

Enhancing the Mac Experience

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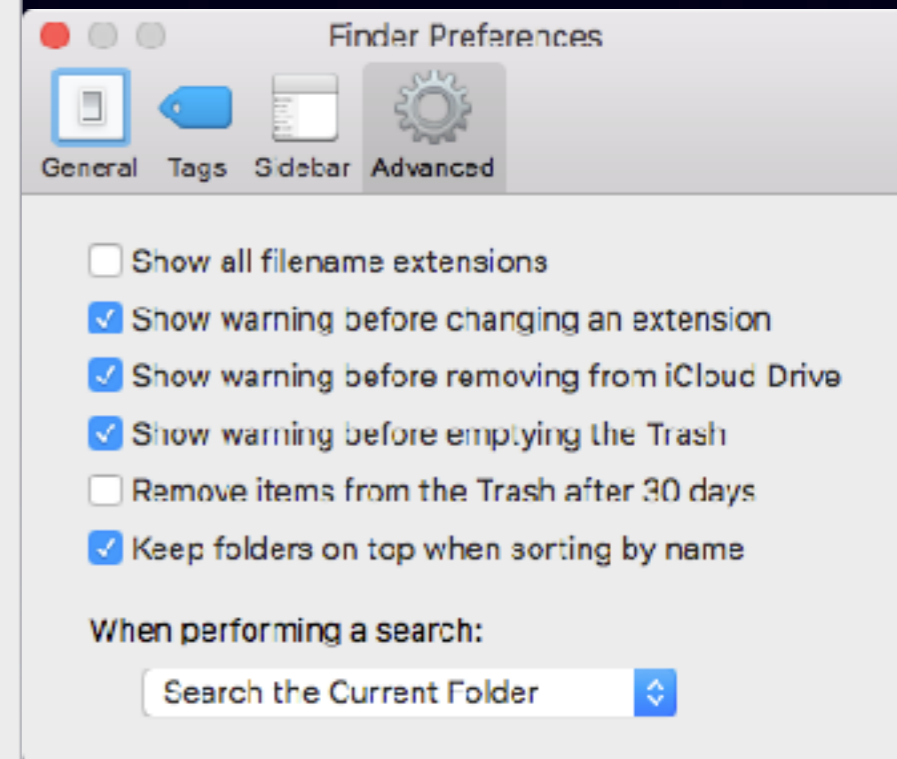
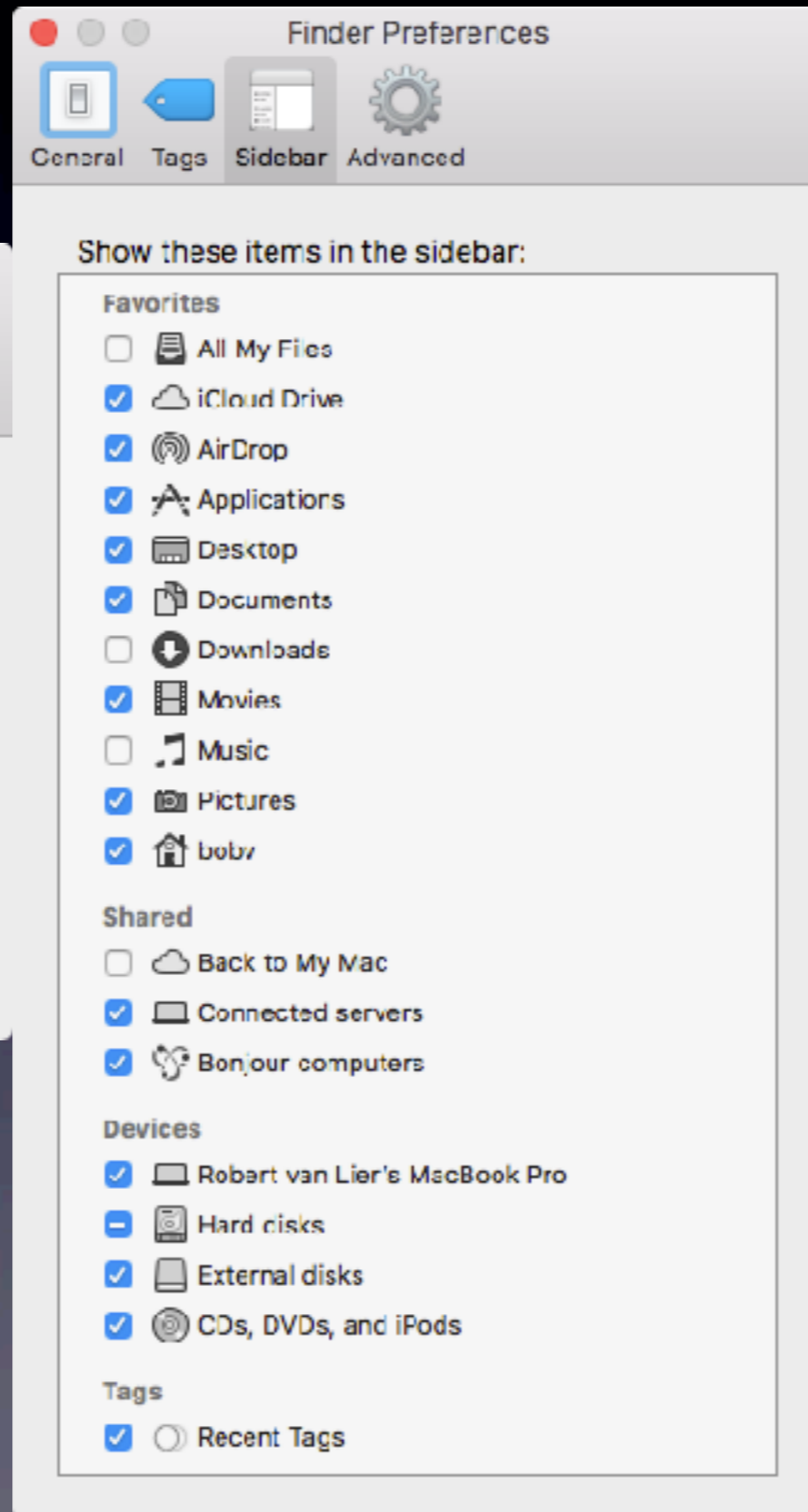
Account Types

- ✓ **Administrator:** Administrator accounts are special accounts that are used for making changes to system settings or managing other people's accounts. They have full access to every setting on the computer. Every computer will have at least one Administrator account, and if you're the owner you should already have a password to this account.
- ✓ **Standard:** Standard accounts are the basic accounts you use for normal everyday tasks. As a Standard user, you can do just about anything you would need to do, such as running software or personalizing your desktop.
- ✓ **Managed with Parental Controls:** Managed accounts are the only ones that can have parental controls. You can create a Managed account for each child, then go to the Parental Controls settings in your System Preferences to set website restrictions, time limits, and more. You can also convert a Standard account into a Managed account by enabling parental controls.
- ✓ **Guest:** The Guest Account is a special account that you can enable for temporary users of your Mac. The Guest Account has no passwords, but also has limited access to the info on your Mac

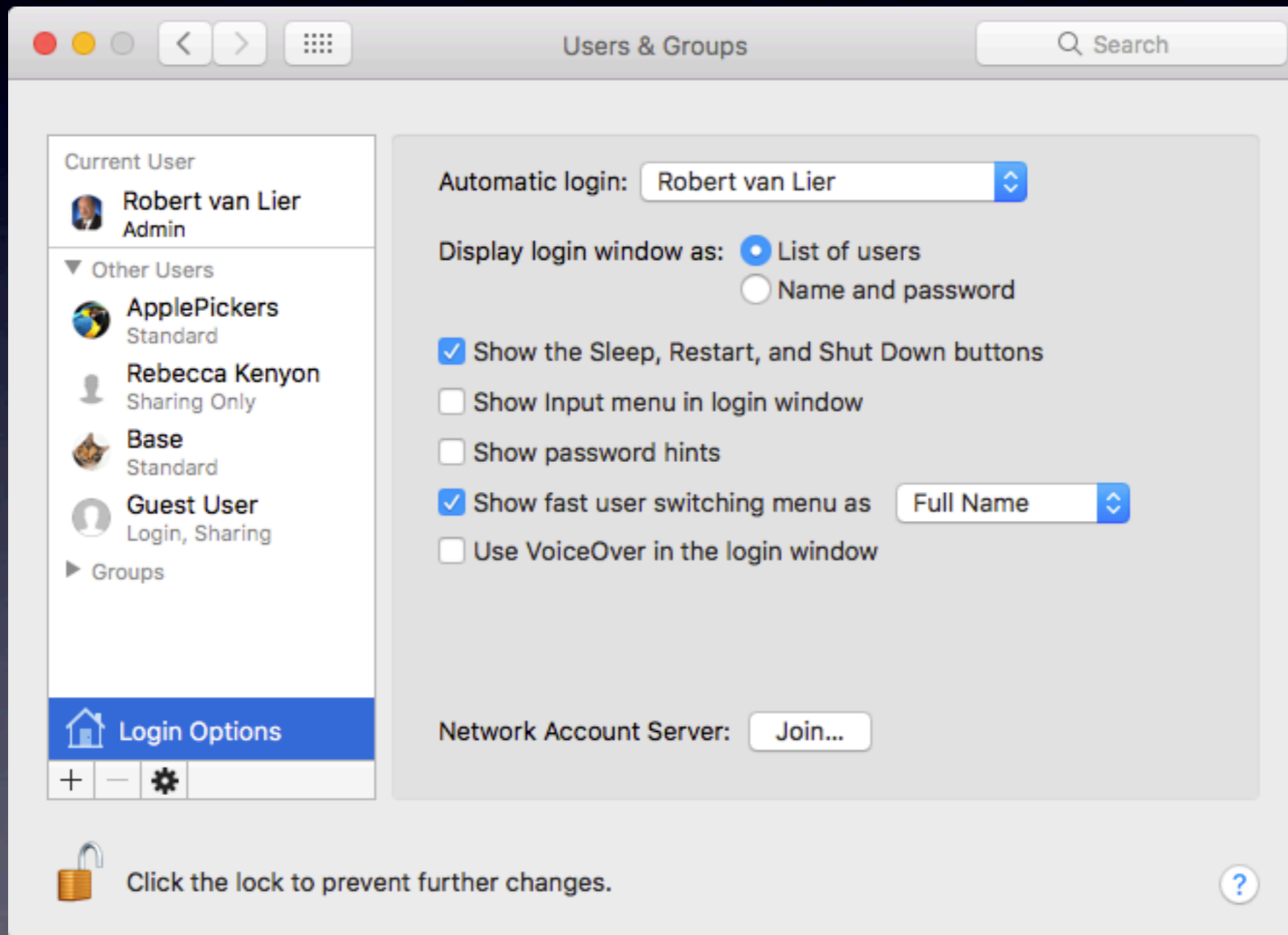
Basics

- ✓ Set Finder preferences
 - Display (or not) Volumes
 - Sidebar
- ✓ Auto Login
- ✓ Applications folder in dock vs LaunchPad vs Spotlight
 - Many Add-ons available for launching apps
 - ◆ Alfred, LaunchBar

Finder

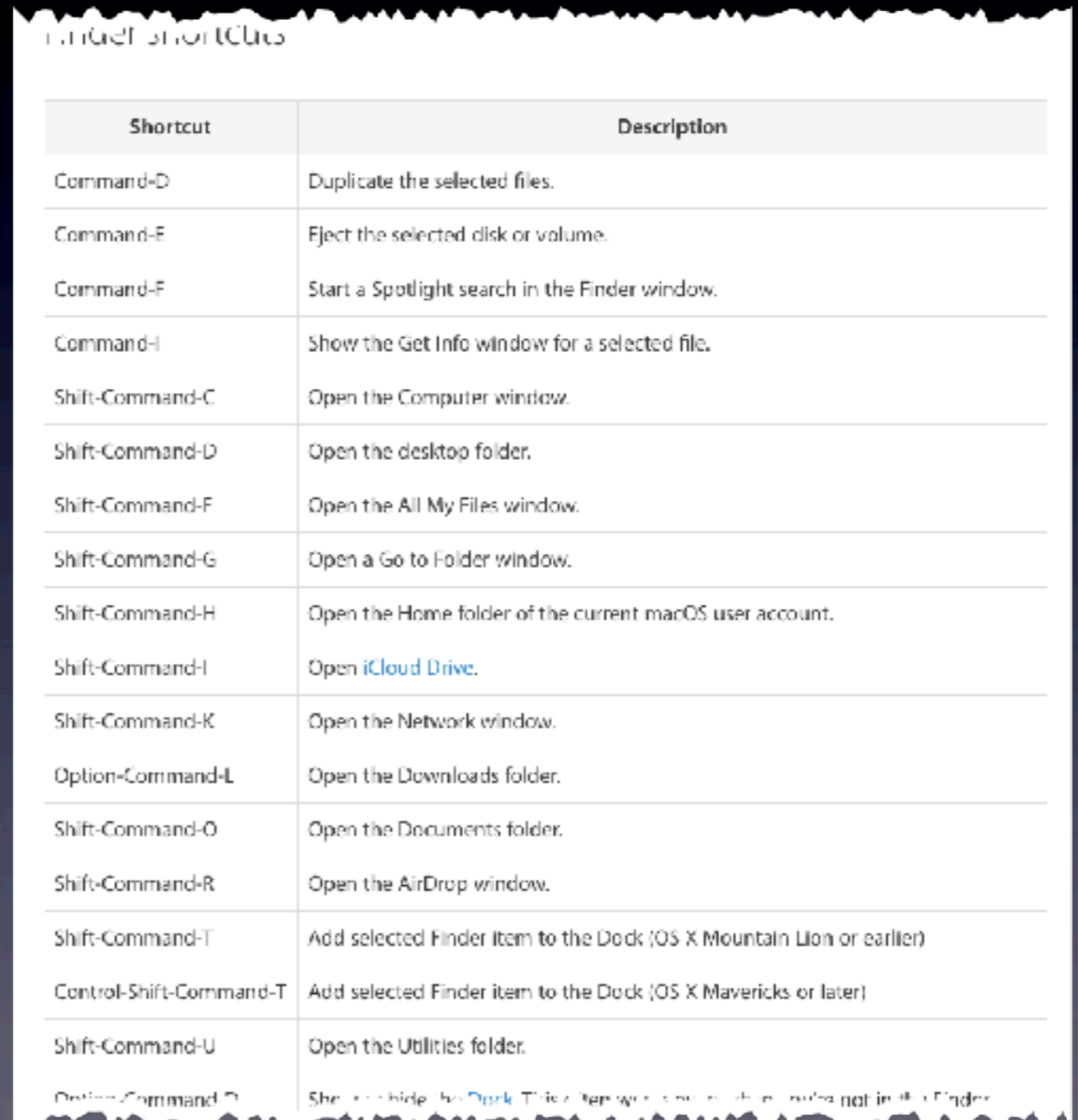


Auto Login



Shortcuts

✓ Apple's List

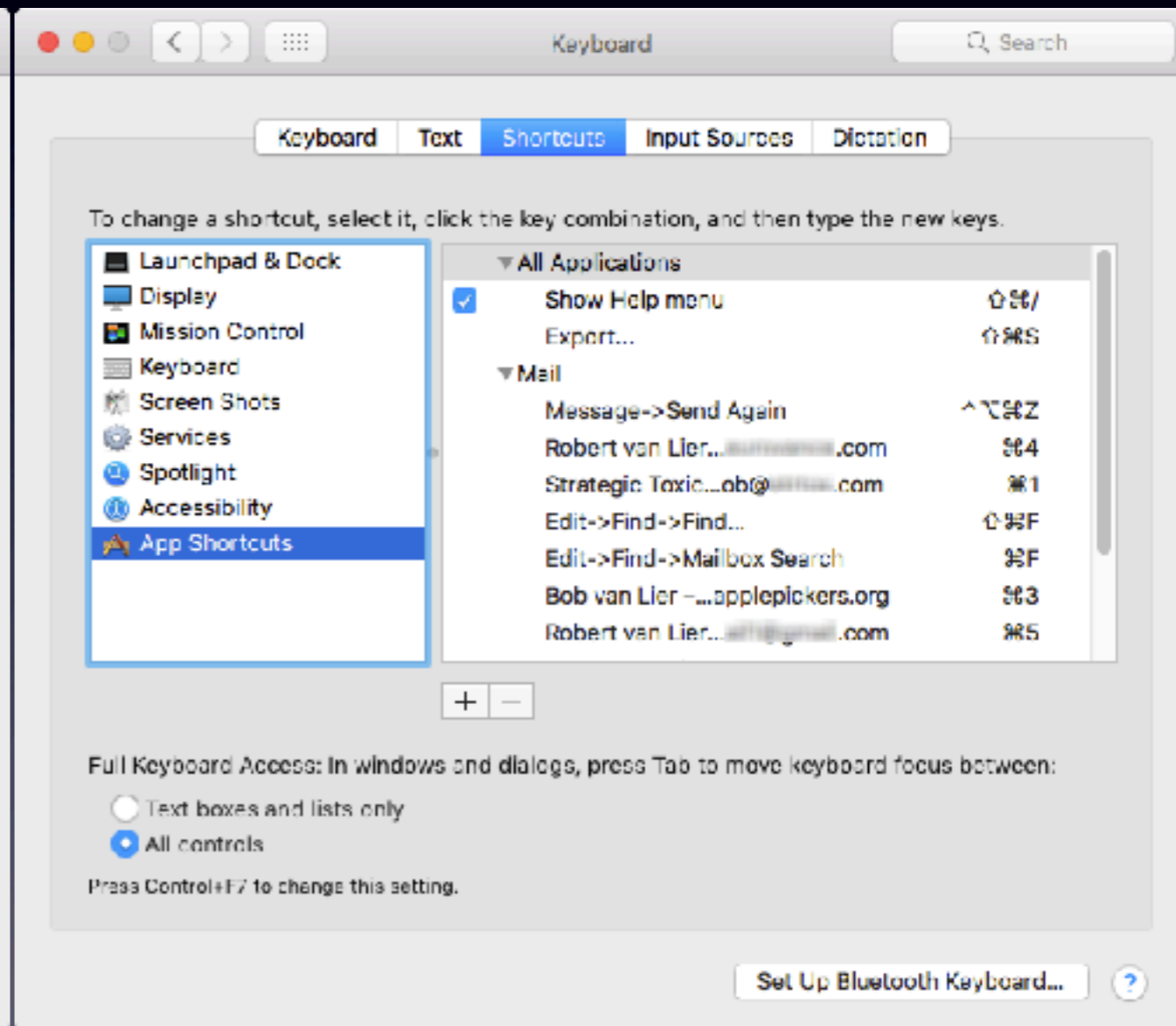
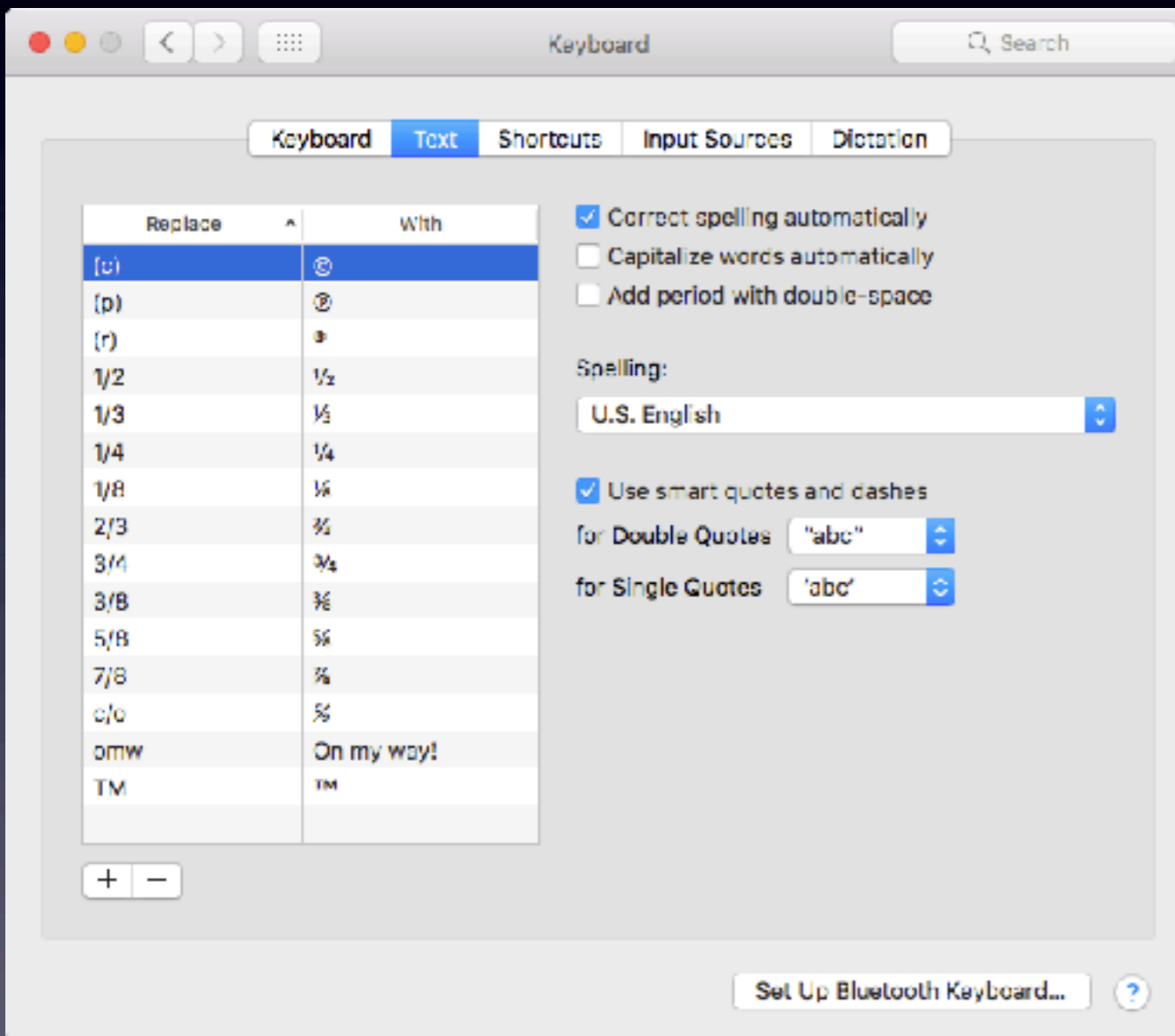
A screenshot of the 'Finder Shortcuts' page from Apple's support website. The page has a white background with a dark blue header. The title 'Finder Shortcuts' is at the top left. Below it is a table with two columns: 'Shortcut' and 'Description'. The table lists 17 shortcuts with their corresponding descriptions. The last row is partially cut off.

Shortcut	Description
Command-D	Duplicate the selected files.
Command-E	Eject the selected disk or volume.
Command-F	Start a Spotlight search in the Finder window.
Command-I	Show the Get Info window for a selected file.
Shift-Command-C	Open the Computer window.
Shift-Command-D	Open the desktop folder.
Shift-Command-F	Open the All My Files window.
Shift-Command-G	Open a Go to Folder window.
Shift-Command-H	Open the Home folder of the current macOS user account.
Shift-Command-I	Open iCloud Drive .
Shift-Command-K	Open the Network window.
Option-Command-L	Open the Downloads folder.
Shift-Command-O	Open the Documents folder.
Shift-Command-R	Open the AirDrop window.
Shift-Command-T	Add selected Finder item to the Dock (OS X Mountain Lion or earlier)
Control-Shift-Command-T	Add selected Finder item to the Dock (OS X Mavericks or later)
Shift-Command-U	Open the Utilities folder.
Option-Command-Q	Show a hint for Disk Utility when you click on it, even if it's not in the Finder.

Keyboard SysPref

Text Substitutions

Shortcuts



- Typinator, TextExpander

Useful Settings

- ✓ Set Dock to auto hide & show
- ✓ Set Mouse to faster tracking
- ✓ Set Mission Control hot corner

Mission Control, Exposé, and Spaces

- ✓ Mission Control lets you look at all the active applications and their windows
- ✓ Exposé is similar to Mission Control, but works on an application-specific level
- ✓ Spaces allows you to manage multiple virtual desktops at once
- ✓ MakeUseOf Article

Set Defaults

✓ Use Terminal Command

✓ Use Utility

- Onyx
- Cocktail
- TinkerTool

✓ Examples

- Change Screenshot characteristics
- Changes to Dock, animation, or Apple Menu

Visual Enhancements

✓ Wallpaper

✓ Fancier icons

- Need to disable SIP in 10.11 or 10.12
- `/System/Library/CoreServices/CoreTypes.bundle/Contents/Resources/`

Advanced Tips

✓ Change Screenshot format

```
defaults write com.apple.screencapture type jpg
```

✓ Encrypt file

```
encrypt (change path): openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -e -in {path-in} -out {path-out}  
decrypt (change path): openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -d -in {path-in} -out {path-out}
```

✓ Change update frequency

```
defaults write com.apple.SoftwareUpdate ScheduleFrequency -int 1
```

✓ Prevent Sleep

```
caffeinate -i -t 3600
```