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## Denver Apple Pi

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*  
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### MEETING DATES SET FOR NOV– DEC 2009

Mac SIG	Nov 17	Tues
Help SIG	Nov 25	Wed
Mac SIG	Dec 15	Tues Christmas Party
Help SIG	Dec 30	5 <sup>th</sup> Wed

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### DAPI Recycles

Please bring your used inkjet  
and laserjet cartridges to our  
meetings so we can recycle  
them.

## MAC SIG MEETING

**TUESDAY, November 17, 2009**

**Tom King: Pixelmator – an affordable photo and  
image processing program**

## MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Membership renewal is due for the following DAPI member:

Tom Lentz

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 remittance to the club mailing address:

Denver Apple Pi  
6501 Welch Ct.  
Arvada, CO 80004-2223

### DENVER APPLE PI PROGRAM DVDs AVAILABLE

To get a copy, send an email to [awaltjw@yahoo.com](mailto:awaltjw@yahoo.com) and put “DAPI Program DVD” on the subject line. See August 2009 *Seed* for program titles. Please let Jim know several days prior to meeting so he can burn a DVD and bring it to the next meeting. Each DVD is \$1.00.

## ANTI WI-FI PAINT

Researchers at the University of Tokyo in Japan have created a special paint that can block out wireless signals. The paint, which

could cost as little at \$17 per kilogram, contains an aluminum-iron oxide which resonates at the same frequency as wi-fi – or other radio waves – meaning the airborne data is absorbed and blocked. While paints blocking lower frequencies have been available for some time, this new technology is the first to absorb frequencies transmitting as high as 100GHz (gigahertz). Signals carrying a larger amount of data – such as wireless internet – travel at a higher frequency than, for example, FM radio.

The paint has a number of interesting potential applications including: keeping wireless networks secure, blocking phone calls during movies, shielding hospital rooms from unwanted electromagnetic radiation, and making clothes that protect people from electromagnetic waves.

<http://www.psfk.com/2009/10/anti-wi-fi-paint.html>



### **PIXELMATOR IMAGE™ -- IMAGING EDITING MADE EASY**

*Joyce Etherton*

Tom King will be featuring this program at our November 17 meeting. Here is a preview of the features of Pixelmator™.

A Macworld review of Pixelmator™ (Four-Mouse rating) states it is an exceptional example of an

affordable photo and image processing program. Rather than the hundreds of dollars required for the industry standards Adobe Photoshop and Indesign, [Smith Micro](#) has Pixelmator™ at a special offer it can download for either a digital download or CD at \$39. There is a 30-day no questions asked return guarantee. This application is not geared for professional users for image editing but offers novice/amateur an opportunity to have a go at editing without spending too much and with a shorter learning curve. On the website, [Pixelator reviews](#) compare ten 2009 image editing software product comparisons.

System requirements: Mac with Intel processor, a Power Mac G5, or an iMac G5; 512 MB of RAM; 1 GB recommended. Mac OS X 10.5.6 Leopard or later. 1GB of available disk space.

Pixelator reviews: <http://image-editing-software-review.toptenreviews.com/pixelmator-review-pg2.html>



### **FREE STUFF**

21" Sony CRT to a good home, FREE!!!!. Cabling, etc. included. Call Tom King 303-423-5661.

### **LASER PRINTERS USE LOTS OF ENERGY**

The downside of laser printers is that they draw a lot of energy to heat the element. It is best that you do not leave it on all the time as you will notice an increase, all be it slight, in your electrical bill.

A discussion of this is shown at <http://forum.desktopreview.com/showthread.php?t=233354>

Here you can see that running an HD TV takes about 225 W full on brightness, while a Gaming PC takes 250 W. This printer for comparison uses 500 at idle (just plugged in keeping it warm) and 800 while in use.

The question now becomes, “how do you figure out how much electricity your devices use?” Enter the [Kill A Watt](#) (KAW). The KAW is used to measure how much electricity is consumed by anything that plugs into a standard outlet.

The U.S. Department of Energy has tips on saving energy & money at home at the following websites:  
[http://www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/home\\_energy.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/home_energy.html)

<http://www.killawattplus.com/?gclid=CIOa3Lmn950CFQYMDQodZSuCpg>



## GOING TO WRITE A NOVEL?

[Storyist Software](#) is a powerful story development tool for Novelists and screenwriters. It helps track the plot, characters and settings and keeps all writing organized and accessible. Version 2 offers the following improvements:

- Remove the distractions and focus on your writing with full-screen editing view.
- Annotate your text with sticky-note style comments.
- Assemble collages of photos and index cards to visualize the relationships between your story elements.
- Use the new Workspaces Manager to take snapshots of your window configurations for easy recall.

Current price: \$59

Requirements: Mac OS 10.4.11 or later

<http://storyist.com/index.html>



## [DICTIONARY CLEANER 1.5](#)

### LETS YOU EDIT YOUR SPELL-CHECK DICTIONARIES

A convenient feature of Mac OS X is its built-in spell checker, used by most Apple programs and accessible to any developer who wants to include the feature in their software. For example, BBEdit provides a number of spelling features based on OS X's spell checker.

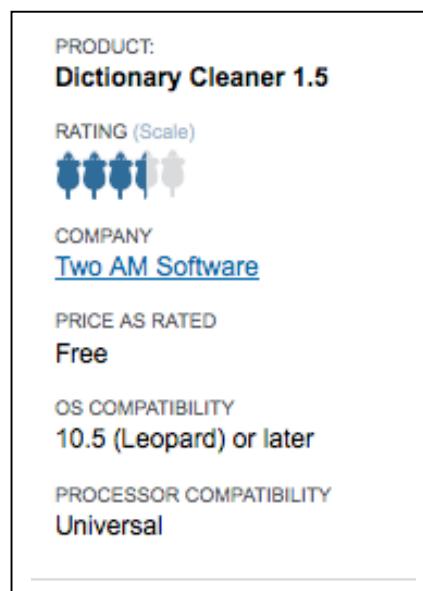
You can add words to OS X's built-in dictionaries (or, described more accurately, add words to a supplemental custom dictionary that OS X will also reference when checking spelling), by right-clicking on a flagged-as-misspelled word and choosing the option to learn that word. This is an especially useful feature if, like me, you frequently work with words—technical terms and the names of products, companies and people—that don't appear in most spelling dictionaries.

The problem, however, is that once you've added words to OS X's dictionary, there's no way to edit those additions. Perhaps you accidentally added an incorrect spelling, or maybe you just wanted to avoid a particular word being flagged during a particular article or project. Mac OS X simply doesn't provide an easy way to edit the dictionary. Similarly, there's no way to add a new word without typing it in a document or text field, spell-checking that text, and then adding the word once it's been flagged as misspelled.

Now, with [Dictionary Cleaner 1.5](#) you can view, add, delete spellings from your Mac OS X custom dictionary.

Features of Dictionary Cleaner include viewing, adding, and deleting spellings from your Mac OS X custom dictionary:

- Simple, easy to use interface to view, add, and delete your learned spellings
- Easy to find System Preferences pane
- Support for English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Portuguese, Polish, and Finnish
- Don't have a custom dictionary? Dictionary Cleaner will create one for you in your preferred language.
- Remove misspelled words
- Takes advantage of Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard and Objective-C 2.0



## APPLE'S MY MAC CHEAT SHEET

Joyce Etherton

Apple offers a [PDF cheat sheet](#) for Mac users to print out and fill in. On this you write all pertinent data about your computer and then put in a very safe place. The cheat sheet even tells you where to get the data which includes:

- The OS version of your computer, processor, memory, serial number, hard drive size (GB) and your optical drive (CD-ROM/CD-RW, etc.)
- Your account data from system preferences
- Your Apple ID
- Emergency contacts
- Internet data from your service provider
- Email
- Backups

Go to Apple's website <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT2471> and download and then print a PDF copy of the cheat sheet which you will keep. Warnings are printed on this sheet: DON'T FORGET TO HIDE ME.



## MAC OS X 10.6 SNOW LEOPARD COMPATIBILITY

Tom Lentz suggests this might be a good site to look at.

<http://snowleopard.wikidot.com/>

This website lists applications and their compatibility with Snow Leopard. **This list will be updated by users.**

Note on this website that Snow Leopard is available for \$25 from Amazon.

Definition:

**Wiki Site:** a type of website that allows users to add, remove, or otherwise edit and change most content very quickly and easily.



[Perian](#) is a free, open source QuickTime component that adds native support for many popular video formats. Learn more about Perian including:

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- Audio types: Windows Media Audio v1 & v2, Flash ADPCM, Xiph Vorbis (in Matroska), and MPEG Layer I & II Audio, True Audio, DTS Coherent Acoustics, Nellymoser ASAO
- AVI support for: AAC, AC3 Audio, H.264, MPEG4, and VBR MP3
- Subtitle support for SSA/ASS and SRT

Requirements: Mac OS X 10.4.7 or higher

<http://www.perian.org/>



## MAKE YOUR OWN BUSINESS CARDS...GREETING CARDS

Avery's free download  
DesignPro for Mac

Requirements: Mac OS X Tiger or Leopard

You can select templates for Avery labels, business cards, dividers, shirt transfers, greeting cards and more. The program features an easy-to-use, intuitive Mac user experience and allows users to merge data from Address Book and Mail and quickly import personal photos from iPhoto. You can import playlists or albums from iTunes onto Media products or capture and transfer customized designs and logos onto various projects using the Snapshot Gallery. Go to [http://www.avery.com/avery/en\\_us/Templates-%26-Software/Software/Avery-DesignPro-for-Mac.htm?N=4294967083&refchanel=3980ac83ae70a110VgnVCM1000002118140aRCRD](http://www.avery.com/avery/en_us/Templates-%26-Software/Software/Avery-DesignPro-for-Mac.htm?N=4294967083&refchanel=3980ac83ae70a110VgnVCM1000002118140aRCRD)

[http://www.avery.com/avery/en\\_us/Templates-%26-Software/Software/Avery-DesignPro-for-Mac.htm?N=4294967083&refchanel=3980ac83ae70a110VgnVCM1000002118140aRCRD](http://www.avery.com/avery/en_us/Templates-%26-Software/Software/Avery-DesignPro-for-Mac.htm?N=4294967083&refchanel=3980ac83ae70a110VgnVCM1000002118140aRCRD)



## Free Downloads from Apple

Shown under "All Downloads"  
Games:

- Classic Solitaire 2.5 (shareware)
- \*Classic Mahjong Solitaire 3.4 (shareware)
- \*Kitty Spangles Sudoku 1.0 (shareware)
- Absolute Farkle 3.6.8 (shareware)
- GrassGames' Cribbage 1.5 (shareware)
- Solitaire Greatest Hits 2.0
- \*Solavant Solitaire 2.6
- \*KidZui 4.5
- \*Kaskade 1.1.4 (shareware)

## Widgets

- Mac Tips and Tricks
- Album Art Widget

## Icons, Screensavers, etc., Most Recent

- \*Autumn Screensaver 1.0 (shareware)

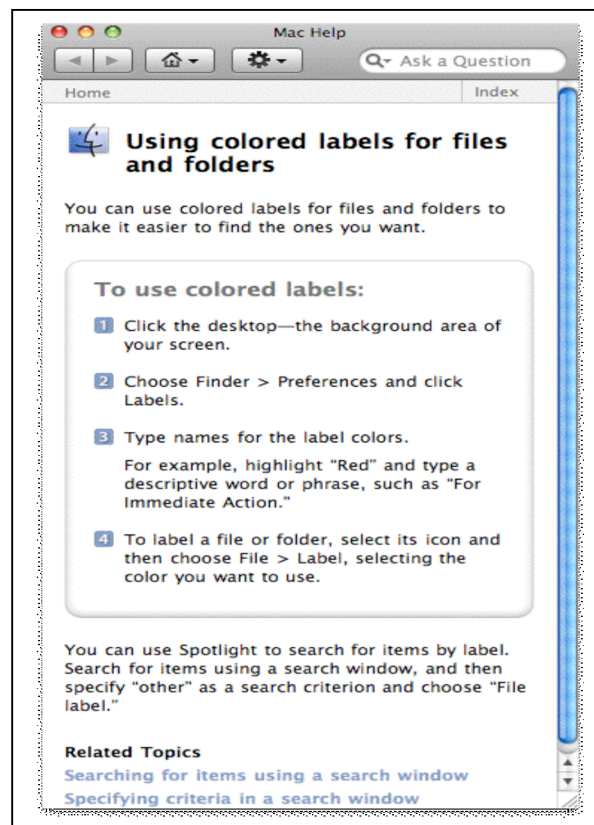
- \*XmasBotZ Screensaver 1.5.1 (shareware)
- \*Official Star Trek Icons 1.0
- Great Art Through the Ages 2.1
- Madonna and Child in Fine Art 1.1
- \*Saturn 3D Space Survey Screensaver 1.0 (shareware)
- \*Mars 3D Space Survey Screensaver
- \*Icon Commander 1.31
- Exotic Flower Collection
- \*Aqua 3D Screensaver 1.1 (shareware)
- Shadeland Fish Me 1.0
- \*UFOz Screensaver 1.1.1 (shareware)

The downloads above are just a small sample of those available on the Apple site. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) are listed as Staff Picks, so they might be extra good! Please note that although these are "free downloads," shareware means that if you download it and use it, you should send a few dollars to the developer. Those not marked are freeware. [http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/games/cards\\_puzzle/solitairegreatesthits.html](http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/games/cards_puzzle/solitairegreatesthits.html)



## USING COLORED LABELS FOR FILES AND FOLDERS

*From Mac Help on your computer menu bar*





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