

macOS tips and tricks

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Get Nuclos running on a Mac: Gatekeeper, signed installers, the Nuclos macOS tools and where the JDK lives.

HOW-TO

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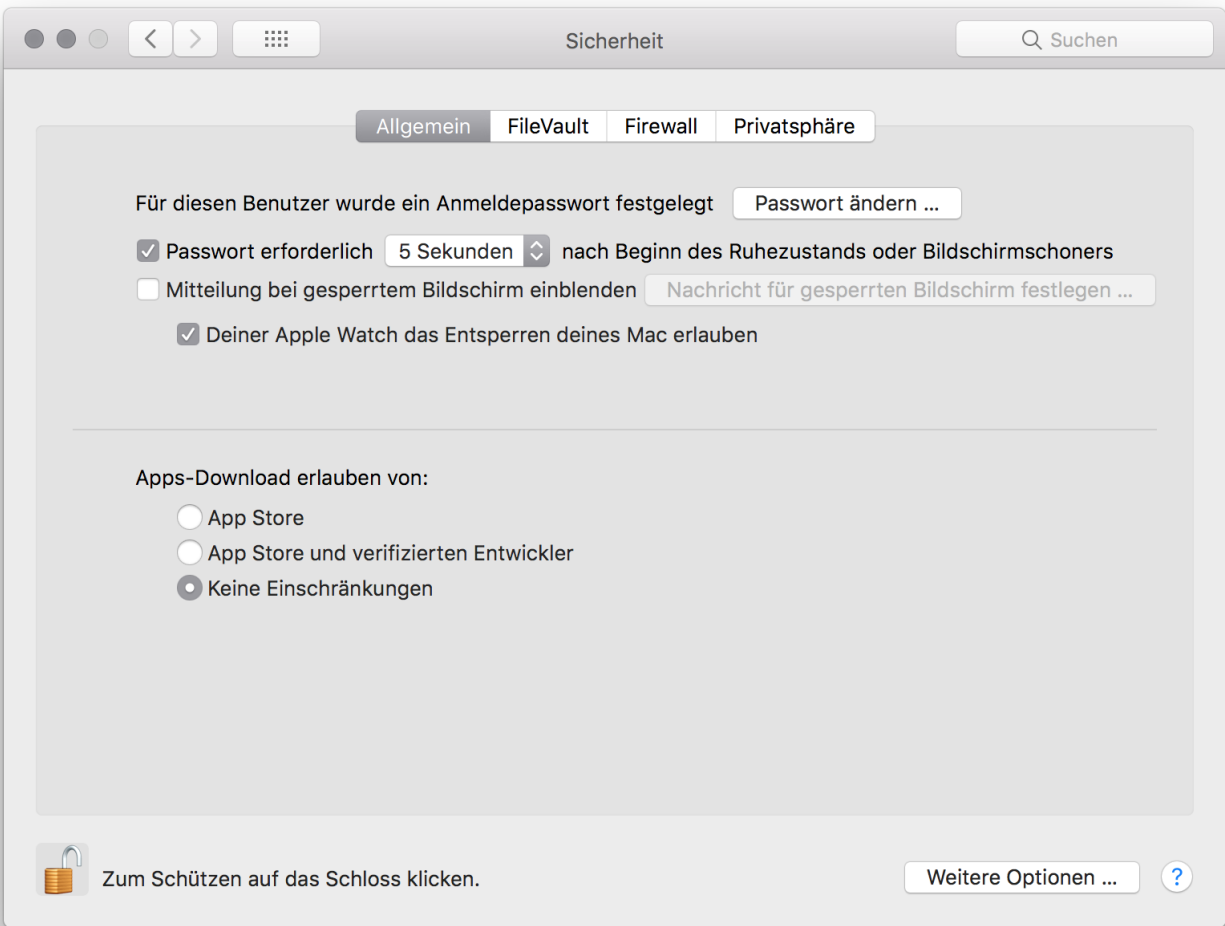
Since macOS Sierra (10.12), stricter security often blocks unsigned apps – sometimes with the misleading message that the app is "damaged". These tips help.

Prefer signed installers

Newer installers are signed (nuclos-X.Y.Z-installer-macOS.app) and run with the "App Store and identified developers" setting. Unsigned ones are named nuclos-X.Y.Z-installer-osx.app.

Temporarily relax Gatekeeper

If the "Anywhere" option is missing, re-enable it via Terminal (admin account):



macOS security settings.

```
sudo spctl --master-disable
```

The setting resets after 30 days; prevent that with:

```
sudo defaults write /Library/Preferences/com.apple.security GKAutoRearm -bool NO
```



Security

These steps lower system security. Use them deliberately and prefer signed installers.

Nuclos macOS tools

Small helpers for a locally installed Nuclos (require an installed JDK):



The Nuclos macOS tools (DMG).

- **Nuclos Installer Starter** – drag a macOS installer onto it to run with admin rights.
- **Nuclos Server Starter** – drop a Nuclos HOME directory to start the server with user rights.
- **Nuclos Desktop Client Starter** – starts the [standalone client \(DE\)](#) (no Web Start).

Where is the JDK?

Usually under `/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines`. In the installer pick e.g. `/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/<jdk>/Contents/Home`.

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Standalone Client (DE)

Client without Web Start.

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