

How to set a default folder opening in Finder on Mac

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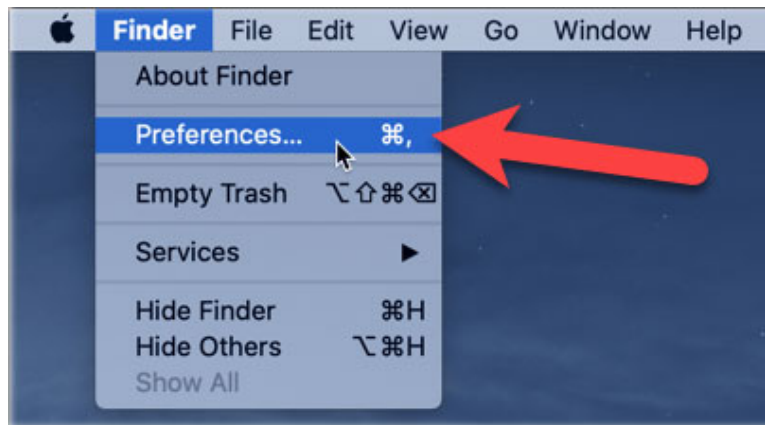
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Set the default folder to open in Finder

You can open Finder by clicking on the application icon on the Dock (looks like a face). Or, you just need to click on an empty area of the screen to activate Finder.

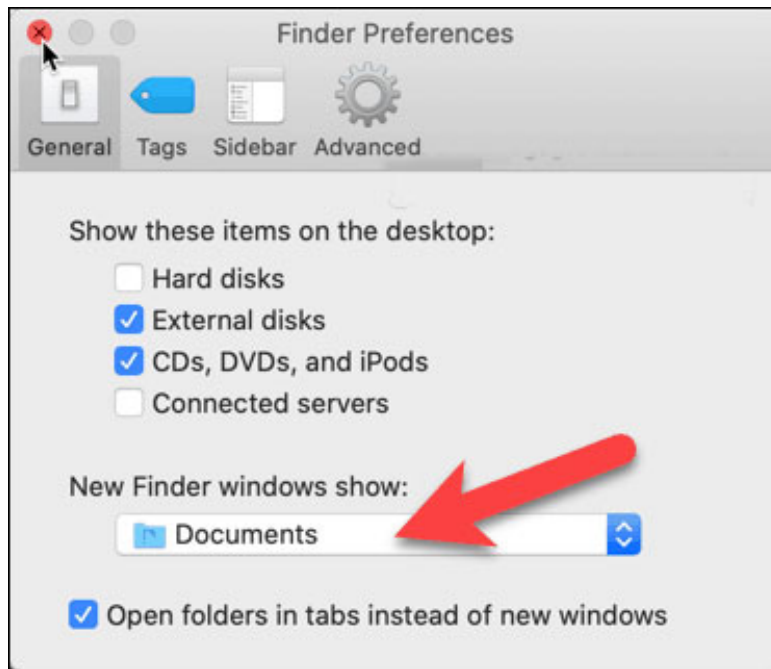
Then, select **Preferences** from the **Finder** menu or press the Command key and comma (Cmd + ,).



Select Preferences

On the **Finder Preferences** dialog box, click **General** on the toolbar at the top.

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A list of predefined options is displayed. If you want to open one of these locations, select the option you want.

If the directory you want is not on a predefined list, select **Other**.

Browse to the locations on the dialog and select the folder you want to open by default.

Then, click **Choose**.

You will be returned to the **Finder Preferences** dialog box and your selection will display in the **New Finder windows show** drop-down list. Close the dialog box.

The next time you open Finder, the folder you select will automatically open.

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