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### Cisco and Apple Reach Agreement on iPhone Trademark

Cisco and Apple® today announced that they have resolved their dispute involving the “iPhone” trademark. Under the agreement, both companies are free to use the “iPhone” trademark on their products throughout the world. Both companies acknowledge the trademark ownership rights that have been granted, and each side will dismiss any pending actions regarding the trademark. In addition, Cisco and Apple will explore opportunities for interoperability in the areas of security, and consumer and enterprise communications. Other terms of the agreement are confidential. 🍏

### USING THE MAC TO PRODUCE MARKETING BROCHURES

The Macintosh Platform is widely recognized as the premier creative environment for graphic artists. During this meeting we will learn how a commercial venture in search of a superior presentation of their firm and their products team up with a graphic artist/photographer who rely on Macintosh hardware and software to produce an excellent marketing brochure.

Representatives from both these firms will join us to describe their relationship, as well as the process leading to the finished brochure of which both have every reason to be proud.

The firm commissioning the marketing

brochure is Centry. They produce residential and commercial countertops, sinks, floors, furniture, etc.

[www.centry.com](http://www.centry.com)

The Photography/Graphics firm producing the brochure is kp studios. Their link leading to their web site is

[www.kpstudios.net](http://www.kpstudios.net)

The presentation will start at 10 AM. Come early and have a cup of coffee, a doughnut, some cookies, and a chat with other members and with our guests.



### BAC March Meeting

The March 10th meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core will held at the Homewood Library, Room 116.

See the article on this page and visit the links to the websites to learn more about the March meeting.

Have you checked out our redesigned web site lately? Many thanks and kudos to Dr. Ragnar Flatland for his efforts to update and enhance our website as our new webmaster.

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## For Sale/Wanted

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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.

## Apple Market Share

New marketshare data from NetApplications showing that Apple's marketshare increased to 6.28% based on recent browser statistics:

The results are based on a survey of browser visits to some 40,000 URLs and break the stats down between non-Intel (4.29%) and Intel (2.09%) machines.

This represents a 2.05 percentage point increase from six months ago based on their previous data. While the numbers may not directly translate into actual marketshare, it does seem to represent a significant increase within the same dataset. 🍏

### Keynote Tips

If you use Keynote to make presentations, check out [www.keynoteuser.com/tips/index.html](http://www.keynoteuser.com/tips/index.html) for tips, tutorials and some special

discounts. ~ *Victoria Maciulski  
Fat Bits, Conejo Valley MUG*

## Apple Updates

### iTunes 7.1

Using iTunes 7.1, you can now enjoy your favorite iTunes movies, TV shows, music, and more from the comfort of your living room with Apple TV. iTunes 7.1 also supports a new full screen Cover Flow and improved sorting options to let you decide how iTunes should sort your favorite artists, albums, and songs. (Mac, Windows)

### Quicktime 7.1.5

QuickTime 7.1.5 delivers numerous bug fixes and addresses critical security issues. This update is recommended for all QuickTime 7 users. (Mac, Windows)

## Apple TV Shipments Delayed

The Apple TV was delayed to a "mid March" ship date with the earliest web orders showing a March 20th shipping date. 🍏

## Apple's Airport Extreme

Executive Summary: At \$179, Apple's AirPort Extreme 802.11 draft-n wireless base station is priced like brand X, but Cisco couldn't have done it any better. Apple's claim of 5X performance and 2X coverage relative to 802.11g is no mere boast; it was proven for this review.

Apple's new base station is easy to manage from Windows and OS X, and current AirPort Extreme admins will appreciate the rewritten AirPort Utility's expert features like logging and performance charting. If you plug a USB printer and a hard drive into AirPort Extreme's USB port, it will automatically be shared to Windows, Mac and other platforms able to work with these platforms' native network protocols. As for security, you can keep unauthorized clients off your network and limit the periods during which authorized clients can connect.

From corporate campuses to LAN parties, AirPort Extreme is a base station that blurs the boundaries between base station and server.

## 2007 BAC OFFICER ELECTION

The following slate of officers were elected at the March General Meeting.

**President - Bill Henry**  
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**Webmaster - Ragnar Flatland**  
**Instructional Media - Luther Fuller**  
**Membership - Ted Galloway**

## Docking Maneuvers

by Luther Fuller

The Dock is a wonderful place to put icons so you can instantly launch anything. Sooner, rather than later, your Dock is crowded with icons ... small icons, since you have made the Dock smaller to get more icons into the Dock. If that's your problem (and it is!) ... here's what you can do about it.

**The first step is to remove every icon from the Dock.** Simply press the mouse on a Dock icon, drag it to the desktop, and Poof!, it disappears. (Or press the mouse on a Dock icon, then choose Remove from Dock in the pop-up menu.) You will find that you can't remove the Finder and Trash icons. You will also find that you can't remove the icons of currently running applications — Quit these applications, then remove their icons from the Dock. You should now have a Dock with only two icons. Notice the “Dock separator” line between these icons.

**Step two is to make a new folder.** This folder can be located anywhere, but should probably be created in your Home folder. (The Documents folder within the Users/<userName>/ folder is a good place.) Name this folder “My Applications” (or anything you want). Drag the icon of this folder into your Dock on the Trash side of the Dock separator.

**The third and final step** is to populate the new folder with alias files to your most used applications. Open the Applications folder. Locate an application; press the Command and option keys; Drag & drop the application icon onto the “My Applications” folder icon in the Dock. Repeat this for every application you want to appear in the “My Applications” Dock menu. (When you finish, check that every icon in the “My Applications” folder has a small arrow at its lower left corner. If the arrow is not there, you have made a copy of the application file, not an alias to it. You need to correct this immediately.)

Press the mouse on the “My Applications” icon in the Dock. Notice that a menu pops up and this menu has a list of applications in it. Choose the application that you want to launch and release the mouse. The application launches.

Notice that the icon of the application you just launched appears in the Dock on the Finder side of the Dock separator. And notice that it is now very easy to identify running applications — an application is running only if its icon is in the Dock. When you want to Quit a running application, all you have to do is press the mouse on its Dock icon, then select Quit from the pop-up menu.

If you want to open documents from a Dock menu, simply create a “My Documents” folder in the Dock and populate it

with alias files pointing to document files ... just as you did for applications.

You can also create sub-folders in the Dock folder to get sub-menus. (But, it's not a good idea to put an alias to a folder in a Dock folder.)

If you like this idea, you will probably create even more folders in your Dock. And you will notice another problem — all those folders look alike. They need identifying custom icons. The solution to this problem is easy: Type “iconfactory.com” into the Locator field in Safari; Click the Freeware button at the top of the web-page that appears; Download icon sets. These icons are free for your personal use. You copy and paste icons using the Get Info window of a file or folder. 🍏

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### Lionsgate Movies Now on iTunes World's Most Popular Online Movie Store to Offer Catalog of Over 400 Films

Lionsgate and Apple® today announced that movies from Lionsgate will be available for purchase and download on the iTunes® Store (www.itunes.com) starting today. iTunes customers will be able to purchase blockbuster Lionsgate films like “Terminator 2,” “LA Story,” “Basic Instinct,” “The Blair Witch Project” and “Dirty Dancing” and more than 150 titles coming to iTunes this month. The iTunes Store has become the world's most popular online movie store, with a catalog of over 400 titles.

“We're delighted to offer these incredibly popular Lionsgate films on iTunes, and look forward to adding even more films in the future,” said Steve Beeks, president of Lionsgate. “iTunes lets users download these wonderful films to watch on their computer, TV or iPod, so movie fans can take their favorite Lionsgate films with them anywhere.”

“The iTunes Store is by far the most popular online movie store in the world,” said Eddy Cue, Apple's vice president of iTunes. “We're thrilled to be adding this phenomenal collection of Lionsgate titles from Hollywood's leading independent studio, including such blockbusters as ‘Terminator 2.’”

Lionsgate's renowned collection of movie titles available on iTunes in the coming weeks include legendary action adventure films and thrillers such as “Total Recall” and “Rambo,” indie classics such as “Monster's Ball” as well as perennial favorites such as “Chaplin” and “The Boys From Brazil.”

Movies purchased and downloaded from the iTunes Store can be viewed on a computer, Apple TV or fifth generation iPod® and most are priced at \$9.99 (US) each. Movies downloaded from the iTunes Store are downloaded in near-DVD quality at a resolution of 640x480 (up to 480, depending on the aspect ratio). 🍏

# Hints&Tips

[www.mac-hints-tips.com](http://www.mac-hints-tips.com)

## Watching the Progress Bar

I recently had a large file that Photoshop was “rendering.” Rather than watch the bar move slowly across my screen, I started typing in TextEdit, leaving Photoshop to its own devices. Then I noticed that the Photoshop icon in the Dock

had changed. There appeared to be a progress bar beneath the icon. Within a few minutes the progress bar had gone. Sure enough, when I returned to Photoshop, the file rendering was complete. So now I can keep an eye on the progress of one application while using another.

~ Pam Doughty

*AUSOM News, Melbourne, Australia*

## Functionless Keys

Q: In OS 9, it was a simple matter to assign the Function keys. I haven’t been able to figure out how to do it in OS 10.4. I would like F1 to open Safari. ~ Gene Reffkin

A: Apple has inexplicably left this OS 9 feature out of OS X. Thankfully, there are a number of shareware utilities that will do the trick. Beniot Widenmann’s AliasKeys (\$15; [www.widemann.net](http://www.widemann.net)) is one of the best of the bunch. It allows you to assign any keystroke to files and folders (not just Function keys), so you can launch Safari with F1, Command/F1 or even Command/1.

*macHOME Journal*

## See the Path

To see the path to an item in Spotlight, let your cursor linger over it and the path appears.

*Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR*

## Open Top Spotlight Hit

If the top hit in Spotlight is what you were looking for, press Command/Return to open it. Or just Command to highlight it.

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## Enter vCards Fast

Virtual Business Cards (vCards) are becoming so popular that they now have an industry-standard format. Luckily, Address Book not only supports it but also makes it easy for you to enter vCards. If you’ve received a vCard via email, just drag and drop it from the email message right into Address Book. Tiger makes it much easier to get a vCard out of Address Book. Just go to the contact you want. When you’re there, if you look up in Address Book’s title bar, you’ll see a little rectangular icon right before the words “Address Book.” That’s a miniature vCard. There

are two ways to use it. First, you can hold down the Option key, click on the card, wait just a second, and then drag it to your desktop. You get a freestanding vCard for the contact you had highlighted in the “Name” column. Attach this to an email message, send it to friends, and soon. Second, if you don’t hold down the Option key, but rather just click and drag the card to your desktop, you’ll create an alias to that Address Book contact entry.

*Scott Kelby’s Mac OS X Killer Tips  
via MacWorld Magazine*

## Spotlight Names

You can activate Spotlight from within Address Book. Use the Action “gear” in the Address Book menubar and select Spotlight “Any Name.” A Spotlight window with every reference to the name appears.

*Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR*

## PowerBook & iBook Charging

An old Apple recommendation recently resurfaced in a Knowledge Base article — the one about how you should connect a PowerBook or iBook to AC power. It says that you should first connect the AC adaptor to the power point and turn on the power, and only then plug the adaptor into the PowerBook or iBook. Since most of us were taught from childhood to complete all connections before switching anything on, this instruction goes a bit against the grain, but according to discussions in the Macintosh technical forum there’s a good reason for it.

What’s inside the AC adaptor is a “switching power supply,” and one of the characteristics of such a device is that when first powered up, it can generate significant voltage “spikes.” By allowing these to dissipate before plugging the adaptor into the Mac, you protect the Mac’s power management systems from damage that can result in poor charging, short battery life, and other related problems. If you suspect that you’ve suffered such damage, you can restore the normal condition by resetting the “Power Management Unit.” Different PowerBook and iBook models have different ways of doing this, and it’s best to check the relevant Apple support document to make sure which method should be used for your Mac. This document is found at <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=14449>.

*AUSOM News, Melbourne, Australia*

## Merge Two Records

If you have two contact entries for the same person (it happens more often than you might think at least to me), you can have Address Book merge the two. First, press Command/1 to make sure that Address Book is set to

“Card And Columns” view. Then use the Search field to find the person’s two contact cards. Click on the first in the Name column.

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Hold the Shift key and click on the second to select them both. Choose Card > Merge Selected Cards, and the two shall become one. If any of the information is redundant (repeated phone numbers, and so on), just press Command/L to go into Edit mode, highlight the duplicate information, and press Delete. When you leave Edit mode, the duplicate info and the duplicate field will be gone.

*Scott Kelby's Mac OS X Killer Tips  
via MacWorld Magazine*

### Where is application data stored?

Most applications use special files to hold user data or preferences. Before you erase or reformat your hard disk or update your system software, be sure to back up these important files.

The data file locations for commonly used applications:

The tilde (~) character indicates your home folder.

Mail data and settings: ~/Library/Mail/

iTunes data and settings: ~/Music/iTunes Music/

iPhoto data and settings: ~/Pictures/iPhoto Library/

AddressBook data and settings: ~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook

iCal data and settings: ~/Library/Calendars/

Safari data and settings: ~/Library/Safari/

Fonts: ~/Library/Fonts/

Keychain data and settings: ~/Library/Keychains/

Stickies: ~/Library/StickiesDatabase

Other preferences: ~/Library/Preferences/

If you choose the Archive & Install option in the Mac OS X installer, these files are archived before the installation. For information on restoring archived files, see the Apple Service & Support website.

Third-party applications may store information in different locations. For more information, check the documentation that came with your application. 🍏

### Mac Tip of the Week #112

**Excerpted from Mac OS X Tiger Killer Tips  
by Scott Kelby.**

Remove a Widget From Dashboard Permanently

If you downloaded a widget, and then decide that you want to get rid of it, you can remove it from Dashboard by going to your Home folder, and looking inside your Library folder. Inside that you'll find a folder named Widgets, which holds all the widgets you've downloaded (from Apple's site and elsewhere). To delete one of those widgets, just click on it and press Command-Delete to send it to the Trash.

That's it—it's gone, baby! 🍏

## Apple Store Theft

In the aftermath of the theft of a plexiglass display case containing 42 iPod nanos from the Twenty Ninth Street (Colo.) Apple store, displays at other stores have been modified to secure the 30 pound cases to a table. Boulder police say store employees noticed the display case missing at around 5 p.m. earlier this month, but didn't see any suspects take the box. When originally installed, the display case wasn't secured in any way. Recent visitors to stores where the nano case is still on display say the cases are now secured to the table in some way. The 4 Gb nanos were worth about \$8,450, according to a police report. 🍏

### What's new in the Official Update of Parallels Desktop for Mac?

We're proud to announce that the Official Update for Parallels Desktop for Mac is launched and FREE for all existing Parallels Desktop for Mac users! With great new features, improvements, and fixes, Parallels Desktop for Mac is even easier to use.

Key Product Features:

- Parallels Coherence – Launch and run Windows applications directly from your Mac desktop!
- Parallels Transporter - Migrate your entire real Windows PC to your new Mac, without reinstalling Windows or any applications!
- Wide OS support - Including full compatibility with OS X “Leopard” and support for Windows Vista
- Shared Networking - Seamlessly connect your virtual machines to the internet without any manual network reconfiguration
- USB 2.0 support - “Plug and play” popular USB 2.0 devices like printers, scanners, and external hard drives, and use them at full native speed!
- Installation Assistant built-in tool included - Now installing Windows on a Mac takes just 3 easy steps. It's even easier than installing it on a PC!
- Drag and Drop - Drag and drop files and folders of any size between OS X and Windows
- Graphic performance support – Start taking advantages of using Intel's Virtualization Technology that drives rock solid stability and blazingly fast performance
- Boot Camp Support – Use a Windows XP Boot Camp partition as a virtual hard disk in Parallels Desktop for Mac
- Improved Shared Folders performance – Open folders and files faster, and transfer data across OSes with almost zero lag 🍏



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