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Find Out How
Create Your Own Dashboard Widget

Thanks to Mac OS X Leopard, you can make your own custom Dashboard widget in seconds.

They're called Web Clip widgets, and they're easy to create. Let's say you'd like to keep tabs on the "Videos being watched right now" section on You Tube. Here's how:

In Safari, visit You Tube at

http://www.youtube.com

Click the Web Clip button in the Safari toolbar.

Position the clear box that appears over the Videos being watched right now section, click once to place it, then resize the box using the handles that appear along the sides of the box.

When it's the size you want, click the Add button. And your part's done. Mac OS X Leopard does the rest, creating your widget and opening Dashboard, so you can check

your handiwork. Since your new Web Clip is live, its contents will update automatically. Click the little information button in the lower, right-hand corner to customize your widget's border. One more thing. Click a video (or a link on a featured story), and Mac OS X Leopard closes Dashboard, launches Safari, and takes you to the page whose link you clicked.
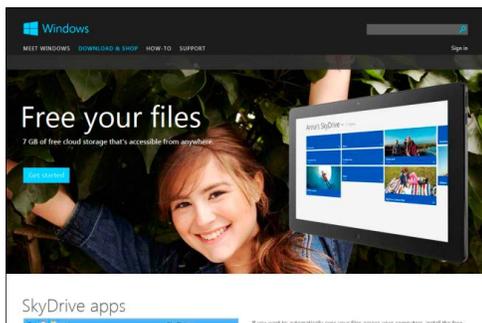*~ apple.com*

Another resource for this http://www.machelpformom.com/275-make-a-dashboard-web-clip-widget-from-a-web-page

What if your family and friends are not on Facebook? We've collected additional free options, other than Facebook, for posting your photos for family and friends to enjoy.

SkyDrive

You've got access to everything on your SkyDrive, your personal cloud, wherever you are. Your photos, documents, and other important files are available to you on your phone, tablet, PC, or Mac. In short, your stuff and your info isn't limited to any single PC or device.

And, if you're on Windows 8, and signed into a Microsoft account, you can view all your photos and files, edit and share Office documents, or share with whomever you choose. Plus, stuff like your background, your display, and your settings roam with you.

If you want to automatically sync your files across your computers, install the free desktop app on them — including Windows 8, Windows 7, or Vista, and Mac OS X Lion computers.

You'll be able to access your photos and files from almost anywhere, store them, and easily share them. http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/skydrive/mobile
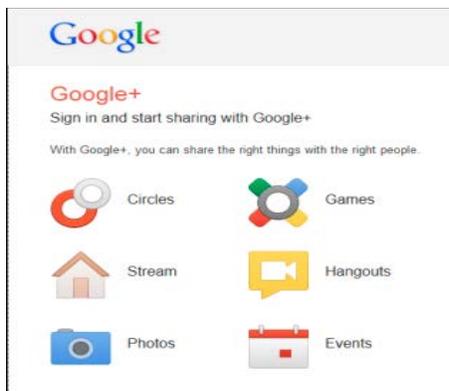
Google+

Add friends and family to see what they're sharing (and share a few things back). You can search your email contacts to quickly find people you know on Google+. Or find people from your high school, college, work or hometown to swap stories with.

Circles make it easy to share the right things with the right people, just like in real life. Now you can share some things with close friends, others with your family, and almost nothing with your boss.

It's easy to see what the people in any circle are sharing. So you can catch up on news from close friends before reading about what your second cousin had for breakfast. Never miss a post, picture, or link with circles.

Whether it's restaurant directions on Google Maps, photos of family and friends, or an entertaining YouTube video, circles make sharing easy no matter what you're doing.
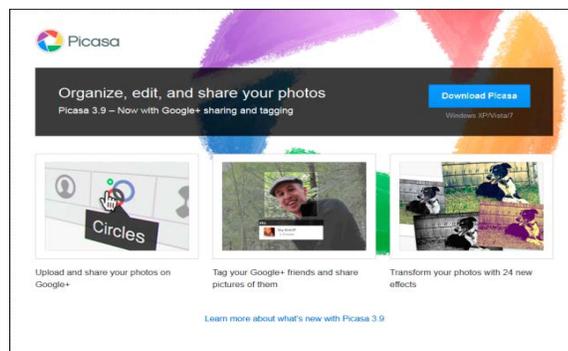
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Picasa Web Albums

Looking for a simple way to get photos from your camera and computer on the web? Google's Picasa Web Albums provides 1GB of free storage that makes sharing your photos a snap.

Google's Picasa software http://picasa.google.com lets you organize, edit, and upload your photos in quick, easy steps.

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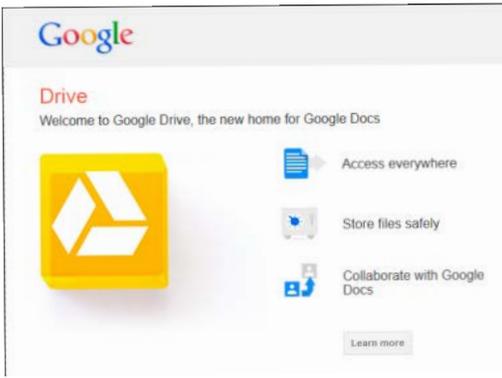
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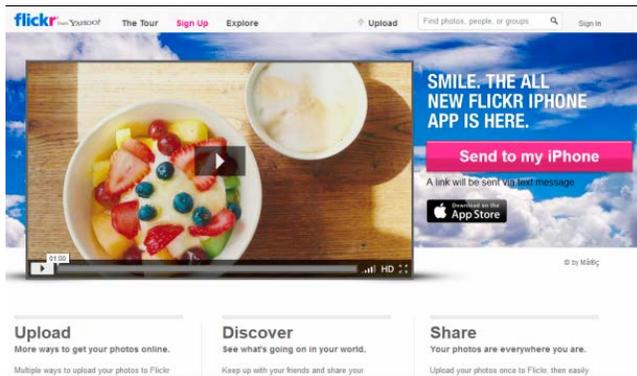Get started with 5 GB of free space. Upgrade to 25 GB for less than $2.50 a month, and you can store practically everything for next to nothing.

Google Drive is available for the PC and Mac, Chrome OS, iPhone and iPad, and Android devices.

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Instagram is a fun and quirky way to share your life with friends through a series of pictures. Snap a photo with your mobile phone, then choose a filter to transform the image into a memory to keep around forever. They're building Instagram to allow you to experience moments in your friends' lives through pictures as they happen. They imagine a world more connected through photos.

http://instagram.com

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Photobucket

Photobucket Stories transforms the act of photo sharing into the art of storytelling. Now you can collaborate with friends & family, and bring all your photos, videos and words together to tell a complete Story.

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http://photobucket.com

Mac 101: How to retire a Mac with an iCloud account

When you want to retire, sell or give away a Mac, you should never just pass it on to someone else as-is.

There are many apps that only allow you to use your serial numbers a limited time, most notably from Adobe and Microsoft. You should deactivate the software so that you can reuse your serial numbers on a new Mac.

There's other data you should save and remove also. In his article "iCloud services can make decommissioning your Mac more complicated," our good friend David Morgenstern at The Apple Core on ZDNet alerts us to an update to an Apple support article that deals with just that issue.

The first critical issue, as noted on The Apple Core, is to not manually delete any of your data while signed into your iCloud account. Your iCloud account stores your files that sync with all of your devices and removing anything while signed in means your other devices will also have that information wiped.

The safe steps to take are:
■ Open iTunes and deauthorize the Mac from your iTunes account.

■ Next, Apple recommends you back up your data. The Mac Basics: Time Machine support article, covers how to backup your Mac. You can also use other backup software, such as Carbon Copy Cloner or SuperDuper!.

No matter what you use, the point is to make sure you have a copy of all of the data on your computer, so that you experience no surprises when you add a new Macintosh into your hardware mix.

■ Open iCloud from your System Preferences. Uncheck the Find My Mac preference (the last one in the list), and then click the sign out button on the left side of the iCloud preference window. Your system automatically removes all of your iCloud data at this point. If you've backed up your data though, you still have it all neatly stored away on your backup drive.

The balance of the information on Apple's support article covers reformatting your hard drive and how to return it to its original "out-of-the-box" state. This is especially useful for the recipient of your old and their new Mac.

I recently had a relatively new iMac go belly-up on me and can say that having a current backup is the only thing that saved me from weeks of frustration trying to resurrect files. For my iTunes account, I just had to deauthorize all my machines and reauthorize them one by one. If I had not activated my iCloud account, I would have lost all my contacts, calendars and years of carefully organized Safari bookmarks. In addition, I found that Microsoft's phone support and Adobe's chat support were most helpful in returning my lost activations for their software.

~ Ilene Hoffman, tuaw.com

iTunes: Restoring iOS software

Summary

Learn how to use iTunes to restore your iOS device.

Products Affected

iPad, iPhone, iPod touch, iTunes

Try restoring the iOS device if backing up and erasing all content and settings doesn't resolve the issue. Using iTunes to restore iOS devices is part of standard isolation troubleshooting. Restoring your device will delete all data and content, including songs, videos, contacts, photos, and calendar information, and will restore all settings to their factory condition.

Before restoring

1. Verify that you are using the latest version of iTunes.
http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/

2. Back up your device.
http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1766

3. Transfer and sync content to your computer.
http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1296

Restoring your iOS device

1. Connect your device to your computer.

2. Select your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch when it appears in iTunes. Select the Summary tab, and click the Restore button.

3. Click Restore.

4. After a restore, the iOS device restarts. You should then see "Slide to set up". Follow the steps in the iOS Setup Assistant.

5. If needed, restore your device from a previous backup.
http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1766

6. If restoring does not finish successfully or if a restore error appears, see iOS: Resolving update and restore alert messages.
http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1766

Additional Information

If your device is continually restarting, not responding, or showing the Apple logo with no progress bar or a stopped progress bar, place the device into recovery mode and try restoring again.
http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1808

Devices with cellular service should activate after a restore. If activation is not successful, see this article.
http://support.apple.com/kb/TS3424

~ http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1414

Create & Use Rich HTML eMail Signatures on the iPhone and iPad

Tired of the "Sent from my iPhone / iPad" default signature of Mail app in iOS, and want to replace it with something fancier, like a fully functional HTML signature with clickable URLs and some rich styling?

There are a variety of ways to accomplish this, but by far the fastest way to get an HTML signature in iOS is to just use an existing HTML signature, or to quickly craft one in a webmail client with HTML tools. Both will keep you from having to fumble around with HTML syntax or bother with any third party apps, and as you'll see, they're both pretty similar.

Create a New HTML Signature for iOS with Webmail

Webmail clients make it very easy to create HTML signatures because they all have simple HTML tools in the composition screens to do things like bold and italicize text, change font sizes, and create usable links. What you're going to do is create the rich signature in a webmail client,

then email it to your iOS device for use in the Mail app:

• Compose a new email to the mailing address setup on your iPhone, and use the HTML tools in the webmail client to create a signature (for setting usable links, type it out, highlight it, then click the little link button tool)

• Send the email to yourself, then on the iPhone tap and hold to select the stylized HTML and choose "Copy"

• Open Settings app then go to "Mail, Contacts, Calendars" and choose "Signature"

• Tap and hold, then choose "Select All" and then "Paste" to paste in the fully functional HTML you created from the webmail client

• Exit out of Settings and send yourself an email to confirm the signature is working

This trick works the same regardless of the origin webmail client, whether it's Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, Outlook, the only requirement is that you have the HTML rich emails and the accompanying toolbar enabled. That is always on by default unless you're using low-bandwidth mode, so it shouldn't be a problem to figure it out.

Use Another Emails Current HTML Signature with iOS

Already have an email account with an HTML signature? You're mostly done then,

just send yourself an email from that email account, then use copy and paste. Heads up to iDownloadblog for figuring this out:

• Send yourself an email from the account/device with the currently active HTML signature

• Select the HTML signature and choose "Copy"

• Navigate to Settings > Mail, Contacts, Calendars > Signature

• Clear the signature box, then tap and hold and choose "Paste"

This secondary approach still

uses copy & paste, and it's extremely simple for those who already have an existing HTML signature setup through a work email or otherwise, be it an old signature made in Outlook or whatever else your primary desktop mail client is.

Another simple method is to use the iCloud based iWork web app, but as of now that's for developers only so it's less relevant for wider use for the time being.

Again, there are other ways to craft stylized and clickable HTML signatures for use with the iOS Mail client, but the rest of them often require using basic HTML, or using third party apps, both of which are kind of a hassle and just annoying when compared to the easy methods offered here.

~ oxdaily.com

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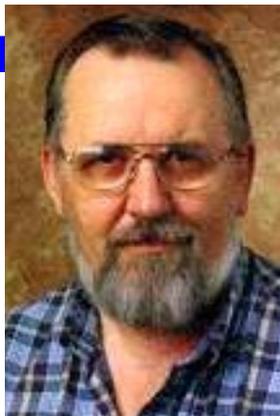
How to reset your lost account password in Mountain Lion

Log in to your Mac's Recovery System, and you do that by holding down Command-R while your machine's restarting.

(Bear with me—as far as I know, you can't take screenshots in the Recovery System, and I just couldn't bring myself to take pictures with my phone and use them here.)

When you see the Apple icon appear on your screen, you can release Command-R. Once your Mac finishes booting, you should see a bunch of trouble-shooting options that are very handy when your Mac's having trouble, like Restore from Time Machine Backup, Disk Utility, and Reinstall OS X. What you want to choose for our purposes, though, is Utilities > Terminal from the menu at the top of the screen.

When Terminal opens, type in the following, all lowercase with no spaces:
resetpassword

Afterward, you'll get a nifty little program in which you can choose the volume (usually "Macintosh HD") containing the user account with the missing password. You'll then select the account and enter a new password for it.

Choose Save, and you're done! Then just go up to the Apple menu and hit Restart.
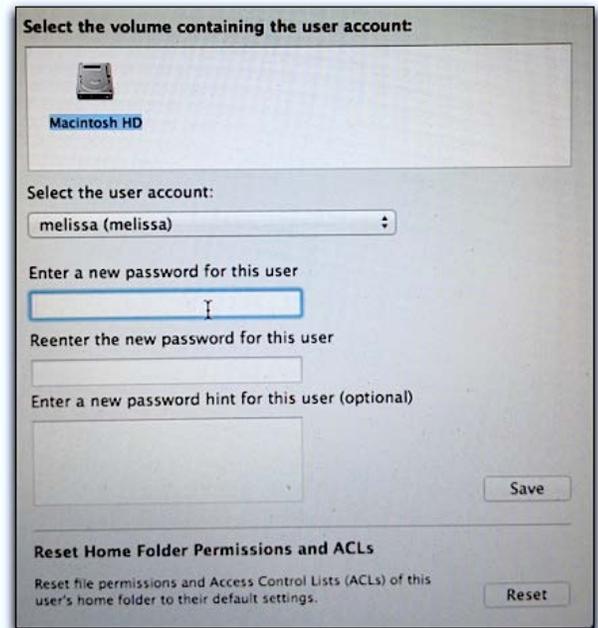
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