Periodically, Apple releases free updates to your computer's software. You can check for updates manually or set your computer to check for updates periodically. You must have an Internet connection to receive software updates.

If your computer is on a network and Software Update preferences are dimmed, the network may not be able to access the Internet or your computer may not be allowed to access Software Update or to get information about the proxy server you use to access the Internet.

To check for software updates:

1. On the menu bar, go to Apple menu > Software Update

The Software Update window will open and the computer will check for updates.

If there are any updates available, they will appear in a list.
2. Select the items to install by checking the checkbox

3. Click Install

4. Enter the computer administrator name and password

5. Click OK

6. If necessary, for example on a license agreement, click Agree
7. After the updates are installed, you may need to **restart your computer**

8. When updates are complete, **reopen Software Update** and check for updates again

   Some updates require that you have installed previous updates.