Enabling a Firewall in macOS / OS X

This article is intended for users who want to set a firewall for the Macbook computer. A firewall is a network security system that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing network traffic based on predetermined security rules. This article reviews the steps necessary to enable a firewall in Mac OS X.

Setting Up the Firewall in macOS / OS X

1. Navigate to System Preferences
2. Select Security & Privacy
3. Select the Firewall tab
4. Click the lock icon to make changes and type in credentials
5. Select Turn on Firewall.

Allowing Application Connections

1. In the Firewall tab, click on the lock icon in order to make changes
2. Next, click on Firewall Options...
3. In order to select an application to get access through the firewall, click on the plus "+" to add an application
4. Select an application from the drop-down window, and click Add
5. From here you can select whether you want to
   • Block incoming connections to prevent it from getting a connection with a firewall
   • Allow incoming connections so the firewall doesn’t affect the application’s connections
6. Click OK to save the changes and return to the Firewall tab

Note

In order to remove any application you added to this list, click the minus symbol "-" when the application is selected.

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