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Introduction

Whether you’re a beginner, an intermediate user, or a seasoned computer expert, you can find something in *Macs All-in-One For Dummies, 3rd Edition*, for you. This book is divided into six minibooks so you can focus on the topics that interest you and skip over the ones that don’t. We explored every menu and button of the Mac, its operating system, and Apple’s iLife and iWork applications and wrote about most of them, focusing on the functions and features we think you’ll use frequently or that will help you get the most out of your Mac and the applications. However, if you find that you want more detailed explanations on specific topics than this book provides, you should look into a more specialized book, such as *iWork ’09 For Dummies* by Jesse Feiler or *iLife ’11 For Dummies* by Tony Bove (both published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc.).

About This Book

This book focuses on the basics for all the aspects of using a Mac, from turning it on and using the mouse and trackpad to connecting your Mac to the Internet and e-mail to organizing your digital pictures and videos to creating photo albums and home movies with fancy captivating special effects to . . . you get the idea.

This book also shows you how to use and take advantage of Apple’s iWork suite, which provides word processing, desktop publishing, a presentation program, and a spreadsheet program for calculating formulas and displaying your data as 3D charts. Whether you use a Mac for work, school, or just for fun, you’ll find that with the right software applications, your Mac can meet all your computing needs.

If you’re migrating to a Mac from a Windows desktop or notebook PC, this book can show you how to install Windows on your Mac so you can run your favorite Windows programs. By running Windows on a Mac, you can turn your Mac into two computers for the price of one.

If you’re new to the Mac, you’ll find that this book introduces you to all the main features of your Mac. If you’re already a Mac user, you’ll find information on topics you might not know much about. After reading this book, you’ll have the foundation and confidence to move on to more advanced books, or delve deeper into your Mac’s bundled applications and others you can buy for experimenting on your own.
Foolish Assumptions

In writing this book, we made a few assumptions about you, dear reader. To make sure that we’re on the same page, we assume that

✦ You know something, but not necessarily a whole lot, about computers and you want to find out the basics of using a Mac or doing more with your Mac than you are already.

✦ You have at least a general concept of this wild and crazy thing called the Internet — or more precisely, the phenomenon known as the Web (or, more formally, the World Wide Web).

✦ You’ll turn to the introductory chapters if you find yourself scratching your head at such terms as double-click, drag and drop, scroll, and Control-click — or any other terms that sound like things we think you should know but you don’t.

✦ You appreciate the speed at which technology-based products like the Mac (and the programs you can run on it) can change in as little as a few months, with newer, sleeker, faster models and application versions replacing previous versions.

✦ You acknowledge that it’s up to you to go on the Web to find updated information about the products described throughout this book.

✦ You know that keeping up with the topic of all things high-tech and Mac (even as a full-time job, as it is for us) still can’t make a guy or gal the be-all and end-all Mac Genius of the World. You will, therefore, alert us to cool stuff you discover in your Mac odyssey so that we can consider including it in the next edition of this book.

✦ You’re here to have fun, or at least try to have fun, as you dive into The Wonderful World of Mac.

Conventions Used in This Book

To help you navigate this book efficiently, we use a few style conventions:

✦ Terms or words that we truly want to emphasize are italicized (and defined).

✦ Website addresses, or URLs, are shown in a special monofont typeface, like this. If you’re reading this book as an e-book, URLs will be active hyperlinks like this: www.dummies.com.

✦ Numbered steps that you need to follow and characters you need to type are set in bold.

✦ Control-click means to hold the Control key and click the mouse. If you’re using a mouse that has a left and right button, you can right-click rather than Control-click. If you have one of Apple’s trackpads, tap with two fingers.