

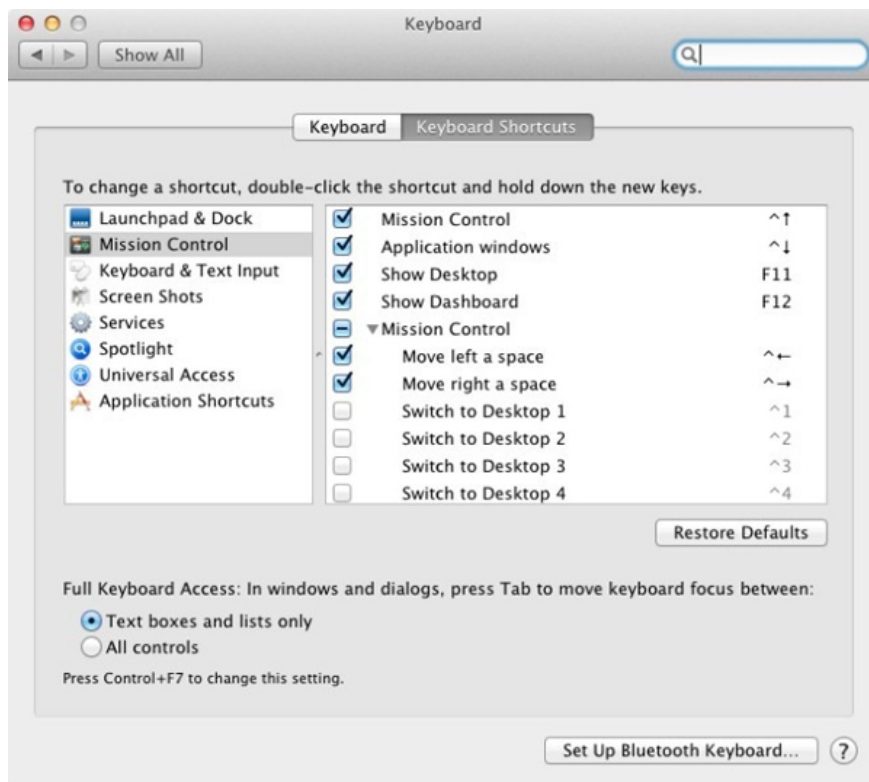
# Mac OS X: 10 tips for beginners

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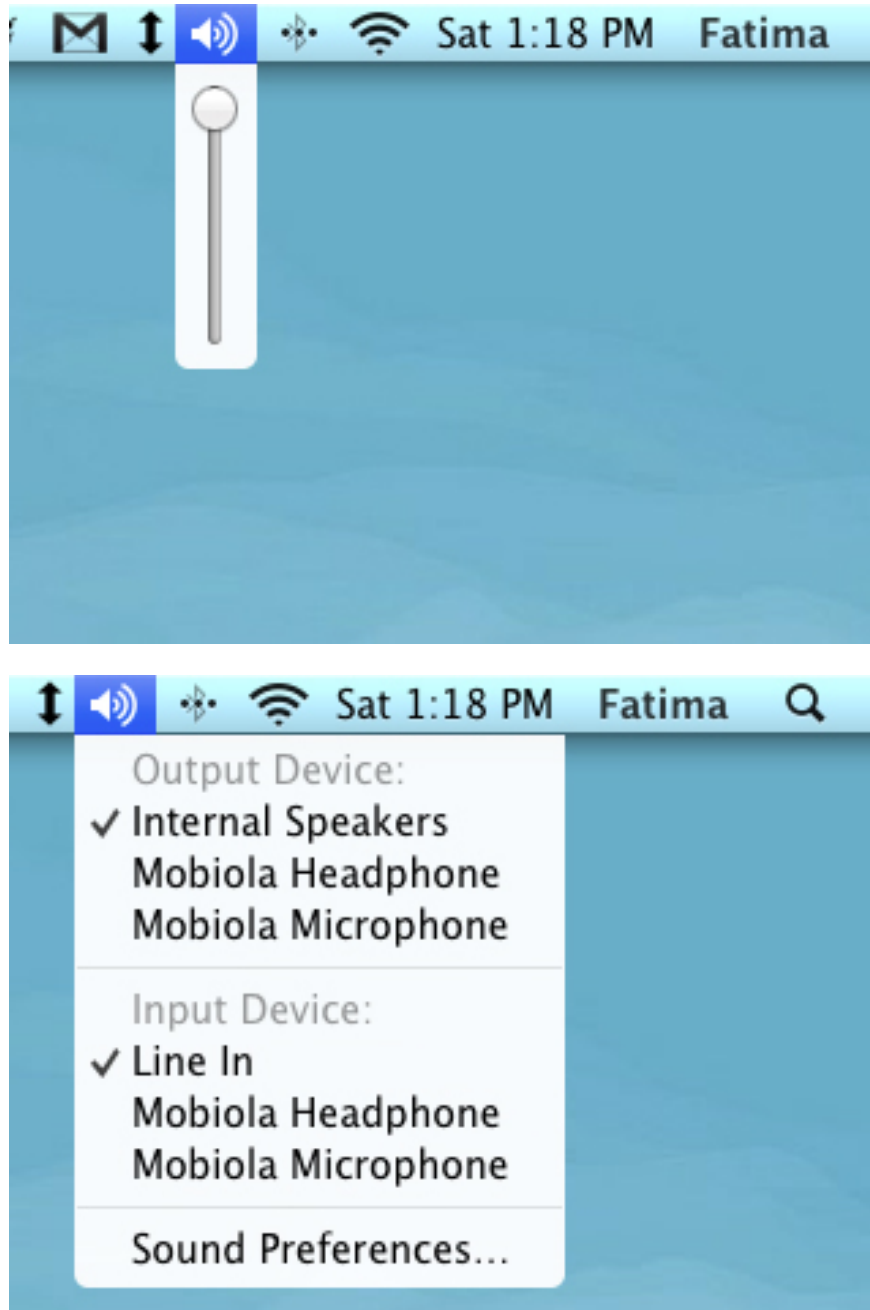
## Press Tab to move through all fields

You may find that when using the Tab key to move through the next field of a web page or application, it often ignores some items. Items omitted may be dropdown lists, but sometimes they are some other components. To fix this, go to **System Preferences > Keyboard** . At the bottom of the window, you find 2 select buttons, in which *Text boxes and lists only* are selected. Select the **All controls** option and you'll never encounter this problem again.



## See more options hidden on the menu bar

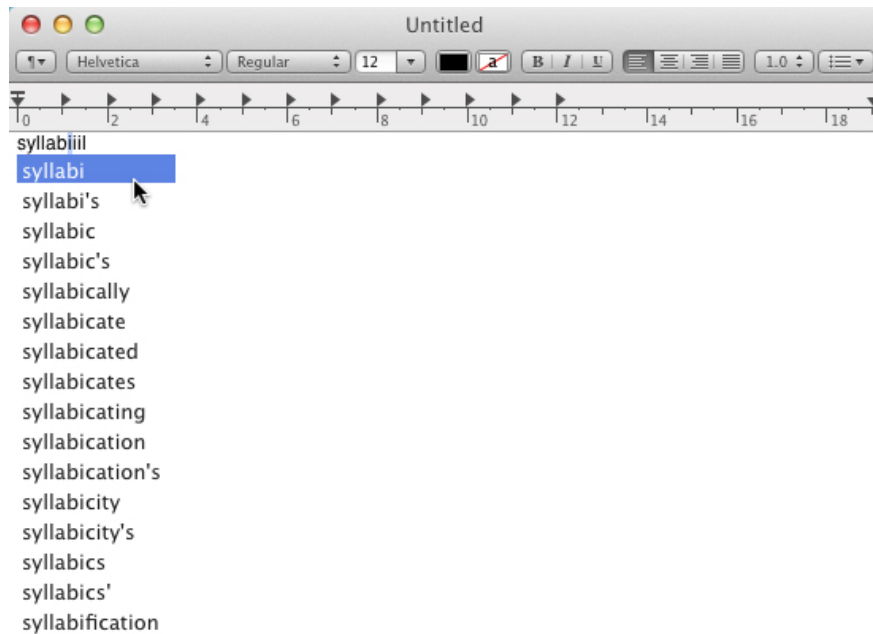
The menu bar is one of the best places to quickly access an application and if you want more options, just hold down the **Option** key and click on an icon . It will display more information about the application. Hold down the Option key and click on the battery icon to consider how to use the battery.



## See a list of suggestions for correcting spelling errors automatically

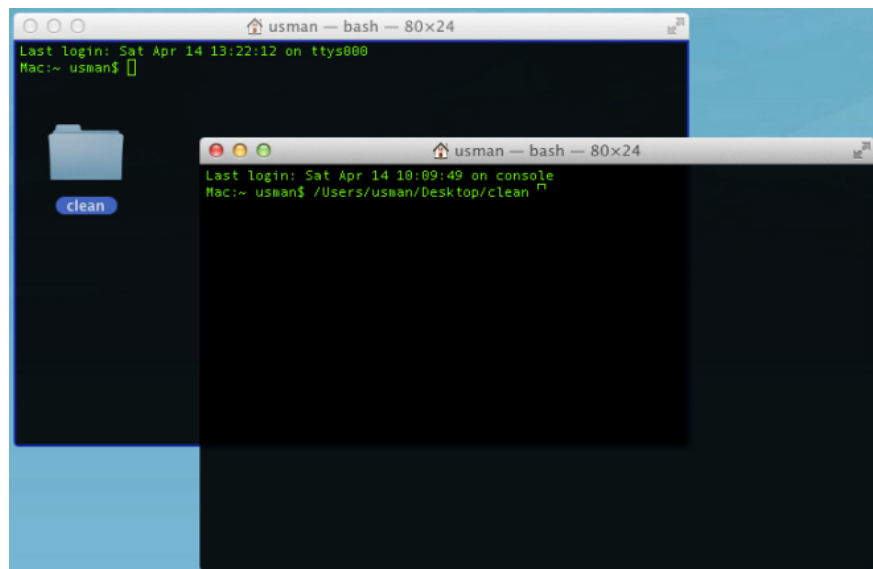
If you work regularly with the world's main language - English - you should see that the *Spelling and grammar check* feature is very important. On a Mac, to check for spelling as well as to search for the correct word, simply

press **F5** as soon as you type the word (may be true or false), a list of suggestions will display words that correspond to the word. you just typed.



## View the path of the file or directory

If you need to know the actual path of a file or directory, simply drag and drop the file into the *Terminal* window and it will give you the absolute path of the file.

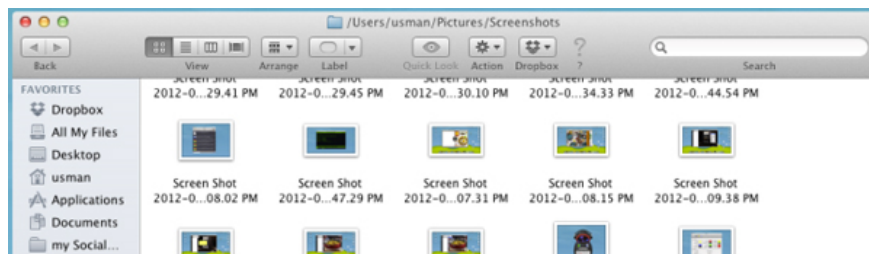


## See the full directory path in Finder

If you've just switched from Windows to Mac, you'll find that it's impossible to see the directory path when opening. Since it is not possible to see the exact path of the file or folder, the possibility that you often forget the file's location is entirely possible. This simple *Terminal* command places the file and directory paths on the title of the Finder window.

```
defaults write com.apple.finder _FXShowPosixPathInTitle -bool YES
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```
killall Finder
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## Move horizontal with the mouse scroll button

Holding the **Shift** key while scrolling the mouse will move the horizontal scroll bar on any web page or application.

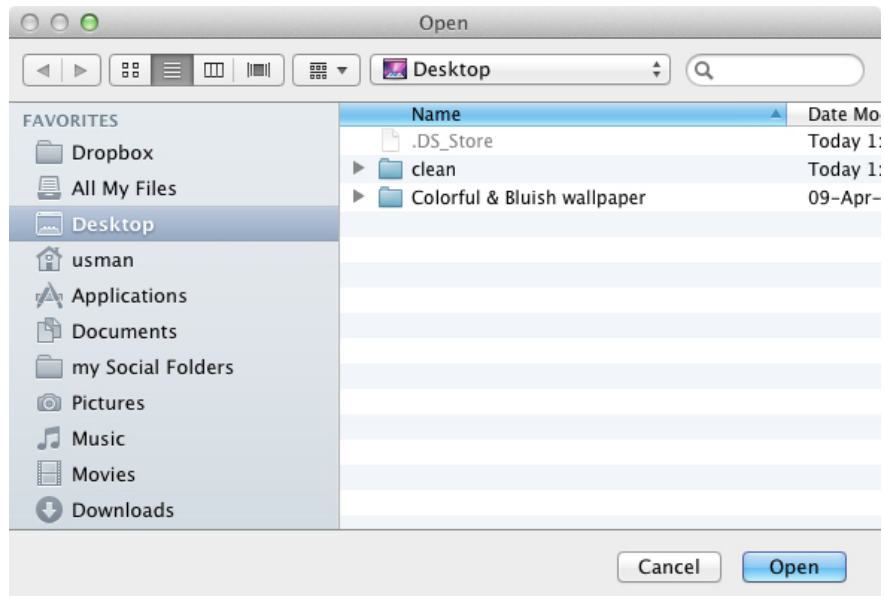
## Zoom in icons in Dock when you hover over

Each application will appear an icon in the Dock and if there are a lot of applications running, Dock icons become small and sometimes you struggle to choose the application you need. To make the application navigation easier, hold down **Control + Shift + move the mouse**, the application icons will zoom in to give you a better view.



## Shortcuts to view hidden files

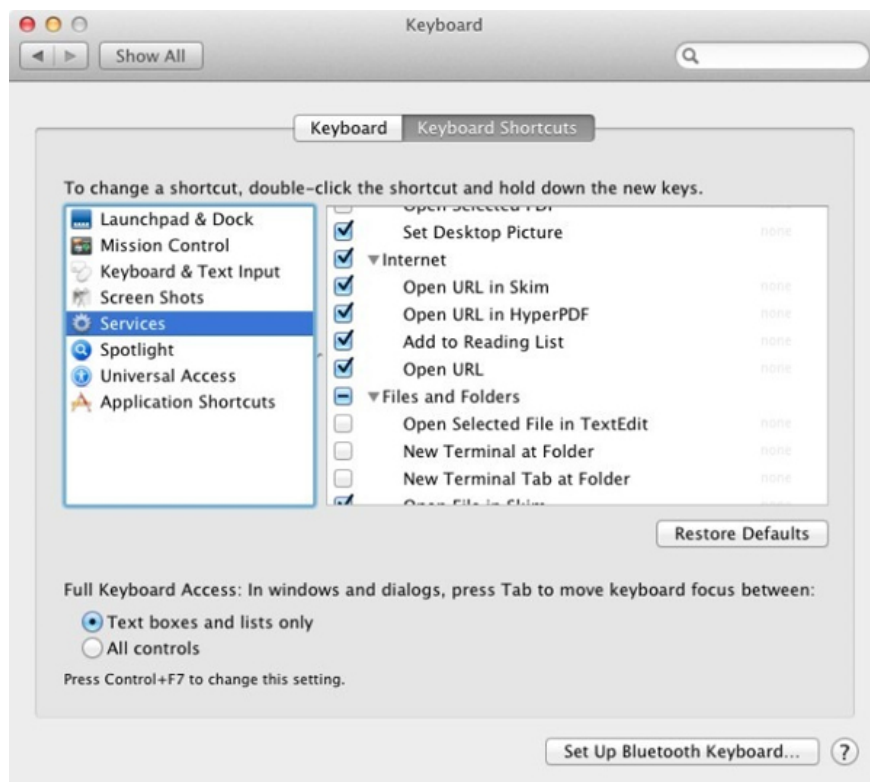
There are a few tips and tricks involved in viewing hidden files on the system and if you don't want to spend time tinkering with the *Terminal*, just hold down **Command + Shift + .** in the *File Open* dialog box, all hidden files will "show up".



## Remove unnecessary items on the context menu

You do not always need to use enough items on the operating system context menu. There are a number of items you never use or even don't know about its existence in the menu. Get rid of them so you don't feel entangled when using them:

Go to **System Preferences > Keyboard**, in the *Keyboard Shortcuts* tab, select **Services**. Uncheck the options that you do not want to appear in the context menu.



If you want to start being a professional Mac user, take the time to edit some of the tips above, it will be a step forward for you to love this operating system more. Good luck!

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