Os X Directory Structure

/ This is the root directory. It is the parent directory to all other files.

/Applications Your Mac's Applications live here

/Developer Appears once you've installed Developer Tools. Holds developer

tools and documentation.

/Library A location for resources that are shared amongst several users.

Includes preferences, shared code libraries, and other files needed

for the operating system to function.

/Network Holds anything network-related - devices, servers, libraries, etc.

/System System resources required by Os X to run.

/Users All the home directories for user accounts on this machine.

/Volumes Mounted devices and volumes such as hard disks, DMG files, optical

disks, etc.

/bin Essential command-line binaries. Programs needed by the operating

system to boot and run properly.

/etc Local system configuration for this machine. Includes administrative,

configuration and other files.

/dev Essential Device files that represent things such as attached

keyboards, trackpads, etc.

/usr A directory containing non-essential binaries, libraries, header files,

and other data.

/sbin Contains binaries essential for booting and running the system.

/ tmp Temporary files and caches created by the system.

/var Variable data that changes while the OS runs, including things such

as log files, etc.