



# How to Project Your Laptop (Mac)

This document contains the steps required for properly setting up a Mac laptop to a projector, as well as other relevant information.

**1.** Make sure that the computer is properly and securely connected to the projector cable.

Most Macs have Digital Video (DVI) outputs. It looks like this:



**If you have a:**

- **MacBook Pro:** Your laptop has a full-size video output. However, to connect with the campus projectors, a video adapter is required. This adapter came with the computer and plugs into the DVI video output on your MacBook with a standard video output.

- **MacBook (Standard):** Your laptop has a Mini-DVI output and requires an adapter (at right). These adapters **do not** ship standard with standard MacBooks. However, the Media Services desk in the library Tech Center (LIB018) has a limited number available for checkout.

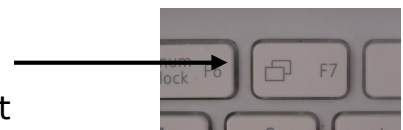


**2.** Once the computer is on, turn on the projector.

*Most MacBooks are smart enough to figure out that a projector is connected to it, especially late-model units. **If nothing displays, go to Step 3A. If the projector is showing a strange version of the normal desktop, go to Step 3B.***

**3A.** Try the Fn-key with the projector key. The projector icon looks like this.

It might not necessarily be on F7 though, and the latest MacBook models do not have this icon on the keyboard.



*You may need to press Fn-F# several times to cycle through available screen configurations. **If nothing happens, call the Help Desk.***

**3B.** The projector may be showing an extension of the main desktop. To disable this, go to **System Preferences -> Displays**. Under the **Arrangement** tab, enable the **Mirror Displays** option if it is not.

Need more help? Call the Help Desk at x8585.