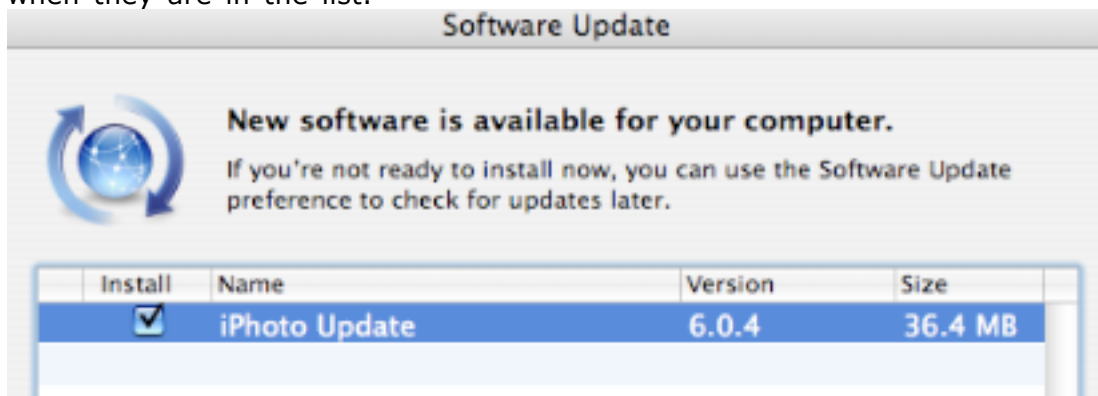


Running Software Update

You must be connected to the Internet to run Software Update.

1. Under the **blue apple**, drag down to **Software Update ...** and release. (Note: You can also run Software update using **System Preferences** from the **Apple** menu or from your **Dock**).
2. You will get a box letting you know what software applications need to be updated. Select programs to update by checking the box. If you are in doubt, update them all. It is always a good idea to run **Quicktime, Security Updates**, and updates to any OSX software such as **iPhoto, iMovie, iWeb**, etc. when they are in the list.



3. Click **Install Items**.
4. Enter the username and password that you use to log in to your computer.
5. It will take a few minutes to do this. However, you may allow **Software Update** to run in the background as you continue to complete other tasks on your computer. You may be instructed to **Restart** your computer depending on the items that were installed but you will be prompted to save any open documents and **Software Update** will close any running applications before restarting.

The Software Update procedure is simple and quick but you must do this regularly. Sometimes, problems that you are having with a program can occur because a "fix" available through Software Update has not been applied. Software Update helps to keep your computer in good working order so be sure and run it whenever the Software Update box opens and prompts you to do so. In addition, if you wait a long time between updates, there will be a lot of software to update resulting in having to run the application numerous times to get the latest and most efficient versions of Apple software on your computer.