Right-Click on a Mac

On Windows, the right mouse button opens a menu of extra choices. A Mac has that same menu — Apple just calls it a secondary click. Once you know the finger move, you will use it every day.

Three ways to right-click

1. Tap with two fingers. Tap the trackpad with two fingertips at the same time. This is the easiest way — and it is on by default on most Macs, so it usually just works.
2. Hold Control and click. Hold the Control (Ctrl) key on the keyboard and click the trackpad or mouse normally. This works everywhere — no setup, no settings to change.
3. On a mouse, click the right side. A regular two-button mouse right-clicks like it always has. On Apple's Magic Mouse, click the right half of the mouse — there is no visible button, but it is there.

When to use it

- On a file or photo: rename it, copy it, or move it to the Trash.
- On a link in Safari: open it in a new tab, or save the picture it points to.
- On the desktop: change the background picture or tidy up the icons.

The menu changes depending on what you clicked — that is the whole point. It shows the choices that make sense for that one thing.

If two-finger tap does nothing

Go to the Apple menu → System Settings → Trackpad → Point & Click, and turn on Secondary click. You can also pick which gesture it answers to there — “Click or tap with two fingers” is the friendliest one.

When to call Sean instead

- You want right-click to work like your old Windows computer (a corner of the trackpad, for example) and want it set up for you.

- The menu shows choices you don't understand and you are afraid of picking the wrong one.
- A mouse you plugged in will not right-click at all.

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