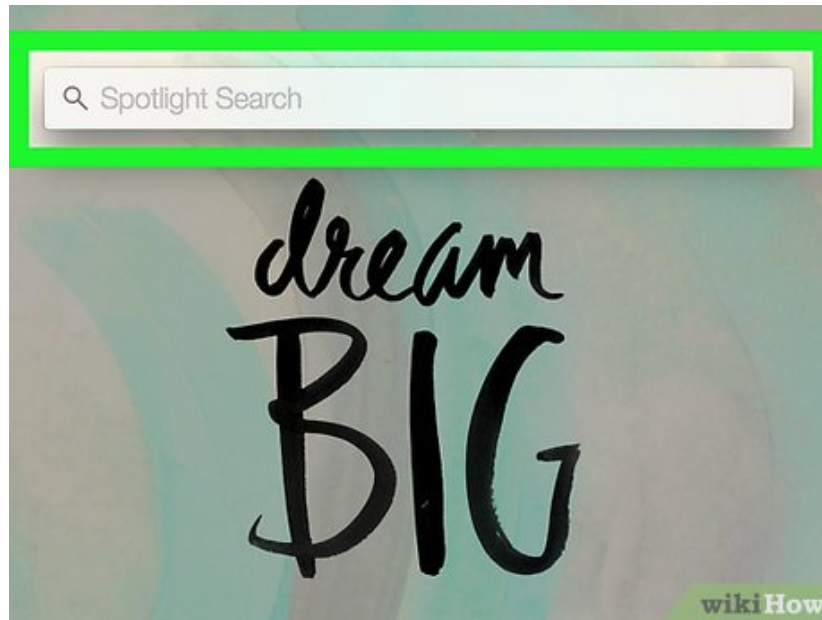


Click [Open](#) when prompted. Doing so will open your file and continue with the installation.

Method 2 of 2:

Allowing All Software

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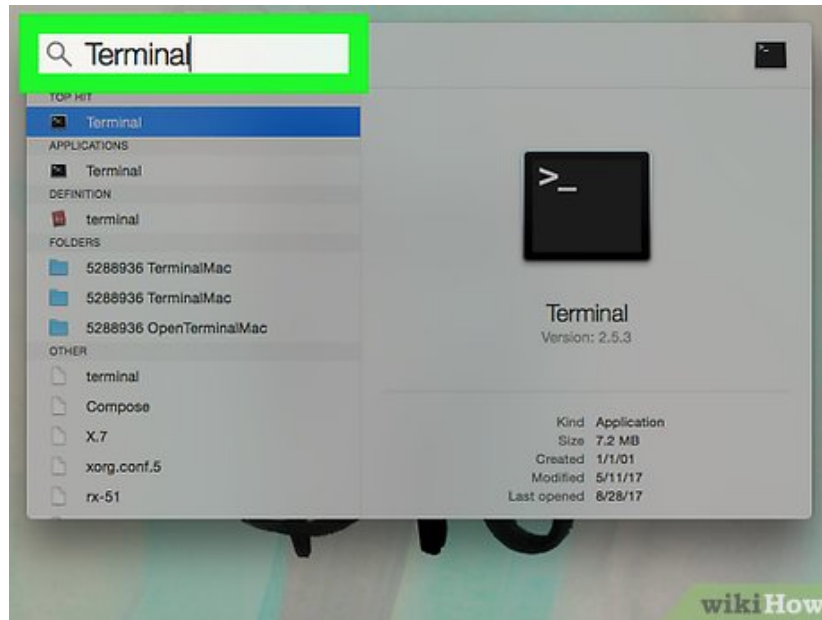


Open Spotlight



. Click the magnifying glass icon in the top-right corner of the screen. In order to allow all software installations, you'll first need to restore an installation option that MacOS Sierra got rid of.

2.

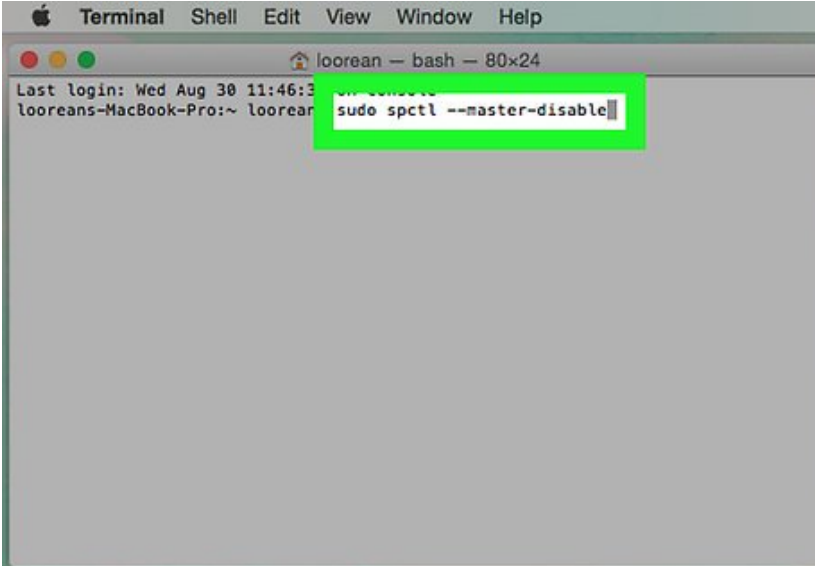


Type in `terminal` , then click



Terminal. It should appear directly below the Spotlight search bar.

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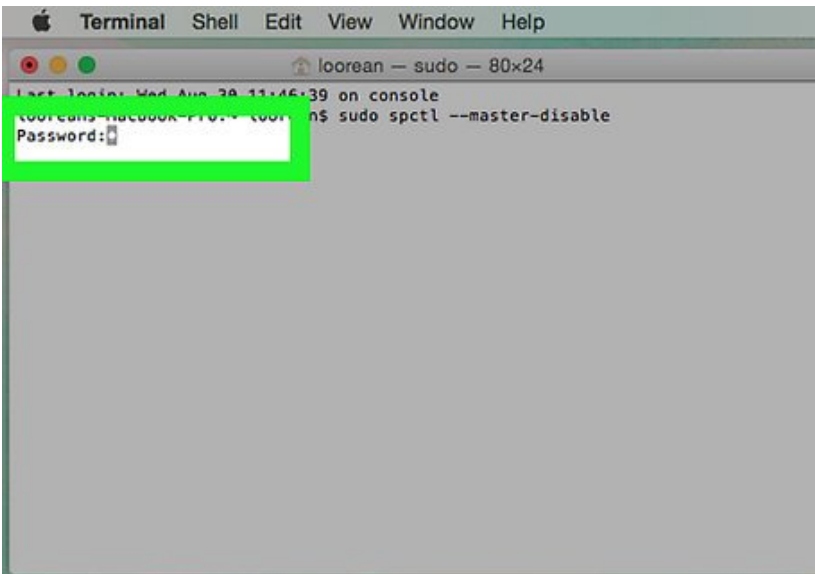


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Terminal Shell Edit View Window Help
loorean — bash — 80x24
Last login: Wed Aug 30 11:46:30 on console
looreans-MacBook-Pro:~ loorean$ sudo spctl --master-disable
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The image shows a macOS Terminal window with the command `sudo spctl --master-disable` entered and highlighted in green. The window title is "Terminal Shell Edit View Window Help" and the user is "loorean". The prompt is "looreans-MacBook-Pro:~ loorean\$".

Type `sudo spctl --master-disable` into Terminal and press `Return`. This is the code that enables the installation option.

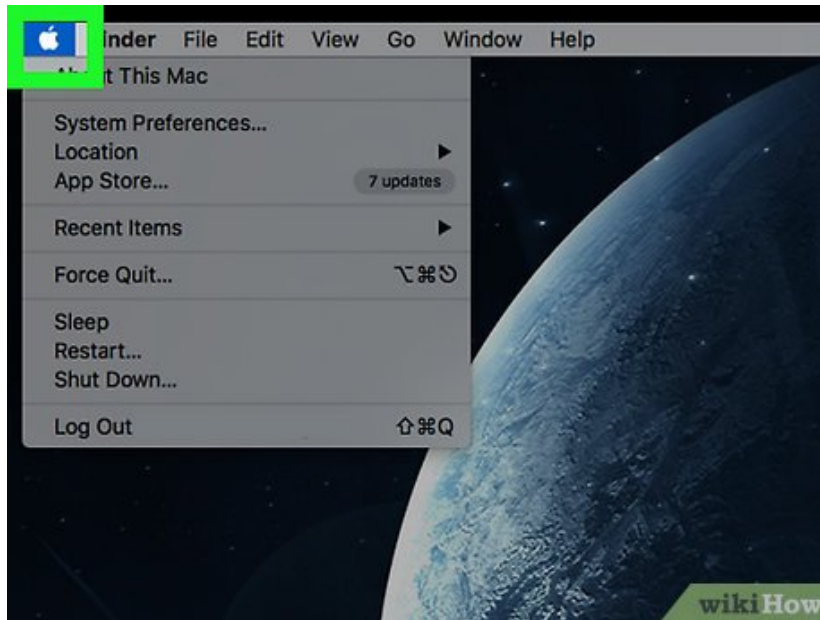
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Terminal Shell Edit View Window Help
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Password:
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The image shows the same Terminal window, but now it is in "sudo" mode. The prompt is "looreans-MacBook-Pro:~ loorean\$" and the command "sudo spctl --master-disable" has been executed. The "Password:" prompt is visible and highlighted in green.

Enter your password. This is the password you use to sign into your Mac. Doing so will restore the option you need in the Security & Privacy menu.

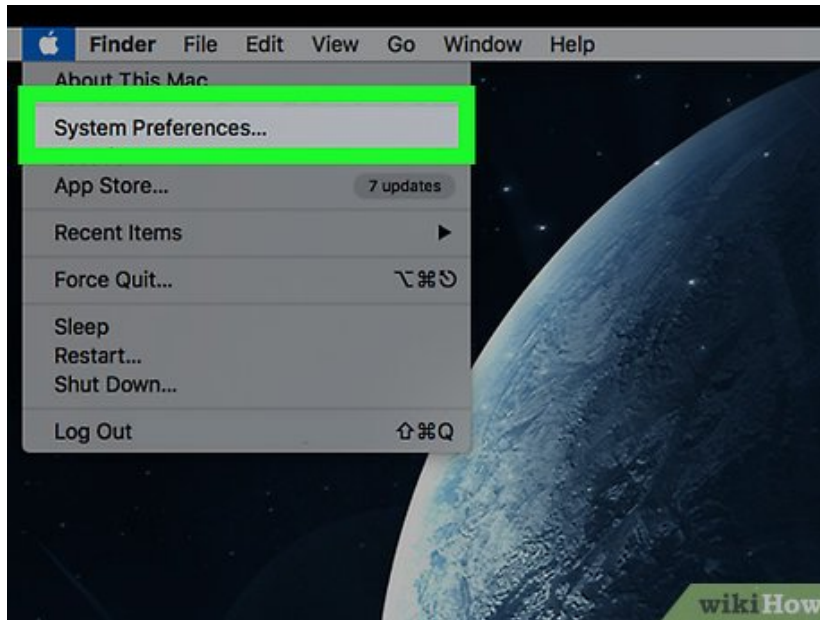


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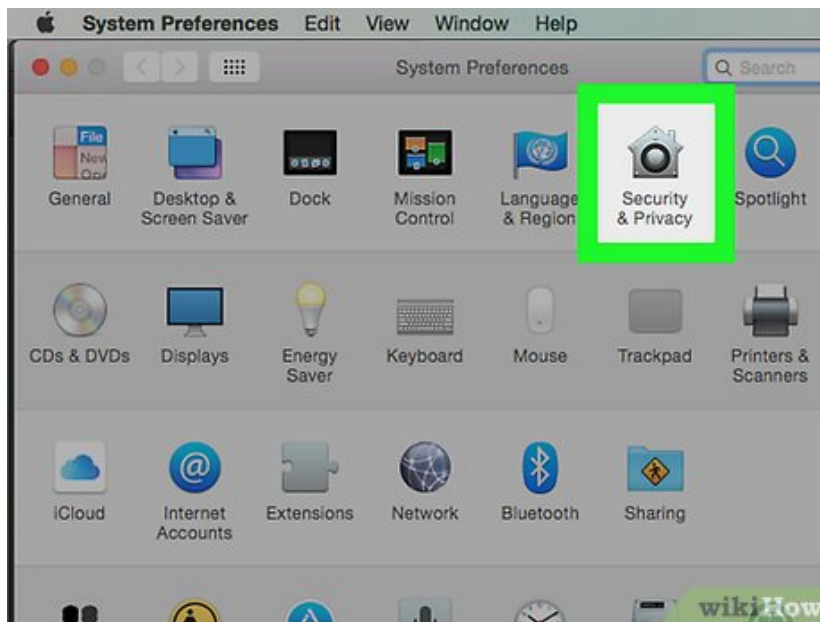


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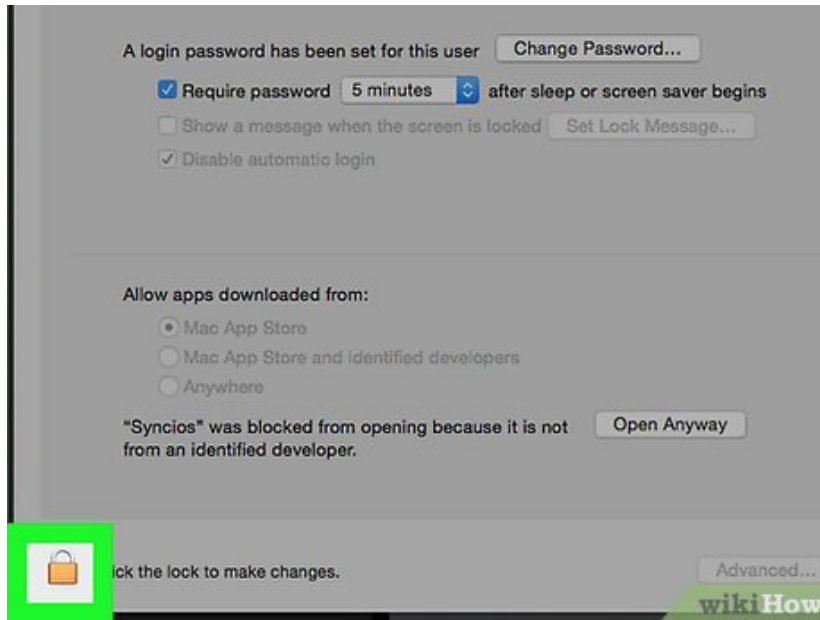
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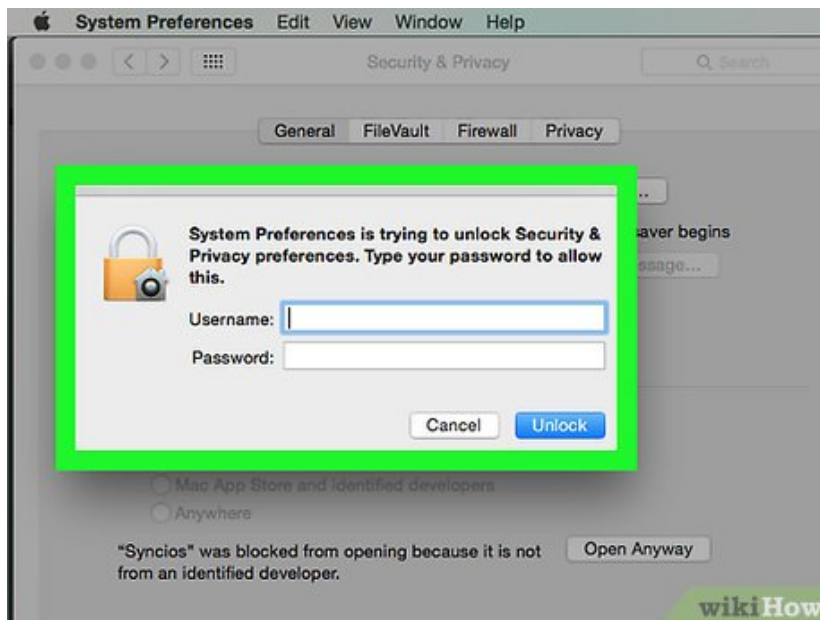
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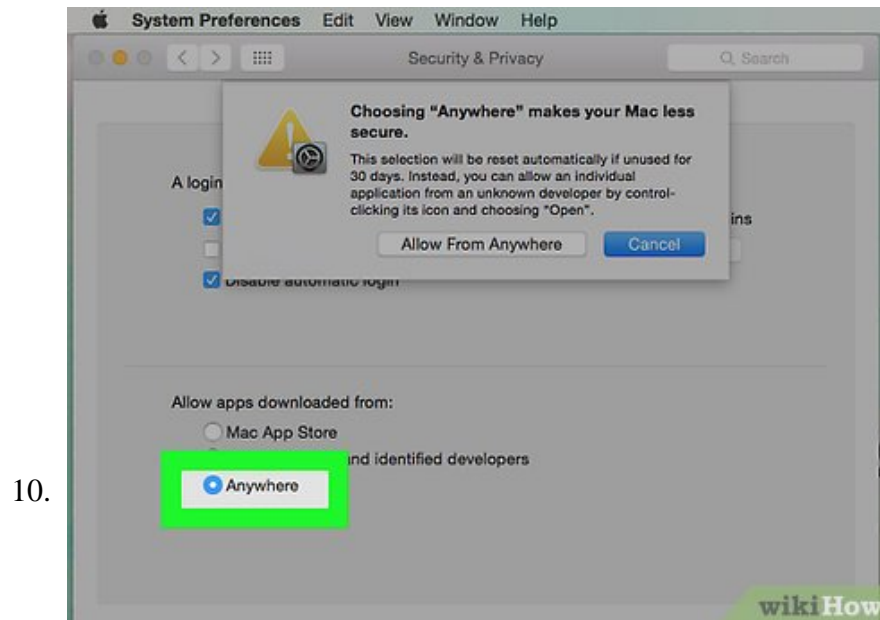


Click the lock icon. It's in the bottom-left corner of the window.

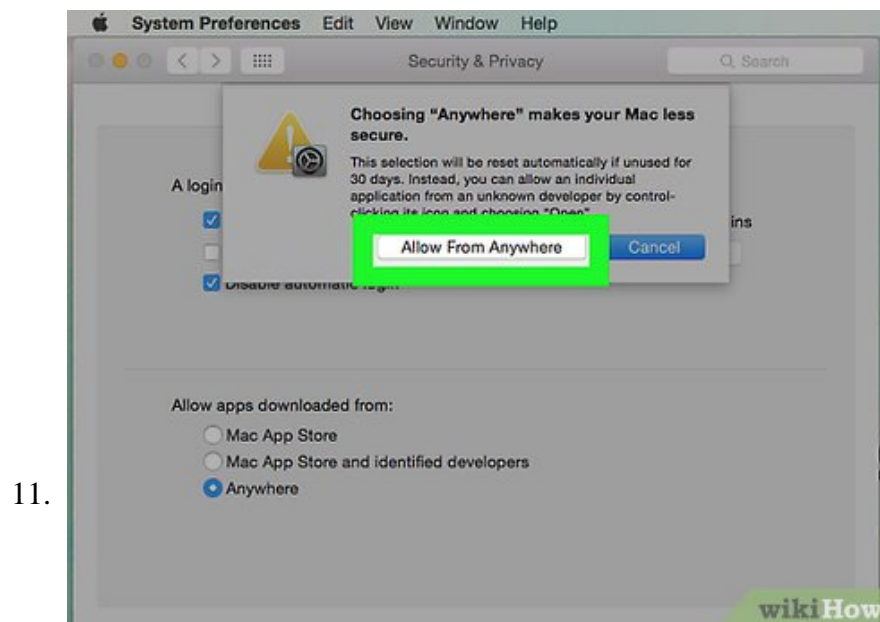
9.



Enter your password, then click **Unlock**. You should now be able to edit the settings in this menu.



Check the **Anywhere** box. It's below the "Allow apps downloaded from" heading near the bottom of the window. Doing so prompts a pop-up window.



Click **Allow From Anywhere** when prompted. Doing this will allow you to install software from unsigned developers without having to confirm from within this menu.

1. If you don't install any unsigned software within 30 days, you'll have to re-enable this settings.
2. Click the lock icon if you'd like to prevent further changes.

12.



Install your software. You should now be able to install your software as you usually would.

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