

The simplest way to fix Bluetooth error on Macbook that cannot connect

Currently, there are many reports from Macbook users that their devices have Bluetooth problems for unknown reasons. If your device is also having this problem, please refer to how to fix Bluetooth errors on Macbook below.

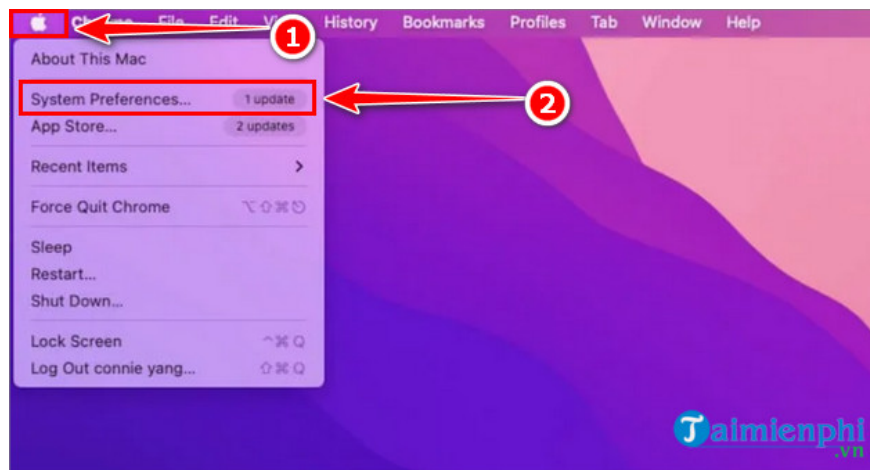
The macOS operating system, especially macOS Monterey, is experiencing an error that prevents many Macbook devices from connecting to Bluetooth. To help you fix this problem, TipsMake will guide you on how to fix Bluetooth errors on the latest Macbook.

1. How to turn on Bluetooth on Mac

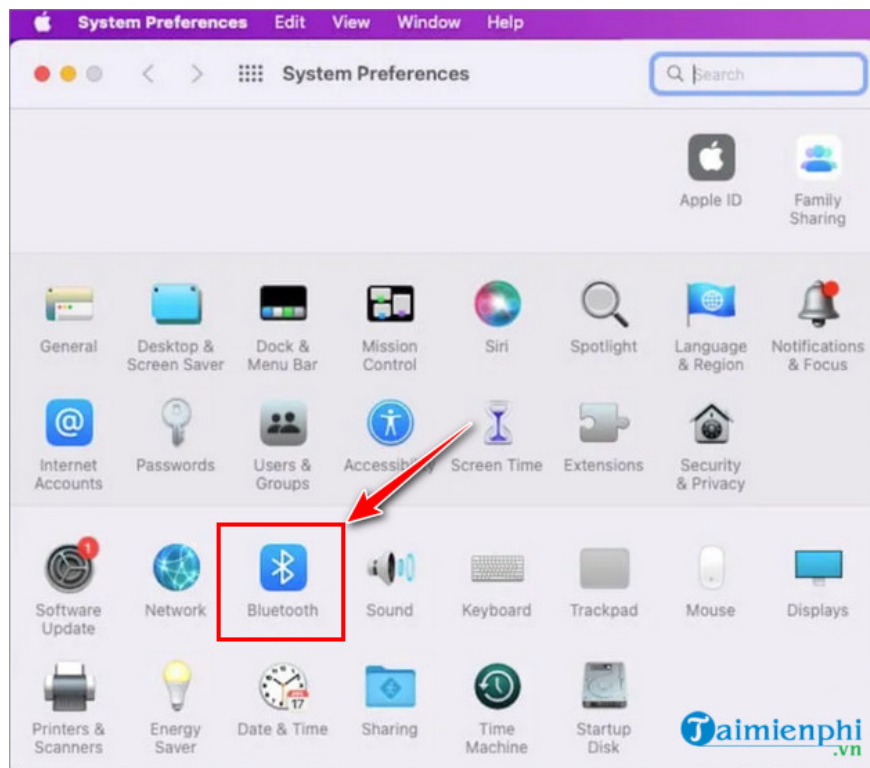
All new Mac lines have built-in Bluetooth. This means you can use Bluetooth without having to install additional third-party software. If your wireless keyboard and mouse are not connected, you can turn on Bluetooth in the following way:

Method 1: Use System Preferences

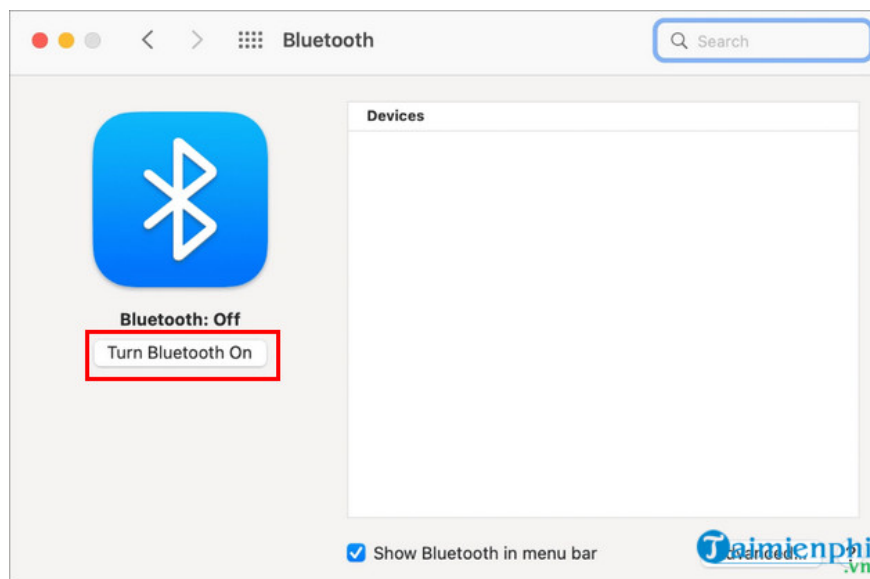
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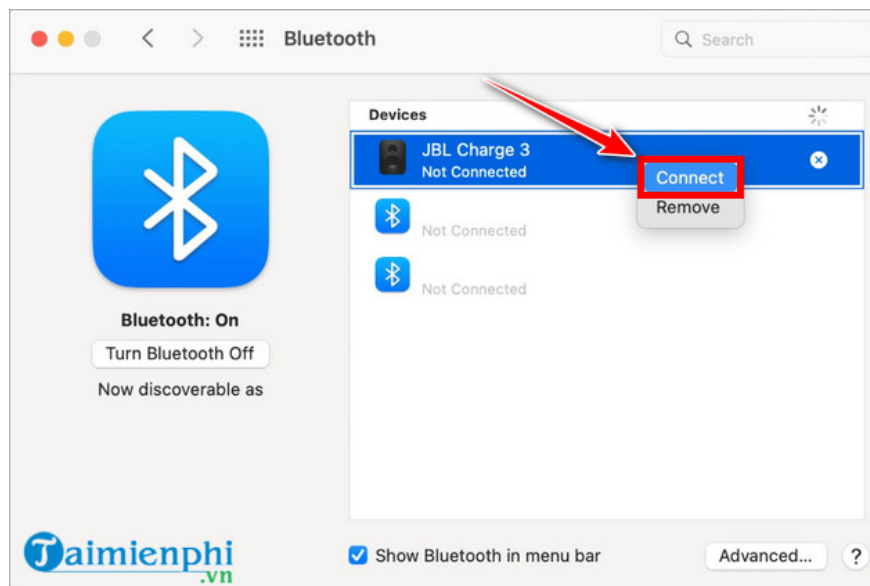
Step 2 : Select Bluetooth .



Step 3 : Select Turn Bluetooth On .



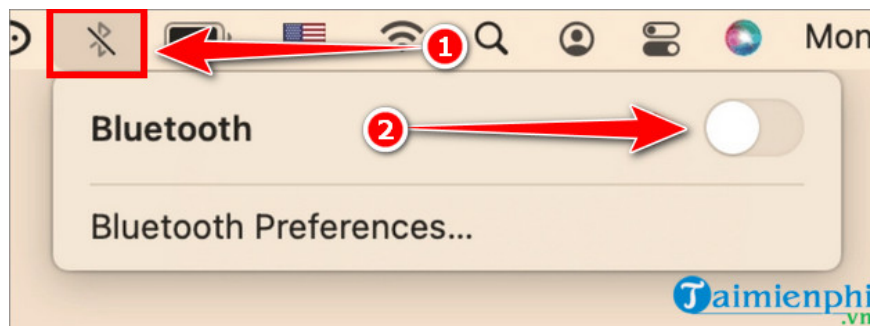
After turning on Bluetooth, your Macbook will automatically find nearby Bluetooth devices and display them in this window. You can connect to the device you want by right-clicking on it and selecting **Connect** .



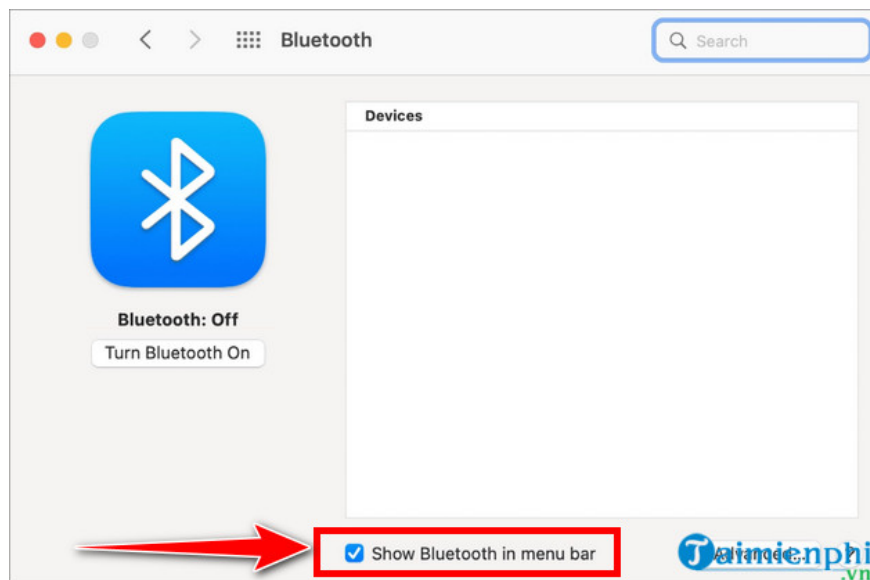
If you don't see the device, make sure it's turned on and within Bluetooth range.

Method 2: Use the menu bar

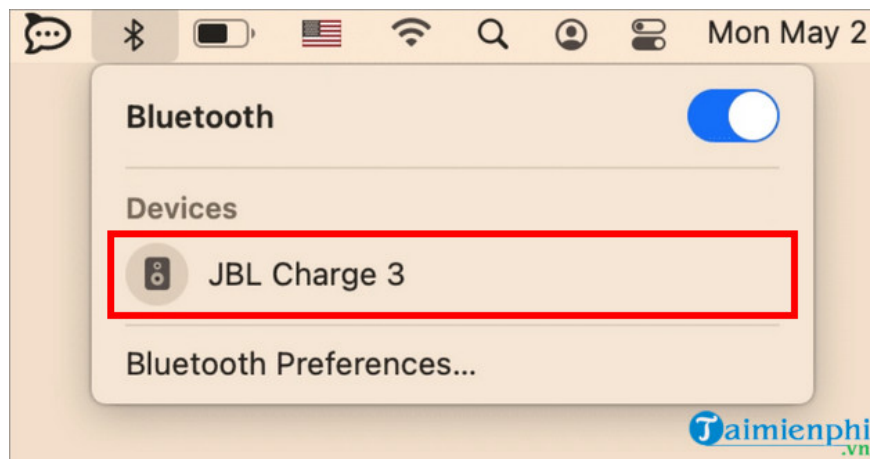
A quicker way to turn on Bluetooth is to select the Bluetooth icon in the menu bar and turn on Bluetooth.



If you don't see the Bluetooth icon in the menu bar, open **System Preferences** , select Bluetooth, and enable Bluetooth to appear in the menu bar.



After turning on Bluetooth, a list of devices within range will appear and you can connect by clicking on that device.



Method 3: Use Siri

Another good way to turn on Bluetooth is to use Siri. Through this virtual assistant, you can command to turn on Bluetooth without any operation.

2. Causes of Bluetooth not working and how to fix it

Bluetooth not working may be due to a hardware or software error. If Bluetooth is turned on but the Macbook cannot find other devices, you need to **fix the Bluetooth connection error on the Mac** by following these steps:

- Check if the Bluetooth device is turned on. In some cases, you may forget to turn on the device or the device's indicator light may be broken.
- Check that your Bluetooth device is fully charged because AirPods and other Bluetooth devices may run out of battery and stop working faster than you think.
- Check if the Bluetooth device can connect to other phones, tablets or laptops.

- Check if your Macbook can connect to other Bluetooth devices.

If other Bluetooth devices work normally, the problem lies with your Macbook. At this point, you can try the following methods to fix Bluetooth errors.

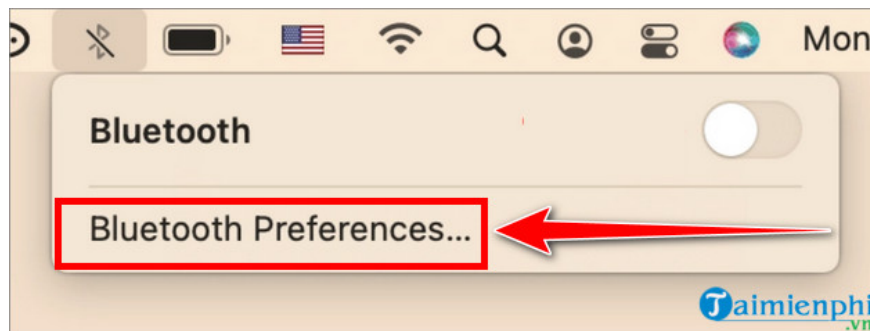
Method 1: Restart Bluetooth

The first way to fix Bluetooth errors is to try turning Bluetooth off and on. This may sound simple, but turning Bluetooth on and off can restore the connection to the external device. You just need to click on the Bluetooth icon on the menu bar then turn off Bluetooth and turn it back on.

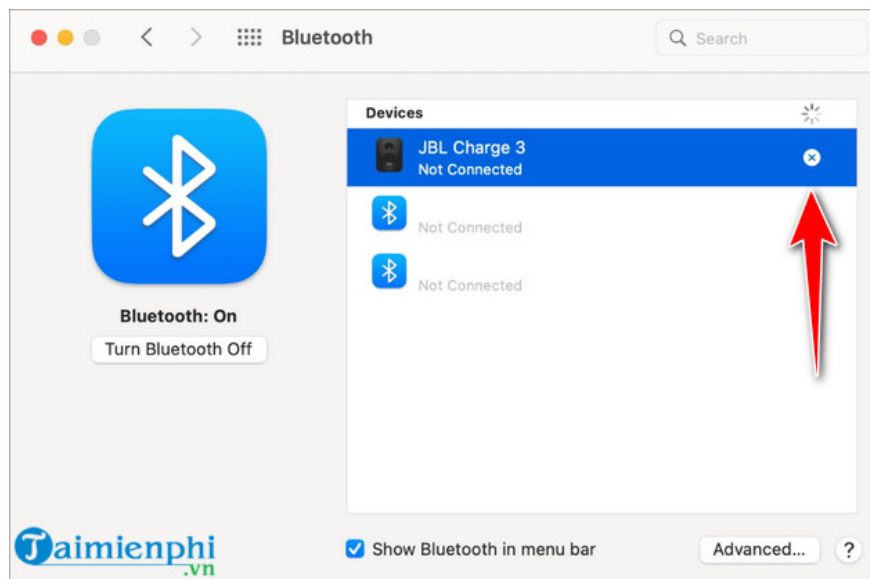
Method 2: Reconnect the USB devices

In addition to restarting Bluetooth on your Macbook, you can also try reconnecting external Bluetooth devices in the following way:

Step 1 : Click the **Bluetooth** icon on the menu bar and select **Bluetooth Preferences** .



Step 2 : Select the device you want to disconnect and select the X icon. Repeat with all devices.



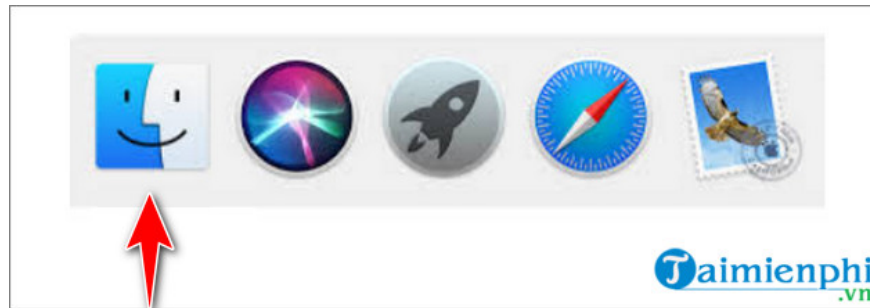
Step 3: Restart Macbook.

Step 4 : Open the Bluetooth window and reconnect the above devices.

Method 3: Delete .plist files.

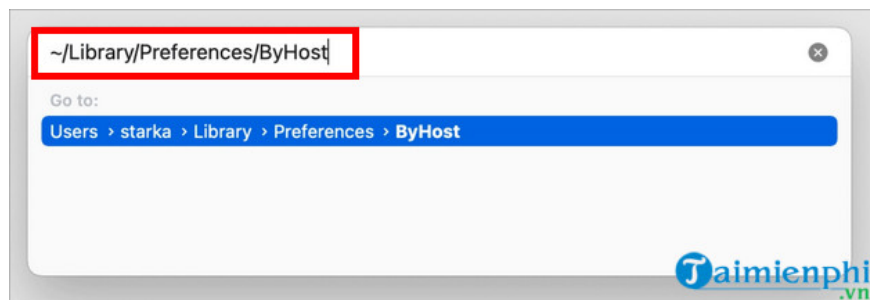
You may not know or even care about these .plist files. These are files created by macOS to manage your Macbook's Bluetooth connections. By deleting the above files to let macOS update itself, the Bluetooth error can be fixed.

Step 1 : Open Finder .

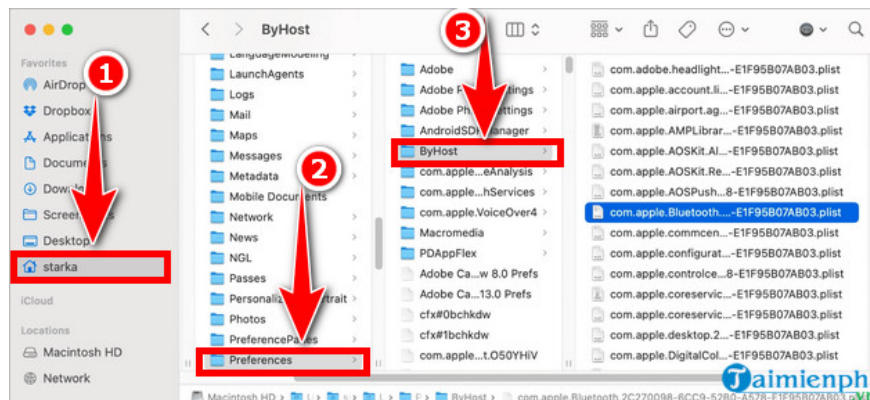


Step 2 : Press the combination **Cmd+Shift+G .**

Step 3 : Enter **-/Library/Preferences/ByHost in the search box and press Return.**



Step 4 : Find and delete .plist files.



Step 5 : Restart the Mac.

Step 6 : Turn Bluetooth back on to test.

Method 4: Restore Bluetooth settings

Usually, by restoring Bluetooth settings, you can fix most wireless connection errors. Depending on the Macbook version, the way to restore Bluetooth settings will be different.

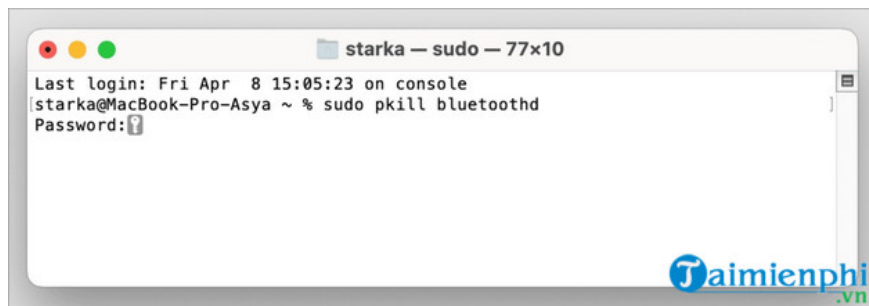
For macOS Monterey:

Step 1 : Open **Terminal** .

Step 2 : Copy the following command line into the Terminal window: **sudo pkill bluetoothd**

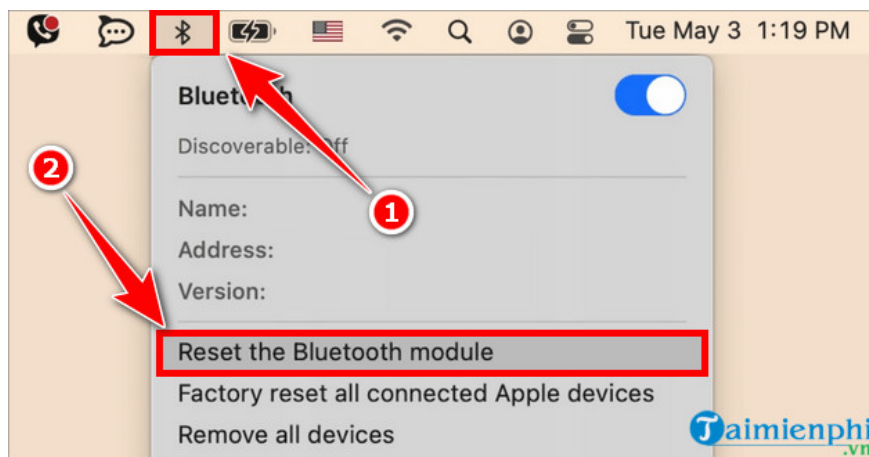
Step 3 : Press **Return** .

Step 4 : Enter your Macbook's password and press **Return** .



For macOS Big Sur and earlier:

Step 1 : Press **Shift+Option** and click on the Bluetooth icon on the menu bar. Then select **Reset the Bluetooth module**.



Step 2 : Select **OK** to confirm.

Step 3 : Restart the Macbook.

Method 5: Update the system

Even on a Macbook, system errors can still occur, for example the Bluetooth error on the recent version of macOS Monterey. You need to check if your device has been updated to the latest version in the following way:

Step 1 : Select **System References** .

Step 2 : Select **Software Update** .

Step 3: If there is a new update, select **Upgrade/Update** .

Method 6: Restore NVRAM

NVRAM stands for nonvolatile random-access memory, which is where your Macbook's settings are stored for quick tasks. Restoring NVRAM can fix many software errors, including Bluetooth errors. You can restore NVRAM in the following way:

Step 1 : Turn off Macbook.

Step 2 : Press the power button to open the Macbook, and press the 4 buttons **Option, Command, P and R** at the same time for 20 seconds and release.

Step 3 : After the Macbook restarts, try checking the bluetooth connection.

Method 7: Restore SMC

Short for System Management Controller, SMC manages many system processes, including Bluetooth connectivity. You can restore SMC in the following way:

For Macbooks:

Step 1: Disconnect all devices from the Macbook, except the charger.

Step 2 : Hold down **Shift+Control+Option+ power button** for 10 seconds.

For iMac:

Step 1 : Power off the iMac.

Step 2 : Press and hold the power button for 10 seconds.

Step 3 : Restart iMac.

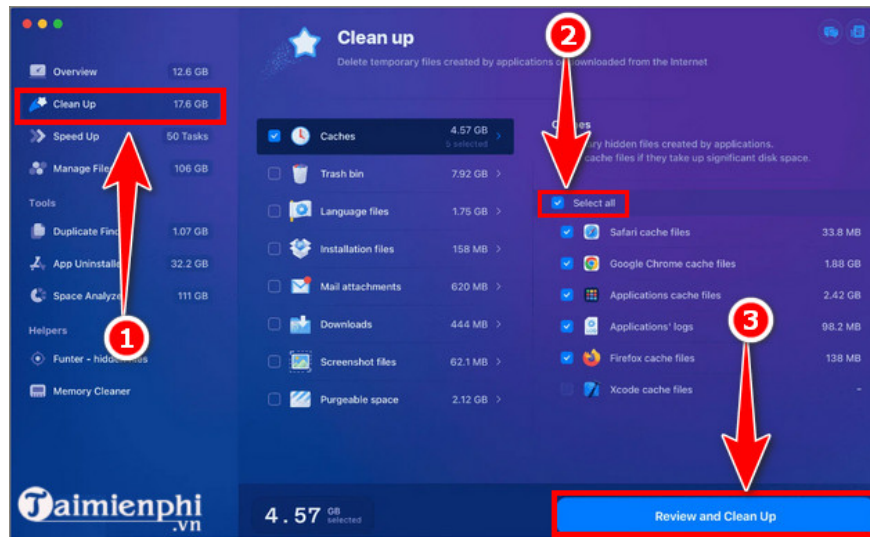
After restarting the device, check the Bluetooth connection again.

Method 8: Delete junk files in the system

Junk files can cause many system errors on Macbook. You can delete these files with MacCleaner Pro.

Step 1 : Download and install **MacCleaner Pro** .

Step 2 : Select **Clean Up** , select all junk files that need to be deleted and select Review **and Clean Up** .



Step 3 : Use MacCleaner Pro 's App Cleaner & Uninstaller function to delete unused software.

Besides the Bluetooth error on Macbook, if you are experiencing a graphics card error but don't know how to fix it, don't worry, please refer to how to fix the error here.

So, TipsMake has shown you how to fix Bluetooth errors on Macbook. If you have any questions, please leave a comment below for everyone to answer.

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