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ONYX can be downloaded from <http://www.titanium.free.fr/onyx.html>. The first thing to pay attention to is that you are using the correct version of ONYX for your Mac. Even if you recently installed ONYX, you should check to see if there is an update available each time you run ONYX.

NOTE: When you install ONYX for the first time, you may get a message that the application is from an unknown vendor and that it won't be installed. This is because the app has not been blessed by Apple. You can install third party apps that haven't been blessed by Apple anyway, but you have to change a system preference first. To install an app from anywhere (not just from Apple approved sources), open *System Preferences* ⇒ *Security & Privacy*. (If the lock in the lower left corner is shut, click it and fill in your login password to open the lock.) Click on the button for *Anywhere* and then from a new drop-down menu select *Allow From Anywhere*. Close *System Preferences*. You will now be able to install ONYX - or any other app.

Before running ONYX, it is recommended to close all other applications. When ONYX is opened, you will be asked for an administrator's login and password. While Onyx is running, it will close all other applications. ONYX will first verify the structure of the internal disk. This operation can take a long time.

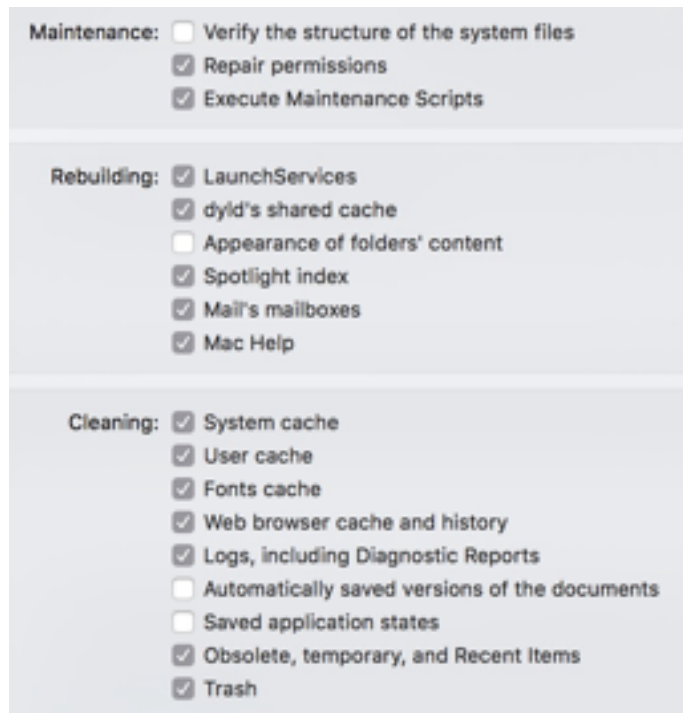
In *Preferences* (shortcut: Command key and comma key together: Cmd-,) you should go through the options there and modify those that make sense to you. The following are recommended:

- General → At opening, display: *Automation*
- Behavior → Execute the commands on: *All Users*
- Update → Check for updates: when ONYX is opened.
- Update → Path: <the default is ~/Desktop/, and you can change this if you like>
- Actions → <leave the defaults>
- Advanced → <leave the defaults>

There are several tabs in ONYX for running different tasks, and each tab has several optional tasks. But there is only one that really needs to be set up and run: *Automation*.

The *Automation* tab contains all the tasks that need to be run, and it is recommended to run those tasks about once a month. Doing so will keep your Mac running smooth. The settings shown in the above image are recommended.

In the *Automation* tab, the first task, *Verify the structure of the system files*, is run automatically when you start ONYX, so there is no need to run it again here.



The *Maintenance* and *Cleaning* tabs are subsets of the *Automation* tab. You can choose to run those individually as you like, but know that after those tasks are run (including those in the *Automation* tab), ONYX will prompt you to reboot the Mac. If you want to run more than one task individually, you do not have to reboot after each one. Please note that while any task is running, you will not be able to do anything else with the Mac.

Utilities and *Parameters* are really useful only for the technically minded.

Info simply shows you the same information that you get with About this Mac.

Logs is useful only to the developer.

ONYX contains its own Help files, and they are worth reading if you want to understand how to use ONYX a little better.

It is possible to have ONYX run automatically, and it can be done with a task created with *Automator*. The downside of creating any such automated task is that it does use a tiny amount of computer processing time and power. The computer cannot be turned off during the time when the task is to be run, but it can be in sleep mode.

