

OS X: Screen Saver Password and Locking Your Computer

Open System Preferences

Click on the Apple in the upper-left-hand corner of the screen, then choose **System Preferences**.

Requiring a password to resume from screen saver

Click the **Security** icon within **System Preferences**:

Under General, check the box next to "Require password immediately after sleep or screen saver begins":

Setting Screen Saver to Start Automatically

Click **Show All** to return to the main **System Preferences** menu, then click the **Desktop & Screen Saver** icon:

We recommend setting your screen saver to start automatically after 5 minutes:

Manually locking your computer

Even though you have your screen saver set to start automatically, it's recommended that you start your screen saver whenever you step away from your computer, even to head down the hall.

Before you can do this, you must set a "Hot Corner" in the **Expose and Spaces** area of **System Preferences**:

Under the **Expose** section, you can set your computer to activate your screen saver when your mouse enters a particular corner of your screen:

Once this is saved, you can activate your screen saver manually any time by moving your mouse cursor to the upper-right-hand corner of your screen.

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