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### Calendar

SIG and Help Meetings are  
HELD AT THE CONSOLIDATED  
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BUILDING

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

*unless otherwise noted*



MEETING DATES SET FOR  
JAN 2008 – JUNE 2008

Mac SIG	Jan 15	Tues
Help SIG	Jan 23	Wed
Mac SIG	Feb 19	Tues
Help SIG	Feb 27	Wed
Mac SIG	Mar 18	Tues
Help SIG	Mar 26	Wed
Mac SIG	Apr 15	Tues
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have presented as a  
program at a Mac Sig  
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### JANUARY 15 MAC SIG MEETING

Presenter: Larry Fagan

**NeoOffice** is a *free* full-featured set of office applications (including word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and drawing programs) for Mac OS X.

Based on the [OpenOffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org) office suite, NeoOffice has integrated dozens of native Mac features and can import, edit, and exchange files with other popular office programs such as Microsoft Office.

<http://www.neooffice.org/neojava/en/index.php>

This presentation may be of special interest to Mac users who currently use AppleWorks or Claris-Works which have been discontinued. Apple now redirects web surfers to iWork '08 since *Pages* and *Numbers* (part of the iWork suite of applications) can import AppleWorks.

### MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to new members:

David Bruner, Sheldon Ronholdt, Tom Lentz

January Membership renewals are due for the following DAPI Members:

- Ken Baker
- Fred Berkman
- Brenda Cleveland
- Thomas Orton
- William Schmurr

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**FORWARDING EMAILS:**

Back by Popular Request

*By Joyce Etherton*

Forwarding emails without all the previous email addresses included is an easy process and important because of the possibility of allowing viruses to be passed on to all these addresses. As the messages get forwarded, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across his computer. Additionally, someone can take all these addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them and will make (for example) 5 cents per hit. So in addition to making your forwarded email look better, deleting previous recipients email addresses helps eliminate viruses and junk mail.

Here are the easy steps to properly forward emails.

1. Click the forward button in the email you are reading. You must click forward before you can edit the message in any way.
2. Highlight the previous email addresses – the ones that now appear in the body of your email – **and delete them.**
3. To keep your list of recipients confidential, put their names in the Bcc field to prevent them from appearing

in the message when it is sent. For your particular email setup, check *Help* to find how to set up the Bcc field.

Do you ever receive petitions that ask you to forward it to 10 or 20 people or even to your complete address book? To a spammer this list provides a wealth of valid names and email addresses. If you delete the addresses from previously forwarded emails, this stops the spammer from collecting these names and addresses. If the petition is important, write a personal letter to your intended recipient.

Before forwarding an Amber Alert or a Virus Alert (many of which say in the message that this has been checked out on Snopes.com but in fact HAVE NOT BEEN) type in one of the following web addresses to confirm for yourself that the alert is true. Then type in the subject you are trying to confirm.

<http://www.snopes.com>

<http://urbanlegends.about.com>

**SMALL DOG TECH TAILS “REPAIR OF THE WEEK”**

matt@smalldog.com

Whenever liquid meets (your laptop) computer, it's important to immediately remove power sources and turn it upside down. The next step, if you can't disassemble it yourself, is to simply leave the computer upside down, with the screen open and hanging perpendicular to a table for about a week. This allows for proper evaporation. The absolute worst thing you can do is turn the computer on to see if it still works!

Traveler IQ game on the Internet: Play online free:

<http://www.travelpod.com/traveler-iq>

For a video on OS 10.5 Leopard, go to

<http://media.macworld.com/media/vodcast/mwvodcast28.m4v>

**TEEN CHAT DECODER**

In case you don't know all the acronyms kids are using these days with text messaging, etc., you can go to this website and search for it. Note the disclaimer!!

<http://www.teenchatdecoder.com/>

Just start typing the acronym you wish to search for. When you do, the teen chat term database with automatically start to display all possible acronym results for your search

*Please note: Some acronyms may contain objectionable language.*

### **SURGE PROTECTOR SAFETY TIPS**

*Submitted By Tony Pizza  
Appleholics Anonymous*

- Be sure you are not overloading the circuit. Know the capacity of the circuit and the power requirements of all the electrical items plugged into the power strip and into all the other outlets and the light fixtures on the circuit.
- A heavy reliance on power strips is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have additional outlets installed where you need them.
- Understand that a surge suppressor only protects the items plugged into it, not back along the circuit into which it is connected.
- Surge suppressors can manage the small surges and spikes

sometimes generated by the turning on and off of appliances. They may even protect against a large surge generated from outside sources like lightning or problems along the power lines to the office or house. In the event of a large surge or spike, the surge suppressor is a one-time-use protector and will likely have to be replaced.

- Consider purchasing surge suppressors with cable and phone jacks to provide the same protection to your phone, fax, computer modem, and television.
- Not all power strips are surge suppressors and not all surge suppressors can handle the same load and events. Be sure the equipment you buy matches your needs.

### **USING THE DOCK**

*Submitted By Tony Pizza  
Appleholics Anonymous*

#### **Change the Position of the Dock**

Choose Dock from the Apple menu, then choose Turn Hiding On for a different position on the screen. To see the Dock when it's hidden, move the pointer to the bottom or side of the screen.

#### **Mac OS X lets you customize the Dock in a number of ways.**

If you choose Dock from the Apple menu and select Dock Preferences, a dialog will open giving you access to all of the Dock customization options. Use them to:

- Change the size of the Dock
- Turn Magnification On (or Off) by clicking the check box and, if On, the degree of Magnification
- Indicate where you'd like the Dock to appear
- Select the effect (Genie or Scale) used to minimize a window
- Check the Animate box, which makes the icon for an application bounce when you open it
- Check the box to have Mac OS X hide the Dock when it's not being used

#### **Add an Application to the Dock**

If you enjoy the convenience of the Dock, you can make it even more useful by adding items to it you use regularly. Here, for example, you'll find two ways to add one or more applications to your Dock:

- Let's say you're currently using Keynote '08, your favorite presentation software, and would like to keep it in the Dock at all times. Right-click on its icon in the Dock, and select Keep in Dock from the contextual menu that appears.

Or try this option.

- Open the Applications folder, grab Text Edit, and drag it to the Dock. Next time you want to use Text Edit, just click its icon in the Dock. You can use this method to add multiple

applications, such as Calculator and Dictionary, just as easily. In that open Applications folder, choose Calculator and Dictionary, two handy utilities, and drag both into the Dock.

### Remove an Application from the Dock

If you'd like to reduce the number of applications from the Dock, you can do so at any time.

- Simply grab the icon of the document, folder, or application you'd like to remove, and drag it out of the Dock. Release the mouse button, and the item will vanish in a puff of virtual smoke.



### ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 6

Photoshop Elements 6 for the Mac will soon be available. Says a fan of PS Elements, "I'm no artist or photographer, so Elements

does everything I need (and it's a heck of a lot cheaper than Photoshop)."

#### Pricing and Availability

Adobe Photoshop Elements 6 for Macintosh will run on Leopard, (Mac OS X v 10.5), as well as previous versions of Mac OS X starting with 10.4.8. and is immediately available for pre-order at [www.adobe.com/go/buyphotoshop\\_elements\\_mac](http://www.adobe.com/go/buyphotoshop_elements_mac) for an estimated street price of US\$89.99. The software will later be available at Amazon.com, or from one of the following retailers: Apple Stores, Best Buy, Staples, Costco.com, Fry's, Circuit City, Microcenter, J&R, Buy.com and NewEgg.com. Information about other language versions, as well as pricing, upgrade and support policies for other countries is available on [www.adobe.com/go/photoshopelmac](http://www.adobe.com/go/photoshopelmac)

### TRY DICTIONARY WIDGET TRICKS

Mac OS X Hints - Dec. 2007

The insider tips you won't get from Apple  
by *Rob Griffiths*

Mac OS X 10.4's Dictionary widget provides a convenient way to look up the occasional word in the dictionary or thesaurus. Using it is as straightforward as can be—press F12 to bring up Dashboard, open the widget if it's not currently showing, and then type your word into the search box in the widget's upper right corner. But this little program does have a few hidden nuances.

First, as is the case with text in many OS X applications, you can get the search box to show you possible completions based on the characters you've typed so far. How? Just press and hold control, option, or 1, and then press the escape key, and you'll see a drop-down list of completions. Scroll down to the word you'd like to use and press return, and its definition will appear.

Once you have a definition visible, Dictionary has one more trick up its sleeve. Type *rain*, for instance, and you'll see its definition. Now click on the half-circle with the capital *R* on it, sticking out on the widget's left edge. A list of other known words and phrases that start with *rain* appears. Click on one of those words to jump to its definition, or click on the capital letter again (before clicking on another word), and you'll switch back to the standard definition of *rain*.

Toggle the widget from Dictionary mode to Thesaurus mode, and the same trick works; here it will show you a list of other words in the thesaurus that are similar in meaning to the chosen word—in this case, *rain*. Toggle the capital letter again, and you're back to the thesaurus entries for *rain*.

PC World annually picks 25 Most Innovative Products of the Year 2007 ... and Apple has two of the top four!

### Apple iPhone

Innovation: Gee-whiz touch-screen interface and spartan case dial up a mobile revolution.

Benefit: [Mac OS](#)--simple software offering slide-and-glide access to bright, colorful menus sets this cell phone apart from its rivals.

The \$399 iPhone has [taken some criticism for its shortcomings](#), mainly its lack of 3G connectivity, but you can't deny that the sleek handset is innovative. Apple made navigating via a touch screen--sure to be a staple in future PDA phones and other small devices--intuitive and fun. iPhone's [Safari browser](#) makes the handset a great mobile Web device (at least when you can get a Wi-Fi connection.) And, sure, many phones play music, but Cover Flow cranks the iPhone up to 11 as a music player. (See PC World's [iPhone Central](#) for much more.)

### Time Machine, in Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard)

Innovation: Backs up changes hourly to an external drive behind the scenes, then lets you "go back in time" to restore data.

Benefit: Makes light work of the one task that every computer user should do and most people put off--and gives the function a pretty face to boot.

Time Machine is the killer feature in Leopard. You'll either love or hate this wild and wacky space-and-time user interface, but performing backups will never be the same. One question: Why doesn't [Windows Vista](#) have anything this simple and useful?

## The Complete List: Today's Most Innovative Products

- . Google Gears
- **Apple iPhone**
- . One Laptop per Child XO
- **Apple Time Machine (in Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard)**
- . Amazon Kindle
- . NetGear Digital Entertainer HD EVA8000
- . HP TouchSmart PC
- . AT&T Tilt
- . Facebook API
- . DeviceVM Splashtop
- . Toshiba Portege R500
- . Data Robotics Drobo
- . Hybrid Hard Drives
  - . Samsung Spinpoint MH80
  - . Seagate Momentus 5400 PSD
- . Eye-Fi Card
- . Panasonic TH-42PZ700U Yamaha Tenori-On
- . Zoho Notebook
- . Radiohead, In Rainbows
- . IOGear Wireless USB Hub and Adapter
- . Mint.com
- . Microsoft Popfly
- . Sprint Airave
- . Ask.com
- . EXpresso
- . Kodak EasyShare All-in-One Printers

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 OS \_\_\_\_\_

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