



# How to Install macOS Catalina on Unsupported Macs

Install macOS Catalina on unsupported 2008-2011 Mac hardware.

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## INTRODUCTION

Keep your aging Mac from going obsolete by installing a patched version of macOS Catalina.

Note that installing future Catalina updates from Apple on your Mac is not supported by the patching tool, and you may be required to erase your drive and start this process over after doing so.

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### TOOLS:


- [USB Flash Drive](#) (1)  
16 GB

## Step 1 — Download the Patching Tool



- macOS Catalina Patcher can be downloaded from <http://dosdude1.com/catalina/>

 Before beginning, ensure your model is compatible under the "System Compatibility" tab on the page. Most 2008 to 2011 Macs are compatible with the patching tool.

-  macOS Catalina Patcher is a third-party tool developed by dosdude1, who has developed trusted, similar tools since macOS Sierra.

## Step 2 — Open the Patching Tool



- Once the patching tool has downloaded, open the DMG file to mount it.
- In the virtual drive, right click the "macOS Catalina Patcher", and click "Open".
- If you receive a Gatekeeper warning that Apple cannot check the application for malicious software, click "Open".

### Step 3 — Download macOS Catalina



- Continue through the prompts until you reach the "macOS Installer App" page.
- Click "Download a Copy" to download an official macOS Catalina installer directly from Apple.
- Click "Start Download".
- If prompted, allow macOS Catalina Patcher access to your Downloads folder.
- ⓘ The download is an 8 GB file and may take some time to complete.

That's it! You should now have macOS Catalina installed on your machine.