Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Macbook Users

Frequent issue	Steps to be taken
Why is my MacBook not turning on?	Ensure the charger is connected properly. Try a force restart by holding the Power button for 10 seconds. If the issue persists, reset the SMC** (System Management Controller).
How do I reset my MacBook?	Go to System Settings > General > Transfer or Reset > Erase All Content and Settings, then follow the prompts. For older macOS versions, restart in macOS Recovery (Command + R at startup) and select Reinstall macOS.
Why is my MacBook running slow?	Close unused apps, clear storage under System Settings > General > Storage , update macOS, and check Activity Monitor for resource-heavy processes. Restarting also helps.
How can I free up storage on my MacBook?	Delete large or unused files, empty the trash, clear caches, remove unused apps, and enable Optimize Storage in System Settings > General > Storage .
Why is my MacBook overheating?	Ensure proper ventilation, close unused apps, avoid using it on soft surfaces, and check Activity Monitor for apps consuming high CPU. Clean the vents to improve airflow.
How do I update my MacBook?	Go to System Settings > General > Software Update and install the latest macOS version if available. Ensure your Mac is plugged in.
How do I reset my MacBook's SMC?	For Intel MacBooks: Shut down, press Shift + Control + Option + Power for 10 seconds, then release and turn it on. (Not needed for Apple Silicon Macs).
Why is my MacBook battery draining quickly?	Reduce screen brightness, close background apps, disable Bluetooth/Wi-Fi if not needed, and check Battery Usage in System Settings > Battery . If the issue persists, check battery health under System Settings > Battery > Battery Health .
How do I connect my iPhone to my MacBook using Continuity?	Ensure both devices are signed into the same Apple ID and have Wi-Fi & Bluetooth enabled. Enable Handoff in System Settings > General > AirDrop & Handoff.
Why is my MacBook not detecting Wi-Fi?	Restart your Mac and router, forget and reconnect to the network under System Settings > Wi-Fi, and reset Network Settings if needed.

**How to Reset SMC Based on Your MacBook Model:

For Apple Silicon Macs (M1, M2, M3)

 ← No SMC reset needed. Just shut down your Mac, wait 30 seconds, and turn it back on.

For Intel Macs with a T2 Chip (2018 and later)

- 1. Shut down your Mac.
- 2. Hold Control (^) + Option (¬⁻) + Shift (♠) (left side of the keyboard).
- 3. While holding these, press and hold the Power button for 10 seconds.
- 4. Release all keys and wait a few seconds.
- 5. Press the Power button to turn on your Mac.

For Older Intel Macs (2017 and earlier, no T2 chip)

- 1. Shut down your Mac.
- 2. Hold Shift (♠) + Control (♠) + Option (♠) (left side of the keyboard).
- 3. While holding these, press and hold the Power button for 10 seconds.
- 4. Release all keys and wait a few seconds.
- 5. Press the Power button to turn on your Mac.

To check your Mac's chip:

Click Apple logo () > About This Mac and look for Processor (Intel or M1/M2/M3).