



Rmug News

February 2010

This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning
Feb. 13, 2010 9-11:30 a.m.

All Mac users, new & old are invited to attend the next RMUG general meeting at:

Yaks Koffee Shop
3274 Bechelli Lane
Redding, CA

Coffee and various eats are available during our "Get Acquainted" time, 9am to 10am. There are classes for "Beginners" and "Intermediate"

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President's Letter

This month RMUG will have an exceptional item in our Raffle. The kind and generous folks at Real Software <http://www.realsoftware.com> have donated a copy of Real BASIC. After I arraigned with Dana at Real Software to get this wonderful program for our monthly raffle, I sent an email to the rest of the RMUG Board as I was exceptionally proud of getting this great product and I was sure everyone on the planet knew what BASIC was until I got the emails asking me what is BASIC? Oh well I guess I live in a different universe and to keep the suspense to a minimum, BASIC is the programming language most kids who learn to program a computer language start with. Once you know BASIC programming it is easy to move on to FORTRAN, FORTH, C++, or Pascal. Last year at MacWorld I bought Real BASIC and have found it fun and easy to use even though I had not done any programming in 20 years. I hope there is a budding programmer or two in our group who want to learn this easy to use language. Who knows we may have to form a two person SIG so we can share tips and tricks? If there is any interest in BASIC I will consider adding it to the curriculum for the Advanced Mac Class at Frontier Senior Center. Let me know if any of you would be interested in a class on computer program authoring?

The due date for RMUG News is at odds with this months announcements from Apple Computer. Therefore here is my best guess as to what Apple will be announcing:
Apple is stepping into the E-Book reader market with a 10-inch wide by 6-¼ inch tall Kindle killer. Since we don't know what Apple will call it I will use KK as our code name. The KK will support a complete Mac-OS-X Snow Leopard and have a built in iPhone as well as the newest AirPort technology to keep you connected to the rest of the world. There will be a touch screen keyboard as well as a voice interface. Yep you can talk to this bad boy and it is even easier to setup than the Speech Recognition on Apple's current models. For connectivity there will be a single backwards compatible USB 3.0 interface that will support external monitors, printers, keyboards, thumb drives, external HDs and of course iPhones & iPods. Down the road the KK may be able to support commands from our eyes in a heads up holographic interface.

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RMUG Information

Why RMUG? The Redding Macintosh Users' Group was formed to help members and new users obtain maximum enjoyment and performance from their computers. This is accomplished through group activities and our direct affiliation with Apple™.

Resources: RMUG resources include monthly mailings from Apple™ and numerous outside vendors. We have a library of public domain programs, games and shareware software. We have videos and other computer-related guidebooks and information.

Meetings: RMUG meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:30 am – contact any club officer for meeting location. The meetings give members and visitors an opportunity to share information, opinions, personal experiences and techniques regarding Macintosh computer systems—hardware & software.

Membership Information: We invite you, as a guest, to attend our next monthly meeting. If you decide to join RMUG, your membership fee includes your whole family. We need your help as much as you need ours! Please participate!

Welcome To Our Meetings: Call the President, Dale Josephson at 241-8227 or contact other RMUG officers for help. Go to <http://rmug.org/membership.html> for numbers.

Membership Dues: \$24 / year. Includes newsletters, access to shareware, monthly workshops, troubleshooting help. Payment of dues can be made at the monthly meetings or send them to: *Charlotte Ruskowitz, 6538 Mossom Ln., Anderson CA 96007* . Please make check payable to: Redding Macintosh Users' Group.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED

Beam me up Scotty there is intelligent life down here.

Apple's second big announcement is iTunes on steroids. It is my guess we will soon be able to purchase a subscription based Movie, TV, Newspaper, Magazine, Radio, feed for our iTunes and it will expand to the 5 computers we are presently allowed to have on our iTunes accounts. The 2nd half of the streaming media announcement will likely focus on an upgrade to the venerable Apple TV and it's abilities to display all the content from the new subscription service. In plain talk I believe this will be a Cable or Satellite alternative to block programming. With the new iTunes subscription service in place we will be able to call our Cable or Satellite companies and cut back to the minimum programming as we will have what consumers have wanted for years: Ala Carte programming where we don't have to buy a block of channels just to get the one or two we wanted. Since this service is tied to your iTunes you will be able to travel with your laptop or KK and enjoy streaming media any place that has broadband. Another advantage to this new streaming media will be for people like me who live where DSL goes but Cable TV is years away from getting here. I will be able to see a large portion of the programming that historically came from Satellite or Cable TV.

Remember my two predictions are just that and my friend Spuds Mac is unreachable so I have no inside information. Knowing Apple I will be ½ on and ½ off. We will have to wait until the official announcements to be sure and maybe everyone can see how far off I am and of course tell me so at February's RMUG meeting.

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IPAD UNVEILED

I imagine most Mac Users have already heard the latest creation from Apple. If not, here is the story.

SAN FRANCISCO – Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the company's much-anticipated iPad tablet computer Wednesday, calling it a new third category of mobile device that is neither smart phone nor laptop, but something in between.

The iPad will start at \$499, a price tag far below the \$1,000 that some analysts were expecting. But Apple must still persuade recession-weary consumers who already have other devices to open their wallets yet again. Apple plans to begin selling the iPad in two months.

Jobs said the device would be useful for reading books, playing games or watching video, describing it as "so much more intimate than a laptop and so much more capable than a smart phone."

The half-inch-thick iPad is larger than the company's popular iPhone but similar in design. It weighs 1.5 pounds and has a touch screen that is 9.7 inches diagonally. It comes with 16, 32 or 64 gigabytes of flash memory storage, and has Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity built in.

Jobs said the device has a battery that lasts 10 hours and can sit for a month on standby without needing a charge.

Raven Zachary, a contributing analyst with a mobile research agency called The 451 Group, considered the iPad a laptop replacement, especially because Apple is also selling a dock with a built-in keyboard.

But Forrester Research analyst James McQuivey said he does not believe the iPad offered enough additional features for consumers to justify buying yet another gadget, or to call it a new category of device.

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In an e-mail, he criticized its lack of social features, such as ways to share photos and home video and recommend books.

Sitting on stage in a cozy leather chair, Jobs demonstrated how the iPad is used for surfing the Web with Apple's Safari browser. The CEO typed an e-mail using an on-screen keyboard and flipped through photo albums by flicking his finger across the screen. He also showed off a new electronic book store and a book-reading interface that emulates the look of a paper book. That puts the iPad in competition with Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle and e-book store.

Tim Bjarin of Creative Strategies Inc. called the iPad a great multipurpose mobile device — and the first tablet with a chance of success with consumers.

But Bjarin said Jobs' presentation only touched the tip of what the iPad could do for newspapers, magazines and book publishers, three industries struggling in the transition to the digital age.

A new newspaper reader program from The New York Times and a game from Electronic Arts Inc. were demonstrated during the event. The iBookstore launched with titles from Penguin, Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins, Hachette Book Group and Macmillan, and will open up to other publishing houses.

Carolyn Reidy, chief executive of Simon & Schuster, called the iPad a "terrific device" that gives readers the ability to adjust the typeface and turn pages by touching a finger to the screen, as opposed to pushing a button, as the Kindle requires.

Applause rang out as Jobs stepped onto the stage to introduce the iPad to hundreds of analysts, bloggers and other guests at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco.

Accompanied at times by executives from

Apple and other companies, Jobs played showman throughout the hour-and-a-half presentation, slowly revealing details about the iPad. When he announced the price — lower than what had been speculated — it was accompanied by the sound of glass shattering.

Like iPods and the iPhone, the iPad can sync with Apple's Macintosh and Microsoft's Windows computers. Jobs said the iPad will also be better for playing games and watching video than either a laptop or the small screen of a smart phone. Unlike a laptop, the iPad has an accelerometer, so gamers can tilt the device to control what's happening on the screen. And the iPad is lighter and easier to hold for long periods of time while watching a movie or TV show.

Its large screen makes it much easier to touch type than on a smart phone, and it is extremely responsive to finger swipes and taps for easy scrolling through Facebook, photo albums and news articles.

The iPad comes with software that includes a calendar, maps, and video and music players. All seem to have been slightly redesigned to take advantage of the iPad's bigger screen.

Still, tablet computers have existed for a decade with little success. Jobs acknowledged Apple will have to work to convince consumers who already have smart phones and laptops that they need the iPad.

"In order to really create a new category of devices, those devices are going to have to be far better at doing some key tasks," Jobs said. "We think we've got the goods. We think we've done it."

Applications designed for the iPhone can run on the iPad. Apple is also releasing updated tools for software developers to help them build iPhone and iPad programs.

"We think it's going to be a whole 'nother gold rush for developers as they build applications for the iPad," said Scott Forstall, an iPhone software

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executive.

The basic iPad models will cost \$499, \$599 and \$699, depending on the storage size, when it comes out worldwide in March. Apple Inc. will also sell a version with data plans from AT&T Inc. in the U.S.: \$14.99 per month for 250 megabytes of data, or \$29.99 for unlimited usage. Neither will require a long-term service contract. The iPad models that can connect to AT&T's wireless network will cost more — \$629, \$729 and \$829, depending on the amount of memory — and will be out in April. International cellular data details have not yet been announced.

Shares of Apple rose \$2.04, or 1 percent, to close Wednesday at \$207.98. The Cupertino, Calif.-based company's shares have more than doubled over the past year, partly on anticipation of the tablet computer. Shares in Amazon rose \$3.27, or 2.7 percent, to \$122.75.

Jobs, 54, a pancreatic cancer survivor who got a liver transplant last year, looked thin as he introduced the highly anticipated gadget, though he seemed to have more energy than at Apple's last event in September. Apple had kept its latest creation tightly under wraps until Wednesday's unveiling, though many analysts had correctly speculated that it would be a one-piece tablet computer with a big touch screen. If you'd like learn more, and to see this iPad in action, go to www.apple.com/ipad/ipad-video/#small

By JESSICA MINTZ and RACHEL METZ, AP Technology Writers – Thu Jan 28, 2010. AP National Writer Hillel Italie in New York contributed to this report.

APPLE MAIL

Every Mac comes with Apple's very own killer email client.

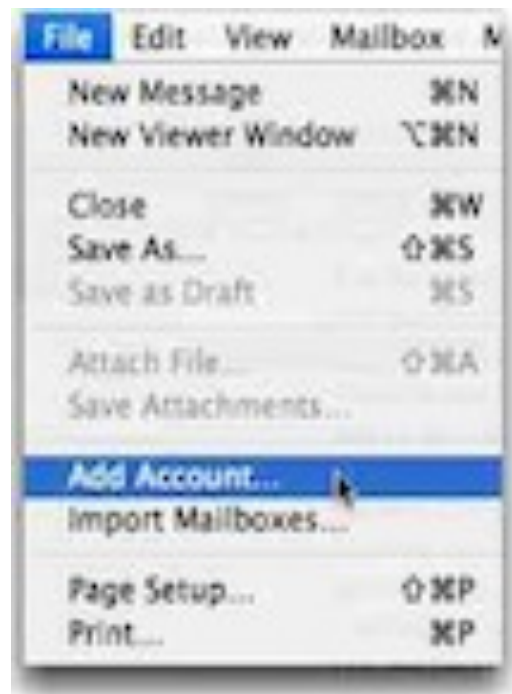
It's called Mail, and in our opinion, it's one of the greatest applications ever.

Thanks to Mail, you don't have to check each of your separate email accounts online anymore.

Just pop them all into Apple's Mail and you can read all of your messages in one simple application.



From the File menu, select Add Account:



Select your email account type from the Account Type menu. Generally speaking, most email accounts are POP accounts. Enter your full name and email address.

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Click Continue.

Enter your incoming mail server (also known as the POP server), user name, and password.

In some cases, your user name might be your full email address.

If you don't have this information, contact your service provider.

Click Continue.

Mail will now try to log into the POP server you provided.

If the test fails, click continue anyway. (Mail's test doesn't always work -- even if you've provided the correct information.)

Click Continue.

Type in your Outgoing Mail Server (also known as a SMTP server).

If your outgoing mail server requires authentication check the User Authentication checkbox and enter your user name and password.

Click Continue.

If your outgoing mail server requires SSL Check that box and select your authentication.

Click Continue

Make sure the information you have entered is correct.

Click Continue.

That's it! You've added a new email account to Mail.
To add another email account, click Create Another Account.

To finish the process, click Done.

For the complete article along with picture descriptions (screenshots that actually follow the instructions), go to OSX Tutorials at <http://osxtutorials.blogspot.com/2008/10/every-mac-comes-with-apples-very-own.html>

from Apple
Submitted by Barbara

BRUSH UP ON TYPING SKILLS

Have you ever wished that you had a way to practice typing so that you could become a more efficient and capable keyboard jockey? Typing at the "speed of thought," perhaps? Enter Keybr.com — the flash-based typing instructor you've been waiting for!

Keybr.com is very straightforward. You can choose from three basic lessons that start with a certain number of keys on the keyboard, and then, as you progress through the lessons, more keys are introduced to the mix to make things a little tougher. As an added bonus, our software keeps track of all your mistakes and your words-per-minute (wpm) — and even creates graphs of your day-by-day performance.

But, things get even better! Once you have determined that the lessons you have completed have reached their maximum result, get ready to play with custom mode, where you can edit and personalize the text that you wish to practice! Very bare-bones, but oh, so functional.

Finally, to up the entertainment level of your typing lessons, you can import content from a web site or blog into Keybr.com to type it out. But why even bother to learn touch typing? The answer is simple — it is healthier for you, faster and more accurate. Blogging, writing long documents and e-mails, instant messaging with your friends, and even coding sophisticated computer programs will become much easier

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distraction of hunt-and-peck typing.

If you are curious about how touch typing appears to onlookers, please watch a couple of short YouTube videos demonstrating really high typing speed. NOTE: You can view the videos, along with this article at <http://keybr.com>.

Looks fascinating, doesn't it? But how long would it take for you to develop the same typing speed you saw on those videos? It would probably take you weeks to polish your skills up to that level, but really decent speed can be achieved in a matter of hours with daily training. We promise that we can teach you to type at a speed of above 50 words per minute in less than ten hours with our course. And who wouldn't benefit from that?

How does Keybr.com work?

Unlike much of the teaching typing software available out there, Keybr.com does not force you to type random characters over and over again; that is simply boring and contributes very little to your learning. Instead, Keybr.com generates readable random words using the phonetic rules of your native language. These words look almost natural, and often they really are. Typing sensible text is much easier than random letters, and it helps you to remember frequent key combinations. For example, it's almost impossible for the letter 'W' to follow the 'Z' in English, and you will never type this combination in Keybr.com. Instead, you will type more common words, such as "the," "that," "with," and so on. Keybr.com lets you introduce as few keys as possible to the lesson, adding more keys later when you feel that you are competent and fast enough on the current level. So, if you start with the keys from the Caps Lock row, then add keys from the Tab row, and then from the Shift row, you will eventually end up typing real text with capital letters and punctuation. Keybr.com is a web-based software that runs directly in your browser. You don't have to download or install anything! The most recent

and up-to-date version is always with you. You can use it from any computer connected to the Internet, and your typing statistics are kept on the web site and available on-demand.

Thank you,
The Keybr.com Team

Submitted by Barbara

MAKE DESKTOP WIDGETS OUT OF ANY WEB SITE

For the average person, there are a handful of sites that you visit every day. You check the news, your e-mail and maybe a few blogs. Perhaps you refer to an online calendar. What if you didn't have to open a browser to access them? It would be great if you could just take pieces of your favorite web sites and put them on your desktop. Wouldn't it? Consider things like that auction you've got your eye on, your web mail's inbox, or even that search box you're always using. **Snippage** (snippage.gabocorp.com/) lets you do just that. By creating new snips, you can populate your desktop with information from any number of different websites. you can even set them to reload automatically at set intervals. However, that would take up a lot of space. Actually, you only need portions of those sites. It would be handy if you could cut out those portions. Those would fit on your desktop. **Snippage** does just that. It's actually a small Adobe Air browser. If you haven't already, you might need to install Adobe Integrated Runtime (AIR). Get AIR for Windows or Macintosh at the snippage web site. Use it to navigate to the site you want. Then drag and resize the **Snippage** box over what you want. Push the Shrink button and position it on your desktop.

Cut out a "top stories of the day" list from a news site. Grab your Webmail inbox. Or just stick the Google search bar on your desktop. All remain fully functional. You decide how often these widgets refresh. Links will open in a new browser window.

Desktop Widget Cont'd

The current version is 1.0R12 beta for AIR 1.0. It's free, and works on Windows XP, Vista and 7, Mac OS X

DEALING WITH MAC UNEXPECTED SLOWDOWNS

A friend recently sent me an email, questioning why his MacBook Pro with 4GB of RAM was “getting slower and slower, with an increasing frequency of the appearance of the SRWOD (spinnny rainbow wheel of death).” This is something I occasionally hear about, but haven't experienced (except for Safari randomly bogging down for several seconds). Unfortunately, mysterious computer slowdowns can be difficult to diagnose. Overstuffed system cache, old temp files, corrupted preferences, a hard drive in the early stages of failure, and faulty RAM are always candidates for causing this problem. Here are some suggestions to resolve system slowdowns.

Also, please make sure you have a solid backup of your Macs important data before proceeding. I'll say it again: make sure your Mac is backed up properly before proceeding.

1. Any Mac will slow down when its hard drive is almost full, regardless of processor speed. Simply moving some of your data (especially media files like movies, video podcasts, etc) to an external drive can greatly improve a Mac's responsiveness.

Read how to reclaim hard drive space in an old Kibbles article by clicking [here](#).

2. Clear your Mac's desktop. The OS has to draw each of those icons as separate windows, so when you have dozens of files littered on the desktop the system is taxed. Clearing the Macs desktop is proven to improve system performance.

3. Make sure your computer is up to date with all the latest software and firmware updates

from Apple. This can go a long way to improving system performance. To check this, click the Apple in the top left corner of the screen and select “Software Update...”

4. Simply running a free maintenance program can often help bring a sluggish and flakey machine back to speed. These programs force the Mac's regular Unix maintenance scripts; normally these run daily, weekly, and monthly early in the morning. Click [here](#) for further reading on this.

I use a program called Onyx (free) to run these scripts. You can get it for Tiger (10.4) and Leopard (10.5) as well as Snow Leopard. It's effective and easy to use. It starts by checking the S.M.A.R.T. status of your hard drive, so you can determine if the drive is failing. This step takes several minutes. After that Onyx can flush system cache, etc.

One catch about Onyx is that it has several options that most people shouldn't use, such as the option for erasing bookmarks and internet browsing history. I do like and recommend Onyx, though—get it from Apple's site by clicking [here](#) (version for 10.6). For 10.5 and older, click [here](#) to find your version on VersionTracker.

You can also download a simpler program called MacJanitor that will only run the maintenance scripts by clicking [here](#). When a tech diagnoses your Mac, he or she runs a battery of programs that are similar to Onyx. This takes several hours. However, Onyx does a great job for occasional repairs and maintenance.

5. Check the health of your hard drive. I depend on Onyx to verify the S.M.A.R.T. status of my Mac's hard drive. Immediately back up your computer if you think there's a real issue with the drive. Then consider using a dedicated drive diagnostic/repair tool such as Disk Warrior. If the drive is having issues and you're going to replace it, consider using a 7200RPM model. A faster hard drive will result in a (slightly) faster Mac.

6. Check the health of your Mac's RAM. There

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are several ways to test the health of your Mac's RAM. I use Rember, which is a free program that is a front-end GUI to a basic Unix 'memtest' command. You can read more about testing RAM by clicking here.

7. Deal with mutant applications. Ok, so maybe the word "mutant" is unfair. However, it's always a good idea to delete applications that you don't use. I use AppCleaner to do this.

Also, many apps install helper programs that run by default whenever you startup your Mac. This typically happens in the background, without the user having to confirm anything. Often these aren't needed and can hog system resources without having anything to show for it. To disable startup items you don't use, navigate to System Preferences > Accounts > Login items and un-check the list.

Finally, any active, running application uses system resources including CPU cycles, RAM and disk activity, even when it is in the background and you're not using it. Some programs leak memory when they are running, which makes them gobble RAM over time.

8. Use Activity Monitor and iStat Pro to analyze which system processes and applications are hogging system resources. You can download the iStat Pro widget by clicking here. Activity Monitor is found in the Utilities Folder which is nested in the Applications folder in OS X.

9. If you have an Intel Mac, use Xslimmer to trim away the legacy PowerPC code from Universal binary applications. Read more by clicking here.

10. Programs that automatically perform syncing, indexing, and backup operations on your Mac can occasionally slow it down. They can sometimes cause minor drags that slow the system for a couple of seconds at a time. If none of these helps, the problem will likely

be more time-consuming to resolve. At Small Dog, our techs run a battery of tests with several software and hardware tools to seek out and fix strange system slowdowns. Hopefully the above suggestions will keep you from having to send in your machine!

By Ed Shepard-Smalldog.com

DON'T SHOW ME, TELL ME

If you know anything about computers, chances are you have a friend, relative or colleague that knows less than you do and they come to you for help. I have a couple of friends that come to me from time to time and ask me "how do you do _____ again?" Usually it's something that they actually have done before but they've either forgotten how or they've missed a step. Well if you've ever tried to help someone remotely with a computer problem before you know that half the battle is for them to explain what's going on on screen or what the actual problem is?

Look at their screen over the Internet There's actually a way for you to see EXACTLY what's going on as long as you and your friend have access to the Internet. Adobe provides this service FREE of charge and it's called Acrobat Connect Now. As a matter of fact if you're in one of the CS4 products you can get to it even quicker by choosing "Share My Screen" from the file menu. However, even if you're not in a CS4 product and even if you don't even own an Adobe product you can still use this great service for FREE. Just head over to acrobat.com and sign up for an account. If you already have an Adobe I.D. then you're all set.

How does it work?

Once you setup your account on Acrobat.com you can login and access Acrobat Connect Now. This is a Flash based technology that gives you a persistent meeting room for doing your own online meetings and presentations

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for up to 3 people/locations. However, in addition to sharing your screen and ANY app that you may be working on (doesn't have to be an Adobe app), you can also "request" to see the screen of any other meeting participant including the person you're trying to help.

The other person doesn't need an account! They just need to go to your meeting room via your meeting room URL. Once they are in your meeting room live with you you can then request that they share their screen/desktop with you. Up until this point the other person doesn't need to install anything at all. However, if they are going to share their screen/desktop with you then Acrobat.com will ask to automatically install the Connect Now Add-In. This very very small plug-in will download, install, and launch and log them back in automatically. At that point they can share their screen with you and you can see exactly what's going on.

Once the other person is sharing their screen you can of course walk them through what to click on to solve their problems. However, it may be faster or easier for you to just do it! So you can also choose to "Request Control". The other person will have to grant your request via the dialog box that will popup on their screen. At that point you can use your mouse and keyboard to control their computer as if you were sitting there. This is a consultant's dream. You can offer this as an additional service offering or help desk type support.

Giving Control Scares Me!

At any point you can take back control. Also you will see exactly what the other person is doing as you are still sitting in front of your computer. Once you leave the app/meeting room they no longer can do anything to your computer via Connect Now. Not to mention you're asking this person for their help so I assume that you trust them.

Can I see and talk with them too?

This question always comes up. So let's review the options for voice. Connect Now has VoIP built-in. So you can (as long as you have a mic on your computer) use the VoIP features of Connect now to talk in real time with your meeting participants. Acrobat Connect Now also comes with a Teleconference Phone Number and Passcode. So you can get on the phone and have everyone dial into a conference call at no additional cost than what it takes to dial the NON-toll free (Long distance) number. You can also use your webcam to project your image or anything else you're trying to show that isn't on your screen. They can share their webcam with you as well. There is also a Chat pod so that you can text chat back and forth and lastly you can of course use your own phone and just call the person directly. They probably called you in the first place for help anyway. Just keep them on the phone while you jump into Connect Now.

The Bottom Line

There is no better cross platform solution that allows you to do this. Especially for FREE! That's right, it doesn't matter if you're on Mac or PC or if they are on Mac or PC. This solution is platform independent. Now granted the performance will be at the mercy of your internet connection. However, if you both have a decent speed internet connection, this should work out great for both parties. So end your frustration by not understanding what the other person is trying to explain to you. Just look at it for yourself.

Complete article at:

<http://terrywhite.com/techblog/archives/3945#more-3945>

by Terry White
submitted by Ron

EMAIL A PDF

"Send me a pdf pdq," your headhunter tells you. And you smile. Because you know that, thanks to Mac OS X, you can create and dispatch a PDF in seconds. Here's how:

1. Choose Print from the File menu.
2. Click the drop-down PDF menu and choose Mail PDF.
3. Enter a subject, an email address, and click Send.

What applications let you do this? All of them. Creating PDFs — and emailing them — is a feature built into Mac OS X, so whether you're surfing the web in Safari, writing a business plan in Pages, honing a budget in Numbers, working on a presentation in Keynote, or updating your resume, you can create a PDF and email it quickly and easily.

Mac Tips & Tricks <http://mac-tips-and-tricks.blogspot.com/2008/12/using-mail.html>



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MAGIC MOUSE REVIEW

Though I was happy about winning a new Magic Mouse at the January meeting of RMUG, and couldn't wait to try it, all I did was take it out of the box and look at it when I got home. About a week later, we ordered a new 21.5" iMac. When we placed the order, I told the sales rep at PowerMax that I'd just won a new Magic Mouse and asked if I could get a little more \$\$ off the price by omitting the mouse from the order. He said he couldn't do that because it came as a "bundle." However, if I wanted to order something else at a later date, they'd give me \$50 toward a trade-in. That sounded good, and I thought about taking them up on it. That is.... until I started to use the new Magic Mouse. Then it dawned on me. I could use the mouse I won with our laptop. I really don't like the trackpad, so I've been using a wired mouse. The bad thing about that is, the USB plug is on the left side of the computer and the cord is always in the way. The laptop is so much easier to use now.

In my opinion, the Magic Mouse is a huge improvement over the Mighty Mouse. It's so comfortable in my hand. The thing that surprised me most, is how easy it is to set up.

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Policies

This newsletter is published monthly for the Redding Macintosh Users' Group and is distributed to all club members.

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If you have a change of address or other questions, please notify the newsletter editor or other RMUG officer as soon as possible.

Deadline for submissions is the last Saturday of each month. E-mail or deliver all material to:

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Editorial

I hope this editorial serves as a "Lesson In Patience," which I almost ran out of last weekend. After purchasing a new iMac I spent many hours from Friday to Monday talking to AppleCare before I was able to use the new computer.

The problem began when I was unable transfer data from my 20" iMac using Firewire. Thank goodness for Time Machine and the external hard drive. When I called early Monday morning, I just knew that something was very wrong, and Apple needed to give me a different computer. I asked for a technician. He walked me through, and finally, success. You can imagine my relief when everything worked as it was supposed to. Of course I kept a log of all the problems, and was given a reference number in case I have any future difficulty with this machine.

Barbara



MAGIC MOUSE REVIEW

From what I've read, Magic Mouse can only be used with OS X 10.5.8 and above. Therefore, if you have anything lower, you'll have to upgrade your OS or get a new computer before you can use a Magic Mouse. What I really love about this new mouse is that I now have the ability to scroll in every direction, including a 360 degree scroll (which I've not figured out), yet there is no scroll wheel. All you have to do is swipe your fingers up, down, or from side-to-side. It has both right and left clicks if you choose to set it up that way, and can be set for use with the right or left hand. In mouse preferences you will find Screen Zoom. After clicking on Options a new screen appears where you can alter the settings to make the zoom feature to your liking. As for tracking, it tracks on almost any surface except glass or some very glossy surfaces. Something I just discovered too, as I was writing this review, if you set the secondary click (either right or left), you can scroll with one finger while clicking with the other. (I'll have to use that feature a little more before I really know if I like that or not.)

So far, I've only found two drawbacks. Not having the scroll wheel make it a little less convenient to access Dashboard. As with other applications though, you can put Dashboard in your dock. The other drawback is there is no recharger, so be sure to have at least 2 extra AA batteries on hand. According to the info that came with my Magic Mouse, batteries will last approximately 25 hours, so, depending on how much you use your computer each day, it's important to check the Mouse Battery Level in the mouse preferences often, until you know what to expect. So far, I've used my mouse at least 20 hrs. in the last 9 days and the level is still at 77%

by Barbara

IPAD POTENTIAL CAMERA SLOT

Just as I was finalizing RMUG's this month's newsletter, I received a message from Dale,

who said, "My biggest complaint on the iPad was no camera, and look what I found." at <http://mashable.com/2010/02/01/ipad-camera/>

Barbara

Perhaps we haven't learned everything about the iPad just yet. Could an iPad with a camera be in the near future?

Mission Repair, a company that fixes broken Apple products, apparently [got their hands on some iPad parts](#). Their pictures showed off the internal frame, which curiously enough has a small hole on the top.

When the Mission Repair team took a camera out of a MacBook and placed it inside the iPad's top hole, it fit right in. You can see a comparison of the MacBook camera and the iPad slot in the image above.

As [9 to 5 Mac](#) points out, there is other evidence to support the possibility of a camera in either the upcoming iPad or in a future version of the device. And as we've discussed previously, the iPhone 3.2 OS [hints at camera support for the iPad](#).

A front-facing camera just makes sense for the iPad: It provides the device with teleconferencing and webcam properties that could alone make it worth purchasing. Apple's exact plans for an iPad camera, when they would roll it out or why they didn't include it in last week's demo is anybody's guess.

by Ben Parr, Co-Editor of Mashable
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