

How to Relaunch Finder on a Mac

If Finder has frozen on your Mac, resulting in issues like the dock not magnifying or the Apple menu not dropping down, relaunching it will usually solve the issue. You can relaunch Finder by using keyboard shortcuts, the Apple menu, or...

Method 1 of 3:

Keyboard Shortcuts



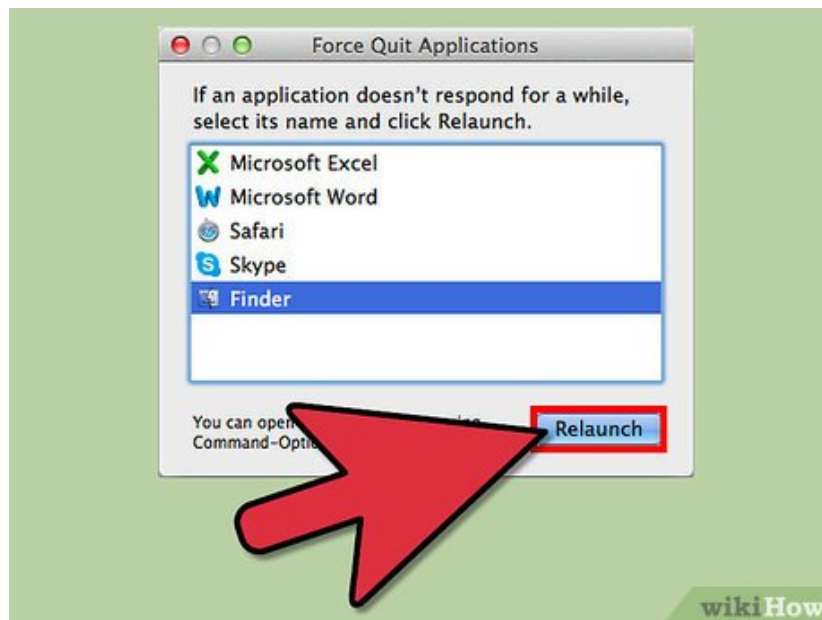
Press **Command** + **Option** + **Esc**. This will open "Force Quit".

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Navigate to and choose "Finder".

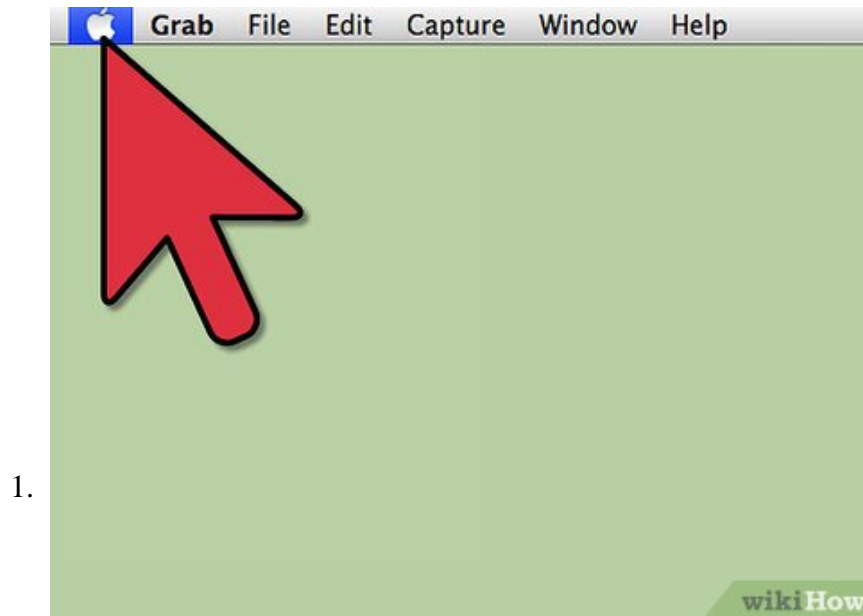
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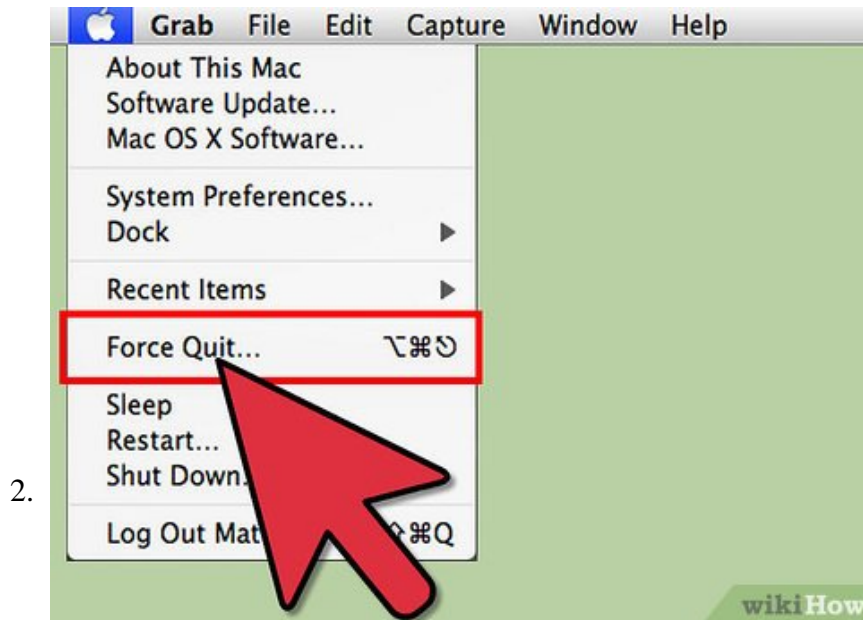
Click **Relaunch**. In a few seconds, the dock, icons, and Apple menu will disappear. It will then quickly reappear and reload everything.

Method 2 of 3:

Mouse

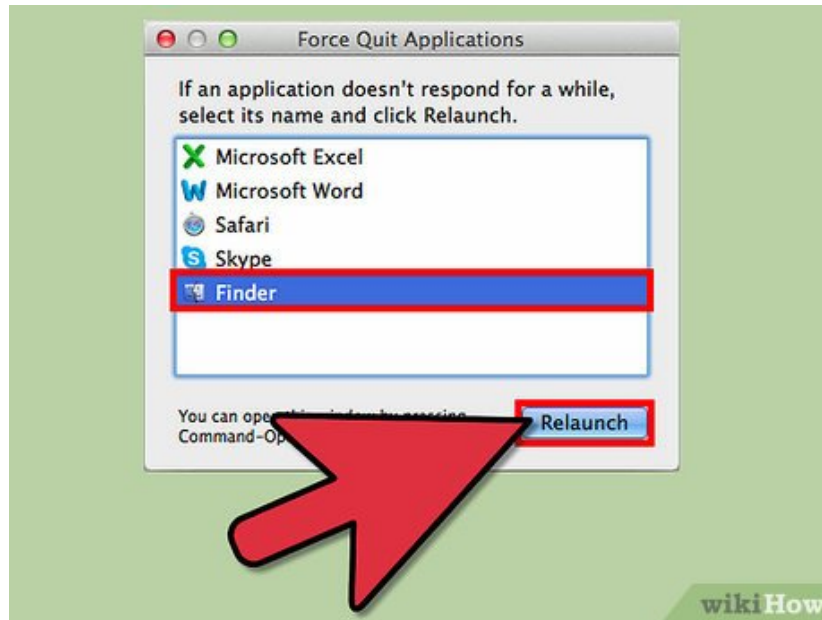


Go to the Apple Menu. That is the Apple image on the top left.



Go to "Force Quit".

3.



Choose "Finder" and click .

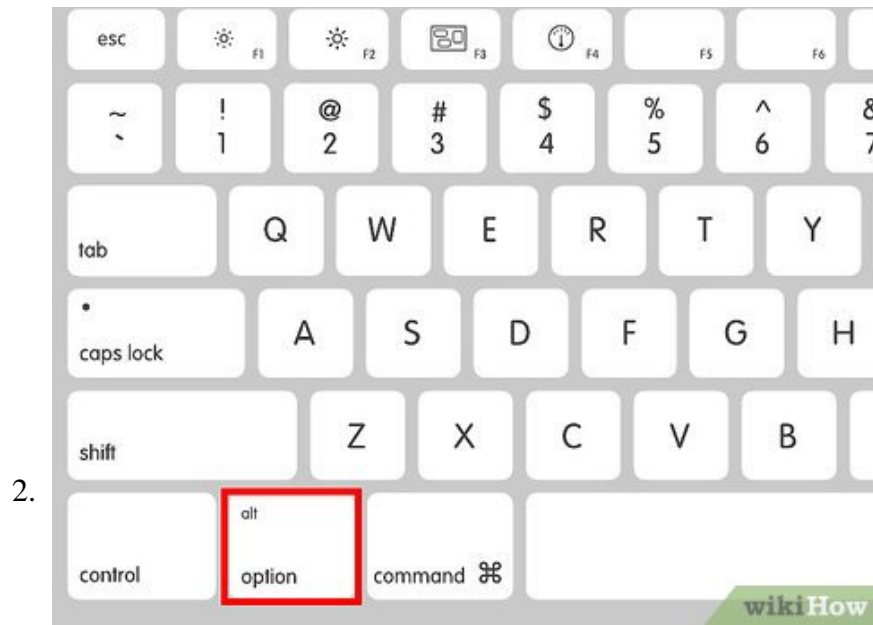
Method 3 of 3:

Right-Click

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Locate the Finder icon on your dock.



Hold the **Option** key while right-clicking on the icon.



Select **Relaunch**.

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