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Next Meeting

December 18, 2008

Holiday Party

Another year is almost over, and it's time once again for the annual CUE Christmas Party.

Details have yet to be firmed up, but most likely it will run as it has in recent years, with our Gift Exchange and snacks.

Bring a gift to exchange with one of your other CUE members...it does NOT have to be a brand new item, it can be something from the depths of your software or hardware closet. Wrap it pretty, or even in the Sunday comics...anything goes!! It's all in good fun, and in keeping with the spirit of the season....

Please remember to bring a sampling of your favorite Christmas snacks to share with your fellow members.

Watch the CUE list for further details.



7 pm, Holy Rosary School

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All meetings begin at 7 pm, except for Mac SIG, which is 9 AM (UNLESS otherwise noted by SIG leader).
 PLEASE RSVP for all SIG meetings, to allow for planning changes or meeting postponements.

Secretary's Reports

BOARD MEETING

November 20, 2008
Thursday
Holy Rosary School
6:18PM

Lee Williams
Tom Kuklinski
Mark Mattson
Don Grim
Hadley Jones

Lee Williams opened the meeting. He asked for any new business. There was one response from Tom Kuklinski.

Discussion was brought up concerning a donation to Holy Rosary School. The school has allowed CUE to use its facilities in exchange for services provided by Lou Cioccio. These services primarily are for computer servicing and set up.

Lou has advised the CUE club that the school may be in need of a monitor. The school may actually purchase a replacement computer. CUE concluded the discussion in favor of allowing a donation be made to the school. The amount will be deter-

mined by the schools need and Lou Cioccio.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:45PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Kuklinski

GENERAL MEETING

November 20, 2008
Thursday 7:00 PM
Holy Rosary School

About 16 people were in attendance

Lee Williams Opened the meeting.

Minutes from October 2008 were approved as published in HORIZONS

Treasury Report read by Tom Kuklinski shows a balance of \$2368.63 Tom also informed members that APCUG will be having a contest for Newsletter, Web Site and Digital Photos.

No report from Nominating committee

Under SIG reports:

No Genealogy meeting was held in November because of election night

Digital SIG discussed and explained using Photo Shop Layers

The Mac SIG worked on the HACK-INTOSH

There was no BUG Sig scheduled, however, 2 members showed up on Tuesday and a 'mini' Bug was held.

Closed old business

New business discussed a Donation to the Church.

Greg Ames motioned to adjourn and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kuklinski

The remainder of the evening was open discussion about members hardware and software problems.

New Members Wanted

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Chicago Computer Society makes history with Skype presentation

By Irene Ganas, a member of the Chicago Computer Society www.ccs.org wsickels@sbcglobal.net

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History was made by the Chicago Computer Society, as its Digital Imagery SIG, hosted by Sanford Kolinek, gave its first Main Presentation at our local meeting by its presenter from two thousand miles away.

As one of the largest member turnouts this year assembled in their seats in Lisle, Sanford passed the popcorn for all to enjoy and Jack Jackson, a long-time member of the Chicago Computer Society who now lives in Utah, presented his slide-show of gorgeous photographs of Goblin Valley and Arches National Park with his live narrative from his home in Utah. Assisting Jack at the meeting were Alvin Reisbeck and Jerry Sass.

Here is how this unique program came about and was done. Jack had mailed me a DVD of his photographs that I took to the February Digital Imagery Meeting for Show-and-Tell. We had a beautiful

show but no tell and our members discussed how nice it would have been had we been able to learn more about how to make such wonderful images by being able to ask Jack about his camera, the settings he chose and why, what post-processing he did, etc.

That led to the idea of using Skype at our meeting. Jack mailed several more DVDs to Alvin and Jerry. Jack downloaded the latest Skype from www.skype.com and then Sanford, Jerry and Jack worked out and practiced the details ahead of time which made the evening's presentation run perfectly.

The DVD was run from Jerry's notebook PC on site at the meeting. A small "eyeball" video camera connecting to Jerry's notebook allowed "Utah Jack" to see Jerry and a video cam on Utah Jack's computer allowed Jerry to see Jack. When Jerry's notebook was connected to the projector and sound system at our meeting, all of us at the meeting could see and hear Utah Jack.

Here's the fun part: when the video cam

"eyeball" was turned around and passed around, Utah Jack was able to see all the members at the meeting to "Howdy" us, each by name because he could see each of us.

The video cam eyeball was then positioned to "look at" the screen so that Utah Jack could look at the same show that all of us at the meeting were seeing. It was this setup that enabled Jack to present his live running commentary on the slide show. During the show, people asked Jack questions about everything from the technical aspects of his photographs, the music he chose for the show, commented on "his house" and laughed together about it because it was a photograph of an historic log cabin at a park in Utah.

This historic technical event and the hot popcorn compliments of Sanford made the evening one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

CUE Library

After several years of being vacant, the CUE Library now has a new Librarian in charge.

At the November Board meeting, Tanya Mattson was introduced as the new Librarian to those present. Some questions and ideas about how the library would be handled were discussed back and forth, and some preliminary procedures were developed.

A complete inventory of the library will be made in the next month or two, to see exactly what is in our inventory. At that time, decisions will be made on what to retain and what to dispose of, and how best to dispose of those items (donations to schools, libraries, outright disposal, etc).

It was also discussed that all NEW books and materials coming in to the library would be available at any time by Tanya retaining such items at her home, for members to request during the month. Thus, it would not be a matter of having to wait until the monthly meeting to obtain a book, but it could be had at any point in the month. This will hopefully make the use of the library more attractive and convenient for all our members.

There are currently three sources of books for our library: Peachpit, Focal Press and O'Reilly. As new titles of interest to our members are released, they are added to our collection. At times, there is no suitable selection available that month, so there may not be a new

title added at times. However, if a member would like to suggest a book to be added during a lean month, please check out the publisher's online catalogs, and submit your requests. They will be held for use when a monthly book selection has no interesting titles involved.

If anyone has any questions comments or suggestions for the library, please contact Tanya direct at faith68@gmail.com. If you would like to see a particular title added to the library, or have suggestions on book topics you'd like to see, please send those as well. A complete list of our library contents will be published on the CUE website as soon as the inventory is complete.

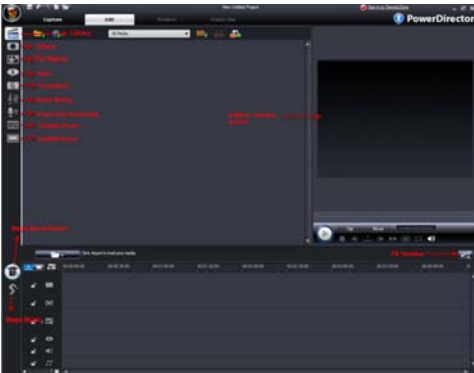
PowerDirector 7 Ultra

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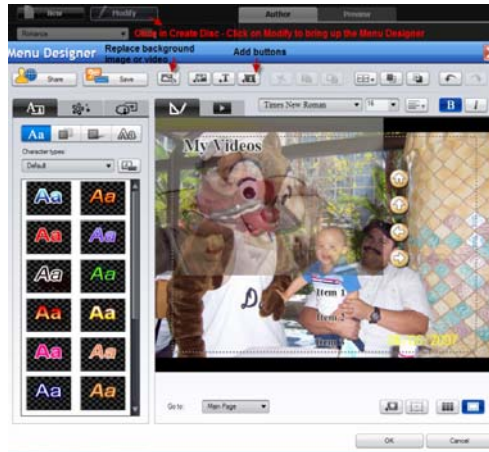
I've used several video editing programs over the years, but I still like using CyberLink's PowerDirector. Yes, there are more powerful programs that can do more, but I feel that the PowerDirector's interface is just easier to work with, and it's faster. If I have not used it for a long period of time I can still figure things out without having to bring up Help.

They have a new Vista-like interface with PowerDirector 7. I like the new dark background, it's easier on the eyes than the previous bright white. One of the more interesting things CyberLink did was create a website (<http://directorzone.cyberlink.com/>) where users can share customized DVD menus, templates, frames, static and motion objects. There are hundreds for people to choose from. You can also search for and import media directly into your media library from Flickr or Freesound. It can work with video in either 16:9 or 4:3 aspect ratio.



PowerDirector 7 will allow you to import video from an HDD camcorder; the edited file can be burned to a disc or back to a hard disk drive

camcorder. If you have the Ultra version you can import AVCHD format. I had no problem with taking in my Canon HF100 raw AVCHD and working directly on it. If you have a Blu-ray drive Ultra will also work with it.



The picture-in-picture (PiP) feature is something you may not think to use, but once you do you will realize how much fun it can be. I'm starting to import old VHS tapes of my kids.



It was interesting to have the high school band practicing their marching in the main screen and have a PiP of the march in competition.

With the new PowerDirector 7 you can have up to six PiP. You can modify the size of the PiP, degree of transparency of the overlapping clip, as well as its position, motion and other properties using the PiP Designer. So for my grandson's birthday party I can put in the video I took and on the corners have the 200 still pictures showing in four PiP (he's really cute.)

The Slideshow Designer has been enhanced with more styles to choose from. They say you can synchronize photos with the beat of the music and have full creative control over the design in slideshows. I did not do that, but I was really impressed with the Slideshow creation. Easy to do, add music to the background, pan and zoom in Magic Motion, or add a style. It will help you create soundtracks that fit perfectly within the length of a video clip or photo slideshow.

PhotoNow will let you edit images (stills.) You can resize, crop, rotate, remove red eye, adjust color, brightness and more. They show you the original and new image side by side

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so you can decide how it compares.



Magic Cut helps you fit a video clip to a specific time by automatically cutting out unnecessary portions and keeping only the best moments. The Magic Cut feature uses video technology to locate and keep the most interesting moments, while discarding sections of lesser importance. Great for the times when you have to get that 70 minutes of video down to 60. I did try it and thought it worked pretty good. You still want to check to make sure everything you need is in it.

In the Title Designer you can move the title to any part of the screen, change font, change the color, blur it, make it transparent (percentage), or change the gradient direction. As I said you can download many different DVD menus, or it is not that hard to create your own. One of my favorite things is to create a short video of up to 90 seconds and have it be the background for the DVD menu. When burning to a DVD in the past version they had a feature called Smart Fit which supposedly helped to make your video fit onto a DVD. Most of the time it would not work for me. Well,

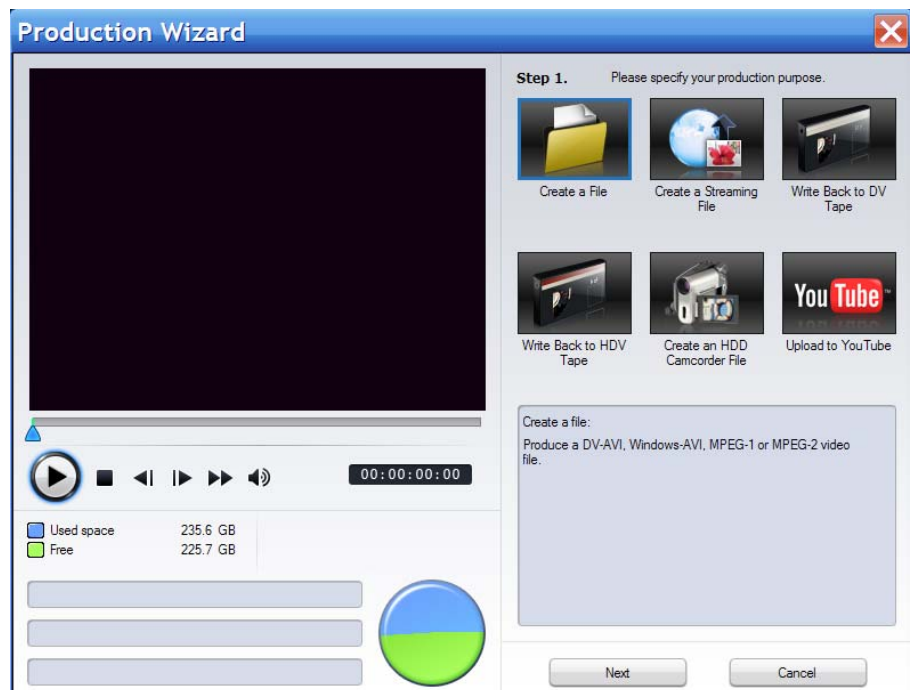


now in 7 they fixed it.

The Voice-Over Recording Room contains controls for recording a narration from a microphone while watching the video clip the voice-over it is destined to accompany. You can control the position and volume of the recording.

Magic Fix will help smooth shaky video and clarifies blurry footage (don't expect miracles on a bad video.) With the previous version using Magic Clean users could only apply one improvement method at a time - Lighting and Color Adjustment, White Balance and Backlight Compensation. With 7 you can apply all at the same time.

Is it perfect – well no video editing software is. When burning a DVD, the program default is to add background music that goes with the different templates. Excuse me, if I wanted it I would put it in. Also the template has the title put in as “My Videos” for each page you have. More chapters means you will have more buttons and therefore more pages. You can edit and put in whatever you want. If I put in Soccer 1993 on the first page I feel it should put that same title on all the pages.



Instead I have to edit each page (and remove the background music from each) to change the title.

Besides burning the video to a DVD you can save the video you worked on to a good variety of choices. These include AVI, MPEG-1, 2 and 4, with full control over codec settings. Streaming options are WMV, RealVideo and QuickTime. If you want you can write your videos back to DV or HDV tape. The Production Wizard will link directly into your YouTube account, encoding and uploading straight to the Web.

PowerDirector Ultra is \$119.95 while the Deluxe version is \$69.95. If you do not have a camcorder that outputs to AVCHD or Blu-ray, you only need the Deluxe. You can download a 30 day trial version from the CyberLink website www.cyberlink.com

Hewie's Views and Reviews

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++++ When a Special isn't and really is or My Homer Simpson Moment
++++ New additions to Hewie's Favorites

September, 2008

++++ My iPhone choice

Recently the new iPhone 3G was released. Since I have one of the original units, I watched with anticipation for news about the new units and services. With the release, the faster web speeds was enticing, but spending more for the same service just didn't pass the justification test.

I have decided to keep using my iPhone 2G. (I don't know if that is an accurate description.) There are several reasons for my decision. With the new phones, came an updated operating system, which is a free upgrade for my unit. Even though there were some Apple system-wide down times, I was able to upgrade my unit from version 1.1.4 to 2.0.0 on the release day. I did get some errors and had to try a second time, but it upgraded successfully.

With the upgrade, I have much of the same functionality of the new 3G phones. I can download and install

any of the third party programs that are now available. The new 3G is not needed to use them. I will discuss some of those programs in a future column.

I don't have the increased connection speed of the 3G network, but much of Florida is not covered anyway. The I-4 corridor from Daytona to Tampa has 3G coverage, but if I get a few miles off of the Interstate, I will not be able to take advantage of the new speed.

The older unit cannot do GPS, but does access Google maps and I have a separate GPS unit, anyway. Other than it being newer, the iPhone 3G holds no advantages for me to pay an extra \$10 for the same service. If I want to keep the 200 per month text messages there is an additional \$5, plus the \$199 or \$299 for the phone. I will keep using my original iPhone.

++++ When a Special isn't and really is or My Homer Simpson Moment

Last month I talked about the 2 Logitech USB optical mice that I bought from 1saleaday for about \$5 each plus \$5 each for shipping. One of the mice worked great and the other was DOA (dead on arrival). When I e-mailed the seller, they offered to credit my account if I returned the bad one. That's nice of them, except the shipping would equal the refund, so I kept the useless unit.

At a tech meeting that I attended (The Tech SIG of CFCS), I talked about the situation and mentioned that the good mouse didn't have a battery and wondered how it worked. Everyone said that it must have a battery. I searched Google for the

model to see if I could find a manual. The mice were shipped in plastic zip-locked bags with no documentation or product information.

I not only couldn't find any info, but found that the model was a Canadian unit, and not available in the US. When the good mouse died, I decided to open one of them. I pushed and pulled all of the buttons and cracks and a cover came off. Inside, there was a battery. I replaced the battery and the mouse again was working.

I then retrieved the other mouse from the throw-away box and opened it up. There was no battery inside and inserted the one AA needed. When I connected it to my laptop, the DOA mouse worked! "Duh" was my reaction.

I want to publicly apologize to 1saleaday.com (<http://www.1saleaday.com>). They were generous in offering me a refund and I was being a Homer Simpson by not realizing there should be a battery inside and to check it. I guess that's why tech support always asks if the computer is plugged in before trying to solve a problem.

++++ New additions to Hewie's Favorites

There are more new sites this issue, because we skipped a month.

USA.gov
<http://www.usa.gov/>
U.S. Government's Official Web Portal for all government transactions, services, and information. It provides direct online access to federal, state, local, and tribal governments.

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HP Smart Web Printing

<http://h20247.www2.hp.com/hho/cache/482779-0-0-225-121.html>
Software to print usable web pages without cut off edges and blank pages

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Password Chart

<http://www.passwordchart.com/>
Convert an easy to remember password. It works anywhere on any computer or offline & done in your browser

JOLT - Journal of Online Learning and Teaching

<http://jolt.merlot.org/index.html>
JOLT is a peer reviewed online journal that addresses the scholarly use of multimedia resources in education.

Audiko

<http://audiko.net/>
audiko is a simple service which helps you to make a ringtone of your favorite song

JotForm

<http://jotform.com/>
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Mygazines

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Florida Computer Crime Center

<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Fc3/index.html>
Florida Department of Law Enforcement Computer Crime Center

Picnik

<http://www.picnik.com/>
Edit photos the easy way - online in your browser

Starting in Second Life

<http://www.thinkerer.org/SLintChan/SLintroch.htm>
What you need to know to get started in Second Life. Lots of good help.

Buzzillions

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Mac Hints-n-Tips

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Causes of Hard Drive Failures

An article in the Proceedings of the 5th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies this month offers perhaps the most in-depth study of hard drive failures to date.

Google uses hundreds of thousands of hard drives to store its data, and a sample of one hundred thousand of Google's drives was studied for five years to determine common causes of failure. Since this very interesting article is a little dense to read in its entirety, I thought you would enjoy reading some highlights.

Going against conventional thought, the study determined that increased temperature and/or activity had little or no correlation to failure rate. By extension, it was found that drives spinning up and spinning down most often had the highest failure rates. This means it's best to uncheck the "Put the hard disk(s) to sleep when possible" box in Energy Saver — at least in terms of hard drive health.

Some SMART (self monitoring and reporting technology) parameters are excellent indicators of impending mechanical failure. Among failed drives, a good chunk gave no warning by SMART, even though SMART-monitored parameters were to blame for failure.

For this reason, SMART is most

useful as a statistical predictor of failure for a population of drives rather than on individual devices. With that in mind, if your drive reports SMART errors you should at the very least immediately perform a full backup.

About 3% of drives failed in the first three months, 1.8% in the first 6 months, 1.7% in the first year. From there, failure rates jump to approximately 8% in the second year, 9% in the third year, fall to 6% in the fourth year, and jump back to 7% in the fifth year.

The whole article can be read at:

http://labs.google.com/papers/disk_failures.pdf ~ Matt Klein

Small Dog Electronics

Change Formats Easily

If you want to change the format of almost any graphic, drop it on the icon of Preview in the Dock. Pull down Preview's File menu to Save As, and you will see options to change the format to TIFF, JPEG, Photoshop and several others. Various other options will appear below the Format: item, depending on which format you chose for your image.

There are a lot of interesting ways to get the map of an address. From the Address Book, Control/click on an address, and select "Map Of." A map appears.

If you receive an email with an

address in it, hold your cursor over the address and click the little triangle at lower right of address, and press "Show Map."

If you are in TextEdit or another Cocoa application, Control/click on the address and select "Search in Google," you will be taken to a small map of the address in Google. ~ Phil Russell

Mouse Droppings, Corvallis OR

Four Ways take a Desktop Screenshot

At least a couple times a month, I hear people ask how to take a screenshot of their Mac's desktop (Geoff...). The ability to easily take desktop screenshots is an "occasionally essential" feature of Mac OS X. Here are four easy, built-in ways to take screenshots on your Mac:

To take a screenshot of your Mac's entire desktop, hold down Command/Shift/3 all at the same time. This records the entire desktop at full resolution. In Leopard and Tiger, the selection will be saved to your desktop as a PNG file. Panther saves the image as a PDF.

To capture only a part of your desktop, hold down Command/Shift/4. The cursor will turn into a trigger. Drag the trigger across the part of the screen you want to record and then release the mouse. If your

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Mac's sound is on, you will hear a snapshot sound. In Leopard and Tiger, the selection will be saved to your desktop as a PNG file. Panther saves the image as a PDF.

To take a screenshot of an individual application window (say an individual Safari window, or a single email, or single Preview image), hold down Command/Shift/4/spacebar. A camera icon will suddenly appear. You can rotate through application windows with this camera, until you land on the application window you wish to record. In Leopard, the selection will be saved to your desktop as a PNG file. In Leopard and Tiger, the selection will be saved to your desktop as a PNG file. Panther saves the image as a PDF.

All this screenshot fun is powered by the "Grab" application that is stored in your Mac's Utilities folder. Additionally, it does something particularly cool: it allows you to take a timed screenshot.

To take a timed screenshot, browse to your Applications folder, then browse to the Utilities folder contained within. Open the Grab application, then click "Capture" in the menu bar. At the bottom of the list is the option for "Timed Screen." The Timed Screen grab gives you a 10 second countdown to taking a screenshot. Once a screenshot is saved to your desktop, you can open the PNG file in Preview or any image editing application to shrink its size or perform other edits as needed. You can also drag the screenshot into an email, document, or IM to send to someone else.

Extra credit: Instead of saving files to your desktop, you can save a screenshot to your Mac's clipboard, to be pasted into an application such as Photoshop, Word, or an email. To do this:

- Shift/3 to take a screenshot of the screen and save it to the clipboard
- Hold down Command/Control/Shift/4, then select an area, to take a screenshot of that area and save it to the clipboard
- Hold down Command/Control/Shift/4, then space, then click a window to take a screenshot of a specific window and save it to the clipboard

Extra-extra credit: Take screenshots within Preview! To do this, launch Preview, then navigate to File > Grab, where all the screenshot options above are also available by using the Grab submenu in the File menu.~ Ed Shepard

Small Dog Electronics

Toast

Make a PC-Friendly Disc

Q: If I want to share my discs with PC-using friends or relatives, what's the best format to use? Mac & PC, ISO 9660 or Custom Hybrid?

A: Toast offers several ways to record CDs and DVDs that can be read by both PCs and Macs. Each has its advantages.

The Mac & PC Disc format is the best choice for sharing data. All files and folders will appear automatically on both platforms, although you can also opt to exclude some files from either Mac or PC viewers by unchecking the PC or Mac boxes next to each. You might want to exclude a Mac application from PC viewers, for example, and vice versa. Data spanning is supported for large files or folders, and you can add custom icons and backgrounds. On the PC side, you can also designate an EXE file to run automatically when the disc is inserted.

ISO 9660 is an older disc format that supports appendable sessions, so you can add data to a disc as needed. It is also readable by almost all operating systems, including Mac, Windows, DOS, Unix and Linux.

However, it does not support long file names or custom icons, and should generally only be used where absolutely necessary for compatibility. Toast will adjust file names for you as needed. See the Toast Help file for more on writing ISO 9660 discs.

Finally, the Custom Hybrid format allows even more layout cus-

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Membership News

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tomization, as compared to the Mac & PC Disc format.

Two completely separate parts of the disc are written, one with the Mac file structure, and one in ISO format for Windows.

It's primarily useful for software developers and others who require complete control over the appearance of their disc on both platforms. (The format is available when you select "Show Legacy Formats and Settings" in the Toast Preferences.)

Roxio Online Newsletter

Safari & Firefox

Delete Old Web Addresses

Q: In early April I will be attending a science-fiction convention whose website is oddcon.com. However, the first time I went to Safari and tried to enter it, I mistakenly typed "oddcon.org," which is some junk squatter site.

Now, every time I start typing "odd ...," the latter one keeps popping up in the list of previous sites visited. How can I make it go away forever? ~ George R.R.

A: An annoying behavior, with an easy fix! In Safari, under the History menu choose "Clear History." This will erase all of the URLs that you have recently entered that Safari helpfully "remembers" for you so you don't have to re-type them. Similarly, in Firefox select "Tools" from the top menu and then "Clear Private Data" from the drop-down list. Make sure that "Browsing History" is selected and click "Clear Private Data Now." ~ Maddie

Mad Mac News, Madison WI

Printers

Why You Don't Want to Use Any Old Ink in Your Inkjet Printer

Inkjet is NOT merely spraying "paint" like painting a house, where any wood will take any paint.

Inkjet printing is based on a complex chemical bond, wherein the ink itself (which is either dye-based or pigment based) is chemically designed to adhere best to a substrate which has a complimentary chemical surface coating.

Think of it as glue, if need be. We all know that some glues are for wood; some are for plastic; and some are for fabrics, and some are for metal.

Yes, you can glue two pieces of metal together with wood glue. If it holds at all, however, the bond will be weaker and less durable than if you'd used the proper metal glue.

There is nothing stopping you from using one glue where another is recommended, just as there is nothing stopping you from using one set of inks with a different set of papers.

But if you want durable, long-lasting results, you'll choose the proper combination of inks and papers: They are chemically designed to go together. For more information, visit either the Epson or Canon site, or go to www.wilhelm-research.com.

Incidentally, those little "snapshot" printers, usually limited to 4 x 6 prints, are the worst when it comes to longevity. If you want prints to pass to your grandkids, choose a better printer.

~ TechX 18 by Tracy Valleau
*Mouse Tales, NorthCoast MUG,
Berea, OH*

Trouble Printing?

If you're having trouble printing, it may be necessary to reset the en-

tire printing system. From the Print & Fax preference, right-click or Control-click anywhere in the printers and fax list and choose "Reset printing system" from the shortcut menu. Click OK in the verification dialog. Next, you'll have to authenticate as an administrative user. This clears all configured devices, shared settings, custom presets, and queued print jobs.

Peachpit Press

Leopard

Stacks

Stacks are new in Leopard. A stack is any folder located in your Dock. Stacks are displayed either as a fan or as a grid. To bypass the fan or the grid, Command/click a folder and it opens in the Finder.

Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR

Make Your Mac Speak

Did you know that your Mac can read aloud to you? Mac OS X Leopard includes a cool Text to Speech function that makes the Mac speak selected text in text-based files — including web pages, email messages, spreadsheets, calendar entries, PDFs, text documents, Finder windows, and even iTunes.

To start, open the System Preferences panel under the Apple icon and click on Speech. Select the Text to Speech tab, check the option "Speak selected text when the key is pressed," and click the Set Key option. Choose one modifier key — Command, Control, Option, or Shift — plus one other key of your choice, then click OK. Now each time you type this key combination, your Mac will read aloud any text you have selected. To stop the speech, type the same key combination again.

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You can even choose your Mac's voice. Mac OS X includes 24 human-sounding and novelty voices, from the suave Alex to the robotic Zarvox. (To see the complete list, click the "Show More Voices" option at the bottom of the pull-down System Voice menu.) You can also ask your Mac to speak more slowly or quickly by adjusting the Speaking Rate slider. Whichever you choose, listening to your text can be a surprisingly useful tool for editing and proofreading.

In addition to speaking selected text aloud, you can configure Text to Speech to announce when an application needs attention or to summon you if you ignore an onscreen alert. This function includes an adjustable delay between the text alert and the spoken announcement, which gives you a chance to tend to the alert before being verbally prompted. You can also have your Mac announce the time on the hour, half-hour, or quarter-hour. To set this up, choose the Clock tab under Date & Time in System Preferences and check Announce the Time.

Note that Text to Speech differs from VoiceOver, which provides more comprehensive control of speech and enables the blind or those with low vision to use a Mac. Also, some applications that come with Mac OS X Leopard — including Mail, Calculator, and Chess — and some other Mac programs, such as FileMaker Pro, are "self-speaking" and provide speech capabilities that you can configure independently of the Text to Speech System Preference.

apple.com/pro/tips via Mad Mac News, Madison WI

Managing Your Login Items

Your Mac lets you decide which, if any, applications open automati-

cally each time you log into your account in Mac OS X Leopard. For example, you might want iChat and Mail to open every time you sign on. These automatically opening programs are called Login items, and here's how to manage them.

From the Apple menu, choose System Preferences and click on the Accounts button. Click on your account name (if it's not already highlighted), then click the Login Items tab. A list of all Login items appears.

You can remove programs by selecting them and clicking the minus sign, or add new ones by clicking the Add (+) button and navigating to the desired application. If you check the Hide box next to the program name, the application will open automatically, but won't be displayed onscreen until you select it in the Dock or via the Command-Tab key command (which cycles you between all open applications).

Login Items don't have to be applications. You can also choose to automatically open individual documents, folders, or disks.

As you might expect, adding Login Items increases your startup time. Also, note that only a user designated as the computer's Admin can modify Login Items.

*apple.com via Mad Mac News,
Madison WI*

Apple Mail

Too Many Addresses?

Have you ever selected a bad email address in Mail when it has auto-filled for you? You may recognize the following scenario when you want to compose a new email to someone:

1. You type the first three characters of their name or email address
2. You get bombarded by the history of everyone that has those characters in common — including old addresses
3. You accidentally select a bad address for someone
4. You receive an 'undeliverable' message in response (It's easy to do if you select the correct name quickly)

Of course, upon closer inspection, you notice that the address you selected was, in fact, bad. So, how do you remove all those cached addresses? Simple!

With Mail open, click on the menu item Windows. In the Windows menu drop down, select Previous Recipients. Delete those stale addresses as you wish — they should no longer automatically come up when you start typing in an address.

~ Jon Spaulding

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CUE Members and Visitors

Arriving at the school, turn into the drive between the Church and the School building.

Proceed through the chain poles at the rear of the drive into the main parking lot.

Turn RIGHT in the lot, and proceed to the far end of the parking lot.

Park anywhere near the ramp and steps. Enter through that doorway, the meeting room is to your LEFT.

****If the chain is up at the rear of the drive, go around the corner and into the lot from 27th Street****

Finding Holy Rosary

From the West

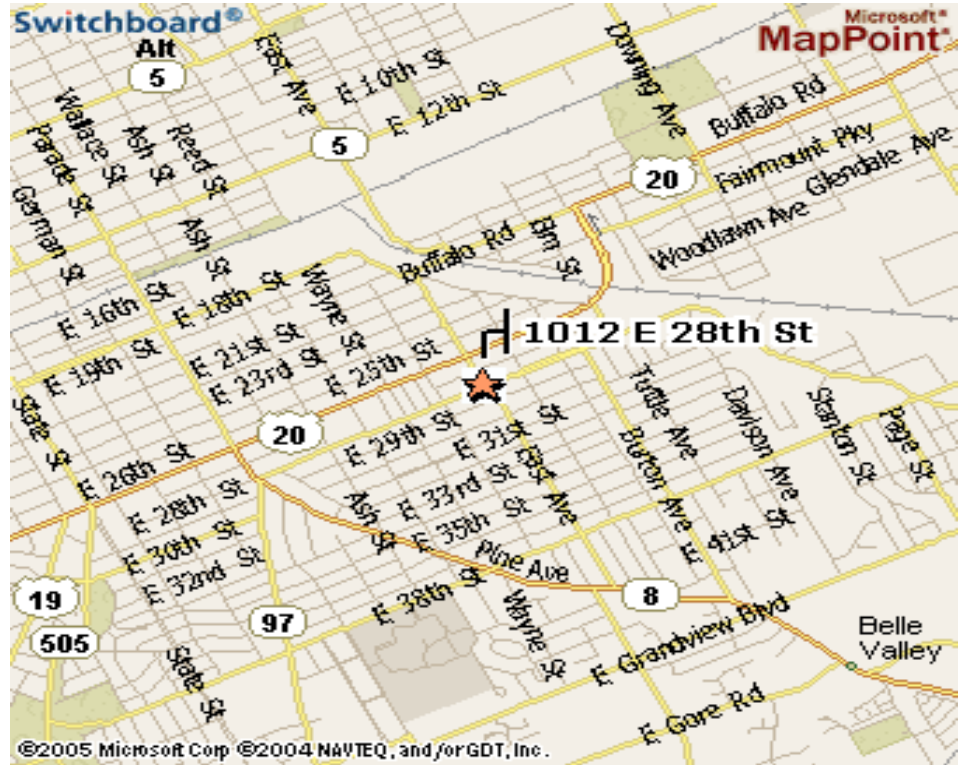
Take 26th St. (Rt. 20) to the intersection of Parade Street. Turn right, go to the next light. Make a hard left turn onto 28th St. Follow to the school, which will be on your left.

From the South

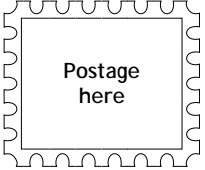
From Rt. 19 (Peach St.), Rt. 97 or Rt. 8, follow that street to 38th Street. Head east on 38th street. Turn LEFT onto East Ave. from East 38th street (first traffic light east of the intersection of Rt 8 (Pine Ave.) and East 38th St. The school will be immediately in front of you when you reach the T-intersection of East Ave. and 28th St.

From the East

Follow Rt. 20 WEST to Broad Street. Follow Broad street until you see Wal-Mart and McDonalds on your left. Turn LEFT onto Burton Ave. When you reach the end of the street, turn RIGHT onto 28th St. School will be on your right in approximately 3 blocks.



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