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OS X El Capitan: The Missing Manual



Synopsis

With El Capitan, Apple brings never-before-seen features to OS X like a split-screen desktop, improved window controls, and amazing graphics. The new edition of David Pogue's #1 bestselling Mac book shows you how to use key new features such as swiping gestures, Notes, a new Spotlight search system, the Safari pinning feature, and Split View. Missing Manuals creator David Pogue is one of the most widely recognized technology authors in the world. A former New York Times technology columnist, he founded and now produces videos for Yahoo Tech.

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Apple's free, online iCloud services; and connecting to and controlling your Mac from across the wires—FTP, SSH, VPN, and so on. Part Six: Appendixes. This book's appendixes include guidance on installing this operating system; a troubleshooting handbook; a Windows-to-Mac dictionary (to help Windows refugees find the new locations of familiar features in OS X); and a thorough master list of all the keyboard shortcuts and trackpad/mouse gestures in OS X.

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