

# Mac utilities to check file sizes

Tools to help you understand which files are taking up the most space on your hard disk. Useful to inform back-up and sync'ing strategies and evaluating options.

## List of Mac utilities to check file sizes

Using a utility from the below list can help you identify large files on your Mac. Using this tool can help you clear off more disk space and help determine how best to focus back-ups. Knowing file sizes can also guide how best to arrange your files for use with sync'ing tools such as [Cornell's Box.com service](http://cornell.box.com), <cornell.box.com>.

Extracted list from <<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/maintaining-mac>>:

Oliver likes this one, which is commercial-quality, but still free:

- OmniDiskSweeper: <http://www.omnigroup.com/products/omnidisksweeper/> (free)

Other options, with notes from Oliver:

- DaisyDisk: <http://www.daisydiskapp.com/> (\$9.95)
- Disk Inventory X: <http://www.derlien.com/> (free) Note date of last refresh: 2005-10-09, as of March 2013. BUT, works great with 10.8 iMac. Shows folder size, too.
- GrandPerspective: <http://grandperspectiv.sourceforge.net/> (free) See <http://grandperspectiv.sourceforge.net/HelpDocumentation/GrandPerspectiveHelp.html>. Required me [reduce 10.8's default security setting](#) in order to launch application (since not signed). Didn't show folder size.
- JDiskReport: <http://jgoodies.com/freeware/jdiskreport/> (free) Downloaded file reported as broken when tried on 10.8 iMac, March 2013.
- WhatSize: <http://id-design.com/software/whatsize/> (\$12.99)

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