

Setup for Mac

If you are on a Mac, Apple has included the Terminal.app since it introduced Mac OS X in 2001, so it has had many years of refinement. You can search for "Terminal.app" using Apple's Spotlight search by pressing the **Command**+**Spacebar** keys at the same time and typing "terminal" (without the quotes) in the search bar. Alternatively you can open a *Finder* window and navigate to the *Applications* > *Utilities* folder to find the Terminal application, as shown in *Figure 1*. Double click the icon to open the application.



Figure 1. Open the Terminal.app in the Applications > Utilities folder.

Adjust the font size

That's it! You should see a window open similar to *Figure 2*, although the default color may be different based on the Appearance settings on your Mac.



Figure 2. A terminal window example on a Mac.

If you are in Dark Mode, you'll likely see a dark window, and in Light Mode you should see a light window. In your Dock at the bottom of your screen, you can press **Control** + *click* on the Terminal icon (or use your *secondary-click* on your mouse) to bring up the icon menu, and choose *Options* > *Keep in Dock* to add it permanently to your Dock.

To finalize your setup, adjust the font size in your terminal so that you can comfortably see the text. You can also change the font family, but be sure to use a *fixed width* font since the terminal expects it for layout purposes. In order to change the font size, select the *Terminal* menu item and choose the *Settings ...* item. In the Terminal.app Settings window, select the *Basic* (Default) Profile, and the *Text* tab in the window panel. Use the *Change ...* button to change the font size, as shown in *Figure 3*.

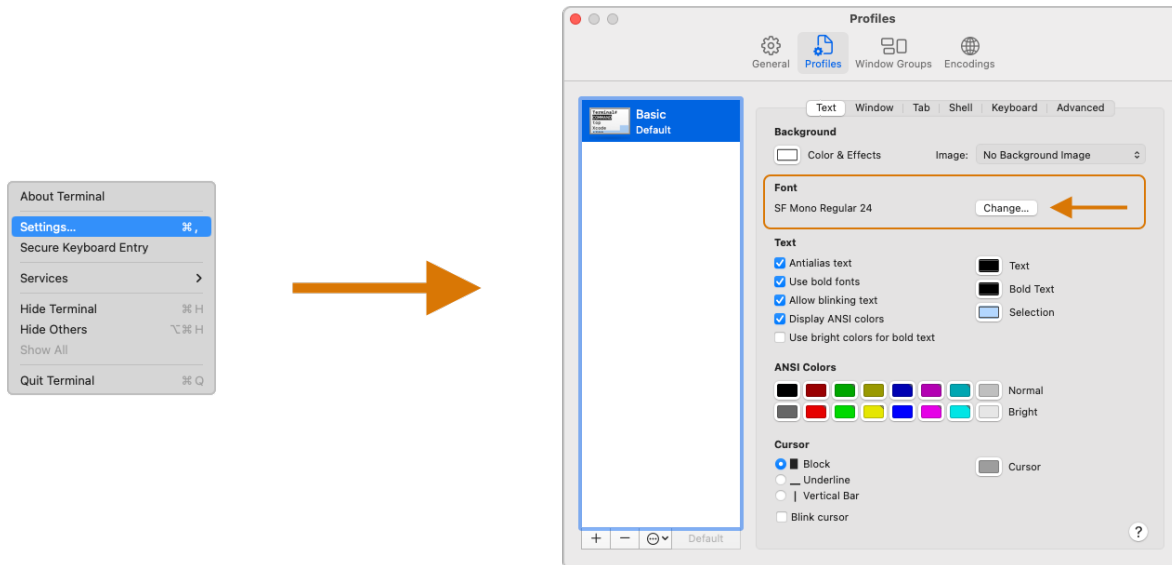


Figure 3. Use the *File > Settings...* menu item to change the font size as needed in the *Terminal.app* settings.

You are all set! It's that simple to get configured to use the command line on a Mac. You can continue on to the section entitled *The Shell* to become more acquainted with the command line. Thank you for focusing your power on the magic of the command line!