



# THE SEED

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## DENVER APPLE PI

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### Calendar

SIG and Help Meetings are  
HELD AT THE CONSOLIDATED  
MUTUAL WATER DISTRICT  
BUILDING

12700 W 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Lakewood  
7 to 9 pm

*unless otherwise noted*



MEETING DATES SET FOR  
SEPT - DEC 2007

Sept 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	Mac SIG
Sept 26	Wed	Help SIG
Oct 16	Tues	Mac SIG
Oct 24	Wed	Help SIG
Nov 20	Tues	Mac SIG
Nov 28	Wed	Help SIG
Dec 18	Tues	Party
Dec 26 ?	Wed	Help SIG

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### SEPTEMBER 18 DAPI MEETING

This month's SIG meeting will include a video of a 1/2 hour **iLife 08** demo downloaded from an Apple presentation. Included in the new iLife are

- ❖ IPhoto
- ❖ iMovie
- ❖ GarageBand
- ❖ iWeb
- ❖ iDVD

Also, "What Are Plugins" will be explained.



### COMPUTEREDGE

*From Marilyn Mohr at ComputerEdge*

Although no longer available in print, *Computer Edge Colorado* can be seen on the web. You can sign yourself up for a free subscription reminder and every Friday morning when the new issue is out you'll be notified by email. They have changed the 4-line Directory of Services ads so that users can input them, and you can SELL YOUR old computer equipment by placing your FREE private party ad online at [www.computoredge.com](http://www.computoredge.com).

### Printing Problems?

In this new online *ComputerEdge*, the following article, "Solving Mac Printing Issues," gives valuable tips on getting your printer going again. Cut and paste this URL onto your web page to read the complete article written by James Alguire.

<http://webserver.computoredge.com/online.mvc?zone=CO&issue=2515&article=mac&src=linkref>



### ADVANCES IN GOOGLE.COM AND ASK.COM

*By Joyce Etherton*

What would we do without Google? It's now a verb. Well, Ask.com has been working on refining its search engines and has developed what it considers a site with search results that are easier to navigate.

For example, I asked both Google and Ask.com "When do I pick grapes," (a current situation that I am dealing with!).

Google's search first three answers in order include:

1. Luke 6:44 (a biblical quotation)
2. Gathering Grape leaves: Springtime is When We ...
3. When is the best time to pick grapes – the answer is “the morning time.”

**Ask.com** search shows a narrow column on the left side of the page that suggested that I narrow my search and listed many other choices; the first three are:

1. When to Pick Grapes
2. What Time of Year Are Grapes Ripe
3. When Is the Best Time to Harvest Grapes

Additionally, on the same page in the center large column, the first three choices were

1. Harvesting Grapes
2. How to tell the ripe from the not ripe
3. How to grow grapes

Now I'll admit that I more correctly should have asked, “When do I harvest grapes,” but Ask.com seemed to understand my dilemma better than Google. So with this small example of some differences in these two search engines, I will now not only Google, I'll Ask.com.



## OPENOFFICE SUITE

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### *From the Editor*

The following **OpenOffice** explanation is useful for those who transmit documents, spread sheets, multimedia presentations and simple diagrams to 3D illustrations over the internet. Documents prepared in Appleworks and sent over the internet can't be read by Microsoft Word and the converse, MS Word documents can't be read by Appleworks Therefore, a format that improves access to electronic documents, including government documents, has been in development for twenty years and is now available as a free download

Although this is a lengthy article, it may be well worth your time to consider downloading this free *OpenOffice*. Please note there is a free tutorial available—see Page 3.

THE MISSION OF THE OPENOFFICE.ORG PROJECT IS: "TO CREATE, AS A COMMUNITY, THE LEADING

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SUITE THAT WILL RUN ON ALL MAJOR PLATFORMS..."WHICH INCLUDES MAC OS X"

### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

MAC OS X (X11) (X11 FOR MAC OS X OFFERS UNIX USERS THE ABILITY TO RUN THOUSANDS OF X11 APPLICATIONS CONCURRENTLY WITH OTHER MAC OS X APPLICATIONS.)

- ❖ POWER MAC G3 400MHZ OR HIGHER
- ❖ MAC OS X 10.3.X (10.3.5 RECOMMENDED), MAC OS X 10.4.X
- ❖ 256MBYTES RAM
- ❖ 400MBYTES AVAILABLE DISK SPACE
- ❖ X11 REQUIRED. AVAILABLE FOR OS X 10.3 ON APPLE.COM [HERE](http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=301229) AND FOR OS X 10.4 ON THE OS X INSTALL DISC. THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR TIGER USERS ARE AT: [HTTP://DOCS.INFO.APPLE.COM/ARTICLE.HTML?ARTNUM=301229](http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=301229)
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**BASE** – LETS YOU MANIPULATE DATABASES SEAMLESSLY. CREATE AND MODIFY TABLES, forms, queries, and reports, all from within OpenOffice.org.

**Math** – lets you create mathematical equations with a graphic user interface or by directly typing your formulas into the equation editor.

## Why OpenOffice.org?

- ❖ OpenOffice.org is synonymous with **quality**
- ❖ The [roots of OpenOffice.org](#) go back twenty years, creating a mature and powerful product
- ❖ Hundreds of thousands of users participated in the beta testing of version 2
- ❖ [Independent reviewers](#) around the world have recommended the product
- ❖ With a fully open development process, OpenOffice.org has nothing to hide - the product stands or falls on its reputation

## OpenOffice.org is easy to use

- ❖ The software looks and feels familiar and is instantly usable by anyone who has used a competitive product
- ❖ It's easy to change to OpenOffice.org - the software reads all major competitors' files
- ❖ Few [language barriers](#) - if it's not yet available in your language, the chances are it will be soon
- ❖ OpenOffice.org is supported by a global community of friendly volunteers, only too happy to provide assistance to newcomers and advanced users alike

## OpenOffice.org is free software

- ❖ You may download OpenOffice.org completely free of any licence fees
- ❖ Install it on as many PCs as you like

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[Find out more or try it today!](http://www.openoffice.org/product/more.html)  
<http://www.openoffice.org/product/more.html>

## Free Online OpenOffice Tutorials

Today InPictures launched its new line of free computer how-to tutorials, available at [www.inpics.net](http://www.inpics.net). There are 12 online tutorials, including OpenOffice.org. The tutorials can be used by anyone, free of charge.

"The OpenOffice.org community repeats the consistent message from security experts that users should never accept files from unknown sources. For any security issue, please visit OpenOffice.org's Security Team page."

## ***All things related to Open Office***

The Open Office Blog. Go to:  
<http://oonnewsletter.blogspot.com>



## IPHONE EARLY ADOPTERS

By Joyce Etherton

Bloggers are either bemoaning the fact or being philosophical about Apple's precipitous price reduction for the new iPhone only two months after the highly promoted initial sale date (June 29, 2007). Some "early adopters" consider their early purchase as the way things work in the rapidly changing world of technology and they had two months of bragging rights into having the first one on the block. Other early adopters aren't quite so kind in their blogs indicating they were definitely short changed and their exclusivity in owning on of these cool new phones was short-lived and now they're looking for some solutions to getting at least some of their money back.

Apple's official policy states "Should Apple reduce its price on any shipped product within 10 days of shipment, you may contact Apple Sales Support at 1-800-MY-APPLE to request a credit of the difference between the price you were charged and the current selling price." Additionally, some credit card companies (CitiBank and Visa Signature) had price protection that allowed returns as a standard benefit with some limits.



## YAYOO!BABELFISH

By Joyce Etherton

Yayoo!BabelFish provides free online text and web page language translation at  
Altavista  
<http://babelfish.altavista.digital.com/tr>

Go to this site and enter the block of text you'd like translated. You can

- ❖ Enter your own block of text or copy it from elsewhere,
- ❖ Select the "from and to language,"
- ❖ Click translate.

Just for fun, I wrote the sentence below and ran it through two translations. See the results!

Original sentence:

Today is a beautiful fall day in Colorado. The sun is shinning, but a few clouds are keeping the temperature moderate letting us know that soon the leaves will be falling from the trees and snow will be falling in the Rocky Mountains.

### 1. BabelFish translation English to German

Heutiger Tag ist ein schöner Falltag in Kolorado. Die Sonne shinning, aber einige Wolken halten die Temperatur gemäßigt, uns informierend, daß bald die Blätter von den Bäumen fallen werden und Schnee in die felsigen Berge fallen wird.

### BabelFish translation from German back to English

Today's day is a beautiful drop day in Kolorado. Shinning, but some clouds it keep the sun moderate the temperature, informing us that soon the sheets of the trees will fall and snow will fall into the rocky mountains.

### 2. Apple's Widget translation English to German

Heutiger Tag ist ein schöner Falltag in Kolorado. Die Sonne shinning, aber einige Wolken halten die Temperatur gemäßigt, uns informierend, daß bald die Blätter von den Bäumen fallen werden und Schnee in die felsigen Berge fallen wird.

### Apple's Widget Translation from German back to English

Today's day is a beautiful drop day in Kolorado. Shinning, but some clouds it keep the sun

moderate the temperature, informing us that soon the pages of the trees will fall and snow will fall into the rocky mountains.

These translations aren't meant for anything other than getting an idea of what's being said (I hope). Makes me wonder if this is how instruction manuals from other countries are translated into English.

### **FIND YOUR IMPORTANT WEB NEWS QUICKLY WITH RSS**



**Use RSS and let the news come to you**

#### **What is RSS?**

A video available at [http://www.creativetechs.com/iq/what\\_is\\_rss.html](http://www.creativetechs.com/iq/what_is_rss.html) explains in simple language what RSS does for you. See this short, straightforward video by Lee LeFever in which he gives guides for finding your favorite web sites sent to your own reader file

First you subscribe to the free RSS service. Then you select your web sites from many choices of categories. The new information will come to your reader file where you can decide whether to read only a simplified, short version or go to the entire web posting.

View the new stuff in your web reader, rather than going to all the sites to check new stuff.

Google Reader, a *Webware 100 Award Winner in June of 2007*, allows users to subscribe to as many RSS feeds as they want. RSS feeds give users visually simplified versions of web content including photos and text plus some video clips. To subscribe, go to [Reader.google.com](http://Reader.google.com)

Other choices for your web reader include the following:

- ❖ Firefox
- ❖ Internet Explorer 7
- ❖ My Yahoo
- ❖ Netvibes
- ❖ OpenID
- ❖ Opera
- ❖ Safari
- ❖ StumbleUpon
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