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Introduction



Course Description

The OS X El Capitan: System Preferences course describes how to use System Preferences to customize the user experience in OS X.

This course is part of the ACMT 2016 curriculum and is used to prepare for the Mac Service Certification Exam (MAC-16A).



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Overview

Lesson Objectives

Ater completing this course, you should be able to:

- Identify the tool used to customize the user experience in OS X.
- Describe how to use the search feature in OS X System Preferences to find a given setting.
- Describe how to unlock a pane in System Preferences in OS X by authenticating with an admin account.
- Identify the default settings in OS X System Preferences.

Audience	Prerequisites	Time Required	You will need...
 Service Technicians	 Successful completion of the Apple Service Fundamentals exam	 30 minutes	 No additional materials or equipment are required

This course is designed for technicians who do not have immediate access to a Mac running OS X El Capitan. If you do have access to a Mac running OS X El Capitan, it is recommended that you use it while reviewing the course.



Your course is organized by chapters and pages. Chapters are sections you see on the side navigation. Pages are now found within a chapter. You can navigate pages by clicking the grey radio buttons at the bottom of a window.



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Customizing OS X

There are many settings you can adjust to customize your Mac. You use System Preferences to make these adjustments.



Read the following Apple Support articles:

- [HT201726: Mac Basics: Set your preferences](#)
- [PH21937: OS X El Capitan: Customize your Mac in System Preferences](#)

You will be asked questions based on this content in the Quiz chapter or on the exam.



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Customizing OS X



The simulation on the next page is designed to provide a limited overview of the available customizations that can be made in System Preferences. For more information on particular functions, links to additional training and to support articles are included.

Click the Show All button to return to the preference icons.

Explore the preference panes you want to learn more about and then proceed to the next chapter.



Read the linked articles that are included.

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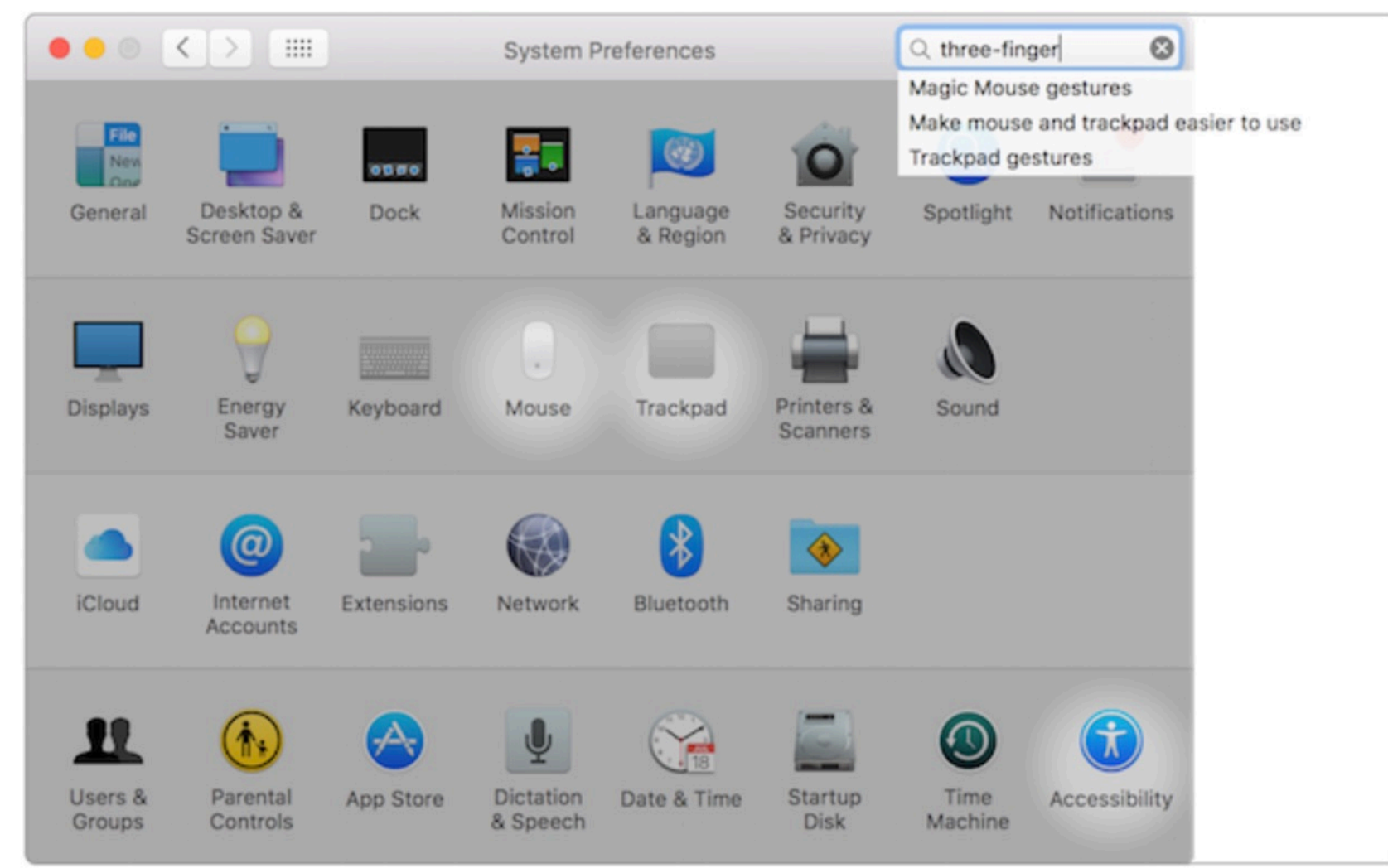
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Find Settings

Quickly search System Preferences to find particular settings.

For example, searching for three-finger gestures will highlight three system preferences that have settings for that topic.





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Click each of the preference icons to learn about the settings.





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Find Settings

You can organize the preferences by category, which is the default setting, or alphabetically.



System Preferences arranged alphabetically

If the preferences are organized by category, third-party preferences will be in a section at the bottom. When additional features are added or installed, such as configuration profiles, new preferences are added in the appropriate categories.



Read the Apple Support article, [PH21938: OS X El Capitan: Find settings in System Preferences](#). You will be asked questions based on this content in the Quiz chapter or on the exam.

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Authenticating

Some preferences require authentication with an administrator account. This is indicated by a lock icon in the lower-left corner of the preference pane.



Click the lock to make changes.

After clicking the lock icon, a dialog will appear prompting for an administrator account name and password. When the account is authenticated, the lock icon changes and adjustments can be made to the preference.











Click the lock to prevent further changes.

You can manually lock the preference by clicking the icon or by closing System Preferences, which will lock all unlocked preference panes.



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This concludes the OS X El Capitan: System Preferences course. For other courses in the ACMT 2016 curriculum, see Apple Support article, [HT205332: AppleCare Service Certifications](#), or search for ACMT 2016 in ATLAS.