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The next meeting is on:

Wednesday
April 12, 2006
in Dundas
6:30 P.M.

Alan Adams

comparing

iPhoto and Portfolio



COMING MEETINGS...
May 10, 2006

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NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING...
April 17, 2006
at Dave's

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month Steven Toth shared with us some of the works of art he created using Adobe PhotoShop. Steven explained how he creates his works of art, and also discussed how different cultures view digital art. It seems the Japanese are more open minded than North Americans. Steven was a wonderful speaker and we have invited him back next year. Special thanks to Caroline, for finding Steven as a presenter for the club.

Did you know Apple is opening up more stores in the Greater Toronto area? The next to open will be in the Toronto Eaton Center and another one will be going in at Sherway Gardens.

Apple computers using the Intel Core Duo microprocessors can now boot directly into windows XP. Apple has made available a beta copy of "Boot Camp" that helps you make a driver disc that will load the correct drivers for your Windows XP SP2 install. If you have a program or game that only runs on Windows, then this is great news. I guess if you don't go on the Internet you will not be exposed to the daily or even hourly threats that Windows users go through.

This month Alan Adams will be comparing the differences between Portfolio and iPhoto. Alan says he prefers Portfolio. So if you have never seen Portfolio in action, come out and see why Alan likes it.

The Annual BBQ will be at my home on August 12. Colin Smith will attending once again, and will be broadcasting the event live on the Internet. For those new members, Colin Smith is from Adobe Systems and you don't want to miss his presentation. He is nothing less than great, and you will learn a lot. This is the time to have all your questions answered about any Adobe software.

At the last meeting of the executive, it was reported we now have over 50 paid up members. As more people switch to the Mac we should see our club grow even more.

So, don't forget to bring a chair, as we may be short several seats.

See you all at the meeting
Dave



Top 10 Keyboard Shortcuts for Address Book

Free with OS 10.4 (\$130; www.apple.com/macosex), Address Book 4 stores all of your contact information, and is tightly integrated with sister applications iCal 2 and Mail 2. Getting the most out of this digital organizer is as simple as keeping phone numbers, email addresses and more up-to-date, and mastering these ten keyboard commands.

- Command/N: To create a new card, use this twosome.
- Shift/Command/N: Add the Shift key to the mix to create a new group
- Command/1: To see both cards and columns, use this duo
- Command/2: To view the card, and the card alone, use this couplet
- Command/3: To navigate using directories, press this pair
- Command/]: A right-bracket command combo moves you to the next card
- Command/[: Replace with the left bracket to go back to the previous card
- Command/backslash (\): These keys team up to toggle between showing company and contact names
- Command/L: Use this set to edit a selected card
- Command/I: Break free and launch info in a new window with this match

Tiger Tip - Pop-up Dictionary

A handy behind-the-scenes Oxford dictionary and Thesaurus resides in both Safari and Mail. In either application you can access the dictionary by hitting Command-control-D. Mouse over any word then hit and hold Command-control-D and the dictionary will appear. You can then select Thesaurus from the pop-up window. Keep holding down the Command and control keys and you can now mouse over any word in your document and the dictionary will provide the definition.

“Computers are like air conditioners. They work fine until you start opening windows.”

The Apple Macintosh User Group of Hamilton is a non-profit organization that meets informally at 6:30 PM, the second Wednesday of each month at the Marlatt Family Center, 195 King St. W., Dundas. This group is made up of users of the Apple Macintosh family of personal computers, whose interests range from word processing to publishing, music, and games to formal presentations, art to accounting and often times . . . more. Our main purpose is to provide a forum for questions, solutions and inspiration for everyday computing. For more information about the user group, please attend the next Club meeting, contact a member of the executive, or visit our web site.

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Submissions for Next Issue

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Getting More out of the Internet Browser Choices

First, there is a long list of browsers that work with OS X. A few of the over 80 are listed below, in no particular order.

- 1.Safari
- 1.Camino
- 1.Firefox
- 1.OmniWeb
- 1.Opera
- 1.Flock
- 1.Internet Explorer
- 1.SplitBrowser
- 1.iCab
- 1.Mozilla
- 1.Webstractor
- 1.Shiira

For the complete list, go here: <http://darrel.knutson.com/mac/www/browsers.html>

I'll be using Internet Explorer as the baseline for comparison, as it is an application frozen in time. No longer being updated by Microsoft, it remains a good basic browser for comparison. I'll start out with the first three.

Safari

The current version of Safari is 2.0.1. Safari made a big impact when it became the browser included on all Macs, supporting tabbed browsing and an integrated Google search bar. There are several things that Safari can do that are not quite apparent on the surface. Here are a few tips and things to try, as well as some third-party add-ons.

Search Google from selected text: Select text in any Safari window, then Control/click and you have the opportunity to search using Spotlight or Google.

Add images to iPhoto library: Select any image in Safari and then Control/click to add that image to your iPhoto Library.

Open Google search in new Tab: Enter

what you want to search in Google, then hit Command/Return and the search will open in a new tab. (I find this extremely handy.)

Search bookmarks or history: Go to Bookmark view (Bookmarks menu > Show all). There is a search field at the bottom. You can search a specific folder or all bookmarks. Select History from the left column and you can search history.

Create a speakable bookmark: Turn Speakable items on (in the Speech System Preferences panel). Once that's done, use Safari to visit the website you'd like to voice bookmark, hold down the Speech recognition key, and then say "Make this page speakable." (You'll need a microphone if your Mac doesn't have a built-in one.)

A dialog will pop up, asking you for what to say to activate the current page.

Enter a short, memorable, easy-to-pronounce phrase for the page you're visiting, and click "OK." From now on, you can load that page by simply holding the speech recognition key and speaking your phrase.

Create link email messages in Safari via URL: Enter mail-link in front of a link in Safari's address bar. It will tell Mail to create a new message with a link to the current page -- just the same as selecting File > Mail Link to This Page. You could put these links on your website for Safari users, or make bookmarks from them.

What's nice about Safari is that it is stable, quick, and already installed on your computer. The syncing of bookmarks using a .Mac account is fabulous. Here are some add-ons that can make it even more functional:

Creative Technology
Burlington's newest Apple dealer
invites all HACK members to our new location
SPECIAL HAMILTON MAC USERS' GROUP DISCOUNTS



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Install the built in Debug menu: This is done through Terminal. To enable the Debug menu, quit Safari, launch Terminal, then enter this text:

defaults write com.apple.Safari IncludeDebugMenu 1 then press "Return." When you relaunch Safari, you should see the Debug menu to the right of the Help menu.

SafariSource: This adds syntax coloring to Safari's source view, making it much easier to read. This is free. <http://www.tildesoft.com/Misc.html>

Saft: Saft has more than 25 features, such as scrolling pages by holding down the Control key and moving the mouse, automatically saving opened tabs when you quit Safari so they're open when you relaunch, creating a bookmark folder from a set of tabs, rearranging tabs via drag and drop, and more. Saft sells for \$12. <http://haoli.dnsalias.com/Saft/index.html>

The best place to go for hints and tips on Safari is MacOSXHints.com, which is where I found most of these. <http://www.macosex-hints.com/index.php>

Camino (originally named Chimera)

Of the browsers that I used to write this article, I think that Camino is the fastest. I loaded the Small Dog site and zipped around pages noticeably faster than in Safari. (The version that I'm using is 0.8.4, which is the current stable build. There is also an alpha version of Camino, 1.0a1.)

Camino has a Google search in the tool bar that allows you to search Google as well as Google images. The 0.8.4 version doesn't have snap-back ability, which I really missed. It also has the ability to search history and bookmarks. If you are looking for speed, check out this browser.

I read about some of the new features within Camino's build 1.0a1, so I upgraded to that version. It's not quite ready for action, but I look forward to checking out the pause and resume for downloads. I can't live without a snap-back for searching. (If I'm missing something, let me know.)



Firefox

Firefox has a huge following. One of its claims to fame is the number of plug-ins and extensions that are available for it. Firefox supports tabbed browsing and has search built into the tool bar. What's great about this search tool bar is that it comes pre-installed with more than just the Google search engine. Other included engines include Yahoo, Amazon, and eBay, plus a few more, and it's easy to add others. It also has the pause/resume feature for downloading.

There are over 400 extensions, which range from auto email notification from multiple accounts to instant zooming of images.

<https://addons.mozilla.org/extensions/?application=firefox> <http://www.extensionsmirror.nl/>

[Another cool thing is the ability to change the look of Firefox using Themes. Themes are easy to install. I love customizing my Mac, so being able to change the look of an application is a plus for me.](#)

A recent Macworld article has some great tips about becoming a Firefox power user: <http://www.macworld.com/2005/10/features/powerfirefox/index>.

Since I started this article last week, I've added a few extensions to my Firefox, including Amazon's search toolbar, A9. In addition to search capabilities, A9 provides interesting information about web pages, such as traffic data, speed of loading, links to the page, etc. This can be helpful when working with Search Engine Optimization (SEO).