

## Initial Setup

Note: The repartitioning instructions below are intended for experienced users. It isn't necessary to repartition your hard drive, but it does provide some advantages. If you are uncomfortable doing this then skip to the System Configuration section.

### Repartitioning the Hard Drive

It is often convenient to set up your computer's hard drive with a system partition and a data partition. If you want to repartition your hard drive it is best to do it when you first receive your computer. Otherwise you must deal with saving and copying your data back to the drive after the partitioning process.

**WARNING:** All data will be lost from the hard drive when you repartition it. If you are setting up a new computer you may repartition the hard drive using the OSX install CD and then run the "Restore" CD for OS X to add the OS X partition back. If you are upgrading an existing computer you should backup your data files before beginning the installation.

1. Boot from the install CD/DVD.
2. Run the Disk Utility.
3. Choose your hard drive in the left hand window and click the "Partition" tab in the right hand window.
4. Choose 2 or 3 partitions as desired from the "Volume Scheme" pull-down menu. Generally two large partitions and one small (1 GB) scratch partition are useful, especially when using Adobe Photoshop which likes its own scratch area..
5. Run the OS X restore CD/DVD.

### System Configuration

After you have partitioned the hard drive and run the Restore or Install CD the system will automatically run the setup assistant.

1. When you first boot you will see a welcome box. Click the "continue" button.
2. Enter the registration information. You may enter C&IS as the owner.
3. In Internet setup choose "I'll use my existing network."
4. Connect using "local area network (LAN)." Click on Yes for "your local area network?"
5. ".mac" - Check "Setup .mac later."
6. Setup mail - Click "Continue" until it says "Thank you" and you are finished.
7. The software update utility runs automatically. Choose to install the updates and check all that are available.
8. Restart the computer.

### **Setting up the Administrative User**

When you install OS X and initially run it you are required to set up an initial user with administrative powers. This is the user who will have the power to configure the system, install programs, set up printers and create other users. Be sure to remember this user and the corresponding password.