

Here's a closer look at the widgets you'll find preinstalled in Dashboard, and how to use them.



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Many widgets feature user options on their backsides so you can select the information to display, such as the time in a chosen city in this World Clock widget.

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To get more Help for Using Dashboard - From the Finder - **Click on Help** from the **Menubar** .. Then, **Type dashboard** in the **Search Box**. Figure 1, below, shows *typical results*.

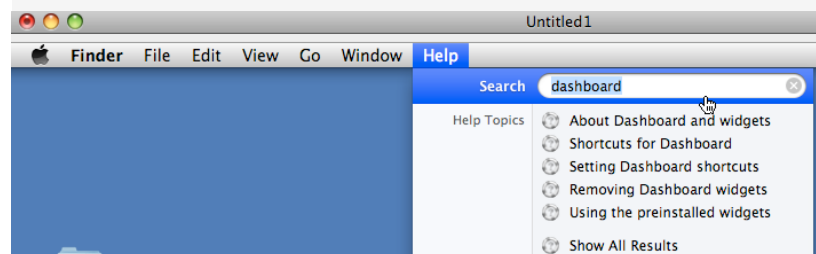


Figure 1

The first five results, as shown above, are displayed below.



About Dashboard and widgets

Dashboard is a feature of Mac OS X. With Dashboard you get many small programs, called "widgets," that have a wide variety of uses such as checking stock prices, finding local or global weather information, looking up words in the dictionary, and so on. Widgets speed up many everyday tasks.

Dashboard comes with many widgets already installed. If you're connected to the Internet, you can download additional widgets. There are also two easy ways to create your own widgets: Web Clips and Dashcode.

Some widgets are linked with larger applications. With the Address Book widget, for example, you can search for a name and address without opening the full Address Book application. Other widgets, such as Weather, provide web-based information without opening a web browser.

To see Dashboard and the widgets, press the F12 key. Press it again to hide Dashboard.



Shortcuts for Dashboard

Use these shortcuts to work with Dashboard and Dashboard widgets.

NOTE: If you're working on a portable computer, press the Fn key in combination with the other keys listed here; for example, press Fn-Control-F2.

Action	Shortcut
Show or hide Dashboard	F12 (default setting)
Reload the current widget	⌘-R
Show or hide the widget bar	⌘-Equal (=)

Scroll the widget bar

⌘-Left Arrow, ⌘-Right Arrow

To change the shortcuts for Dashboard, choose File > System Preferences, click Exposé & Spaces, and then click Exposé.



Setting Dashboard shortcuts

You press the F12 key to show or hide Dashboard. If you want, you can change the shortcut key, or choose a different type of shortcut.

To set Dashboard shortcuts:

- 1 Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, and then click Exposé & Spaces.
Open Exposé & Spaces preferences
- 2 Choose one or more shortcuts for showing and hiding Dashboard. You can choose an active screen corner, keyboard key, or mouse button (if you have a multiple-button mouse). For more information about the options, click the Help (question mark) button.

Related Topics [active screen corner](#)



Using the preinstalled widgets

Your computer has several Dashboard widgets already installed, including the ones listed here.

Widget Manager — This widget manages other widgets. Uncheck Widgets that you don't want to use anymore and it will hide and disable them. You can keep check of all your available widgets from here.

(See [-Removing Dashboard widgets, below....](#))



Removing Dashboard widgets

You can remove a widget from your computer if you installed it yourself.

You can't remove widgets that came with Mac OS X from your computer, but you can remove them from the widget bar.

To remove a widget:

- 1 Press the F12 key to open Dashboard.
- 2 Click the Open (+) button to open the widget bar.
- 3 Click Manage Widgets.
- 4 To remove a widget from the widget bar, deselect its name in the list.
- 5 To remove a widget you installed yourself, click its Remove (-) button, and click OK.

Widget	How to use it
Address Book	Type a name in the search field, or click the arrow buttons to step through all entries.
Business	Type a business name or category (like "pizza") in the search field, and view your results in the expanded window. To change the local city, click the Info (i) button.

Calculator	Enter numbers by clicking the buttons or pressing the numeric keys on your keyboard.
Dictionary	Type a word in the search field to see definitions, synonyms, and antonyms.
ESPN	Click the Info (i) button in the upper-right corner and choose a sport from the pop-up menu. When finished, click News to view the latest news feeds from ESPN, or Scores to see how your team is faring.
Flight Tracker	Choose an airline, departure city, and arrival city from the pop-up menus, or enter the information in the fields. Then click Find Flights, select the flight in the results, and click Track Flight.
Google	Type a word or phrase into the field. Your default web browser opens to display the search results.
iCal (calendar)	<p>Click the pane showing today's date to toggle between a small or expanded iCal widget. Click the up or down arrow buttons to jump through the calendar by month.</p> <p>You can also press the arrow keys on your keyboard: the Up and Down keys display previous and next years, and the Left and Right keys display previous and next months.</p>
iTunes	<p>iTunes must be open for this widget to work. Use the controls to play, pause, and skip forward and backward through songs in your iTunes Library or a playlist, or listen to Internet radio. Control volume by dragging the dot in the outer dial.</p> <p>To choose a playlist, click the "i" button.</p>

Movies	<p>The first time you open the Movie widget, click anywhere inside the widget to enlarge it. You can view movies for today, tomorrow, or the upcoming week. To see a description, click a movie's title. To view a trailer, click the trailer button. To buy tickets, click a theater's name and a viewing time. If it is possible to buy tickets online, the Buy Tickets button is available.</p> <p>To view theaters near you, click the Info (i) button and type your zip code.</p>
People	<p>Type a first name, last name, and a city and state or zip code, and then press Return.</p>
Ski Report	<p>Click the "i" button in the bottom-right corner and type the name of a resort.</p>
Stickies	<p>Type notes on the Stickies pad. To change the paper color and font, click the "i" button in the bottom-right corner.</p>
Stocks	<p>To enter a company, click the "i" button in the bottom-right corner. To view a graph that shows the highs and lows over a timeframe, click a company symbol.</p> <p>There is up to a 20-minute delay in tracking stocks.</p>
Tile Game	<p>Click the widget to scramble the tiles. Click it again to stop. To rearrange tiles, click a tile that borders the empty space to move it in its place. Continue in this manner until you see the picture again.</p> <p>To realign the tiles to show the picture, press Command-R.</p>
Translation	<p>Choose the language that you want to translate from and to using the pop-up menus, and type the word or phrase in the text box below "Translate from."</p>
Unit Converter	<p>Choose a unit category from the Convert pop-up menu. Then use the other pop-up menus to choose the unit you want converted and the unit you want it converted to. Type a value in the left field.</p>
Weather	<p>To change the city, click the "i" button.</p>

World Clock

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You can open multiple World Clock widgets to keep track of different time zones.

Click - **Show All Results** in your **Finder Help Menubar** to show more available Dashboard Help Topics - Figure 3

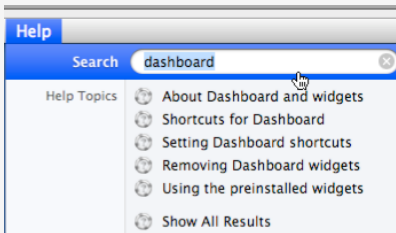


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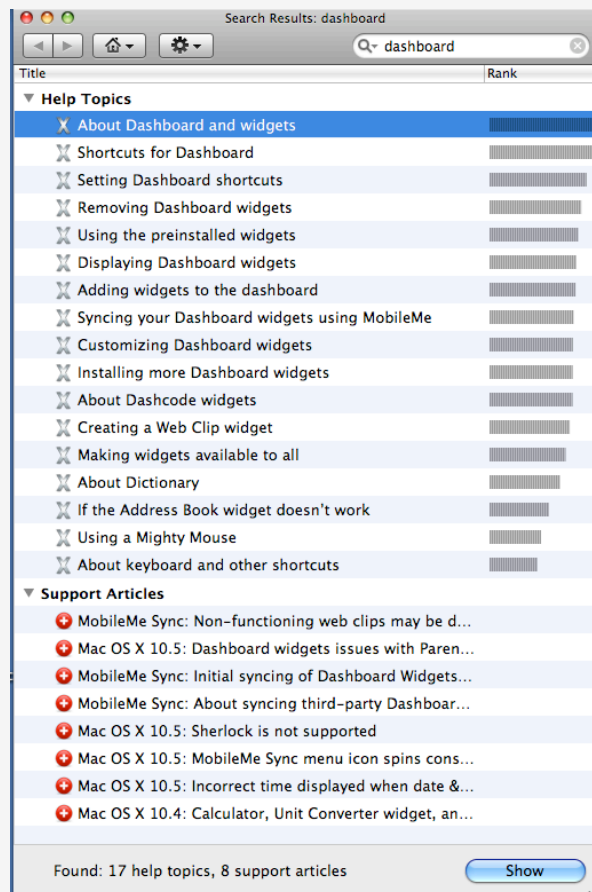


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