

# Restore hard drive with Time Machine

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Time Machine helps you to backup system, document and application settings, allowing you to not only recover a failed hard drive but also move files to a new computer or to a hard drive. faster or larger capacity. This is how to recover data using Time Machine.

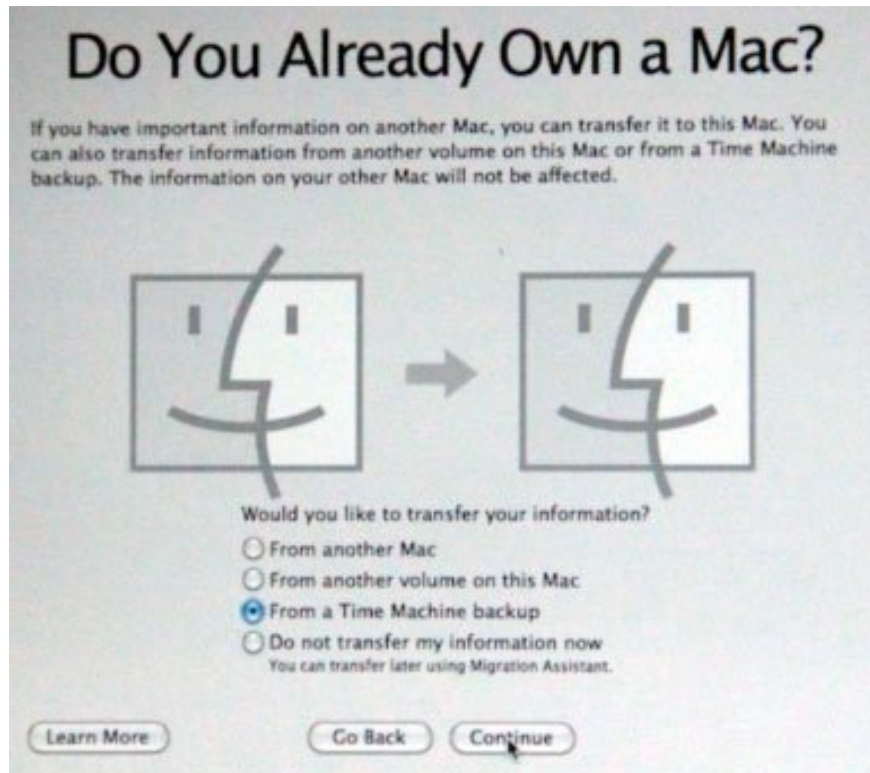
## Step 1: Prepare the drive

Unlike many of the same utilities, Time Machine saves files, applications and system settings in a format that can be used to restore this data to a formatted hard drive with OS X operating system. installed in it.

If you have a new hard drive or have deleted all the data in the old drive, the first thing you need to do is install Mac OS X 10.5 or 10.6 on it, use the disks that come with your computer or a certain versions of Mac OS X support different Mac types. When installing the operating system, the system will reboot and you will have enough conditions to perform data recovery at this time.

If you buy a new Mac and want to transfer data from the old Mac to this new computer, the process is quite simple. Because the new Mac has already installed Mac OS X, you just need to boot the system and start working.

## Step 2: Select Time Machine restore



When you start the installation of the new Mac OS X (whether on a new computer, a new hard drive, or an old hard drive that has erased all of the data), you will see instructions for setting up the computer. There will be a screen titled " *Do You Already Own A Mac?* " Ask you if you like data transmission.

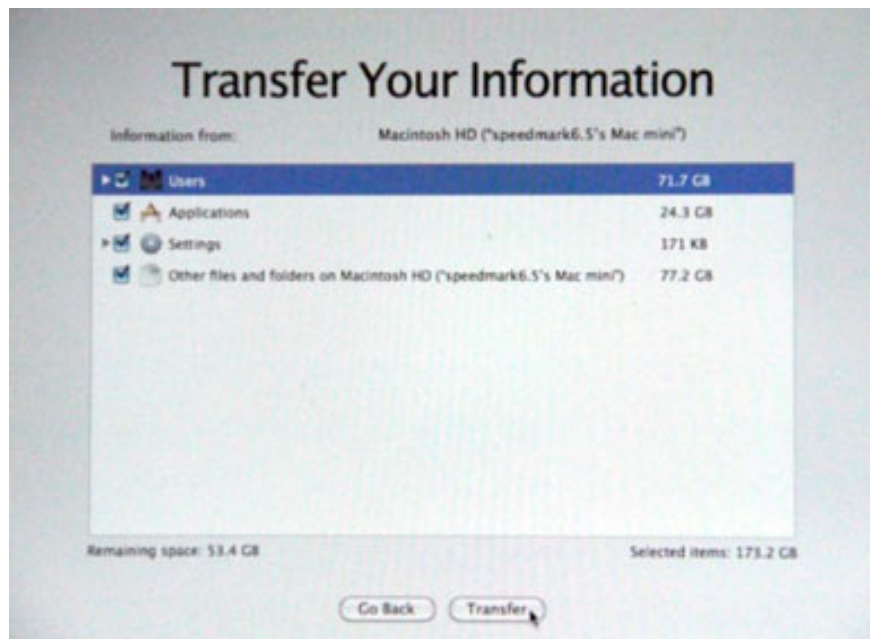
Select the third option, *From a Time Machine Backup* . Click **Continue** .

### Step 3: specify a backup



Connect the hard drive containing Time Machine backup via USB or FireWire. Backup Time Machine will display in a list called *Select a Backup Volume* . You can also find and recover from a Time Machine backup on the local AirPort network. Select backup and click **Continue** .

#### **Step 4: Select the information you want to convey**



This screen will ask you to choose the data you want to recover. It calculates the size of User, Applications, Documents and pretty files, which will take a lot of time, depending on the amount of data you have. All options are selected by default. Uncheck the checkboxes for the file types you do not want to recover. Then click **Transfer** when ready.

#### **Step 5: Wait**

That's all it takes. Your files will transfer over and when finished, the computer will restart. If you choose to copy all file types, desktop images, dock settings, etc. everything will appear as if you were on an old hard drive.

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