1. Controlling Shutting the Lid on a MacBook

https://apple.stackexchange.com/questions/2389/is-there-any-way-to-set-a-macbook-pro-to-not-sleep-when-you-close-the-lid

Apparently, it isn’t highly recommended to have the Mac stay ON while closing the lid — it seems, from what this answer feed says, that you can overheat the machine if you leave it on while the lid is closed, and that the default setting on a MacBook is to have the machine in fact go to sleep when the lid is closed.

It seems you would have to have a third-party app installed to control the lid-closing to have it continue running an app. I could not find PMSET that was mentioned in at least one of the responses in this website. The author said that PMSET was a small, hidden application native to the iOS, but I couldn’t find it.

2. Adding to or Removing Apps from the Dock


Tells you how to manage the Dock. Look for the rocketship icon in a circle – that represents the App called “Launchpad.” From there, you can locate and drag Apps to the Dock, such as Pages, and the other apps will make room for the one you wish to add. To remove an app from the dock (it won’t erase it from your machine, just the dock) drag an icon about an inch or two north of the dock, wait a couple of seconds, and it should disappear in a poof of smoke!

Understand how the right hand side of the dock line is different from the left. The left has apps, the right side (to the right of the vertical line) has folders, documents, and minimized windows.

3. What is iOS vs MacOS? Also, which devices can be updated to use iOS 11?

https://9to5mac.com/2017/09/12/will-my-device-get-ios-11/

iPads, iPods, and iPhones use iOS as the operating system, while Apple Laptops such as MacBooks, use MacOS operating systems, which are different. So for your Macbook, you would not look for iOS 11, but for your iPhone you would. Earlier laptops used the term OSX instead of MacOS

Mac OS is the computer operating system for Apple Computer’s Macintosh line of personal computers and workstations. A popular feature of its latest version, MacOS, is a desktop interface with some 3-D appearance characteristics.

What is Mac OS? - Definition from WhatIs.com

whatis.techtarget.com/definition/Mac-OS
4. Below are older versions of the OSX operating systems on Macs.

What are the Mac OS versions?

*Note: In 2016, they switched the OS X name to macOS.*

- OS X 10 beta: Kodiak.
- OS X 10.0: Cheetah.
- OS X 10.1: Puma.
- OS X 10.2: Jaguar.
- OS X 10.3 Panther (Pinot)
- OS X 10.4 Tiger (Merlot)
- OS X 10.4.4 Tiger (Intel: Chardonay)
- OS X 10.5 Leopard (Chablis)

More items...

macOS/OS X version code names - iMore

https://www.imore.com/macos-version-code-names

This link provides more code names for versions of OS X between 10.5 and 10.14 (not out yet as of 6/29/2018 as far as I know)

About considering updating your OS for your Macbook — a worthwhile read:


*Newer operating systems are called Mavericks, Yosemite, Sierra, and High Sierra.*

5. Disable System File Sharing

Go to System Preferences in the Dock or from the Apple Logo. Click Sharing. Uncheck anything you do not wish to share.

6. Security Issues and Virus Protection with Macs

Sophos has traditionally been a program used by Macs for those concerned with security, malware, viruses, and so forth. Visit https://home.sophos.com/download-mac-anti-virus to learn more. You can use the free home version, or the home premium version for $50 per year.

Also, https://www.apple.com/mac/os/security/ explains how Apple products use secure features such as sandboxing technology to contain downloaded items, preventing things like malware from spreading throughout a computer system. Sandboxing technology is also part of browsers such as Microsoft Edge.