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eMac Repair Extension Program

The eMac Repair Extension Program for Video and Power Issues applies to eMac computers that exhibit a certain video or power-related issue as a result of a specific component failure. These computers were sold between approximately April 2004 and June 2005. If your eMac is exhibiting any of the symptoms listed below and your computer's serial number is within the noted ranges, your computer may be eligible for repair, free of charge. If Apple or an Apple Authorized Service Provider (AASP) determines that your eMac computer is eligible as part of the program, the repair will be covered by Apple for up to three years from the original date of purchase even if your eMac is out of warranty. This is a worldwide Apple program.

Affected systems will exhibit one of the following video- or power-related symptoms:

- * Scrambled or distorted video
- * No video
- * No power

Note: If your eMac is not experiencing any of these symptoms, you do not have to contact Apple or any Apple Authorized Service Provider.

Which eMac computers are affected by the eMac Repair Extension Program for Video and Power Issues?

The program is available for certain eMac models that were sold between approximately April 2004 and June 2005 featuring 1GHz and 1.25GHz G4 processors. www.apple.com/support/emac/repairextensionprogram/


MacBooks Run Warm

MacBook may run warm because rear vent is blocked

Some MacBook computers may appear to be running too warm, with the fan running consistently and heat emanating from the top and/or the bottom of the computer.

If this happens with your MacBook, check the rear vent of the MacBook to make sure it's not blocked.

Some MacBooks may have left the factory with a thin piece of clear plastic covering the rear vent. This is used in the factory to prevent dust from getting into your computer. If your MacBook has the plastic still over the vent, simply remove and discard it.

If your MacBook does not have the thin piece of clear plastic over the vent but is running warm, see article 30612, "Apple Notebooks: Operating Temperature." 



BAC July Meeting

The July meeting will be about "iPhoto and iMovie" and how the two can be used together by Boris Datnow to be held on Saturday, July 8th, at 10:00am at the Homewood Library, Room 116 basement.

Come join us for coffee, doughnuts, cookies...

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For Sale/Wanted

Do you have computer related items for sale or is there an item that you would like topurchase?

We will list the item in this space free of charge to currentBAC members.

Send information by the 25th of each month to the editor at: henryw@bellsouth.net.

BAC Disk of the Month

The BAC CDOM (Disk of the Month) is available at each BAC meeting. These CDs contain updates, shareware, and freeware.

The cost is \$2 per disk and is available at the BAC meetings from the Disk librarian Jerry Jenkins.

June 2006 CDOM New Stuff

**Free Solitaire 3D...Freeware
Game. For OS 10.2.8 or higher.**

**Google Maps Plugin 2.4...Freeware
Allows look-up of addresses in your Ad-
dress Book for the maps you would gener-
ate.**

DataBackup 2.1...Shareware

**Family 1.2.1...Shareware
For a family tree. For OS 10.4 or high-
er.**

FileMaker 8.3 updatr

frscolor-book 1.1...Shareware

**MacSudoku 2.2.3...Shareware
Generates and helps solve sudoku puz-
zles. For OS 10.1 or higher.**

OnyX 1.7...Freeware

Pages 2.0.1v2 updatr

**SuperDuper! 2.1.1...Shareware
Good backup program. For OS 10.3.9
or higher.**

TechTool Pro 4.1.2 updatr

Toast Titanium 7.0.2 updatr

viJournal Lite 1.6.2...Freeware

VueScan 8.3.46...Shareware

**WeatherManX 1.9.2...Shareware
Current weather conditions at a click of
the mouse. For OS 10.2 or higher.**

*July CDOM was not available at press time
it will be sent to all members seperately.*

iPhoto Update

Apple updated its iPhoto software to version 6.0.4. The new update is available for download through the Software Update system preference or from Apple's Web site.

iPhoto 6 — bundled with Apple's iLife 06 suite — is the latest generation of Apple's software for viewing, cataloging and sharing digital photos. iPhoto 6 added features like photo-casting, which makes it possible to share albums of photos with other users; new one-click effects; integration with other iLife applications including iWeb; support for calendar, greeting card and book printing and much more.

“This update to iPhoto contains a variety of new Greeting Card and Postcard themes for use with Apple print services, including invite and thank you card designs for summer parties, weddings, birthdays, etc.,” reported Apple.

The update measures 35MB when downloaded from Apple's Web site.

**Apple recommends making a back-
up copy of your Pictures folder before
applying the update.** More details are available from Apple's Web site. 🍏

QUICK TIP

Full Screen Slideshow

While in the Slide Show, pressing “F” enlarges the images to fill the screen. Pressing “A” returns to regular screen size.

Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR

July Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC July meeting: a copy of the monthly CDOM, and a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library . 🍏

Homemade Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts are such huge timesavers, but sadly, not all Finder commands have them. But they can, because you can create your own. Here's how: Go under the Apple menu, to System Preferences, and choose Keyboard & Mouse. When the dialog appears, click on the Keyboard Shortcuts tab, then click the plus (+) sign at the bottom left of the dialog. Another dialog will appear. Choose Finder from the Application pop-up menu, and then type the exact name of the menu command you want to add a shortcut for. Now type the shortcut you want to use and click the Add button. It's that simple. 🍏

Parallels Desktop Released for Intel Based Macs Only

After a two month beta program Parallels has released the final version of Parallels Desktop for Mac. Some highlights:

- The highly successful multi-stage beta program included more than 100,000 users from 75 countries

- The product offers several key productivity features, like fullscreen/dual monitor mode, file sharing, cutting/pasting between OSes (via Parallels Tools, which is included with each copy), and can run any version of Windows (3.1-XP/2003), Linux, FreeBSD, Solaris, OS/2, eComStation, and DOS

- The product now includes Parallels Compressor, a powerful disk management tool that can compress virtual hard drives by 50% or more. This is a very useful tool, especially if you're working on a laptop with a relatively small hard drive. Compressor Server (retail price \$179, compatible with Windows 2000, XP and 2003) is the specific version included with Desktop.

- Final retail price will be US\$79.99 (a US\$150 savings versus buying Parallels Desktop and Compressor Server separately). As a special thank you to the Mac community for all of their great support, we'll be making the product available for only US\$49.99 through July 15th. 🍏

Ed. Note:

Walter Mossberg of the Wall Street Journal gave a good review but mentioned a few bugs, if you can find the review it may be worth reading if you are considering buying Parallels.

QUICK TIP

Better Scans

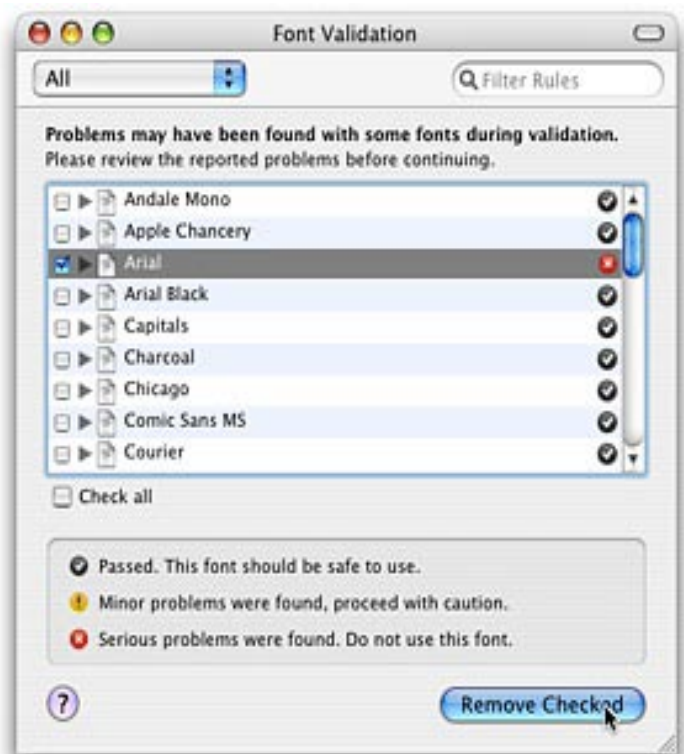
When scanning some materials like a magazine, the printing on the reverse side sometimes show through. I back up the sheet with a piece of black paper — it also has the benefit of making it easier to crop the wanted image. 🍏

Bob Glasheen

Remove Corrupted Fonts from System

Tip: From Scott Kelby's "Mac OS X Tiger Killer Tips,"

If there's one thing that can bring a document (or your system) to its knees, it's using a corrupt font (meaning a font that accepts bribes — sorry, that was lame). Anyway, finding out which fonts on your system might be corrupt was no easy task, but in Tiger, it just got a whole lot easier. Here's how to search for rampant font corruption: Go to your Applications folder and launch Font Book. You can either click directly on any font that you might think is suspect (look to see if the font is sweating), or Command-click on the fonts you want interrogated, then go under Font Book's File menu and choose Validate Fonts. This brings up a Font Validation window and if your fonts are on the up and up, you'll get a little round checkbox beside them. If there's reason to believe something may be wrong, you'll get a yellow warning icon beside a font. If it's corrupt, you'll get a round icon with an X in it, telling you not to use this font. Click the checkbox beside that font, then click the Remove Checked button to remove this font from your system. 🍏



See Thru Stickies

One of my favorite Stickies features is the ability to make a sticky translucent. Just click on a sticky and press Command-Option-T (Translucent Window). Then you can see right through your sticky to the items behind it. This is really handy if you want to see items in Finder windows that would normally be covered by any open Stickies. To turn off the transparency (pardon me, translucency), just press the shortcut again when Stickies is active. 🍏

Hints&Tips

www.mac-hints-tips.com

The Hints & Tips website operator hints at closing down in July 2006 unless he can charge for the newsletter.

We will endeavor to continue to bring Hints & Tips from other sources if indeed the newsletter is shut down.

Playing More than One Song in a Slide Presentation Feedback

In iTunes, create a playlist with the songs you want in your slideshow. In iPhoto, create a slideshow, and then click the Music button. Select the playlist that you created in iTunes, but do not select a song from the playlist, and then click OK. When you select the playlist, it will use all of the songs in that playlist for your slideshow. And if you want to fit the slideshow to the music, select Fit slideshow to music in the Settings dialog box, just as if you were only using a single song. You can then export to QuickTime to your heart's content, and your slideshow will contain multiple audio tracks. I use this method all the time when creating slideshows. Happy Slideshowing!

Brian Arndt, Creative Video Solutions

Printing Finder Windows

Q: I find it helpful to print a list of a folder's contents. In Mac OS 9 this is easy (File > Print Window). In Mac OS X there is no such command. How can I print a window in OS X?

A: There are two methods from which to choose: the free builtin method and the inexpensive shareware method. The free method is less than ideal but works in a pinch. Simply drag the folder icon at the top of a Finder window onto your Print Center icon in Mac OS 10.2 or your Printer Setup Utility icon in 10.3. This prints the contents of that folder but shows only minimal information. A better option is to use the shareware utility Print Window 3 (\$15, www.searchwaresolutions.com/products/printwindow). This gives you tons more custom options, including the ability to print icons, decide what information you want listed, and show multiple levels of directories.

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The Magic of Migration Assistant

The first time you start up a new Mac (or a Mac with a freshly installed Mac OS X), Apple's Migration Assistant (formerly Setup Assistant) launches and walks you through either the setup process or the process of copying data from your old Mac to the new one. But what if, for any number of reasons, you need to skip this migration process and then later want to do it? It's easy: just launch "Migration Assis-

tant" again from the Utilities folder, which is inside the Applications folder. One huge advantage of using Migration Assistant instead of trying to copy files yourself is that it automatically knows exactly which files to copy, including invisible files. You can choose to transfer just your Home folder, all the Mac's User accounts, or everything necessary to make your new Mac behave like your old one. However, it doesn't transfer settings for printers, Energy Saver, iSync, Bluetooth, Software Update, or your .Mac iDisk. Make sure before using Migration Assistant that firmware on your older Mac is up to date. Download the latest firmware updater from www.apple.com/support/downloads.

Design Tools Monthly

Google Stuff

Here at the Google Help Center, you can find all of the Google Web Search Features:

<http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/features.html>

And, here is the URL where you can find an Archive of Google's Holiday Logos:

<http://www.google.com/intl/en/holidaylogos.html>

And here are some Google Fan Logos:

<http://www.google.com/intl/en/customlogos.html>

And here is a site from Brazil where you can find other Google Logos that have been created:

<http://ueba.com.br/forums/indexphp?showtopic=20165&hl=>

And here is a site where you can Googlize your name:

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

Apple Bits, Cleveland OH

Share Web Pages

See a web page you want to share with a friend? I don't mean sharing the URL, but the actual page. While on the web page in Safari, key in Command/I and Apple Mail opens with the web page already in place in the outgoing email.

Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR

Merge Two Records In Address Book

Occasionally, you might find two separate records for the same person in your address book. There's a simple way of consolidating the two records into one. First, make sure you are in the Card and Columns view. In the menu bar go to View > Cards and Columns. Then find the person's two entries and select them both. Go to Card > Merge Selected Cards. Your two entries will now be one. If duplicate data appears on the card, simply hit the edit button on the bottom frame of the card's window and select and delete the duplicate information. Additionally, you can automatically search out duplicate cards in your address book by going to Card > Look for Duplicate Entries. This will search through all records in your address book for duplicates and prompt you to merge the cards each time it finds one.

macHOME

More Tips....

Seeing a Photo's EXIF Metadata

When you take a photo with a digital camera, a boatload of background information is embedded into the file (called EXIF metadata), including when the photo was taken, the make and model of the digital camera, the exposure, shutter speed, lens focal length, whether the flash fired, and a host of other related info. Believe it or not, Preview can display all this EXIF metadata — you just have to know where to look. To see the EXIF data for the current image, just press Command-I, then click on the Details tab, and if you scroll down a bit, you'll see a header for EXIF Properties, along with the full scoop on your image.

Huge Attachments via iChat

Most email servers have a limit to how large an attachment they'll accept. Most limit an attachment size to 5MB (some even less), and if you email somebody a 6MB file, it's probably going to get "kicked back" to you as undeliverable. Want to get around that? Use iChat instead. Once you have an iChat session started with someone, you can go under the Buddies menu and choose Send File. Navigate your way to the file you want to send, click OK, and the file will be sent to the person you're chatting with (and a link to download your file will appear in their iChat window). No matter how big the file size is, it'll get there. 🍏

Q. What does the full .Mac membership include?

With .Mac, the simplicity of the Mac meets the power of the Internet. .Mac software and services make it easy to do amazing things on your Mac and share all of it with friends and family.

Share and access files, photos, movies, and more:

- * Host web sites and publish web pages and photo albums from iPhoto.
- * Send and receive email with an IMAP/POP .Mac Mail account and use webmail to access it from web browsers.
- * Enjoy access to email, contact information, and favorite bookmarks from the web.
- * Purchase up to 10 additional email-only accounts.
- * Instant message with .Mac member name and iChat.
- * Turn photos into slideshow screensavers with .Mac Slides.
- * Publish iCal calendars online and share with friends and family.

Store all your important data:

- * Back up files to FireWire drives, iDisk, CD, DVD, or other mounted volumes, and use one-step backups for iLife files.

- * Store, publish and share files with iDisk, your personal hard drive on the Internet.

- * Designate 1 GB of combined storage space between iDisk and email based on your needs.

- * Set read/write access to and password protect the iDisk Public folder.

Synchronize your most important information:

- * Keep iCal calendars, Address Book contacts, and Safari bookmarks in sync between your Macs and available to you online.

- * With Mac OS X v10.4 "Tiger" keep critical Mail information—including Spotlight-driven Smart Mailboxes—as well as stored passwords from your Keychain in sync and access them from multiple Macs.

Create a .Mac space online for groups:

- * Use a group email account to send and receive group messages.

- * Access group messages, photo albums, movies, and web pages.

- * View the group online calendar and subscribe through iCal.

- * Share files using the iDisk Groups folder.

- * Publish group web pages.

And more:

- * Get exclusive tutorials on .Mac, iLife, Mac OS X, and more in the .Mac Learning Center.

- * Receive freebies, discounts, and other surprises throughout the year with the .Mac member benefits program.

- * Get comprehensive email-based support when you need assistance.

Q: What does the .Mac Family Pack membership include?

The .Mac Family Pack annual membership includes five .Mac accounts: one master account, which has the same 1 GB of storage (upgradable to 2 GB) and services as a regular .Mac membership, plus four sub-accounts. The master account is responsible for administering the sub-accounts and for renewing the family pack membership. The sub-accounts have access to the same services as a regular full .Mac membership and each have 250 MB of combined Mail and iDisk storage (which cannot be upgraded). Each account within a Family Pack has access to a Shared folder in iDisk, for easy file transfer between the accounts. 🍏



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