Securely erase data from storage devices in Mac OS X

Step one
Select the files and/or folders you wish to delete from the storage device and drag into Trash located on the dock (the bar of icons that sits at the bottom or side of your screen) as illustrated below.

Step two
Click on Finder on the dock as illustrated below.

Step three
Click on the ‘Finder’ menu (at the top of your screen) and ‘Secure Empty Trash’.

Step four
Click ‘Secure Empty Trash’ to confirm you wish to erase all Trash data or ‘Cancel’ if you wish to cancel.

You are done!
A window will appear whilst data is being erased showing the progress. Upon completion this window will disappear.

Doesn’t work?
Help is available! Contact IT Service Desk.

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NOTE: All data stored in the Trash at the time will be securely erased. This may include files and folders you have placed in the trash which do not come from the storage device.