

MAC LESSON #71

NEW SCROLL WHEEL ZOOM FEATURE

Apple continues to add really cool features to the Mac Operating System. One of the latest new features to hit your local Mac is the ability to zoom in on your screen using the scroll wheel on a scroll wheel mouse. If you use Apple's OS X Tiger operating system, be sure to download version 10.4.8. It's easy to do. Just click on System Preferences on the Doc, or click on the Apple logo on the top-left side of your screen, and then click on Software Update. Click on the Check Now button and follow the prompts to download the latest Mac OS X Tiger updates. When the downloading is finished, close the Software Update window. You'll have to restart your computer in order for the new downloads to take place.

Now open System Preferences again and click on the Keyboard & Mouse icon in the Hardware Section. Click on the Mouse tab and make sure there is a check mark next to "Zoom using scroll wheel while holding." The default is the Control key, but you can click on the down arrow to the right of the word Control and you can select the Option key or the Command key to hold down and enable scroll wheel zooming.

The zoom with scroll wheel feature is great. You can zoom right in on your screen just like you had a magnifying glass in your hand. Move the mouse pointer and the screen follows the pointer.

The same feature works for Mac Book and Mac Book Pro trackpad users who have the "Use two fingers to scroll" option turned on in System Preferences.

