

Install Brave Browser with Homebrew



Brave Browser

Part of my [dotfiles strategy](#) is to automate most of initial setup in all of my Linux and Unix environments. Although most attention goes towards dedicated and virtual servers, I do explore options for automating my primary macOS workstation – and that’s where [Homebrew](#) just keeps on helping.

Install Brave browser in macOS

Yes, the easiest is to download package from the official Brave website. There’s an auto-update functionality there too, to be fair. But regular updates can’t be easily automated. That’s why I think **brew install of Brave** is a better solution – plus you can update quite a few software packages all at once at regular intervals if you manage them via brew.

IMPORTANT: you will need to remove the previous Brave browser installation, otherwise brew will give you an error:

```
##### 100.0%  
=> Verifying SHA-256 checksum for Cask 'brave-browser'.  
=> Installing Cask brave-browser  
=> Purging files for version 0.68.138 of Cask brave-browser  
Error: It seems there is already an App at '/Applications/Brave Browser.app'.
```

Remove previous Brave installation before installing with Homebrew

Once that is done, simply run:

```
$ brew cask install brave-browser
```

Here is how it will look, only takes a few seconds:

```
greys@maverick:~ $ brew cask install brave-browser  
Updating Homebrew...  
=> Satisfying dependencies  
=> Downloading https://github.com/brave/brave-browser/releases/download/  
Already downloaded: /Users/greys/Library/Caches/Homebrew/downloads/110e35  
=> Verifying SHA-256 checksum for Cask 'brave-browser'.  
=> Installing Cask brave-browser  
=> Moving App 'Brave Browser.app' to '/Applications/Brave Browser.app'.  
🍺 brave-browser was successfully installed!  
greys@maverick:~ $
```

Install Brave browser via brew cask

That's it! We've got the latest version of **Brave** installed:

About Brave



Brave



Brave is up to date

Version 0.68.138 Chromium: 77.0.3865.75 (Official Build) (64-bit)

Get help with Brave



[Give Brave browser a try](#) – it's fast and privacy friendly, which is a great combination. Think Brave Ads are coming to Europe and Brave Sync is something that's constantly being improved between mobile and desktop devices – I keep coming back to this browser to watch its progress.

See Also

- [Unix Projects: Compile Brave browser in Ubuntu 19.04](#)
 - [Projects: Compiling Brave browser in Linux Mint](#)
 - [Manage settings with dotfiles](#)
 - [Install Docker with Homebrew](#)
 - [Homebrew 2.0.0](#)
 - [Overwrite symlinks with brew](#)
 - [Thanks for your support – Brave Publisher!](#)
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How To: Install Docker for Mac



Docker for Mac

Turns out, plenty of native macOS apps can be installed using the [brew package manager](#). Among them is Docker, so I decided to try how it installs and works.

Docker for Mac

The easiest is, of course, just to use the [native installer provided by Docker maintainers](#): you download the Docker.dmg file, install it and end up with an app called Docker Desktop:

Install Docker with brew

But since I wanted to try more automated install, I used [brew](#):

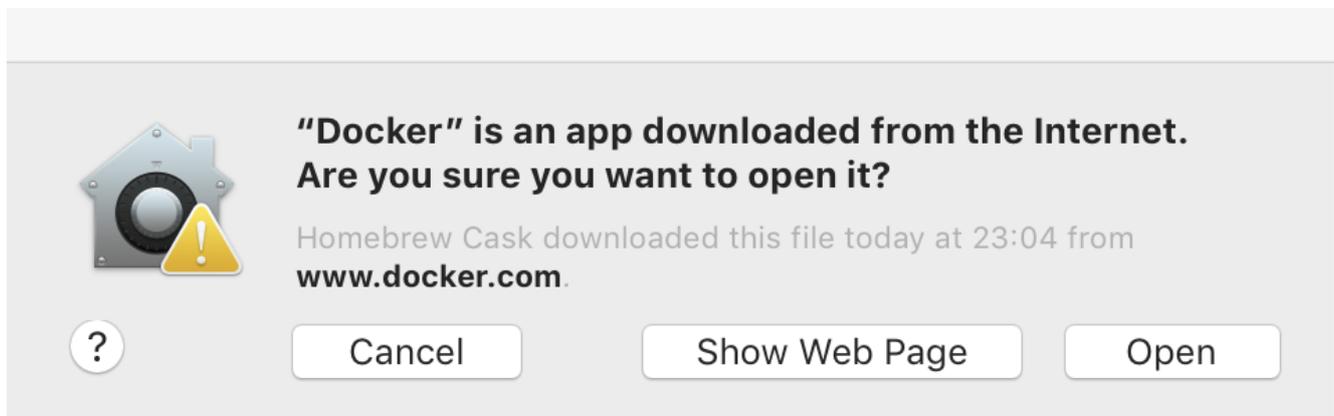
```
greys@maverick:~ $ brew cask install docker
==> Satisfying dependencies
==>
```

Downloading

```
https://download.docker.com/mac/stable/37199/Docker.dmg
Already downloaded:
/Users/greys/Library/Caches/Homebrew/downloads/01aa470f5479ce7
02d59bc8d825681bca704ab964279558efd5a2187b126791c--Docker.dmg
==> Verifying SHA-256 checksum for Cask 'docker'.
==> Installing Cask docker
==> Moving App 'Docker.app' to '/Applications/Docker.app'.
[] docker was successfully installed!
You have mail in /var/mail/greys
```

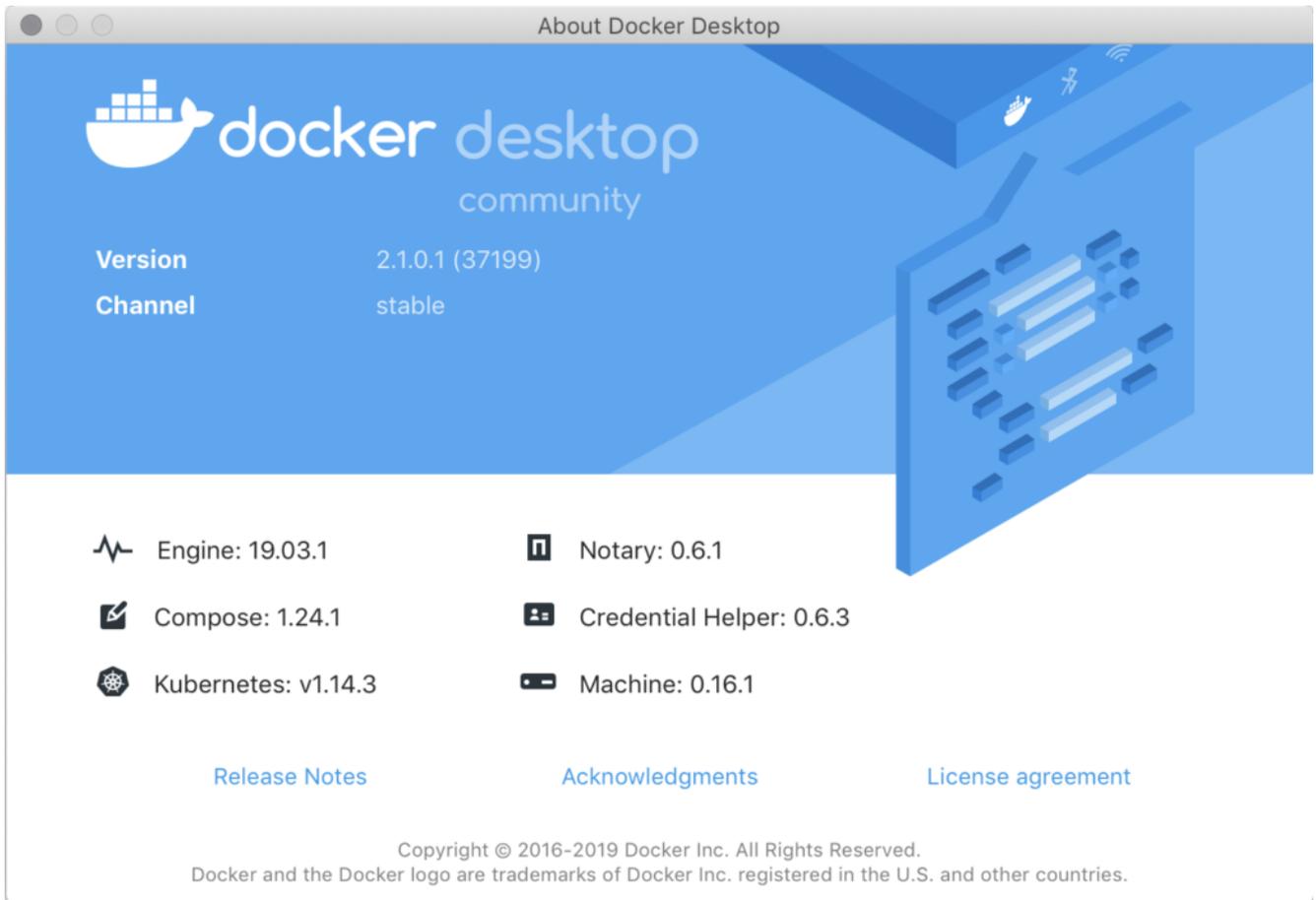
That was it! Overall – great improvement of the steps I would normally take to [install Docker](#).

Upon starting this /Applications/Docker.app for the first time, I got the security prompt:



Docker App Security Prompt

But that's it – after that [Docker](#) worked exactly the same and had the very same versions of all the components:



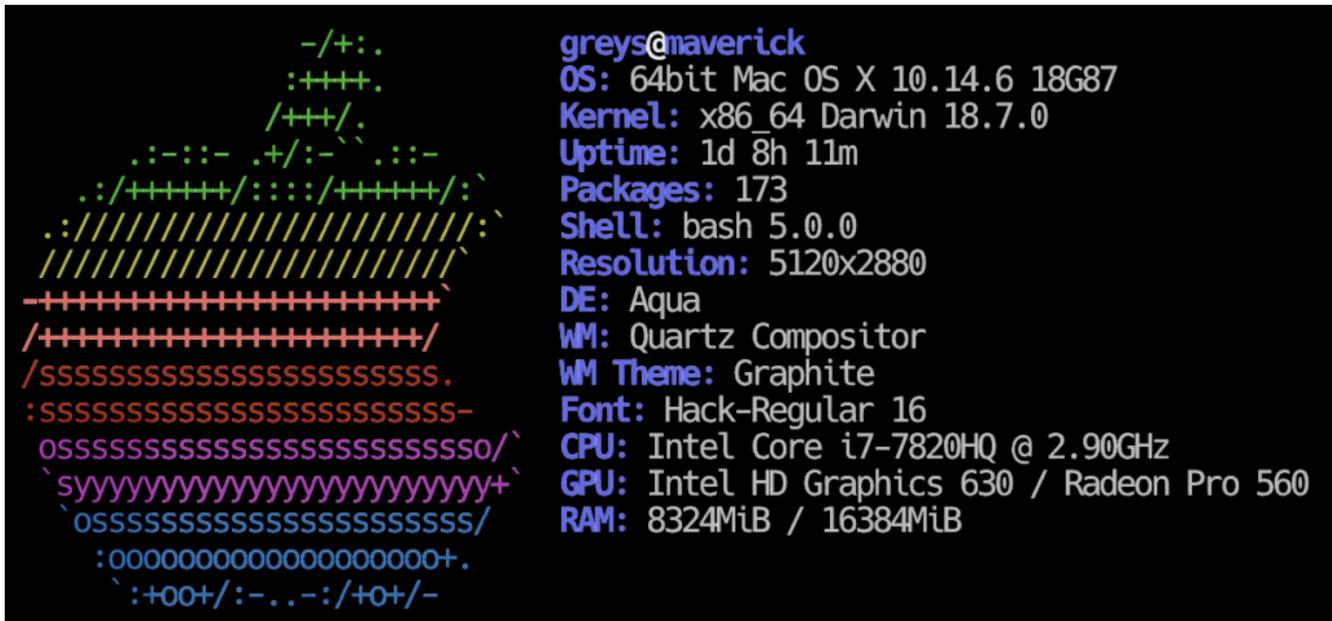
Docker for Mac

Will be trying my most used software installs using brew, it seems a great way to be downloading/installing software in bulk – should be great for new laptop setup (if/when I get it) – I have been upgrading macOS in-place for the past 5 years or so, and think it will be awesome to someday migrate to a brand new clean macOS setup.

See Also

- [Docker](#)
- [Brew Package Manager](#)
- [List Docker Containers](#)
- [Docker Stop All Containers](#)
- [Restart Docker containers](#)

screenFetch in MacOS



screenFetch – MacOS

Just realised that I haven't tried running [screenFetch](#) on my MacBook, should look pretty cool!

Install screenFetch in MacOS

Just use the [Homebrew](#) to install screenFetch:

```
$ brew install screenfetch
```

screenFetch error with readlink in MacOS Mojave

There seems to be some inconsistency there, because I get an error when running **screenfetch** on my MacOS Mojave:

```
greys@maverick:~ $ screenfetch  
readlink: illegal option -- f  
usage: readlink [-n] [file ...]
```

It's weird, because manpage for **readlink** suggests `-f` option exists and specifies format, but command itself doesn't seem to support it:

screenFetch in MacOS Mojave

Anyway, syntax error aside, **screenfetch** on **MacOS** works and looks beautiful:

