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Photoshop WOW! June 2010

by Sue Beal



Wow, we had 53 people for the Photoshop meeting! *In June!!*

A little background: we always have requests to do a Photoshop meeting, and we generally do one every year. We have had a host of local experts in to show a variety of topics. This time, I thought it would be fun, instead of showing the basics, or concentrating on digital photography, to show the "wow" stuff - some of the really cool effects you can do with Photoshop. I canvassed our local resources and either they weren't available or didn't feel this was their "thing."

So, intrepid leader that I am, I decided I'd go find out how to do some cool things and show them myself. (Yeah, right!)

I found TONS of great tutorials online for free. Websites with video lessons, iTunes Podcasts, all kinds of tips and articles. Overwhelming, really. Too bad there isn't a pill you can take to learn Photoshop!

So I started studying. The first week, I just tried to get my arms around what was there to choose from. The second week I realized I am only on Photoshop CS, and the current version is CS5!

Now, any of you who use PS know there are always several ways to do whatever it is you are trying to do. So I figured that even though I don't have the latest version, I could still figure out how to get to the end result. And I was working on that when it occurred to me that these lessons I was using were so good... why not just share them and get myself out of the middle?

So I carefully choose a set of lessons to show, and I have to say, it was hard to figure out which were the best. I came up with 26 of them.

We viewed most of them at the meeting, and I made a DVD with the 26 lessons (playable in iTunes or Quicktime), so you all could review them and try the techniques at home. (It's just too much to absorb and remember at one sitting.) If you want a DVD, come to

the next meeting, there are some still available. If you can't make it, see the list on page 5. You can download all of them yourself from iTunes, except one (as noted), and that one can be viewed on the presenter's website.

Turns out, if I had it to do over, that I was too ambitious, and tried to show too much. I regret not having allowed more time in between the videos for discussion. We had a whole room full of PS users who did not get the opportunity to participate - and I apologize for that. A valuable lesson was learned about that!!

In the following examples, you'll see what I learned, with a little help from



Bob Smallman (visiting from Michigan) goes into another dimension.



Mary Anne Roper gets a subtle makeover.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, July 8 at 7pm,
KL Library Community Room:

Our July meeting will be a round-table discussion on "Free Stuff" - where can you get free stuff for your computer, or with your computer? Movies, fonts, music, software, services, educational materials, even hardware... and more. Come prepared to share a few of your secrets with the group, and learn a few more.

Beginners: Come at 6:30 and bring your Mac and your questions. There will be some experienced users there to help for the half-hour before the formal presentation starts!

(what I hope are) some good sports. Note that I managed to get all these effects done with just the CS version:

continued on page two



Jim Spencer, John Thomas and Mike Hewlett grunge it up.

Photoshop Tip:
Always work on a duplicate layer and leave the original photo in the background. Key command to duplicate the layer: command-J.



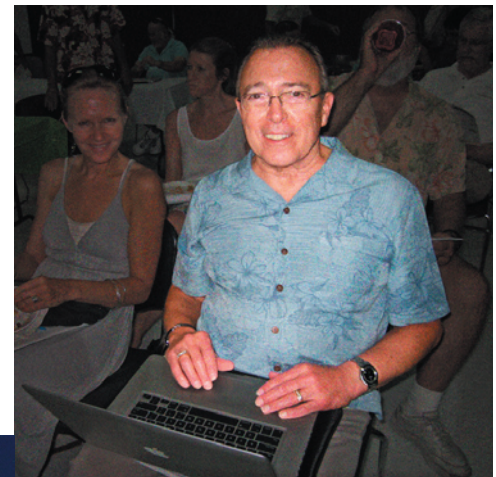
Nitty gritty proof that Russ Cullen is still a Macaholic after all these years!

Photoshop Tip:
Free stock photos at "stock.xchg" www.sxc.hu



Even our founding mother-to-be, Nancy Lucas, got in on some iPod grunge!

Photoshop Tip:
To size your brush up or down - use the square bracket keys.



Photoshop Tip:
Get brushes - hundreds! Google photoshop brushes. www.brusheezy.com www.getbrushes.com www.photoshopbrushes.com naldzgraphics.net Just download, unzip and double-click on the .abr file. Then look in Photoshop at the brushes palette.

Photoshop Tip:
To isolate out one element into a new layer, select it and then hit command J.



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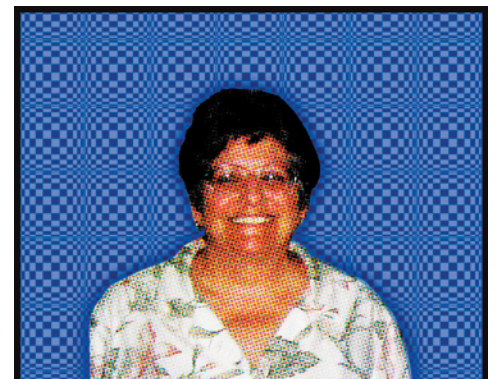


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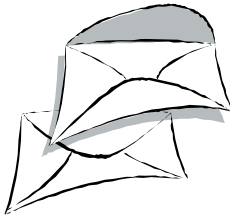
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Sue gets the comic strip treatment.

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Printing Envelopes in Pages



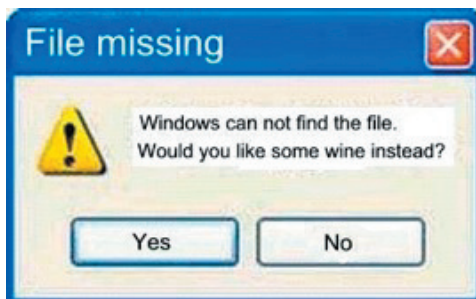
submitted by John Cooper

I had been trying to figure out how to print different sized envelopes in "Pages" and to add the postal bar code to the address.

In my wanderings, I found a free Mac download called "Easy Envelopes" that does all that. I just tried it this morning and it works like a charm. To print, one just clicks on the postage stamp on the envelope that appears in the "Dashboard." It can be downloaded from:

<http://www.ambrosiasw.com/utilities/easyenvelopes/>

I hope this is of interest to other UKMUGgers! [MU](#)



Here's an error message I wouldn't mind!

How to Use Keychain to Manage Mac Passwords

from <http://www.dummies.com>
submitted by Graham Thomas

Most people have multiple passwords in their computing lives. Apple helps you manage your passwords, account numbers, and other confidential info through Keychain. Mac Keychain is a feature that stores passwords for programs, e-mail accounts, Web sites, and more.

You can create keychains for different purposes (one for online shopping, say) by opening Keychain Access in the Utilities folder under Applications. Your keychain password is initially the same as your login password, and for many users that's the way it'll stay. To add keychain passwords, choose File New Password Item or click the + at the bottom of the Keychain Access window. Fill in the account name, keychain item, and password. Apple will let you know if you've chosen a wimpy or bulletproof password.

If you're using just one password, shame on you; security experts think that's not such a keen practice.

Read more: <http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/how-to-use-keychain-to-manage-mac-passwords.html?cid=dnarticle#ixzz0rynn3wiF> [MU](#)

Free Use of Microsoft Office

Microsoft Office Simplified For the Web

by Walter S. Mossberg
submitted by Bob White

I am writing this in Microsoft Word, hardly an unusual way to author a document. But I'm not using Word as you know it—part of the large, complex Microsoft Office suite installed on your computer's hard drive. Instead, I am using a new, streamlined version of Word that resides on remote servers you reach through the Internet.



This new version of Word is used inside a Web browser. It works on both Windows PCs and Macs, and via the newer versions of the major browsers, including Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari and Chrome. It's free and it doesn't require you to have regular Office on your computer.

Word isn't the only Office component that's now available in a free online version. Microsoft has created similar simplified versions of Excel, PowerPoint and its OneNote note-taking program as part of the free online suite called Office Web Apps, which is available at office.live.com. To use the new online Office, you'll need a free account for the company's broader Windows Live online service.

I've been testing Office Web Apps on both Windows and Mac computers, and in all four major browsers, and I like it. It has some downsides and is still a work in progress. It lacks many of the more sophisticated features of the desktop version of Office. In fact, Microsoft—apparently trying to protect its profitable desktop suite—refers to Office Web Apps as a "companion" to desktop Office, for "light" work.

But these are capable, if simpler, programs that look and feel like their desktop counterparts and they will likely meet the needs of many consumers who produce basic documents, even if they don't own desktop Office. Also, the new Web Apps are connected to a generous 25 gigabytes of free online storage for your documents, via a companion Microsoft online storage system called SkyDrive.

Read all about it: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB20001424052748704575304575296681972150418.html#printMode> [MU](#)

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What's So Special About the iPhone4?

excerpted from Apple's website

Face Time

Let's say you want to start a video call with your best friend. Just find her entry in your Contacts and tap the FaceTime button. Or maybe you're already on a voice call with her and you want to switch to video. Just tap the FaceTime button on the Phone screen. Either way, an invitation pops up on her iPhone 4 screen asking if she wants to join you. When she accepts, the video call begins. It's all perfectly seamless. And it works in both portrait and landscape modes.



Phone 4 has two built-in cameras, one on the front above the display and one on the back next to the LED flash. The front camera has been tuned for FaceTime. It has just the right field of view and focal length to focus on your face at arm's length. So it always presents you in the best possible light.

Retina Display

Thanks to the Retina display, everything you see and do on iPhone 4 looks amazing. Text in books, web pages, and email is crisp at any size. Images in movies and photos are stunning at almost any angle. That's because the Retina display's pixel density is so high, your eye is unable to distinguish individual pixels.



The iPhone 4 Retina display uses technology called IPS (in-plane switching) — the same technology used in the Apple LED Cinema Display and iPad — to achieve a wider viewing angle than on typical LCDs. Which means you can hold iPhone 4 almost any way you want and still get a brilliant picture. In addition, the Retina display offers four times the contrast ratio of previous models, so whites are brighter,

blacks are darker, and everything is more beautiful.

Multitasking

Now you can run your favorite third-party apps — and switch between them instantly — without slowing down the performance of the foreground app or draining the battery unnecessarily. The multitasking user interface allows you to quickly switch between recently used apps. Just double-click the Home button to reveal your recently used apps. Scroll right to see more apps, then tap one to reopen it. No need to wait for the app to reload.

Apps can remember where you left off. So when you return to the app, you can jump right back into playing your game, reading the news, finding a restaurant, or whatever you were doing.

And now you can listen to audio from compatible third-party apps while checking email, surfing the web, playing games, and performing other tasks.



HD Video Recording & Editing

Because your iPhone goes with you everywhere, you're always ready to capture every moment. And with iPhone 4, you can do it in stunning high definition. Its advanced backside illumination sensor delivers great-looking video in both bright and low-light settings. And in dark environments, you can brighten the scene with the built-in LED light.

No need to wait until you're back at your computer to edit video. You can perform basic editing right in the Camera app.

Say you're in the middle of a text message conversation when you see something video-worthy. Tap the camera icon in Messages to record on the fly and send it to your buddy via MMS. Or select some video from the Camera Roll and attach it to a new email message, ready to send. Publishing to your MobileMe gallery or to YouTube is also just a tap away. And you can easily sync all the video you shoot on iPhone 4 back to your Mac or PC. [MJI](#)

Convert PDF Books to iBooks for iPad, for Free!

by Emilie Stewart

I know OS4 will let you have PDF files in iBook on an iPad, but there is a GREAT free converter called "Calibre." Have spent a good part of today figuring out how to get free books... and I don't mean those Apple or Amazon offers for free. Calibre converts ANY format to what iBook uses: epub. Quite handy. If a person works in PDFs it can be converted to an epub (and vice versa) and read and searched in iBook! Very cool tool for Mac.

iPhone4

Our Early Adopter's Story

by Emilie Stewart

Got to the Falls Apple Store at 4:30 am and there were already easily 500 people waiting. At 5:15 am, they split the line into those with a reserved iPhone and those without one reserved. I was about 40 people back from the front of the "reserved" line. At 6 am, they handed out cards to those without an iPhone reserved. When they ran out, there were no more iPhones and the rest waiting were turned away.

When they started allowing people in the store, they took 20 from the "reserved line." Then, they took 4 from the non-reserved line. Then they took another 20 (me) from the reserved line. I was finished about 8:15 am and there were easily 600+ people still waiting in both lines. Even people with cards were going to be there until 9 pm.

Now, I am dead! Getting up at 3:30 was no fun!

Yeah, but you have the newest iPhone now—and a story!! —Sue [MJI](#)



Photoshop Experts We Watched at the June Meeting: (Just search for these Podcasts on iTunes)

Adobe Photoshop Quicktips - JUSTIN SEELEY, Ep. 77 3 Step Processing
Creative Cow Photoshop for Video - RICHARD HARRINGTON - CS5: Extracting Images
Photoshop Kitchen: A La Carte Quick Tip - JASON McARTOR - Grunge Composite
Jens Bistro - JEN SHANNON - Selective Color (quick intro)
Adobe Photoshop Quicktips -JUSTIN SEELEY - Ep. 46 - Selective Color (in detail)
Adobe Photoshop Quicktips -JUSTIN SEELEY Ep. 40 Outside the box (background)
COREY BARKER - Type Texture ***not a Podcast, from Planet Photoshop website***
Photoshop Killer Tips - Matt Kloskowski - Liquify, the ultimate retouch tool
davrodigital - Liquify Tool - Liquify, smoothing skin, vignette effect
Lynda.com Video Training, Ep. 195 CS5 - content aware brush
Adobe Photoshop Quicktips -JUSTIN SEELEY - Ep. 53 - iDesign (Apple effects)
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Adobe Photoshop Quicktips -JUSTIN SEELEY - Ep. 28 - Grunge Collage
Ask Dave - DAVE CROSS - Wrapping text around an object
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Photoshop Killer Tips - MATT KLOSKOWSKI - Converting to a Duotone
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Spyware Alert!

submitted by Macintosh Systems Solutions

Intego has discovered a spyware application that is installed by a number of freely distributed Mac applications and screen savers found on a variety of websites. This spyware, OSX/OpinionSpy, performs a number of malicious actions, from scanning files to recording user activity, as well as sending information about this activity to remote servers and opening a backdoor on infected Macs.

Intego has identified the following **socially engineered** (which means you must click to accept and install) Spyware for Mac OS X:

- The spyware is installed as an application named PremierOpinion.
- Screensavers: all these screensavers are made by the same company, 7art-screensavers, and are available from their website, <http://7art-screensavers.com>.
- Applications: so far, Intego has only found this spyware in one application: MishInc FLV To Mp3, http://www.mishinc.info/mac_flv_to_mp3.php

Intego is continuing its search for other applications that install this spyware. OSX/OpinionSpy is installed by a number of applications and screen savers that are distributed on sites such as MacUpdate, VersionTracker and Softpedia. The spyware itself is not contained in these applications, but is downloaded during the installation process. This shows the need for an up-to-date anti-malware program with a real-time scanner that can detect this malware when it is downloaded by the original application's installer.

Bottom line: Use caution and common sense when installing "free" applications and unknown files from the web! 

Mossberg and Swisher interview Steve Jobs


submitted by Joanne Thomas
from an article by Jesse Kornbluth

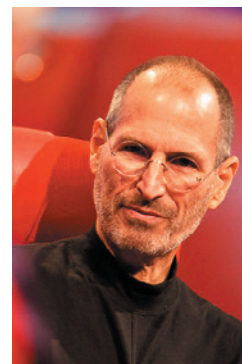
In June of 2003, when Swisher and Mossberg inaugurated their D conferences, Microsoft's market cap was closing in on \$300 billion. Apple's market cap was a puny \$6.09 billion. Last week, Apple's market cap was \$222. billion --- \$3 billion higher than Microsoft. The only American company with a greater valuation: Exxon Mobil.

Apple as the world's most valuable tech company? It does not compute readily. This is an enterprise that almost logged off --- several times. For decades, it was a one-note play: a single line of computers. But then, like many of you, I found I couldn't live without an iPod. I traded my Dell desktop for an iMac and my IBM laptop for a MacBook. I'm flirting with an iPhone, barely restraining myself from buying an iPad. There are enough people like me that a tectonic shift seems to have occurred while we weren't looking: Consumer products now matter more than desktops and business software. And this is just the first inning of that shift. If Apple's made the right bet -- and it hasn't made a wrong one in this century --- the computer I've been tethered to for the last 25 years may go the way of the typewriter. Bill Gates? Suddenly he seems like an iconic figure from the distant past, the Edison of computing.

Apple bigger than Microsoft --- it's beyond breathtaking.

The blunt fact of it loomed over the D conference like the spaceship in "District 9." And here, to start D8, was a 90-minute session with Steve Jobs.

D is not like other conferences. The bigshot guests don't make presentations or pose paternally over new product demos. They sit on leather swivel chairs, flanked by Walt Mossberg and Kara Swisher, or both. And then Swisher and Mossberg dig in. See the video: <http://www.headbutler.com/products/gifts-and-gadgets/steve-jobs-when-youre-app-youre-app-all-way> 



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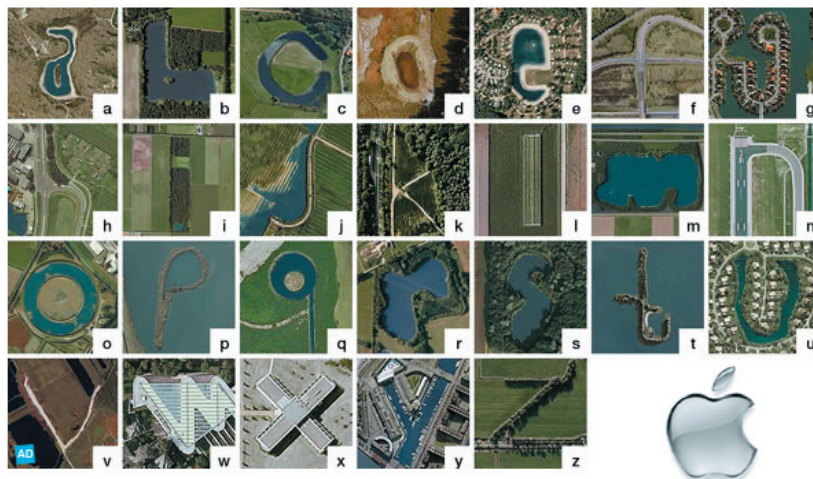


Google Earth Alphabet!

Sent in by Sandy Santiago!

<http://illusion.scene360.com/photography/8931/the-google-earth-alphabet/>

"The Google Earth Alphabet" was captured by Thomas de Bruin, who took the time to look through thousands of satellite images of the Netherlands. Each photo resembles a letter, symbol, or number. It is amazing!



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