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DENVER APPLE PI Calendar

SIG and Help Meetings are
HELD AT THE CONSOLIDATED
MUTUAL WATER DISTRICT
BUILDING
12700 W 27th Avenue
Lakewood
7 to 9 pm
unless otherwise noted
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MEETING DATES SET FOR
APRIL 2008 – AUG 2008

Mac SIG	Apr 15	Tues
Help SIG	Apr 23	Wed
Mac SIG	May 20	Tues
Help SIG	May 28	Wed
Mac SIG	Jun 17	Tues
Help SIG	Jun 25	Wed
Mac SIG	July 15	Tues
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Mac SIG	Aug 19	Tues
Help SIG	Aug 27	Wed

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APRIL 15 MAC SIG MEETING

Presenter: Tammy Hanson

Topic: Backing Up Your Computer

*"WHEN, NOT IF, DISASTER STRIKES--
HAVE YOU BEEN BACKING UP YOUR DATA
FILES?"*

**Free Electronic
Recycling, April 12,
2008, 9am to 3pm
WM Recycle America, LLC -
eCycling Services**

**3730 East 48th Ave. , Denver,
CO, 80216-3014**

**Electronic items—computers,
CPUs, scanners, Batteries
No household appliances**

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome new member:
Ken Kipp

April Membership renewals are due for the following DAPI Members:

- Frederick Gluck

- Jim and Beth Harris
- David and Janet Hill
- Paul Neiman
- Dave Sommer
- Keith Wertz

If you receive a snail mail copy of The Seed, your dues are \$20 per year.

If you receive an email PDF copy of The Seed, your dues are \$15 per year.

You can bring your payment to the monthly meetings or you can send your remittances to the club mailing address:

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MIGHTY MOUSE'S SCROLL BALL

From Rob Griffiths Mac OS X Hints

If you use Apple's Mighty Mouse with a scroll ball, there are some extra features that are worth checking out. First, the well-known combinations:

- Zooming the screen—hold down control and move scroll ball
- Switching applications—press Command-Tab and move scroll ball
- Setting volume in iTunes or QuickTime Player—hover over volume slider and move scroll ball

Now, some less well-known keystroke-roller-ball combinations:

In OS X 10.5 Spaces:

- Press F8 (to enter Spaces' overview mode), then move

scroll ball (but do not click as that will activate whichever space is under the mouse cursor). You will see your pre-assigned Spaces applications move in logical sequence—up and down, and left to right. To activate the application, press Return (enter) and the highlighted Space will become active.

In OS X 10.5 Exposé's All Windows (F9 by default) mode:

- Press F9, move the scroll ball and note how each Window highlights as scroller ball moves up and down and sideways. Again, to activate the highlighted window, press Return (enter) don't click the mouse as your pointer may be elsewhere on the screen.

OFFICER ELECTIONS DON'T DRAG YOUR FEET—VOLUNTEER!

In the May Seed there will be a ballot to elect officers for 2008-2009. The following offices are open for nominations and if you're interested in volunteering or wish more information about any of the duties, please contact Elissa at 303.421.8714 or at her email elissa@comcast.net.

- President**
- Vice-President (Mac SIG)**
- Vice-President (Help SIG)**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Membership**

Additionally, these appointed positions are open.

- Webmaster**
- Seed Editor**
- Librarian**

MAKE ZIP FILE IN OS X

From Apple Pro Tips

To Zip a file, or compress it, to make it smaller and easier to send via email, you can do this within the application you are using two ways:

- Control-click on the file, and choose "Create Archive" (Apple-speak for make a compressed ZIP file), or
- Click on a file, go to the Action menu (the button that looks like a gear in the Finder window's toolbar) and choose "Create Archive" from there.

Using either method quickly creates a new file with the file extension “.zip” — a compressed file.

To open a ZIP file in Tiger and Leopard, double-click it and it will automatically decompress it.

EXPOSÉ SHOW-OFF TRICK #1

From Apple Pro Tips

Windows XP has nothing like this, so if you're into showing off your Mac to Windows users, here's your chance using Exposé. And to do it up right, before you press F9 to start Exposé, start a QuickTime movie clip, have a DVD playing, or have iTunes playing a song and click on the Visualizer. Then, when you press F9, the QuickTime clip, the DVD and/or iTunes keep playing. Your PC friends and even your Mac friends will ooh-aah!

FREE AND SHAREWARE PROGRAMS

Larry Fagan -- March 18 Meeting

Larry Fagan demonstrated several free or shareware programs and prepared a CD with web sites where they can be downloaded. Those of us who attended were given this CD. I don't know how Larry located all these websites. Here are some of the many web sites Larry put on the CD.

- <http://www.bean-osx.com/Bean.html> — a small easy to use word processor
- <http://www.limit-point.com/Utilities/BlueCrabLite.htm> — a program to do

download websites without all the bells and whistles used in Blue Crab

- <http://www.ambrosiasw.com/utilities/freebies/> — EasyEnvelopes 1.0.7 plus several other free utilities
- <http://www.finderpop.com/manual/210/title.html> — extends OS X's contextual menus using a FinderPop Items folder
- <http://web.mac.com/simonvrel/en/gettube/gettube.html> — Get Tube is one utility to download the videos with the format mp4 or mp3 on YouTube site.
- <http://gizmo5.com/newsletter/02-19-2008/> — Video calling available for Mac
- <http://sketchup.google.com/intl/en/download.html>
- <http://www.truecrypt.org/downloads.php> — free open source on-the-fly encryption
- <http://www.mactracker.ca/> — Mactracker provides detailed information on every Apple Macintosh computer ever made

COMCAST.COM SERVICE BREAKS

From Rocky Mountain News

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/fn/5650955.html>

The Associated Press last year confirmed that Comcast Corp was secretly disrupting some file-sharing by its customers. The company confirmed this practice saying it was necessary to curb traffic which would slowdown internet speeds for other subscribers. Now, Vuze, a California company which provides a popular file-sharing program, is giving its users a tool to help figure out if their Internet provider is interfering with their traffic.

Many U.S. ISPs, and cable companies in particular, acknowledge they are managing traffic. But most apparently apply more subtle methods that would not be identified by the Vuze plug-in.

The Federal Communications Commission is investigating Comcast's methods. Also, the nonprofit People for Internet Responsibility has formed a Network Neutrality Squad to develop software tools that it will distribute free to people who want to test what their ISP is doing.

RECLAIM HARD DRIVE SPACE

Caveat: Before you do any deleting to regain space on your hard drive, be sure you have a good backup. Attend our next DAPI meeting with Tammy Hanson presenting an important program on backing up your data—“When, not if, disaster strikes.”



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Your hard drive may be loaded up with things you seldom use, such as dozens and dozens of language files, including Bislama, Aymara, Guarani, Inuktitut, Manx, Greecelandic, and even Klingon

[You may want to keep the last one—you never know]. The easiest way to delete these languages is by using a program such as Monolingual* (free) to remove everything except for the five English language modules and the other popular languages you may need in real life, or expect to come across online (French, German, Japanese, etc).

Applications themselves take up surprisingly little hard drive space. The files or data stored by the applications are the hogs including the iTunes library or the DVD you created.

For the complete article(s) on files and applications which might be worth looking at to delete, go to

<http://www.smalldog.com/subscribe.html> and look at *Tech Tails* archives by ed@smalldog.com #562

"Reclaim Your Hard Drive Capacity" and the important followup in Tech Tails archives #563 "Reclaim Your Hard Drive Capacity."

*Monolingual is a free program for removing unnecessary language resources from Mac OS X in order to reclaim several hundred megabytes of disk space. www.monolingual.sourceforge.net Another very good source to read regarding reclaiming your hard drive space is <http://www.macworld.com/article/55269/2007/02/marchmobilemac.html>.

MAC TREAT #38: MAKE EVERYTHING ON YOUR SCREEN BIGGER

By Ed, ed@smalldog.com

Have you ever wanted to "zoom into" your Mac's screen to get a closer look at text or an image? If you have Mac OS X, it's very easy. On a Mac with an external mouse, hold down the "Control" key (located under the shift key and marked "ctrl" on many keyboards) and roll forward or backwards with the mouse's scroll wheel.

On a Mac laptop with two-finger scrolling enabled, hold down the Control key and mouse up and down while holding two fingers on the touchpad. You can enable two-finger scrolling on most Apple laptops running 10.4 or 10.5 in System Preferences > Keyboard & Mouse. Notice how the screen will stay zoomed in and follow your mouse around until you zoom all the way out.



Please pass this great offer to all of your group members. We're offering Popcorn 3 to user groups only for a special price of \$39.99—that's \$10 off MSRP. This is a limited time offer, however, valid now through April 15 at our online store at <http://www.roxio.com/>. Enter Coupon Code: Ugpopsave10 at checkout.

- Easily backup the entire DVD with all movies, menus, and extras in one step.
- Take your favorite TV shows on the go with TiVoToGo transfers.
- Award-winning Toast® burning technology supports all commercial DVD formats and ensures high quality copies.

POPCORN 3

By Tony Pizza

Ventura Mac/Appleholics Anonymous

- ❖ Popcorn 3 is a DVD copy utility for OS X 10.4.10 and up with many – not all – the features of Toast, and some features that Toast doesn't have. It also costs about \$30 less.
- ❖ It will copy DVDs, make DVDs from images, from video folders, and TiVo Series 2 shows.
- ❖ It will compress and record an entire 9 GB DVD-Video onto a 4.7 GB DVD.
- ❖ If you have a personal media player like a video iPod, Sony PlayStation Portable (PSP) multimedia BlackBerry smartphone, or one of the many other devices that can play video, you can convert non-copy-protected video to something that can work on these devices. This can also be

done with freeware like Handbrake or shareware like VisualHub, but these are not as easy to use.

Popcorn does not copy CDs. It does not copy commercial copy-protected DVDs. You would have to use something else to rip video files from the DVDs you own.

Popcorn has many features, but not all could be tried because of equipment limitations. By that, I mean I don't have a TiVo, and I don't have any of the portable video devices for a full evaluation. All that I did try worked.

I installed Popcorn with no problems. There is a section of Popcorn for DVD actions. I copied a to an image file, and a DVD to a VIDEO_TS folder (more on this later). I also made DVDs from single and multiple VIDEO_TS folders larger than 4.7 GB.

Under Player actions, I wanted to try to convert a file even if I didn't have a player. I didn't see how to choose what player format to make. I selected a VIDEO_TS folder and clicked the burn button. Then I found the player selections for the video file output. I chose H.264, and that created an mp4 video file.

A DVD contains two folders, named VIDEO_TS and AUDIO_TS. The VIDEO_TS folder contains the content of a DVD. It is made up of VOBIFO, and BUP file types. The .VOB files contain the actual video and audio data, not to mention subtitles, extra viewing angles, pretty much everything you see and hear. They are up to a gigabyte in

size and are numbered sequentially. The .IFO files contain information about the .VOB files. Your DVD player will use these to locate and sequence the video and audio, figure out where each chapter begins and ends, etc. The .BUP files are backups of the .IFO files. The AUDIO_TS folder is used for DVD-audio disks and is left empty for DVD-video, though it is always included for compatibility reasons.

Popcorn also includes an add-on program to make disk covers. I personally don't put full label covers on DVDs. Label shrinkage on some brands of DVDs can cause a warping of the disk to an imperceptible bowl shape. This causes read errors on the outer disk tracks. If you don't have Toast or other DVD utility, or if you have the need for video on portable devices, than Popcorn will work for you



WEBMASTER DIANA'S VISION FOR DAPI WEBSITE

"My personal Vision is that we would be able to use our website <http://denverapplepi.com> as a way of informing DAPI members of our newsletters, meeting times, fun events, specials, shopping news, other DAPI members' web sites and special services any of us may have to offer."

Recently installed and designed, Diana used the Open Source Free Application WordPress to give it the look of our current website. The reason we chose to go with a new WordPress (type) site is to empower more members to enjoy, interact and update our website. Future plans include

Allowing DAPI members with Usernames and Passwords to log in and create an interest page or update the text.
Setting up a special email ID that can post automatically to the web site. This "post" would be identified indicating that it contains pertinent news of interest to our members
A private area for members only with a Q & A post to act as a forum for discussing common issues with a person's Mac and how to troubleshoot.

The WordPress Community exists because everyone takes part in some way, by giving their time, energy, and sometimes even money, because they believe in the valuable services WordPress provides. Denver Apple Pi will contribute money to this project for their dedication to providing this free resource.

For a dictionary of terms used by or about WordPress, go to: <http://codex.wordpress.org/Glossary>

WANT TO RUN WINDOWS ON A MAC? HERE ARE 3 WAYS

From Maxthemac.com

With an Intel-chip in your Macintosh, you can run Windows. Here are three programs to achieve that result.

Parallels Desktop 3.0 for Mac —Run Windows, Linus, and more side-by-side with Mac OS X on any Intel-powered Mac, without rebooting. These programs run on any Intel-powered Mac.

VMWare Fusion 1.1.1 —Seamlessly run Windows apps on your Mac. Run multiple operating systems, including Windows, Linus and Solaris, on your Macintosh at the same time as Mac OS X without rebooting. Vmware Fusion allows you to launch your Windows apps from the Dock and switch between Windows and Mac applications using Exposé.

Boot Camp (included with Mac OS Leopard) — **Just get a copy of Windows and start up Boot Camp.** Setup is simple and straightforward. Boot Camp supports the most popular 32-bit releases of Windows XP and Windows Vista. When you use either operating system on your Mac, your Windows applications will run at native speed.

IDENTITY THEFT REPORTING PROCESS

From Marie Zimmerman

If you think you are a victim of identity theft, contact

- The post office and the police immediately

As of April 16, 2003, the three nationwide credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, have made it easier for identity theft victims. **Now you need only call one of the three bureaus, and they'll notify the others.**

Credit bureau phone numbers to place a fraud alert:

- Equifax 1 (800) 525-6285
- Experian 1 (888) 397-3742
- TransUnion 1 (800) 680-7289

MAC OS X HINTS SUPERGUIDE

By Rob Griffiths (rgriffiths@macworld.com)

Hints for Leopard Users

Back in the fall of 2000, I was making the transition from Mac OS 9 to OS X, and finding the new operating system both complex and a bit unintuitive. In particular, I kept getting tripped up by features that weren't documented on Apple's Web site or covered in OS X's Help files.

Being somewhat geeky by nature, I decided to create a Web site where I could keep track of all the little tips, tricks, and hidden features I was discovering in OS X. That way, I could easily access the tips from any machine I happened to be using. And because I knew I wasn't the only one out there exploring the inner workings of Apple's new operating system, I built the site so others could post their own OS X tips and insights.

Over the last eight years, that little siteMacOSXHints.com, in case you haven't guessed by nowhas grown into a collection of more than 10,000 OS X tips, covering every major release from the initial public beta through 10.5. And with thousands of contributors from across the globe, it offers a constantly-growing collection of OS X knowledgeall freely searchable. [Visit MacOSXHints.com](http://MacOSXHints.com)

But the site's not perfect. Many of the tips assume a high degree of familiarity with OS X and fairly deep technical knowledgeespecially tips involving Terminal. And searching through more than 10,000 hints to find the one you really want can be complicated, to say the least. Which is why I'm pleased to announce the latest edition to Macworld's Superguide series, OS X Hints, Leopard Edition.

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SOMETIMES WE NEED A LESSON IN COMMUNICATION

From the computoredge.com/online

by Jack Dunning

(selected acronyms – there are many more)

AAMOF	As a matter of fact
ADN	Any day now
ADDY	E-mail address
AFAIK	As far as I know
AFK	Away from the keyboard
ATM	At this moment
AISI	As I see it
BFN	Bye for now
BBL	Be back later
BRB	Be right back
BTAICBW	But then again I could be wrong
BTDT	Been there, done that
BTW	By the way
CUL	See you later
CYA	See ya' or Cover your [rear-end]
DARFC	Ducking and running for cover
DTTAH	Don't try this at home
DYK	Did you know?
FOCL	Fall off chair laughing
FOFA	Friend of a friend
FTW	For the win
FWIW	For what it's worth
GABI	Grin and bear it
GMTA	Great minds think alike
HAND	Have a nice day
HTH	Hope this helps
HYH	Hold your horses
IMHO	In my humble opinion
IOW	In other words
JFTR	Just for the record
JOAMON	Jack of all [trades], master of none
LOL	Laughing out loud
ML	More later
TAFN	That's all for now
TTFN	Ta ta for now
WBS	Write back soon
WRT	With regard to
WEG	Wicked evil grin

The 101 Most useful Websites

*From Tony Pizza, Appleholics
 Anonymous*

There are millions of sites to visit online, but here are the only ones you need. Compiled by David Baker of telegraph.co.uk so there is a British flavor to the list.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/connected/main.jhtml?xml=/connected/2008/03/30/sv_101websites.xml&page=1

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Elissa McAlear: call 303.421.8714 for information about Apple II, GS and Mac. Email elissamc@comcast.net

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SEED articles should be mailed to jjetherton@comcast.net, subject: "SEED Article"

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