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acknowledgements are always very fun to write. This way I am able to thank you all in one go. If I skipped anyone, know that I did not mean to on purpose.

I'd love to thank my proof reader who made sure I wrote all of the instructions correctly. Thanks for correcting me when I flubbed a step. Any mistakes missed are mine alone.

I should mention to you new buyers I'm visually impaired, but I love my job in training. I hope this shows in the audio and video packages due out later this year.

I would also like to thank everyone who has been spreading the word about the book on social media. All of you rock.

a big thanks also go out to the folks at "leanpub." You guys make the publishing for an independent writer like myself easy and accessible. Keep it up, and keep getting better.

A big thanks also go out to apple. They have taken the time to make sierra accessible for the blind and visually impaired through the use of voiceover. See the footnotes throughout this book for more info.

Introduction

Writing this book has been a joy to me. I love writing this quick start every single year. Even though the chapters are brief, I'd like to think that someone will learn something new, and that I will to via comments through email, social media, etc.

This book will cover in brief various apps that ship with apple. I start with upgrading the machine to sierra, then walk you through most of the stock apps that are included. There are foot notes throughout the chapters that cover what a voiceover user might expect when doing the exercises in the book. Although the book is brief, it should be packed full of information that should be in an easy to read format.

syntax

The keystrokes you are to hit are in bold. For example *command plus f5* means that you will hold down command and at the same time hit f5, then let go. *option plus shift plus backslash* will mean hold down option and shift and hit back slash, then release the keys. There is one exception and that is in siri. You will execute a hold command. I will explain all of this in chapter 5.

exit

That should be about it from me here. If you have any feedback for apple please contact them by phone or email. If you have any questions for me please leave them at the forums which are located at the following URL. <http://forum.tffppodcast.com>¹ I hope you enjoy this little book.

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installing Sierra

In this chapter we will take a look at installing Mac os Sierra, which shipped [insert date here.] We will first

- go over how to obtain mac os Sierra
- how to upgrade in place

downloading the app

Once you get the notification from your your favorite source for information weather it be this book or apple themselves you will head to the app store to obtain mac os Sierra.

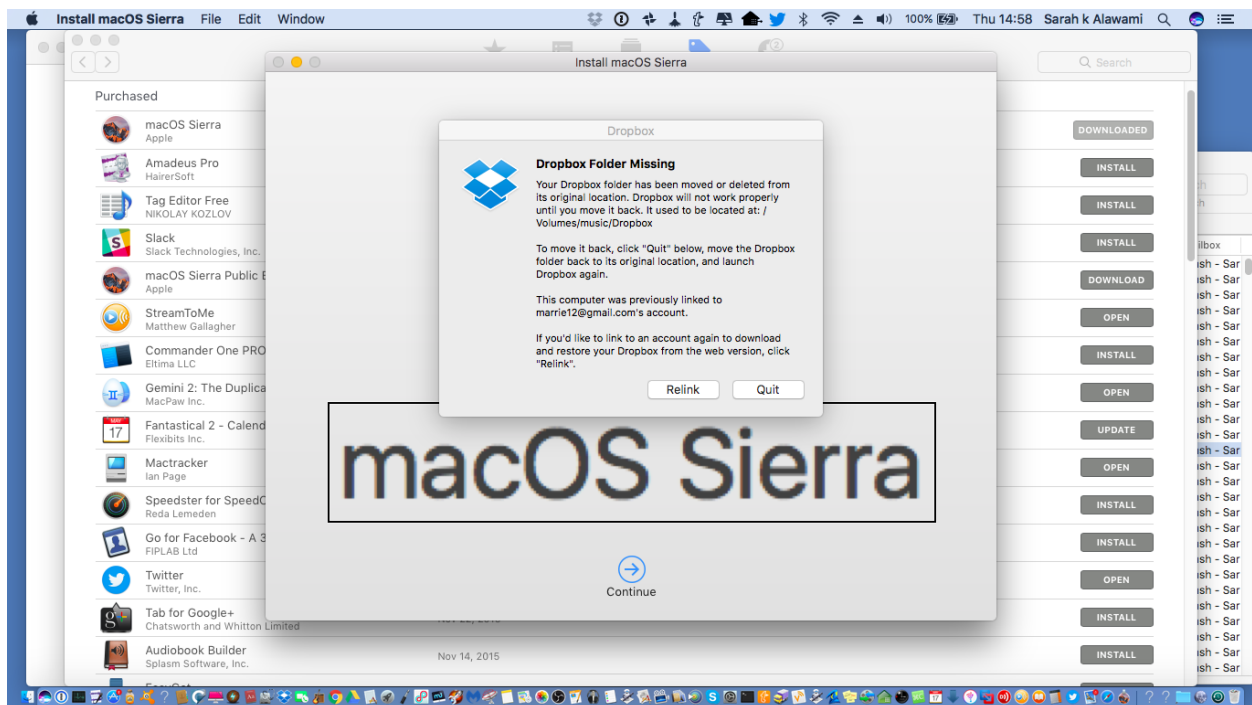
1. Launch the app store
2. Type in mac os Sierra or check the front page. The os will be right there.
3. Click install.
4. Wait about 30 minutes (5 hours if the servers are being hit hard or you have a slow connection) then follow the prompts you are about to see.²

installing the operating system

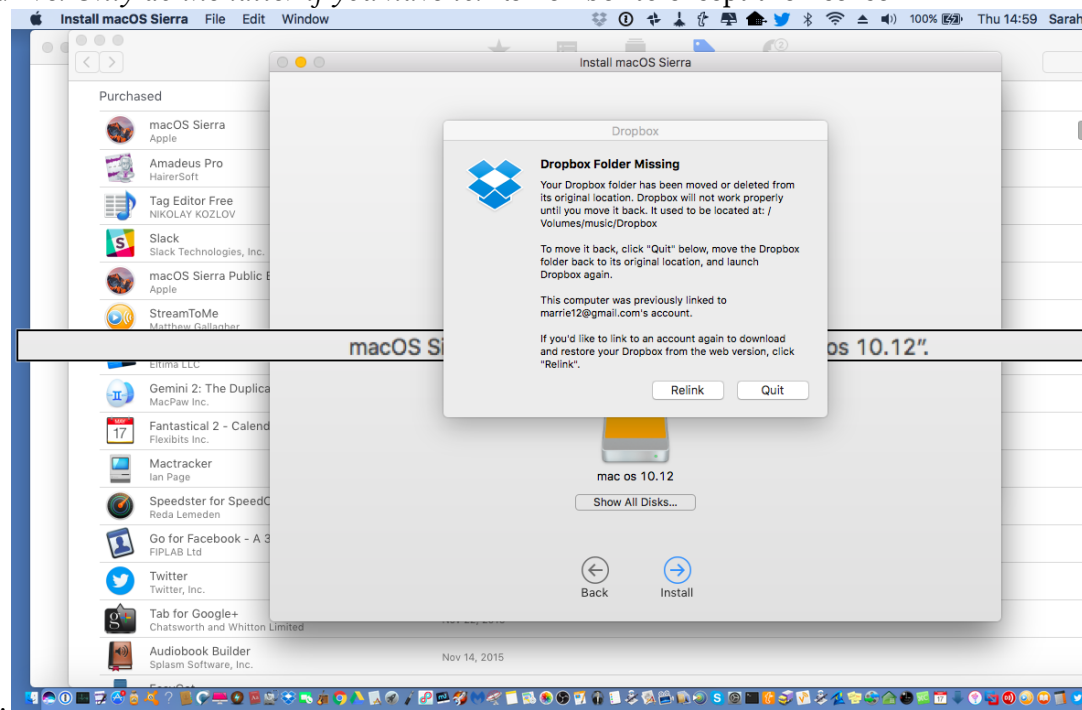
Once the app is downloaded and you have come back from a coffee brake you will see the following screenshot. The screenshot shows the dialogue that states to press continue when you are ready to install. If you do not want to continue right now either

- click close or
- hold down *command q*

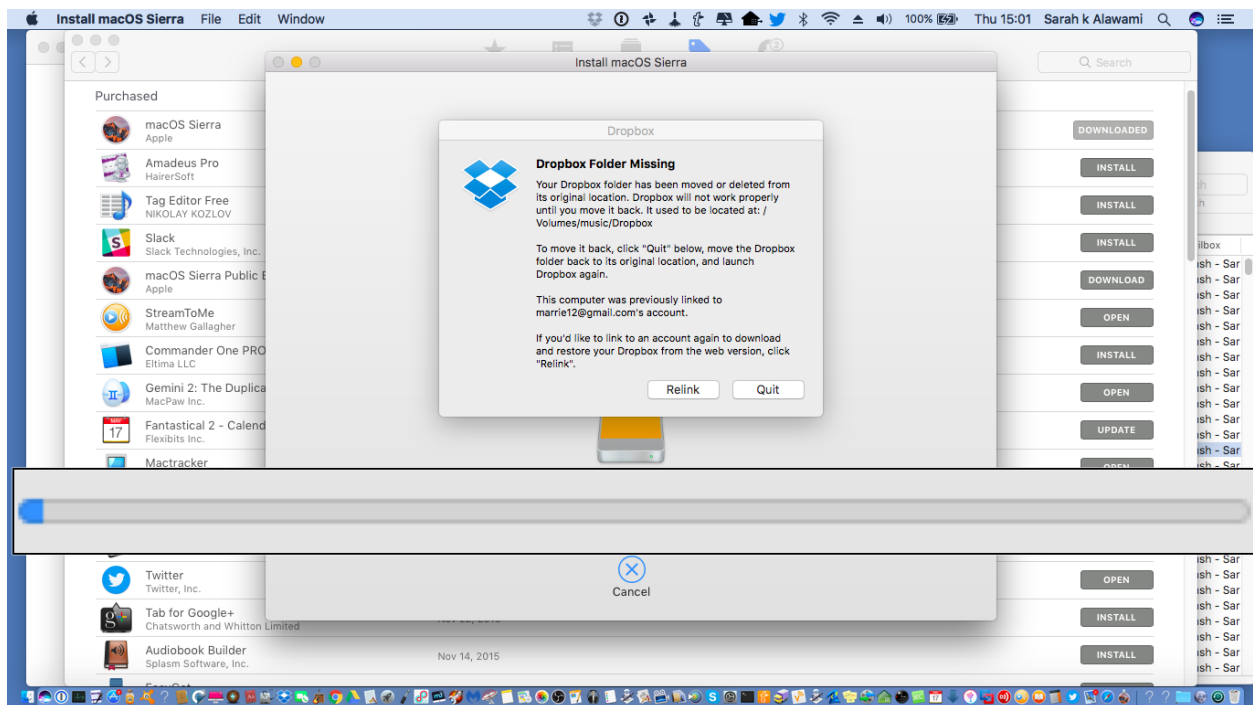
²accomplishing the same steps with voiceover is actually pretty easy. First navigate to the app store. It should be an item in your doc. If not go to the finder and hit command shift a. Now, once you find mac os Sierra, simply hold down control and option (vo) and tap space while focused on the download button. Once you get the continue dialogue to show after the os is downloaded you can vo space on the buttons when the word "click" is used.



Once you click continue you will be presented with several prompts, one of which being the drive you want to install this on. Installing on your internal drive is recommended, although it works, if a bit slower, on an external drive. *Only do the latter if you have to.* Remember to except the license



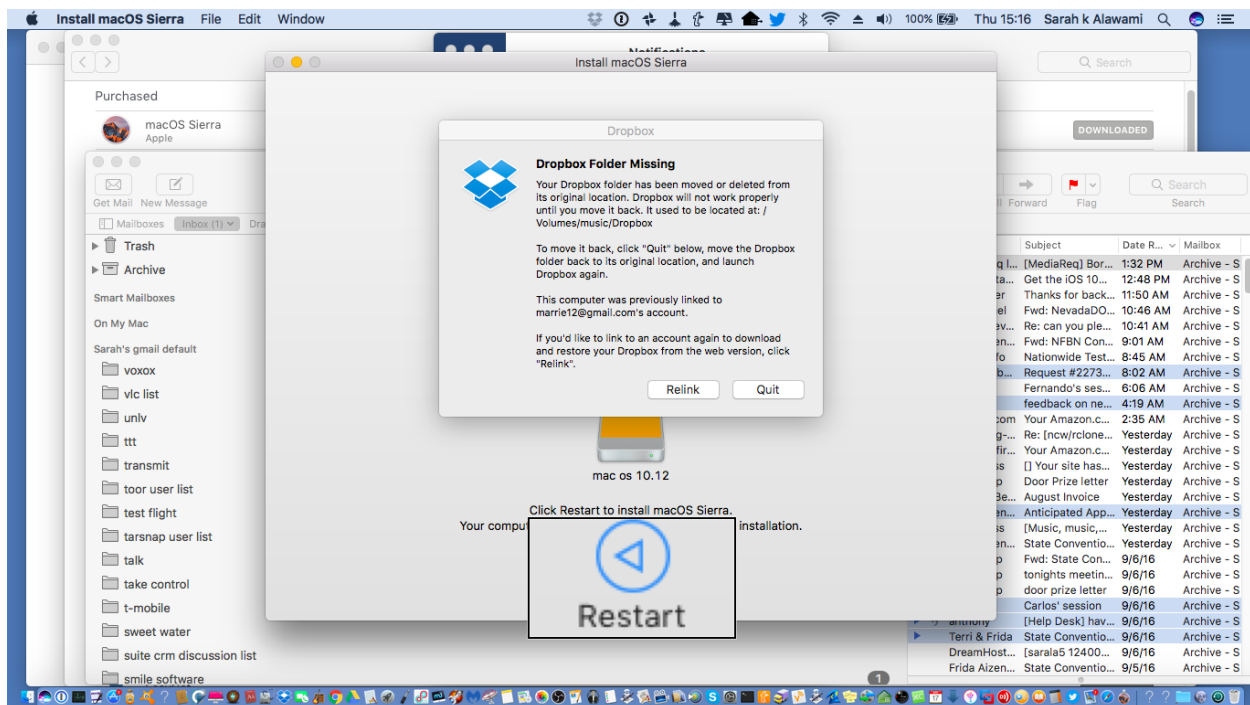
agreement. This is important.



Notice the progress window. Leave the computer be until you get the restart window.

Once you choose your options you will wait for about 30 minutes to an hour for the install to complete depending on your system specifications.[^2] You will know what's going on every step of the way.

A bit of a note here: the restart window might not count down, so don't walk away and think it will restart on its own. This is a warning just in case this happens to you.



notice the restart window. It just stays there begging you to push that restart button.

Once the install is completed you might have to go through a set up wizard. This is the same wizard you will go through during a clean install. As each mac is different the options will not be gone through in this document. You might if you are upgrading in place get the set up wizard where you sit and wait for the process to complete. Once that is done, you will be logged into your system.

exit

That's about it for the upgrade in place. If all went well you will have a fully functional sierra install and are free to move on to the rest of the book where we will cover the apps that ship with the mac, starting with mail.

[^2] at the time of this writing the progress bar might not show once you turn on voiceover. Turning on voiceover can be invoked with command f5 after waiting about 5 minutes after restart during the install process. This insures the files are being copied over to your location. Should this happen just leave it alone until you get to the set up wizard.