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All about iCloud with Joe Kukella

by Sue Beal

At our March meeting we welcomed back Joe Kukella of Key West as our speaker. Joe used to come up to Key Largo for our meetings several times a year, but his schedule changed and we hadn't seen him in quite a while. He wears so many hats, it's no wonder he's been too busy!

Joe has been a Mac user since 1988. His work as a designer and educator gives him a unique perspective on technology, how people use it, and how to explain it to others. He's an Assistant Online Program Director for the Graphic and Web Design Department at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division where he manages a group of 30 faculty and develops courses for over 3,000 students from around the country pursuing degrees in Graphic Design.

When he's not busy trying to fit that title onto a tiny business card, he hosts workshops and training services in Key West focused on Macs, iPhones, and iPads for individuals and small groups. In addition to teaching art and design, he spent five years with Macintosh Systems Solutions in Key West serving as the Service and Education Coordinator where he fixed computers and taught folks the nitty-gritty of wrangling Macs to do more than just play Bubble Blaster.

Joe does personal training visits as well. If you're interested in having him stop by your home or business for an hour or



Our speaker, Joe Kukella prepares for the iCloud presentation. He switched between the iPhone, iPad and the laptop, all projected so we could follow! Ain't technology great?

so to cover any Mac OS, iOS (iPhone and iPad), or Adobe product (Creative Suite, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign) questions you have, drop him a note at joe@kukella.com and he'll add you to his mailing list so you get advance notice on his future visits to the Upper Keys!

So... on to the Cloud...

The Cloud is Coming!

All of the new iMacs and laptops come without a CD or DVD drive. This is Apple's subtle (!) way of forcing you into the Cloud, the way of the future.

iCloud is Apple's own brand of Cloud services. It's a suite of integrated services

OUR NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday,
April 11, 2013**

**7pm at Key Largo Library
Community Room
MM 101.4 Oceanside**

AppTalk for iPhone & iPad

**by James (Jim) Allen
of Gold Coast MUG**



Jim Allen will be discussing iPhone and iPad apps, particularly those that improve productivity. He has been a member of the Gold Coast Mac User Group for three years, joining shortly after converting from the Blackberry cult. His "AppTalk" is a regular feature of GCMUG meetings, and he periodically writes about apps in his AppTalk blog (<http://gcmugapptalk.blogspot.com>).

(Jim is an attorney practicing civil defense litigation in Miami.)

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER:

I save the emailed PDF with the smallest possible size so it is under 2 MB for emailing. This makes some of the pictures fuzzy. If this frustrates you, email me and ask for the printable version; I would be happy to email it on request. —Sue



Joe sure can fill a room! We had at least 67 people — I lost count!

to keep your iOS devices (iPhones, iPads, iPod Touches) in sync with each other and with your desktop or laptop Mac or Windows computers. That's a mouthful!

There are four key areas to it. Documents and data, mobile backups, GPS/location awareness and purchase management. Let's explore each...

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Document and Data Syncing

Calendars, Contacts, Reminders and Notes, Safari, Passbook all need to stay in sync. Documents in iWork (Pages, Numbers and Keynote) can be sync'ed. Photostream, iTunes and "Back to my Mac" also fall under this category.

Mobile Backup

When you're on the move, you can back up data to the Cloud... and back up locally (on desktop or laptop). This would cover movies, music, TV shows, apps, books, photos and messages.

Location Awareness

Geofencing (where your iDevice is aware of where it is and acts on that information) provides some unique possibilities. And "Find My iPhone/Mac/Friends" is a very useful app!

Purchase Management

Passbook is an iOS App that acts as a virtual wallet for digital tickets and boarding passes.



GET STARTED! In your computer go under System Preferences > Internet/Wireless > iCloud icon. You'll need your Apple ID and password to use as an account. If you don't have one you can set it up here.



The Man of the Hour in a full court press... of questions!

Gems from Joe

Some interesting points that weren't directly related to the presentation; these are worth repeating...

"Non Traditional Students" = OLD!

More and more, people don't want to talk on the phone. Some folks will only communicate with texts, especially younger ones. While we older folks might find this anti-social, it's the way of the future!

Where is the Cloud? It's a network of technology. Your stuff is distributed all over the place, not in any one place.

iTunes Match allows you to access your music without it actually taking up any storage space in your iDevice.

Setting it up

Start by setting up iCloud on your computer - see caption, below left. Then under the iCloud icon on any iOS device,



How it looks on an iPad.

You will have to enter your Apple ID and password the first time.

if you turn on syncing for an item, then that item will sync with your other devices. Pretty simple!

You get to it on iPad or iPhone under the Settings icon (it looks like gears).

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Kathy Miller, thanks for the pictures in this issue!

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Videography Request

John Cain prompts me to ask if anyone has the capability to record our meetings on video - then post the presentations on the web for those out of town or unable to attend. I think it's a great idea! Does anyone have that capability... who is available and willing to do this for us? Call or email Sue. 451-4601 or ukmug@bellsouth.net. **MU**



Diane and Lindi set the snacks table.

As long as your iDevice is connected to the internet, the syncing happens automatically. If you're out of communication when an update occurs, it will be handled as soon as you get your device back online. There's a local copy of data (like Contacts or Reminders) maintained on your iDevice, so when you're not connected, you still have a copy of your stuff.



Notes & Reminders

Do you use these? They can be handy for grocery lists and such. If you have trouble finding Notes, it's because Apple recently moved them. They're now under Mail! Open Mail, then go under the Mail menu (on the computer). There you can Show Notes or turn Notes off. And now... there's a Notes App on your iDevices.

How are Notes different from Reminders? Reminders is a new App. Reminders are notes tied to times, places and dates.

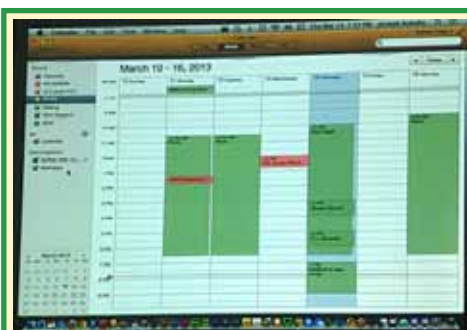
So at 6:15 remind yourself you have an UKMUG meeting to go to, and bring that computer you want to donate.

But places?! That's where geofencing comes in. That's right. Set up a Reminder to prompt you... when you drive past Publix you need to buy dog food!

Siri can set up Reminders for you as well.

Mail Syncing

iCloud only syncs mail that comes to an iCloud account (me.com or mac.com). You can use other accounts on your mobile devices but Apple's Mail handles the syncing for those, and it does a good job of it. For Gmail, Yahoo and other internet-based accounts, you have to sync using other tools. (It sounds like we could fill a whole evening on this topic alone!)



iCal: Calendar Syncing

Joe spent a lot of time on iCal, as there is a lot to it. He showed us how you can have multiple calendar, with their items color coded. You can choose to sync a calendar or not, individually.

When you create a calendar, there's a pop-out menu that gives you the option of making it an iCloud (synced) one or a local one for just the device you're on. **IF YOU CHOOSE LOCAL YOU CAN'T SHARE IT LATER!** You'll have to set up a new calendar.

Every time you make a change to be sync'ed, it's time and date stamped, to avoid mixups in syncing.

You can share calendars with others in your family or workgroup. Right-click (control click) on a calendar name on the left to pop up a menu for sharing via email. Your "sharee" gets a link that they can follow to link to you. Be careful with this -- they can change your calendar if you share it. (You can also publish a calendar as read-only if this concerns you.)

Online you can find calendars for holidays and other items to add to yours.

Safari

How do you sync a browser? You can sync your bookmarks across devices, as well as your open tabs. Open Safari on your phone and start surfing. Tired of the little screen? Go to the laptop and there it is!

Photo Stream



Share photos across devices. As soon as you take a photo with your mobile device, it shows up on all the other devices. Photo Stream tracks your most recent 1000 photos. (So, if it's one you really want to keep, make sure it's downloaded to your computer before it gets bumped out of rotation or expires!) These are saved 30 days. It's great for traveling. Even if you lose your phone, you still have your pictures.

You can even view your Photo Stream album on your Apple TV. Show off your shots to friends and family from whichever device you're using at the time. You can also have Photo Streams that are shared with selected people. They can view, contribute and download.

On the Mac, photos download to iPhoto. On a Windows-based machine, there's a folder for them.

Documents and Data

In the iWork programs, when you create a new document and save it, iCloud is an now option for where it's stored. When you open the document on an iDevice, you'll see a warning that it might look a little different from what you see on the desktop. That's because the iDevices don't have all the fonts available, so they get substituted.

Back to My Mac

This is an app for screen sharing and file sharing. It gives you remote access to your desktop when you aren't near it, assuming you left it on and connected to the internet.

From someone else's computer, you can log into iCloud and operate your computer remotely! (Operating apps can be slow!) With screen sharing, two Apple computers can see the same screen. If you call Apple support, this is how they can remotely control your computer.

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Thanks go to John Cooper for this one!

Here's the dating site
for Apple owners.



<http://cupidtino.com/>
From Diane Marshall



iCloud with Joe

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Find My Mac/iPhone/iPad

As long as the missing device is on and the battery hasn't died, you can go on iCloud.com and find it. Use your Apple ID and password to log on and track it by GPS. If it's lost in the couch cushions you can have it play a sound to help you find it. You can passcode-lock a missing device to prevent unauthorized access, and if it's stolen, you can remotely erase it.

(The passcode lock isn't foolproof — if someone who knows what they are doing has it, they can wipe the device clean without it.)

Find My Friends

You and your family/friends can set up tracking on each other (if this sounds creepy, think of trying to herd a big family through Disney World, or meeting up with friends at a big concert). You ask each person's permission, and set up a geofence. When your friends come into the geofence, you get an alert.

Storage on iCloud

When you sign up you get 5GB of iCloud storage. But not everything you store actually counts against the 5GB.

Contacts and Calendars don't count. iTunes Match items don't count either (music, movies, whatever - if it's in iTunes Match, it doesn't count). However - be aware... if you aren't connected to the internet, you don't have access to any of your iTunes Match content.

You might have noticed lately, if you delete something from iTunes it doesn't actually delete it. It just says it "will hide it from you in the cloud." (This makes me fear big brother a little, how about you?)

If you choose not to use iTunes Match, the content counts in your storage and you have to sync manually.

Docs and Data, and Photostream images count against your 5GB.

You can purchase more storage if you need it -- Apple will warn you when you're getting close. 10GB is \$20, 20GB is \$40, for a year.

If you're getting close to your limit look under "Manage Storage" and it will help you see how your space is being used.

iCloud Backup

This is a setting which allows automatic backing up of the Camera Roll, accounts, docs and settings when the iDevice is plugged in, locked or connected to your WiFi. If you do this with your iPad or iPhone, if you lose or break the device, all your stuff will be seamlessly restored onto the new device when you get it.

To do this turn iCloud Backup on, in your iOS device. Go home, plug it in and let it back up. (You can do it manually but automatic is better.)

Other Cloud Services

Not all Cloud services are iCloud services. They can be provided by others in addition to Apple. Amazon, Google (Google Docs) and Drop Box are among the most popular.


DropBox

DropBox is an App, and a website (Dropbox.com). An account is free, and where you sign up you get 2GB of free storage. There's an App for your computer, and you get a DropBox folder.

You can drag documents and folders into your DropBox folder. From there you can share them with others. There are Apps for your iDevices as well, although with some types of documents there isn't anything you can do on those devices. You can, however access them and email them if you need to. (So for example, from your phone you could send someone the artwork for your logo even though you couldn't open the art for editing on the phone.)

With DropBox you can share individual files or folders without sharing everything. You can even share with others who don't have DropBox - they get a link that allows them to download the shared document.

If you need more than 2GB you can buy more storage.

Wow, Joe! What a lot of information to process!! Thanks for making the trip... we look forward to your next Upper Keys presentation! 



Francine and Ellen in Beginners Circle.



Rick Merrill

David Dimmel



Janet and Susan in Beginners Circle.



High school buddies Joan and Jan.



Mary Anne and Sue.



Diane helps Pat with photos in Beginners Circle.

Smart Computer Mouse Carries Your Digital Identities Between Devices

submitted by Karen Beal



A European company wants to not only make the mouse “smart,” but more mobile by moving with you across devices.


Designed in Italy, the Ego! Smartmouse stores your digital identity and files, allowing you to move across various computers and systems. Anything that can link up via Bluetooth technology can potentially accept input from the mouse.

In addition to being an optical mouse, it has features you normally see in a smartphone: an accelerometer, compass, gyroscope, touch sensor, embedded VGA camera — and it even runs its own Linux OS. Not only can you utilize its available 2GB, 4GB or 8GB of flash memory as a portable storage device, but the Ego! Smartmouse comes with cloud storage.

You could seamlessly move from any Bluetooth-capable desktop, laptop, projector and gaming system with this mouse. With both 2D and 3D modes, freely using the mouse in the air should work, in addition to using it on a desk. The mouse’s battery is rechargeable with a micro-USB connection.

With that much data and power packed into one device, security is a concern. But similar to Apple iCloud’s ability to remotely lock a lost device, you could block the Ego! Smartmouse to protect its data if it’s stolen or gets lost.


The team behind the mouse is trying to raise \$30,000 — on Kickstarter. So far, they’ve passed the halfway point, with 35 days left to go.

If the team’s Kickstarter campaign is successful, the first of the Ego! Smartmice are expected to ship in June. The Windows software for the mice is also expected in June, while the Mac version may be ready in July. 

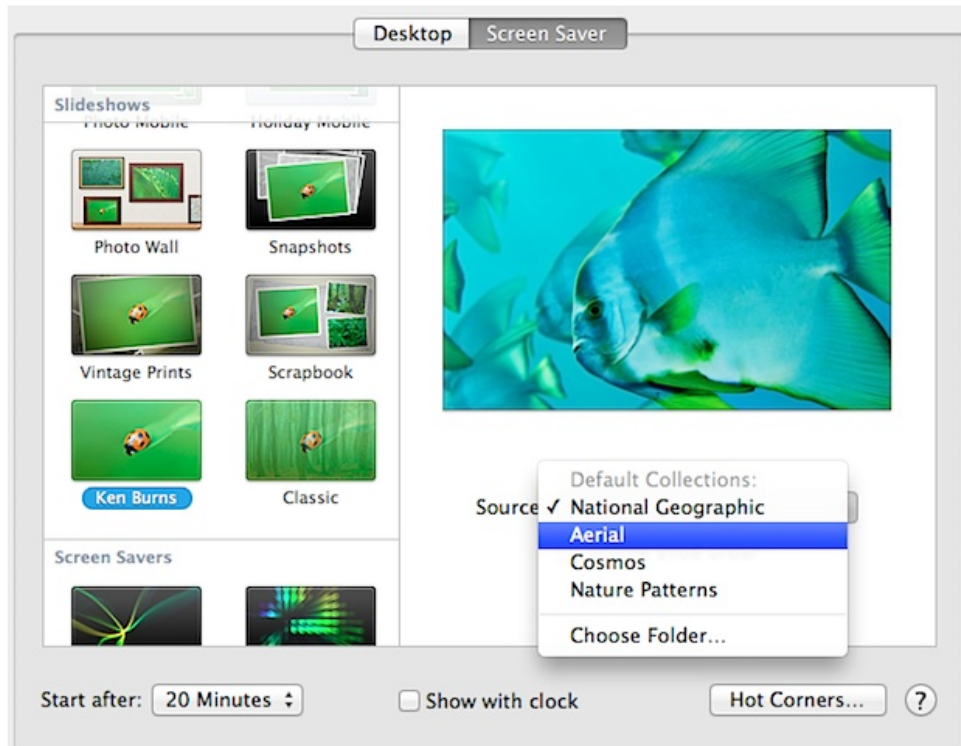


Screensaver Tip *from Karen Beal*

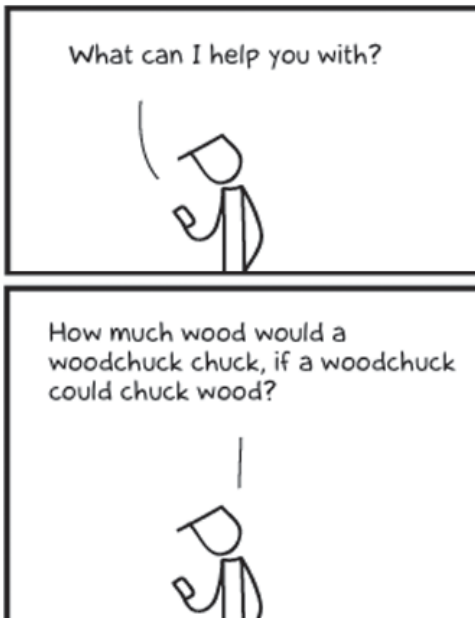
Bored with your Mac screen savers? Don’t forget to check out the four beautiful new screensaver additions to OS X Mountain Lion, or the 14 new ways to display them. If you haven’t seen them yet:

- Open System Preferences from the  Apple menu and click on the “Desktop & Screen Saver” panel
- Find them under the Screen Saver tab and click on the “Source” menu to reveal the choices

The new screen savers are basically picture slideshows of some amazing photography in four themes: National Geographic, Aerial, Cosmos, and Nature Patterns. Combine those with the fourteen new slideshow types: Floating, Flip-up, Reflections, Origami, Shifting Tiles, Sliding Panels, Photo Mobile, Holiday Mobile, Photo Wall, Snapshots, Vintage Prints, Scrapbook, Ken Burns, and Classic, and you have 56 new screensaver possibilities.



Siri, in a year.



Keyboard Shortcut for “Save as PDF...” in OS X

from MacSparky.com; submitted by Rich Boyer

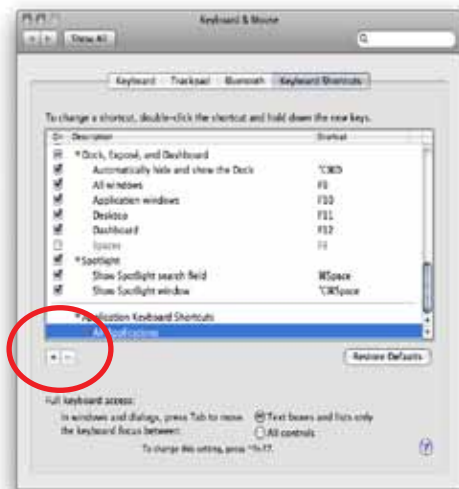
Here is one thing that has been driving me crazy for some time. I constantly find myself saving from Safari to PDF. Whether it is a utility bill or legal research, I have a fetish for saving PDF copies. The problem is that in order to do so you must click print, then the PDF button, then the “Save as PDF” button. Each step requires me to get the mouse in the right place and read the menu. Granted this is probably less than 10 seconds but I do it a lot and it makes me just a little bit nuts.

So I've been thinking about this and wondering if there is an Automator action or perhaps an Applescript that can simplify this. Well tonight I stumbled upon an excellent hint at MacOSXHints that address this very problem very easily through with a keyboard shortcut.

Here is the walkthrough.

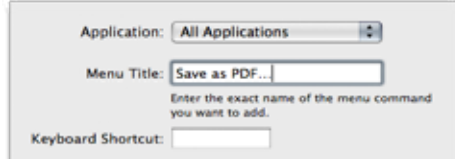


Open your Keyboard Shortcuts tab in the Keyboard & Mouse system preference pane.



Click the “+” sign to add a new shortcut for all applications.

Then a box pops up asking for the command.



Type in the Command exactly as it appears: “Save as PDF...” For the ellipses, use the combination: option + semicolon. Don’t ask me why because I have no clue. Just do it.

For the keyboard shortcut use: command + P (I know this sounds like a conflict with the print shortcut, but trust me)

Now you are done.



Now go to your favorite webpage and hold down the command key and press “P” twice.

Bingo. “Save as PDF...” lickity split! 



Submitted by Sandra Beese, from The Villages MUG newsletter "Slices."

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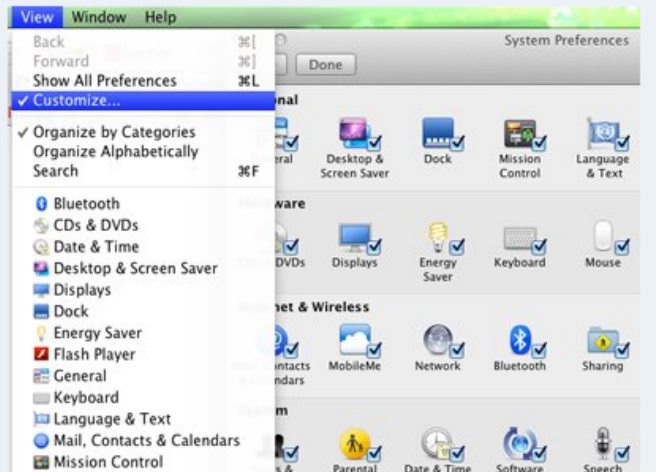
Apple Authorized Sales, Service, and Training from Key Largo to Key West. Cool.

Clean up your System Preferences menu

submitted by Karen Beal

In Lion, you can customize which settings panels show up in your System Preferences.

While you're in System Preferences, click View, then Customize, and then uncheck anything you'd rather not see.



Best Informational Websites for Macs and OS X Mountain Lion

submitted by Graham Thomas, from the MacforDummies.com website

Want to know how to find out about all things Macintosh? Hop onto the web to check these Apple-related sites and stuff your brain with information about your Mac and OS X Mountain Lion:

Alltop (<http://mac.alltop.com>) aggregates information from dozens of great Mac-oriented websites and makes it easy to skim headlines and story summaries. You can even build your own custom version that contains only sites you want to see.

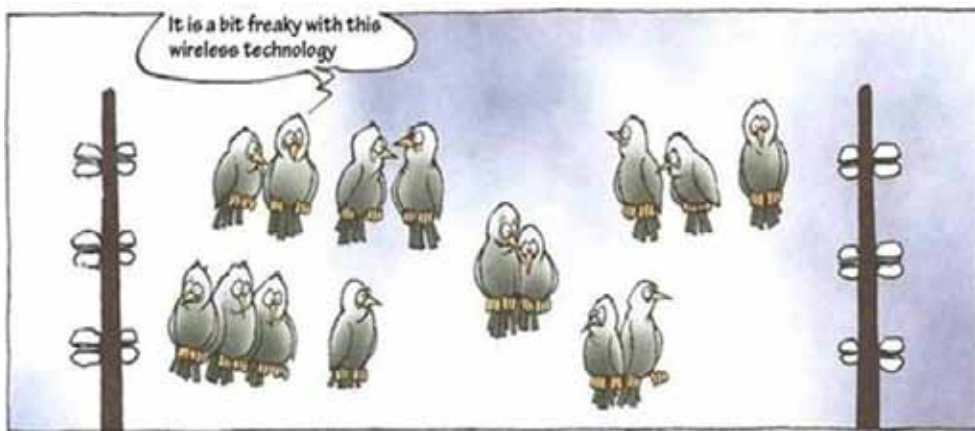
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(Also sent in by Graham Thomas.)

Time Machine and Other Backup Tips

Choose what gets backed up



The first time you run Time Machine it will create a working copy of your entire system. Subsequent backups will be incremental, backing up only new or changed items. It can be helpful to sometimes leave specific items out of a backup, for example a folder full of video files that is just temporarily residing on your hard drive. These can be very large and you don't want to be backing up a copy every time you use Time Machine. Go into System Preferences > Time Machine and click Options. There, create a list of any files or folders that you want to exclude.

Create instant backups

It's a quick and basic solution, but if you are about to make changes to files and you think you may need to revert back to the older versions at some point, simply duplicate the files or folders in question using the File > Duplicate command or drag and drop them to another drive, where they will be copied rather than moved. Rename the folder to indicate that it's a backup. Having a large USB or networked drive on hand to store backups can be a great idea.

Restore or delete items from a backup

If you need to get back an old version of a file or 'undelete' something, enter Time Machine and return to a point where the relevant item exists. You can use Quick Look to see inside the file. Restore it as a copy or overlay the current file.

Email things to yourself

Another quick and easy way to back up smaller files is to email them to yourself using a web-based email service. They will then be stored online and accessible from other devices.

For larger files, use a service like Dropbox to store items online. **MU**

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