


The Basic Macintosh Desktop (also called “the Finder”)

Turn on and “Boot up” your Macintosh.

After the start up sequence is complete you will see on your screen a line of icons and words across the top (the Menu Bar), an  icon in the upper left corner, in upper right corner the icon of the Mac OS, under it in the upper right will be the icon of the disk with the start up System folder in it) and in the lower right corner, a small image of a trash can.

The upper left corner of the screen will look like this:



Under each icon and word is a pull down menu.

On the far left is an icon of the Apple logo. Surprise! Under this logo is the “Apple Menu.”

By clicking your mouse on one of the words or icons in the Menu bar, holding the click and then dragging down you will reveal a pull down menu. For example:



Each pull down menu and icon in the menu bar is the subject of a separate Nitty-Gritty.

The right upper corner may look like this:



The icon of the disk containing the start up System folder will be in the upper right side. The icon of the Finder



will be on the far right of the Menu Bar.

In the lower right corner there will be the icon of a Trash can.



In the lower left corner there will be the tab of the Control Strip:



Each item on the basic desktop is the topic of a separate Nitty-Gritty.