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Take a Trip to Sicily and Learn iMovie!

by Sue Beal

We sure have a treat planned for you in January! I got a little sneak preview in my office last week, and you don't want to miss **Ken Morley's presentation on iMovie on January 8th at 7pm at the Key Largo Library Community Room.**

Ken travels extensively and documents his travels with his excellent photography and "mini movies" that he records with his camera. Some of you may remember him sharing parts of his presentation from his China/Yangtze River trip a few years back.

Well, a couple of years ago, he and his wife Shirley traveled to Sicily and

Greece, and he recently completed production of the iMovie documenting the trip. It's not just a travelogue slideshow. It's stunning pictures with Ken Burns effects, mini movies, interesting transitions, carefully chosen background music, voice-over narration and more! Truly entertaining all by itself, and then after you've watched some of it, Ken will show you, step by step, how he built it. I knew nothing about iMovie 8 but after spending an hour with Ken I feel I could actually put something nice together...and you will too!

Holiday Party

by Sue Beal

Our Annual Nondenominational Holiday Party was a success on a small scale. We only had 21 people, but those who came seemed to enjoy themselves. I got some mixed reactions on the Scavenger Hunt at first - I'm not sure people came prepared to think that hard! But as they got into it, they had fun with it.

We did not declare a winner for the contest, but everyone was a winner when it came to gifts - we were prepared for a much larger crowd, so everyone took home two gifts from UKMUG! (Thank you, Macintosh Systems Solutions for your generous donation of gifts, we couldn't have done it without you!)

We had a nice table full of goodies to enjoy during the meeting and a big table full of donations for the Food Bank, which Karen Beal delivered to them the next day. Not only did we send 8 boxes of food, we sent a \$156 monetary donation as well!

Thanks to all those who came, who gave, who helped!

HOLIDAY PARTY '08



^ Karen Beal & Diane Marshall



<Treasurer John Thomas (left) with Diane Marshall and her husband John Hammerstrom in back.

Judi Walker > (left) and Mary Ann Roper.



Collaborating on the Scavenger Hunt was encouraged... some of the clues were people in the room, who had to be identified and asked questions.



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^Karen Strobel (standing) Steve Steinbock (seated). John Thomas & John Hammerstrom in the back.



^ Sue Beal & Chuck Haraway



^ Mary Anne Roper



^ Eva Joyce and husband, Ed Cerveny donated CDs of their music for gifts!



< CJ Berwick and John Cain

Photos by Steve Stewart - Thanks!



TopXNotes 1.4 Released



Get Organized with TopXNotes
1.4 Today!

TopXNotes is now better than ever! The biggest change is that we have merged TopXNotes and TopXNotes iPod into one product. If you had TopXNotes, your serial number will still work with this new version AND you get our wildly popular iPod features for free! We have also added one of our most requested features – Spell Checking! There is now also an option to insert the date and time, and we have made several changes to make notes easier to navigate, as well as some changes to make secure notes even more secure.

For a complete list of changes, and supported iPod models visit our web site
www.tropic4.com



TopXNotes 1.4 Released

from Jim Lee at
Tropical Software, Inc.

NEW FEATURES

- Spell Checking
- Insert Date/Time
- Note Info (formerly called Note Settings) now contains notation to make locating a note hiding in a Group hierarchy easier by displayed note path in Group hierarchy
- Note Info now contains “Number of lines” and “Number of characters”
- Keyboard shortcuts for View to View navigation

You can see a complete list of changes, and supported iPod models here:

<http://www.tropic4.com/topxnotes1.4.html>



Doodle It!

by Karen Beal

This little site helped our Board choose a date/time for a conference call meet - slick and EASY. Could be used for rehearsals, parties and meetings of all sorts.

After you set it up, each person checks a box of what time slots work for them and you can see as each adds good times to the calendar of slots. Before long you have a clear winner. Also allowed me to adjust my schedule to include a day/time that worked for everyone else in the group.

<http://www.doodle.com/main.html>

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Alert: Extensis Suitcase and Mac OS X 10.5.6

From Extensis courtesy of
Gail Jackson Collins

Extensis support has had reports from some of its customers, indicating that both Suitcase Fusion (12.1.7) and Suitcase Fusion 2 (13.0.1) are failing to run under Mac OS X 10.5.6, Apple's most recent System Update.

While this does not appear to affect all installations operating under Mac OS X 10.5.6, Extensis is actively investigating the problem and will follow-up with an additional alert to inform you when we have more information.

In the meantime, if you HAVE NOT updated to Mac OS X 10.5.6, please refrain from doing so at this time. Please look for additional information on this issue [at Extensis' website: www.extensis.com].

If you HAVE ALREADY updated to Mac OS X 10.5.6, we are encouraging customers to “Repair Permissions” with Apple’s Disk Utility and restart to see if that will resolve the issue before contacting technical support. ☞

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It's dues time again! \$25 per year is our requested and voluntary donation... to keep UKMUG running smoothly. Please send a check to UKMUG at 219 2nd St., Key Largo, FL 33037 or hand it in to Sue or John Thomas at the next meeting. Your assistance is appreciated, and will help us with our expenses.

Why OS X Shrugs Off Viruses Better Than Windows

from Gizmodo.com
submitted by Cristina Lindley

Here's how OS X and Windows differ on resisting viruses and other nasties.

It's not a matter of opinion: OS X is less susceptible to catching a cold than Windows. So is Linux. There are two major reasons. First, Windows is on 89.6 percent of the world's personal computers, while OS X is on just 8.9 percent. Second, the Unix architecture that OS X and Linux are based on is inherently more secure than Windows, particularly pre-Vista versions. (If these reasons are familiar to you, you may not know the subtler side-effects of each reason that strengthen the case even more, so read on.)

There are a few different ways that Microsoft's mammoth market share actually hurts Windows and helps OS X. Writing nastiness that the vast majority of the world's personal computers are susceptible to is a more efficient use of resources than writing the same evil for a sliver of the population. In biology, a more homogeneous population is more susceptible to a genocidal plague. Same principle applies to the vast, Windows-powered ecosystem. The flipside of this is that most malware writers obvi-

ously use Windows. They're going to whip up code for the OS they're familiar with and know best. And more to that point, most of the tools and scripts used to wreak havoc on computers are written for Windows. The same ecosystem that provides the biggest, most susceptible audience also provides the most fertile breeding ground for the nasty executables.

But suppose this was a world where OS X was king. Would Microsoft run ads about how virus-plagued OS X was? Well, it would be more prudent to run anti-virus software, since there'd be a lot more crap thrown at the Mac OS, but if malware acted mostly like it does today, it likely wouldn't have the same impact as it did on Windows pre-Vista.

A lot of that is because of the way permissions work in OS X. Basically, Unix-based systems are architected so that they require administrator privileges to modify the OS and are traditionally more strict in enforcing them. Critical areas are walled off from

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Bless you.




normal users—you see this when OS X asks for a password to install updates or change a system setting. A standard non-admin user account is restricted; bad software can't wreak much havoc at all without that password.

This is precisely what Vista's User Account Control attempts to replicate, limiting points of intrusion and requiring explicit user permission to get anywhere deep. On Windows, historically, the enforcement of these restrictions has been lax in the name of convenience.

This is not to say that OS X is invulnerable, by any means. The applications folder is relatively unprotected, and any running app can write to it and most of what's inside. Coupled with OS X's app-bundling architecture, this makes it easier to replace program executables or sneak in a piggybacking one. Even then, however, the malware would need to elicit elevated permissions to do any hardcore damage to the core OS; it could, unfortunately, nuke your relatively unprotected Home folder. Another point of vulnerability, or at least a pain point, according to Mac Forensics Lab, is OS X's centralized address book, which also has weak defenses. If the Home folder book did require the same level of permissions, it would be kinda unusable, because you'd have to elevate permissions to make any and every change.

This brings us to OS X's biggest security hole, the one that it actually shares with every operating system: you. **It doesn't matter how good baked-in security is if a user throws out the welcome mat for whatever crap comes their way.** On the flip side, you're also the first, and best, line of protection. **Don't do anything stupid, and you'll be fine, anti-virus software or not—whatever OS you're running.**

Something you still wanna know? Email tips@gizmodo.com, with "Giz Explains" in the subject line. 



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on What's New
from Apple!!



About the Apple Logo

submitted by K. Beal

"One of the deepest mysteries to me is our logo,"

wrote Jean-Louis Gassée, a former Vice-President of Apple Computer, "the symbol of lust and knowledge, bitten into, crossed with the colours of the rainbow in the wrong order. You couldn't dream of a more appropriate logo: lust, knowledge, hope and anarchy."

Legend has it that the company was conceived by Steve Jobs and Stephen Wozniak in a garage in California on April Fools' Day 1976. Jobs was eating an apple at the time. Depicted in a deliberately expensive six-color glory, the apple (with its visual pun on 'byte') was designed in 1977 by Regis McKenna.

Rotary Dialer for iPhone???

Can you believe it? It took years and years to phase out the rotary dialing phones, but now MildMannered Industries has brought them back with Bakelite 1.0 - a beautiful old fashioned Bakelite style rotary dialer for the iPhone. Bakelite is gorgeous to look at, with a numbered and lettered dial, and offers smooth accurate dialling, with audio feedback.

Unlike a real rotary phone, users can delete the last digit, to make it a little easier to correct any mistakes, but otherwise, Bakelite is just as pleasurable, (or awkward, depending on your point of view) to use as the real thing.

Visit MildMannered Industries, or go directly to the iTunes App Store to learn more about Bakelite, or to download it to your iPhone or iPod Touch. Bakelite is currently free, and is only available from the iTunes App Store. [MU](#)



Think Before Forwarding!

by Karen Stroebe

By now, I suspect everyone is familiar with <http://www.snopes.com/> and/or <http://www.truthorfiction.com/> for determining whether information received via email is just that: true/false or fact/fiction. Both are excellent sites. Advice from Snopes.com: **MEMORIZE THIS!**

1) Any time you see an email that says forward this on to 10 of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, or whatever, it almost always has an email tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and emails of those folks you forward to. The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of active emails to use in SPAM, or to sell to other spammers.

2) Almost all emails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of email is, is a way to get names and cookie tracking information for telemarketers and spammers -- to validate active email accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favor by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam emails in the future!

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of email, now you know why you get so much SPAM!

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings regardless how inviting they might sound! You are not helping any good cause.... you will be getting tons of junk mail later, plus, it helps the spammers get rich! Let's not make it easy for them!

Also: email petitions are NOT acceptable to Congress or any other organization. To be acceptable, petitions must have an original signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition.

Read the full story here: <http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/petition/internet.asp>



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Is anyone using **Final Cut Express**? For that matter, **Final Cut Pro**? **Bento**? These would be great program topics if we had someone who could show them. Call Sue 451-4601.

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