



NEXT MEETING:

**WEDNESDAY
Sept. 09, 2009
in Burlington
6:30 pm**

Snow Leopard

Latest MacOS
presented by
Dave Walton



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A Message from the President

Well, with a false start on the BBQ in July, we had a great day in August. The rain held off until the end of Colin's presentation and we did get packed up with out a drop of rain. But on the way home, Danny said he had to stop with all the rest of the people on the highway until it let up a bit. Thanks to all the people that could come out and share there best dish with the rest of us. Thanks to Lorimer for cooking and a special thanks to Colin for the great presentation and wonderful gifts.

I am also pleased to announce that Alan Adams has been persuaded to continue his fine work as the clubs treasurer. Thanks to the two people that had volunteered for the job.

This month brings us to what should be an interesting meeting. We will be exploring the new operating system known as Snow Leopard, Mac OS 10.6. I will be leading the meeting but I would also like some help from the people that have upgraded. Let us all know what you think

and what the best parts are for you. We will also have some other news to talk about with the September music event planed by Apple. Will The Beatles finally be available on iTunes? Will there be new iPod Touches with built in cameras. We shall see.

Did anybody attend the Chanel Next Apple Expo in Toronto in August? Colin Smith did one of his presentations at the show. You had to have a \$45.00 ticket to get into the seminars to see him. For just \$20.00 a year you get to see Colin and many other presenters at the club meetings, as well as a great BBQ in the summer, and you do not have to drive to Toronto. What a great value!

See you at the meeting

Dave



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: **Creative Technology, 3480 Fairview St., Burlington.**

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, art to accounting and often times to formal presentations or 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:

www.hamiltonmacintosh.com

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Jim Auty

Editor's Notes

HACK BBQ

Sunday, August 9th started out bright and lazy. A fine breakfast topped the morning. Life in Peacock Point (on the north shore of Lake Erie east of Port Dover) was fine and tranquil.

Shortly after noon, we left for Hamilton. Dark skies had quickly moved in from the northwest and they did not look promising for the BBQ. As we proceeded, rains came at us with a ferocity I seldom experienced. We even had to take pictures and video because who'd believe us otherwise?

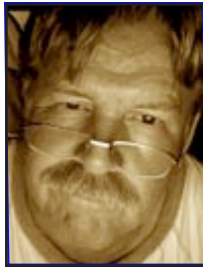
As we got closer to Hamilton, the sun was pushing away the clouds and all was well again. The weather just got better as we got closer to the Walton's country retreat!

Social hour stretched a bit and included setup for BBQ, chairs, tables, all the foods, and all of Colin's equipment.

Lorimer jumped into action when Wray arrived with the buffalo burgers! He also did up vegie burgers and sausages. We all thank you.

Thanks goes to all those who helped with food contributions. This really makes for a nice variety of tastes and volumes.

I did not find any of it fattening ... probably because we were in the



great outdoors!
The great weather did bring out many members and family. We all had lots to talk about. Even Stan Staton, my high school teacher, made a comment about my mustache. He was probably jealous 'cause I could sneak *more* food out *in it!*



View from outback.



Food table one.

As the day progressed, a breeze would sneak through a give gentle relief from the sun's heat. As the sun was setting, we all got our chairs a little closer to Colin and the large presentation screen.

As always, Colin gave us an informative look into Abobe's direction and achievements. Then into the software and some of the enhancements to make us drool over it. There were questions answered and reviews of some items people did not grasp first time around.

Then came the door prizes. I got a new ball cap, others got mugs, t-shirts, magazine, computer case and Wray got the top prize of CS4!

We closed the show with a bang as distant thunder, lighting and rain closed in!



Food table two.



Colin, our expert presenter.



The attentive crowd.



Colin presents prize to Wray.



YOUR TURN: So you think you are great at what you do on your computer ... Prove it! Volunteer your talents for a presentation at a HACK meeting. Practice makes perfect!

CONTRIBUTED ITEM

She began to notice that the computer was getting much warmer than usual, even with light use. She reported the fan had been overactive and that battery life isn't what it used to be.

There are two real clues in these symptoms. More heat is created the harder a computer is working, and the harder a computer is working, the less time it'll function off of battery power. Immediately, I knew this was a software issue, not a hardware issue.

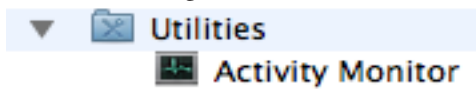
I also noticed that I couldn't pull down the Date and Time menu in the Menu Bar. Any time I'd place the mouse pointer over that item, the pointer would change into the spinning beach ball. I knew that a background process called *systemuiserver* is responsible for this menu bar item, so I went into Activity Monitor to see if that process was taking up more processing power than necessary.

Sure enough, *systemuiserver* was consuming almost all the processing resources the computer had to offer. I used Activity Monitor to quit the process, and set the computer on a table. In a few minutes it was noticeably cooler and the estimated battery life jumped from 45 minutes to over two hours and I could pull down the Date and Time menu.

I knew from the beginning, the cause of this problem, but for those of you without quite so much troubleshooting experience, the Activity Monitor application is a great first stop in all overheating and battery life issues. Just look for something consuming a lot of CPU resources.

Activity Monitor

After reading the above, I was curious.

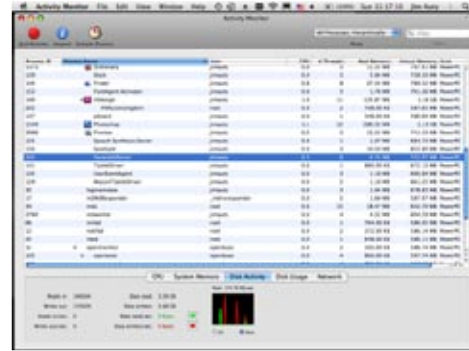


I went to my laptop HardDrive>Application>Utilities>Activity Monitor and then started the application. The screen quickly filled with lines of data. I scrolled down the list to see if I could find *'systemuiserver'*.

Sure enough, it was there. But now what? Like he said, look for something

consuming a lot of CPU resources.

I am not a computer geek and would hesitate to do something at this point. At least I can tell a technician what was found.



Screen Shot showing 'systemuiserver'



Close up of bottom area and menu.

If it were a *last resort* due to time constraints, I may do as the write did and close the operation. This would act as another reason to backup regularly to minimize any loss if *'close'* did more than desired.

Editor

FLASH for Snow Leopard

Found at : [feed://blog.smalldog.com/rss/?limit=10](http://blog.smalldog.com/rss/?limit=10)

Important: Potential Security Vulnerability In Flash

Ed Shepard Friday, 10:57 AM

If you've upgraded to Snow Leopard, please note this important message from Adobe:

The initial release of Mac OS X 10.6 (Snow Leopard) includes an earlier version of Adobe Flash Player than what is available from Adobe.com. We recommend all users update to the latest, most secure version of Flash Player (10.0.32.18) — which supports Snow Leopard and is available for download from <http://www.adobe.com/go/getflash-player>

The earlier version of Flash Player included with Snow Leopard contains several security vulnerabilities. These are

patched in the more recent version of Flash Player, released by Adobe on July 30th.

Macworld Magazine notes that Flash Player is an attractive target for hackers, since millions upon millions of computers worldwide have it installed.

All Mac users should make sure their version of Flash is current. This is most important for Snow Leopard users, since their version is almost certainly out of date and thus vulnerable. Click here to download the latest Flash player.

Back to School

By Matt Klein, matt@smalldog.com

Somehow the summer has flown by and the back-to-school season is well under way. While I'm personally enjoying the fact that I am not in the position of getting ready for a school season, I did think it was a good time to plug two of my favorite school-related applications. While there are many standard applications that are considered "*school necessities*," the two applications I'd like to share with you today:

Schoolhouse2

<http://www.loganscollins.com/schoolhouse/> and **iFlash**

<http://www.loopware.com/iflash/> are lesser-known applications that can help you get organized and study for exams.

I discovered **Schoolhouse 2** in my very last semester of a professional program I was enrolled in and I've been kicking myself that I never looked for something like it sooner. It's a free/by donation application that calls itself a *'homework manager'*, but I find it to be much more than that. Schoolhouse 2 uses a simple interface that's very similar to iTunes. It allows you to define semesters, class-loads and instructors (*even an area to add your instructors contact information*) and then gives you a tracking area for quizzes, upcoming assignments and projects. You can define priority levels to assignments, due-dates, add notes

and tasks. My favorite feature is the project center. It's a great home base that allows you to list all of the related files for a project and even email the files to individuals or groups that you're collaborating with. For example, I worked on a large group project for my pathology class in my last semester. My project center allowed me to list the pictures, Word documents, Keynote presentations, notes and a list of tasks all in one window so I could see all of my project elements and keep track of what I needed to do. When I finished my portion of the project I was able to email it to my group and we could edit things as needed. It was a great way to keep everything organized and really helped me visually break down the project into tasks so that I was less apt to wait until the last minute and stress out over how much work was left. As a veteran procrastinator this was a big plus for me! *iFlash* is a recent find of mine. While I'm not in school, as a technician I am frequently studying for new certifications. Flash cards work very well for my learning style; kinesthetic and visual. While there are several flash card applications out there, I particularly like *iFlash* because it allows me to add pictures and audio to my flash cards and I have the option of studying on my computer or sending my card deck to an iPhone or iPod touch and studying on the go. For those who like the tactile benefit of flash cards, the decks can also be printed out on paper. The only flaw I've found so far is that pictures and audio can't be displayed on the iPhone or iPod

touch, but other than that it's an easy and versatile program.

For those of you heading back into the educational trenches, cheers to a great year!

Multiple Burns

By Matt Klein, matt@smalldog.com

Did you know that it's possible to burn to one CD or DVD multiple times? The trick is to use the "Leave Disk Appendable" option in Disk Utility, located in the Utilities folder on every Mac. First step is to create a folder and fill it with the stuff you want to burn. From there, open up Disk Utility (Macintosh HD/Applications/Utilities), pull down the File Menu, select New, and then Disk Image From Folder in the sub-menu. When the resulting window opens, find that folder you just created and click the Image button. Select a destination for your image, and click Save. The disk image, ending with .dmg, will shortly appear on your desktop and along the left side of the Disk Utility window. Click once on its icon in Disk Utility, then click the Burn button at the top left of the Disk Utility window.

Here's the trick: When you click the Burn button, a dialog box will pop up asking you to insert a disc -- go ahead and insert the disc, then click the blue triangle on the right side of the window and click the box next to Leave Disk Appendable before hitting Burn. Next time you need to burn a disk, just repeat the process; when you get to the final step, the button will say Append instead of Burn.

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