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November was full of surprises!

by Sue Beal

In November, we were planning to follow up our writing seminar from October with an in-depth look at Pages, Apple's page layout program (part of iWork). November is always a weird month for UKMUG, as we go head-to-head on the calendar with a big charity fashion show in Islamorada and the Key Largo Chamber's ever-popular Cook Off. Some day I'm going to remember that beforehand and plan something smaller! I was feeling bad about bringing Joe Kukella all the way up from Key West for what might prove to be a small audience, when Joe called and had to cancel!

Luckily, I had *MacHeads*, the documentary, in my back pocket from the summer, when we didn't get a chance to view it, so at the 11th hour we changed our topic to "Movie Night." We got a decent-sized crowd of folks who enjoyed the themed refreshments that Karen provided, and the movie was well received. If you missed it, I recommend you watch for it on TV or iTunes, it's a lighthearted look at the Apple/Mac phenomenon and it pokes a little fun at all of us.

Coming into December, I always look forward to our Annual Non-Denominational Holiday Party, and I hope you'll all come and enjoy the evening.

In January, we will have none other than Tom Mulhall up from Key West to tell us all about Apple TV and home entertainment!



The most important point we learned about User Groups from MacHeads: Pizza is very important to the success of your user group! Who knew?

One of the interesting arguments the film makes is that the newest generation of Mac users depends much more on the Internet for community than Macworld or the user-groups. Either way, though, one thing is made abundantly clear in MacHeads: As long as there are Mac users, new or old, the cult of Mac will stay alive and well. *MM*



Above: Susie Anderson, one of our founding members, returned to enjoy Karen's spread of movie-themed treats.



Left: We had time after the movie for an open discussion of some problems people had been having. Hope we were able to help!

OUR NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, Dec. 9, 7pm,
KL Library
Community Room:

It's UKMUG's
**18th Annual
Non-Denominational
HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION!**

Bring something yummy - savory or sweet - to share for the holiday table and come with your holiday spirit intact and ready to party!

We'll have an old-fashioned tree decorating with some newfangled ornaments... some holiday activities, gifts for all from Santa-Sue, and plenty of time to socialize with your fellow UKMUGgers.

Don't miss this party!

It's a favorite!

Thursday, December 9th, at 7pm.

Come early for Beginner's Circle if you have questions or if you're willing to help someone else with questions.



How to Video Chat on Your Mac

by Edward C. Baig; from *dummies.com*
submitted by Graham Thomas

IMing and text chatting are yesterday's news; the new way of communicating is to use your Mac for a video phone call. Assuming that your camera and microphone are configured to your liking, in iChat, click the video camera icon in the buddy list or, for just an audio session, click the telephone icon. As usual, your IM partner has the option to accept or decline the invitation. If he accepts, you can see each other full screen. (Your image will appear in a smaller window.)

In a multiroom conference, participants appear in a virtual three-dimensional conference room with authentic video effects that make people's reflections bounce off a conference table. And by clicking the Effects button, you can replace the normal iChat background with gorgeous, or



bizarre, backdrops from Photo Booth. You need Leopard and a Mac with a Core2Duo or better chip to apply one of these scenes, but pals using older versions of iChat or AIM will see the backgrounds even if they haven't upgraded to the latest Mac operating system.

The quality is generally pretty good, though the picture may show some distortion, depending on your cable or DSL connection.

The video used in iChat (and QuickTime) adheres to a video standard known as H.264, or Advanced Video Codec (AVC). It's meant to deliver crisp video in smaller file sizes, saving you bandwidth and storage.

If you have a webcam but your IM buddies do not, they still get the benefit of seeing your smiling face at least. And provided they have a mike, you still get to hear them.

You can record video chats and share them on your iPod by choosing Record Chat from the Video menu. Don't worry: A chat can't be recorded without your permission. To stop recording a chat in progress, click Stop or close the chat window.

Read more: http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/how-to-video-chat-on-your-mac.navId-380881.html?cid=dn_article#ixzz16PZKk4WP MU

FLV Crunch = Free Tunes!

by James Robert White

I have been adding a lot to my iTunes library lately . . . for FREE.

What I do is find a song I want to download on YouTube.

Next I copy the URL for the YouTube video that has the music track I want, and download it using KeepVid - I just click on <http://keepvid.com/> then enter the URL that has the song I want, and download the video. I usually download the highest quality video they have available, and add it to my iTunes library too, if it is cool.

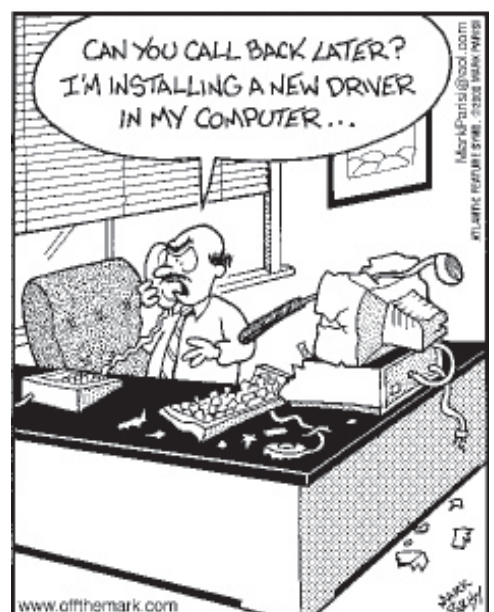
Using the handy dandy shareware video conversion software FLV Crunch (which apparently is available for both Mac AND Windows), I convert the video file into an audio-only .mp3 file, then drag it into iTunes.

FLV Crunch for the Mac is available at http://download.cnet.com/FLV-Crunch/3000-2194_4-10909295.html

and for Windows, see <http://tinyurl.com/2ds7tk2>

FLV Crunch can accept as input: MPEG 1 (.mpg), MPEG 2 (.vob), MPEG 4 (.mp4), Quicktime (.mov), Cell Phone videos (.3gp), Windows Media Player files (.wma, .wmv), RealPlayer files (.ra, .rm) *rv10 video codec only, Divx AVI (.avi), Digital Video (.dv), MP3, and AAC files.

FLV Crunch can convert input files into: MPEG 1, MPEG 2, MPEG 4, Quicktime Mov, 3GP, Digital video, Windows Media Video (wmv), Divx AVI, MP3 (audio only), and AAC (audio only). MU



This dummies.com site looks like a great place for useful and brief Mac Tips and Tricks! Check it out!



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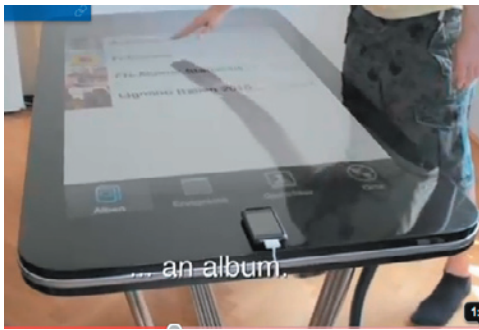
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We need one of these for UKMUG!

submitted by Karen Beal

If your iPhone screen seems small, check out this little add-on!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCbSwOgNzZg&feature=youtu.be>
gdata_player MU



"So where's the mouse?"

Computer Perspective

submitted by Sandy Santiago

A computer was something on TV
From a science fiction show of note
A window was something you hated to clean
And ram was the cousin of a goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend
And gig was a job for the nights
Now they all mean different things
And that really mega bites.

An application was for employment
A program was a TV show
A curser used profanity
A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something that you lost with age
A CD was a bank account
And if you had a 3 inch floppy
You hoped nobody found out.

Compress was something you did to the garbage
Not something you did to a file.
And if you unzipped anything in public
You'd be in jail for awhile.

Log on was adding wood to the fire
Hard drive was a long trip on the road
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
And a back up happened to your commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife.
Paste you did with glue
A web was a spider's home
And a virus was the flu.

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
And the memory in my head
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash
But when it happens, they'll wish they were dead.

Backing Up Mail & Address Book on a Mac

One UKMUGger wrote: I want to back up my address book - I'd die if I lost all those important contacts!

So where do the files live?

~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook

What about Backing up Mail?

~/Library/Mail MU

MacTutor & More

by Sue Beal

There's a new guy in town, and his name is Dayron Arias. Based in Tavernier, Dayron is fresh out of school and up-to-date in everything Mac! He's opening his own advertising agency here in the Keys, offering graphic design, printing services and marketing. While I hope not to lose too many clients to him, I do wish him the best!

Dayron is willing to do Mac Tutoring, a need we've heard a lot about lately. The need is likely to increase after the holidays, when everyone gets new Macs.

So if you're looking for his services, go to www.floridakeysdesigns.com, or call 305-450-7064. MU

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What's that Font?

by Sandy Santiago

Here are two places you can go for help in identifying a font:

WhatTheFont.com is the best. Scan a sample, as clean black and white as you can get, without letters touching. Upload it. Let the website try to guess which letter is which, and correct its guesses as needed... then it will tell you what it thinks the font is.

And I just noticed today on **dafont.com**... at the bottom there is a place where people ask and show a sample for help in identifying a font. MU



More about Lorem Ipsum and Friends

by Bob Smallman

A couple of additions to your Lorem Ipsum Lore:

Users of InDesign can generate it automatically. Just draw a text box, then right-click on it and scroll down to "Fill with Placeholder Text." (Or select the text box and go under the Type menu at the top of the screen.)

Second, for those bored with Latin, designer Brian Haslinger has written a wonderful Dashboard Widget that produces Corporate-Speak Lorem ("For when copy just isn't wordy enough.") I've included a short sample below, but you can download his free widget at <http://www.doubleforte.net/portfolio/index.php?tagID=9>

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Oh, you gotta love this corporate-speak!!
Thanks, Bob!—Sue



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News for the Apple-Works Addicted

submitted by Sandra Beese; From Slices,
The Villages Mac User Group newsletter

I use AppleWork. I'm about to buy a new Mac and AppleWorks will not be provided. What is recommended?

AppleWorks (AW) is a suite of software functions that includes word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation, drawing and paint capability in a single application. It was beloved by millions of

Mac users. Apple stopped selling AW in 2004 and end-of-life support was August 2007. These transitions came with the introduction of OS X and were cemented with the arrival of the Intel-based Mac computers.

Good news

The last version release of AW was 6.2.9. This was designed to run under OS X and Intel Macs using emulation capabilities in OS X. The performance is slower, because of emulation, but the Intel processor is faster so AW applications are effective.

If your version of AW is 6.2.9 you can continue to run AW in the new computer. Use the Migration Assistant utility to port the AW software into the new computer.

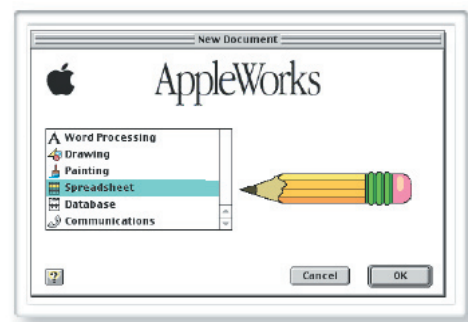
You might be able to find v6.2.9 via eBay or Amazon.

Cautionary news

AW does run in the current OS 10.6.4. However, AW is not supported by Apple. You should have no expectation that AW will work in future updates or upgrades of OS X. The prudent thing is to undertake the transition of your AW files to files running under different application software.

AW Transition Options

All AW files have the extension .cwk (e.g. Books.cwk) at the end. The type of file is only shown when it is open. If Books.cwk is a word processing file it will appear as Books.cwk (WP) in the title bar of the open document. If a spreadsheet file it will appear as Books.cwk (SS) or as Books.cwk (DB) if a database file. Apple's iWork (around \$50 from sites like Amazon) suite of applications consists of: Pages for word processing and page layout; Numbers for



spreadsheet; and Keynote for presentations. Bento (around \$50), from Apple's subsidiary Filemaker Inc, is a consumer-focused database application. You can move files to Pages, Numbers or Bento depending upon which of the AW applications you have been using.

You can buy iWork and/or Bento from Apple or websites like Amazon.

Assuming the filename is Books.cwk utilize one of the following:

If Books.cwk is a (WP) file start "Pages." Then use "File/Open" in the menu bar to navigate to Books.cwk and select the file.

Pages will open the file. Then do a "Save As" to rename and locate the file. The file will have .pages as the extension.

If Books.cwk is a (SS) file start Numbers. Then use "File/Open" to navigate to "Books.cwk" and select the file. Numbers will open the file. Then do a Save As to rename and locate the file. The file would have .numbers as the extension.

If Books.cwk is a (DB) file it can be converted to a Numbers spreadsheet or a library database in Bento. A database has more search/analysis ability.


First start your books database in AW for either option. Then in the file menu select "Save As" and choose ASCII Text as the file format. Name the file with .tsv as the extension. Then either:

a) Create a Numbers file, merely "Control-click (right-click)" on the .tsv file and choose the "Numbers" option. Numbers will open it as a spreadsheet. Save with .numbers as the extension.

b) Create the Bento database. First start Bento. Then use "File/Import/File" (or "Command-Shift I") to initiate the import into a new library. Navigate to the .tsv file and proceed with the import process. The .tsv file doesn't have a record of field names; de-select use of the first record to name the fields and manually name the fields

Summary

AppleWorks will stop working at some time in the future. Start converting now.

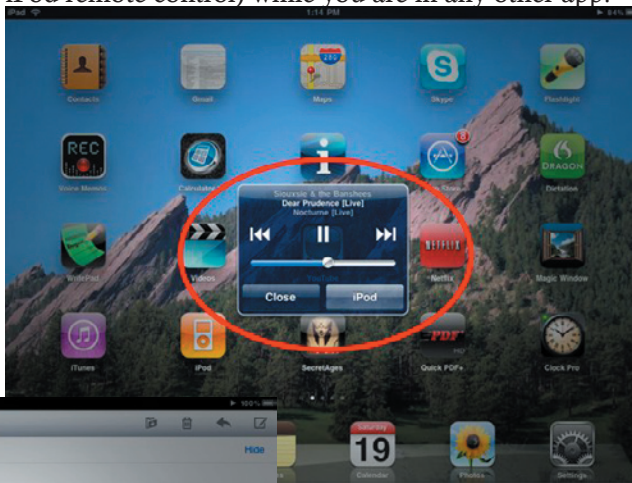
Do you have a question about using your Mac? Ask Jerry: AskJWK@gmail.com . Jerry King is President of the Naples MacFriends UserGroup (NMUG), founded to help Macintosh users get the most out of their computers. 

iPad: Music in the Background

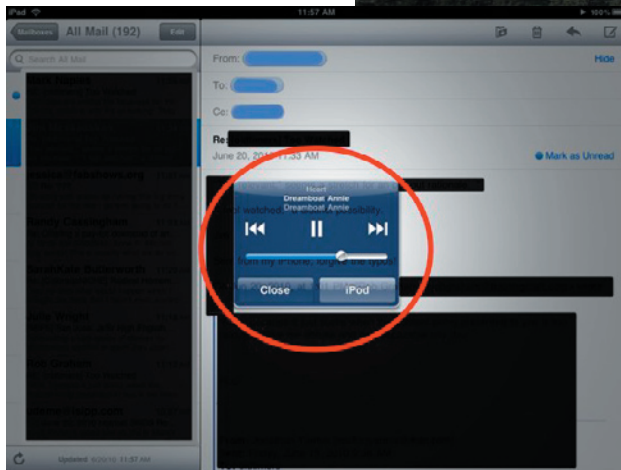
from the Internet Patrol

With the iPod app on your iPad, you can have music in the background, and use any other application while listening to that background music. And you can pop up a pop-up iPod controller (like a little iPod remote control) while you are in any other app!

Here's the iPod controller popped up on a homescreen:



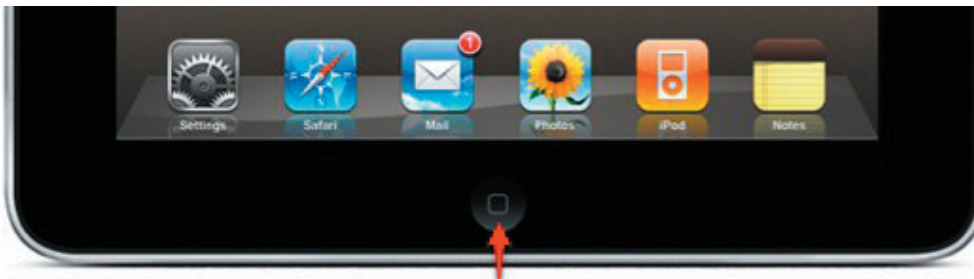
And here's the iPod controller popped up while we're checking email!



So, how do you work this magic?

It's easy!

From wherever you are when your iPod music is playing in the background, just hit your 'home' button two times in rapid succession from anywhere* on your iPad, from within any application, and it will pop up the iPod controller!



This is the iPad "home" button. Click it twice to bring up the iPod controller while playing music in the background.

(*The one exception is that if you are actually in the iPod app and you hit the home button twice, it will just take you to the homescreen.) MU

OmniDazzle - Free Fun with Presentations

submitted by Karen Beal

<http://www.omnigroup.com/products/omnidazzle/>

OmniDazzle is a set of fun and useful enhancements that help you highlight certain areas of your screen, create special effects, and track the location of your mouse pointer. Each plug-in can be configured to suit your own particular preferences: change colors, make objects bigger or smaller, or change the way you activate the OmniDazzle plug-in of your choice.

By allowing you to manipulate your screen, OmniDazzle offers practical features for doing presentations, taking screen shots, focusing on specific tasks, and adding visual information to your desktop.

Pixie dust

This one might just eat your productivity for the entire day as you stare mesmerized at the, ahem, dazzling pixie dust cascading down your screen. Pixie Dust turns your mouse pointer into a virtual magic wand creating a spray of colorful sparkles wherever it goes. You can change your pixie dust to include only a few tiny sprinkles, or turn it into a giant firehose of awesomeness. The color range is up to you, too.

Flashlight

Illuminate your screen with a virtual flashlight that follows your mouse pointer wherever you want it to go. When triggered, Flashlight dims your background and turns your pointer into a helpful, shining beacon that lights your way. You control the size and quality of the light, the color, and the background.

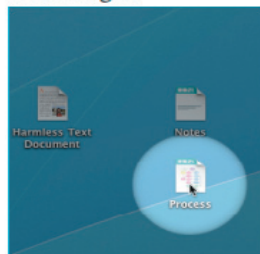
Cutout

This allows you to highlight areas of your screen using different shapes. Pick a shape (circle, ellipse, rectangle, or window border) to start, then move your mouse to control the size of the shape. Watch and be captivated as everything outside your selection dims. This one's great for guiding an audience during a presentation, or creating an awesomely instructive screenshot ("then click THIS button RIGHT HERE"). You customize borders, dimness, and fill. MU

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Cutout



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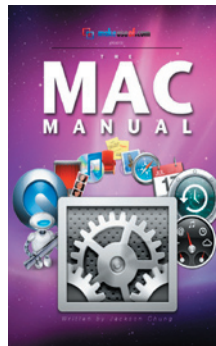
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Thanks to Gary Kampel, SEMUG

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The Upper Keys Humane Society has an IMAC COMPUTER FOR SALE. It was purchased new last November but has never been used. It was purchased for bookkeeping and general office use but the bookkeeper did not like the payroll program (Aatrix) so they decided to go back to a PC. The specs are as follows:

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