

MAC LESSON #95

CUSTOMIZE YOUR DOCK IN OS X

Apple did a great job with its design and execution of OS X. The Dock must have made Bill Gates and company feel very jealous. But as always, most of us "want it our way". So with that thought in mind, here's how you can customize the Dock on your Mac.

First, Click on Apple icon at the top left corner of your screen. Next, on the Menu, click on Dock, and then click on Dock Preferences

A shortcut to reach the Dock Preferences is to hold down the Ctrl key and click on the divider line near the right side of the Dock.

Now you can go to work. To change the Dock Size, drag the slider to the position between Small and Large that gives you the Dock size you want.

To change the Magnification, drag the slider to the position between Min and Max that works best for you. To change the Position on Screen, select Left, Bottom or Right. To change the Minimize effects, select Genie Effect or Scale Effect.

If you get tired of the effect that makes icons bounce up and down in the Dock as you open applications, just uncheck Animate opening applications.

To keep the Dock visible, uncheck Automatically hide and show the Dock.

With these changes, your Dock is now your own work, your own Dock.

To add an application to the Dock, click on its icon and drag it to the Doc. To remove an icon from the Dock just drag it to the Desktop.

