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# How to Use This Book

## Who This Book Is For

This book is for the reader who has never used this particular technology or software application. It is also for readers who want to expand their knowledge.

## The Conventions in This Book

### 1 Steps

This book uses a step-by-step format to guide you easily through each task. Numbered steps are actions you must do; bulleted steps clarify a point, step, or optional feature; and indented steps give you the result.

### 2 Notes

Notes give additional information — special conditions that may occur during an operation, a situation that you want to avoid, or a cross reference to a related area of the book.

### 3 Icons and Buttons

Icons and buttons show you exactly what you need to click to perform a step.

### 4 Tips

Tips offer additional information, including warnings and shortcuts.

### 5 Bold

**Bold** type shows command names, options, and text or numbers you must type.

### 6 Italics

*Italic* type introduces and defines a new term.

## Delete a Site from Your Browsing History

CHAPTER  
4  
Enhancing Online Privacy

You can enhance your privacy as well as the safety of other people who use your Mac by removing a private or dangerous site from your browsing history. Safari maintains your *browsing history*, which is a list of the sites you have visited. If you share your Mac with others, you might not want them to access certain private sites in your history. Similarly, if you accidentally stumble upon a dangerous or inappropriate site, you likely do not want others to see it. To help prevent both scenarios, you can delete the site from your browsing history.

### Delete a Site from Your Browsing History

#### Delete a Single Site

1 Click **History**.

2 Click **Show History**.

You can also run the Show History command by pressing **⌘+Y**.

The History list appears.

3 Right-click the site you want to remove.

4 Click **Remove**.

**Note:** You can also click the site and then press **⌘+Y**.

Safari deletes the site from your browsing history.

**Note:** To return to Safari, either click **History** and then **Hide History**, or press **⌘+Y**.

#### Delete an Entire Day

1 Click **History**.

2 Click **Show History**.

You can also run the Show History command by pressing **⌘+Y**.

The History list appears.

3 Right-click the date you want to remove.

4 Click **Remove**.

Safari deletes the date from your browsing history.

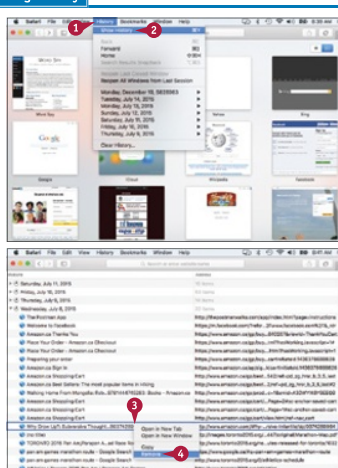
**Note:** To return to Safari, either click **History** and then **Hide History**, or press **⌘+Y**.

**Note:** To learn about the Clear History command, see section "Remove Saved Website Data," later in this chapter.

#### TIP

Is there a way to clear my browsing history automatically?

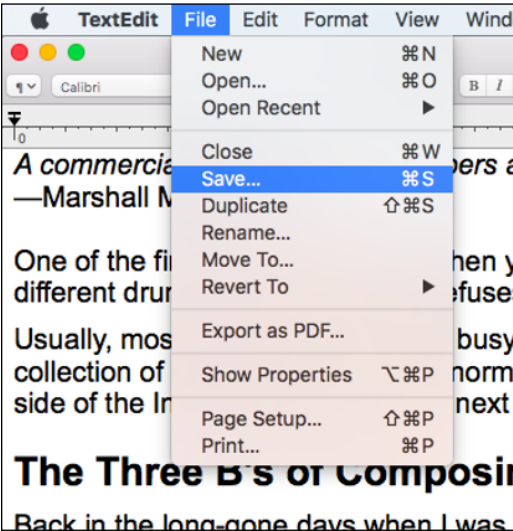
Yes. If you regularly delete all your browsing history, constantly running the Clear History command can become tiresome. Fortunately, you can configure Safari to make this chore automatic. Click **Safari** and then click **Preferences** to display the Safari preferences. Click the **General** tab. Click the **Remove history items** button and then click the length of time after which you want Safari to automatically remove an item from your browsing history. For example, if you click **After one day**, Safari clears out your browsing history daily.



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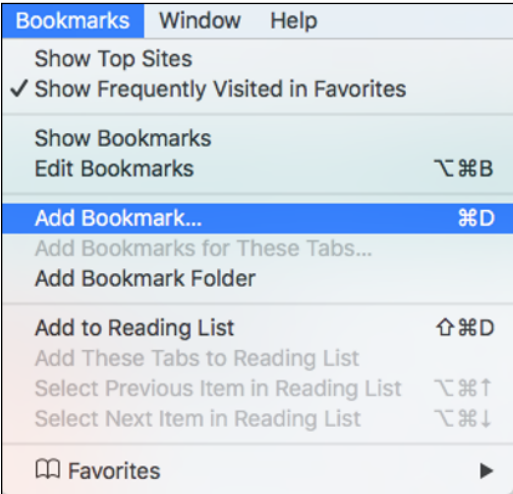
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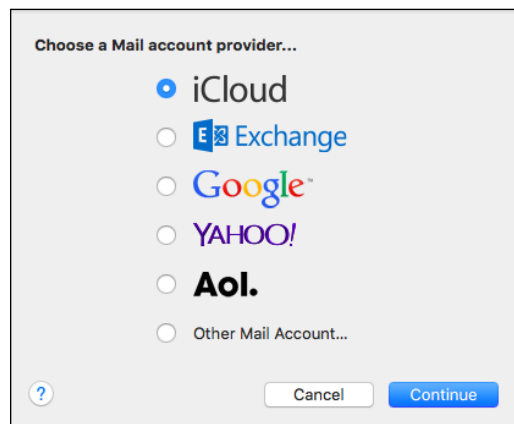
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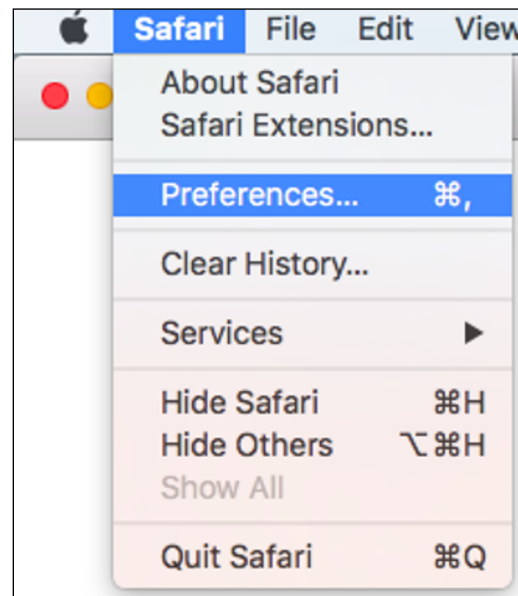
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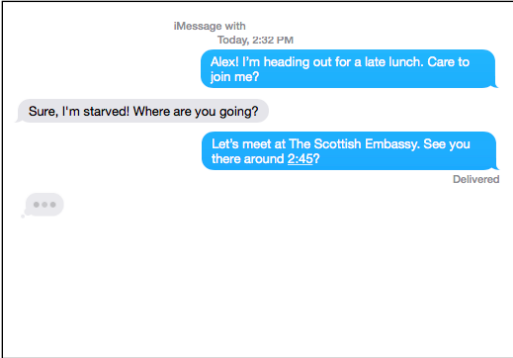


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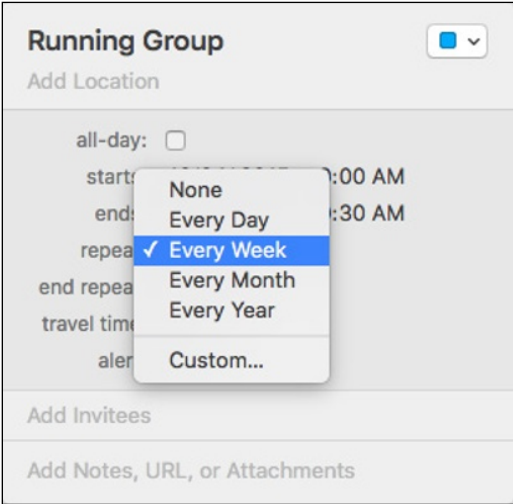
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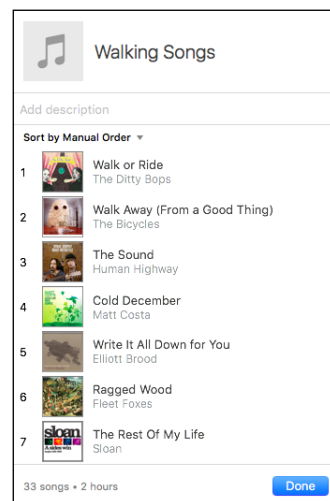
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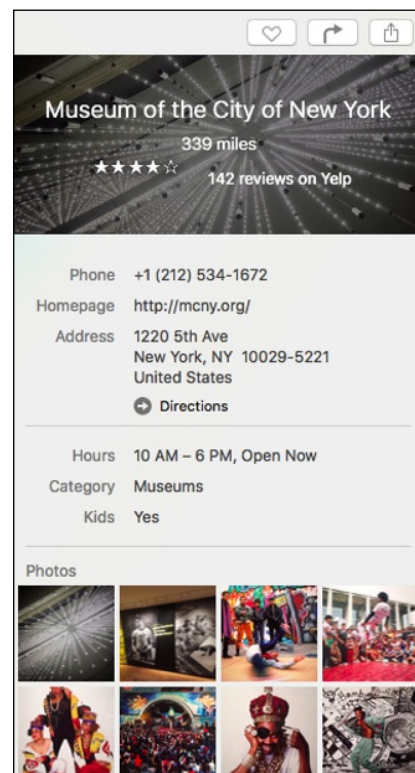
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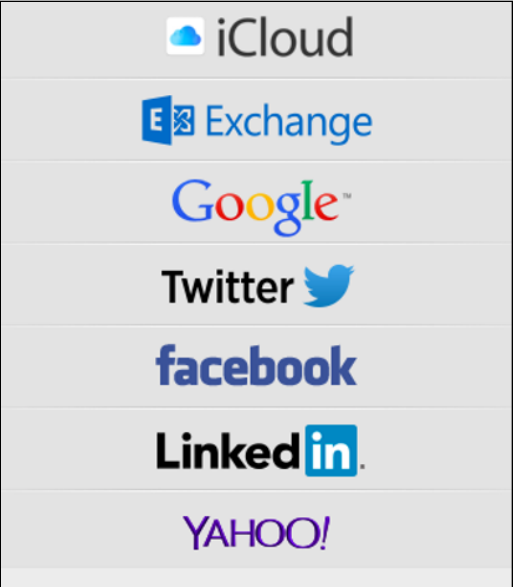


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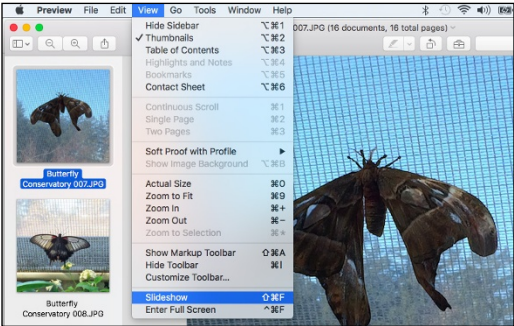
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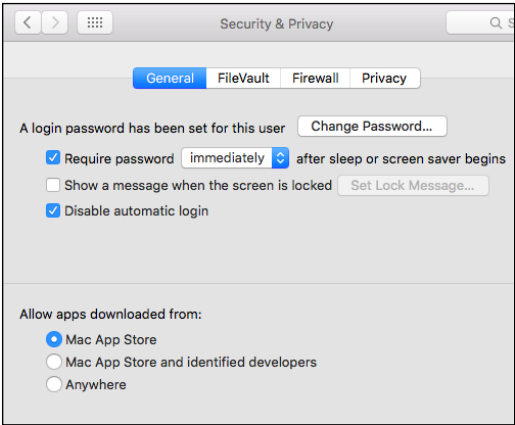
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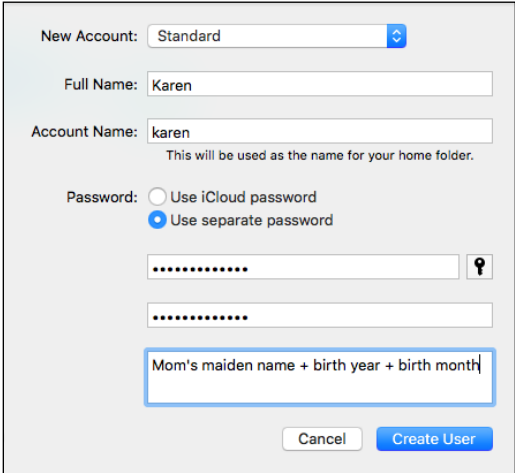
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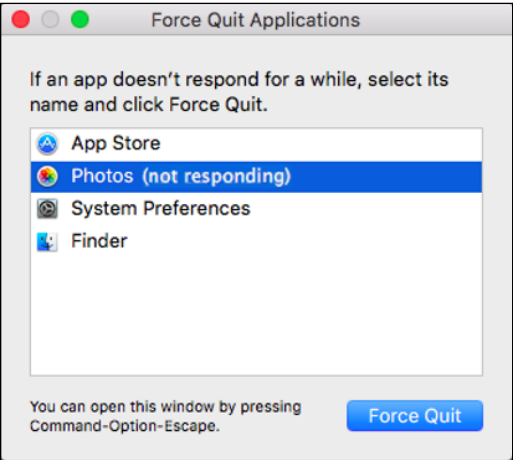


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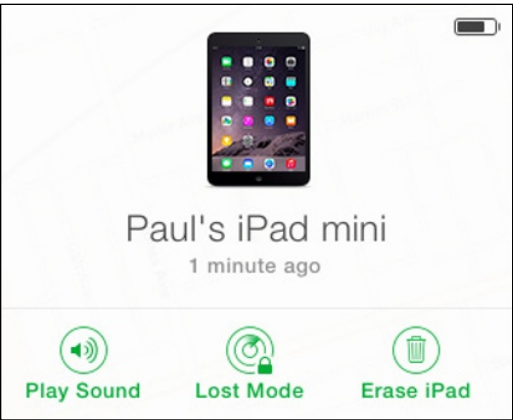
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