

Overview of the File Vault Program from Apple:
<http://www.apple.com/macosx/features/filevault/>

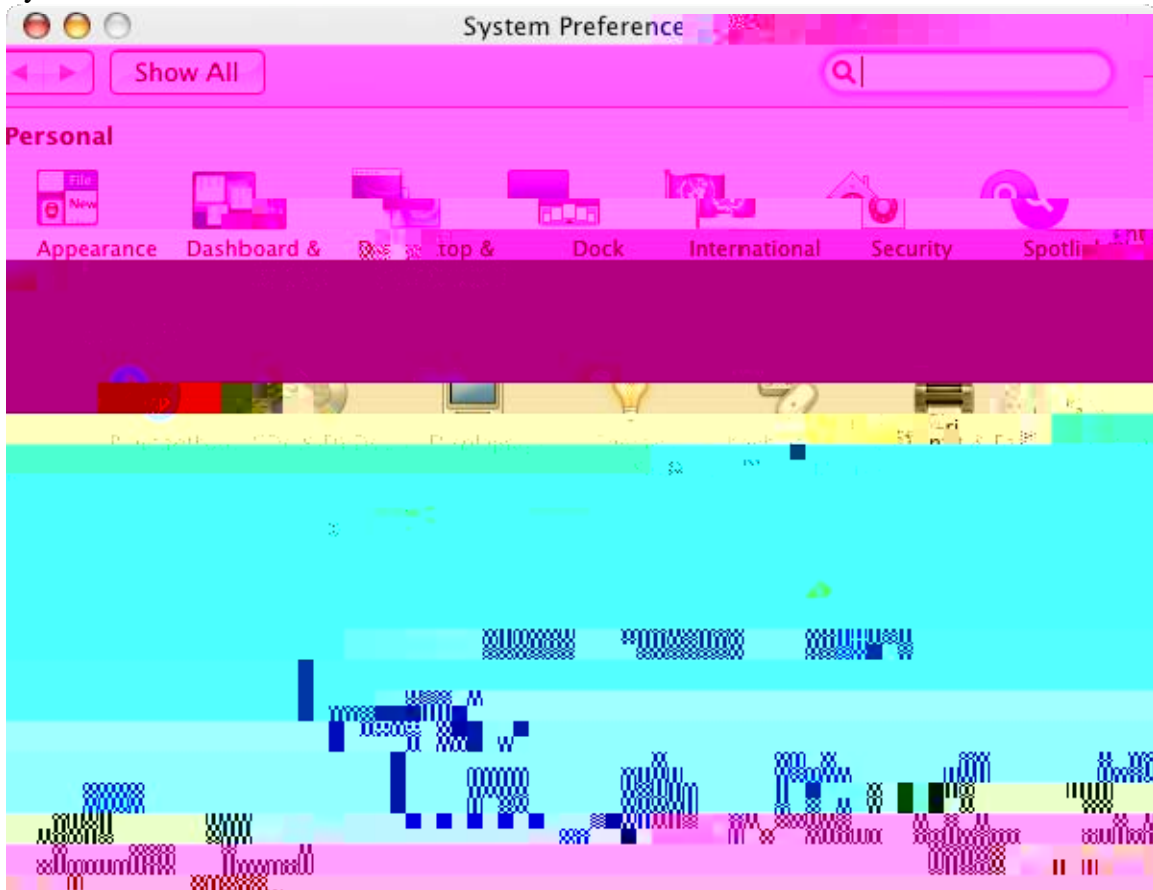
In the Dock menu, click the System Preference Icon. It is the Icon that looks like a metal plate with a switch on left side and picture of the Apple Logo on the right.

System Dock:



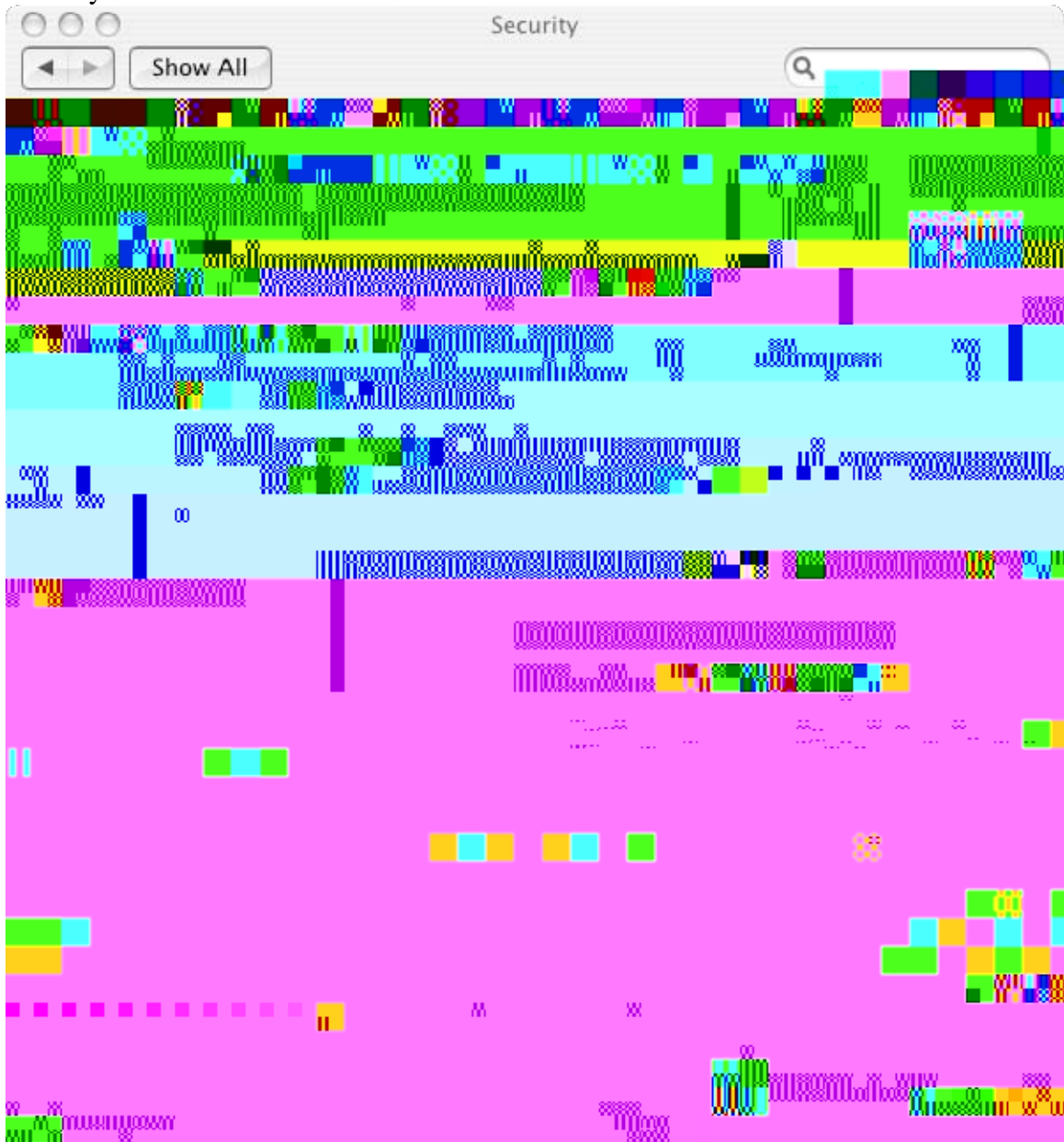
In the System Preferences Window, select the Security Icon under the Personal Options. It is the icon which looks like a house with a combination lock.

System Preferences:

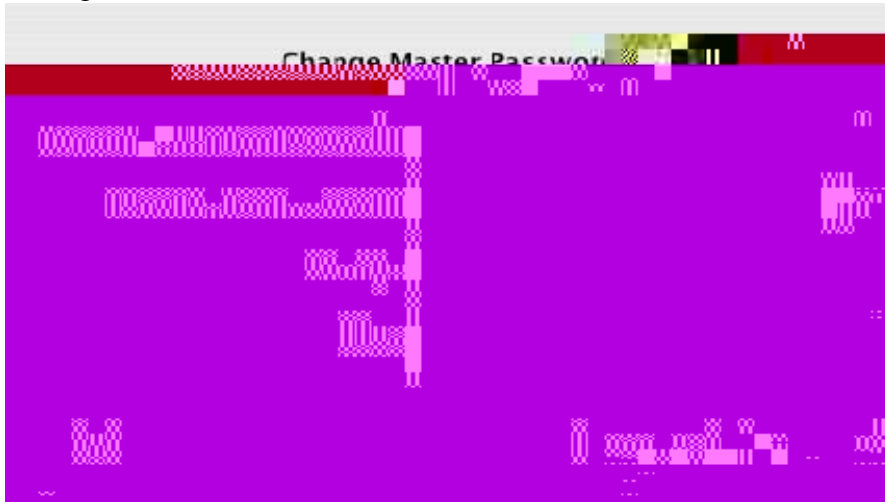


This is the Security Preference Pane. The first thing you should do is set the Master Password.

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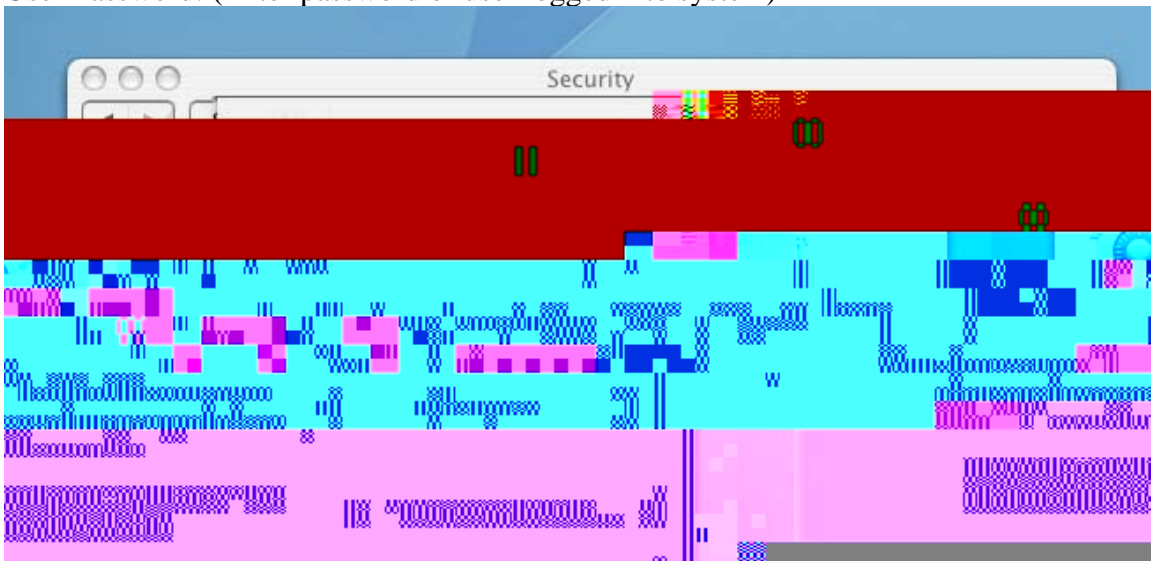


Setting Master Password:



To utilize File Vault for the User, select the “Turn On FileVault” button located below the “Change” button for the Master Password.

User Password: (Enter password of user logged into system)



File Vault Activation:



Steps that happen after Turn on File Vault:

1. User gets logged out.
2. System proceeds to encrypt user's home folder.
3. User is then allowed to log in.

Recent Articles regarding Apple File Vault:

1. <http://www.securityfocus.com/columnists/393>