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Need Help? Have a question the manual doesn't answer? Members Helping Members is a group of volunteers who have generously agreed to help. They are just a phone (or an e-mail) away. Please call only during the appropriate times, if you are a member, and own the software in question.

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Please call at reasonable hours, and ask if it is a convenient time for them. By the way, many of these volunteers can also be contacted on our BBS. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you would like to be a Members Helping Member volunteer, please send an e-mail message to John Pruski on our BBS, or call him at 952-938-2818, with your name, telephone number, contact hours, and the software or hardware areas you are willing to help others.

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Board of Directors Meeting Monday, May 7, 2001

Submitted by Pamela Lienke, Secretary
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2001

Agenda adopted
No minutes from the April meeting
Officer and Committee Reports
President — Survey report
Vice-President — no report
Treasurer — no formal report — all bills paid to date
Marketing and Membership — no report
SIG Director — no report
Publications — everything working well. Printed 350 newsletters so some can be used to had out at different meetings.
Old Business
Screen donation — For $100 Tierney will sell us an eight foot screen from their rental fleet. It will be delivered for installation to Washburn library. Washburn will do the installation.
Projector storage — no action taken. Denis said that the club may be able to put a steel cabinet in the storage area.

Survey
Lisa had compiled the survey results. We looked at and discussed the results. These results and the comments became the base of much discussion. A summary of the results will appear in a future newsletter. The board will continue to discuss the results.
Club library — Fred Frankna has been working with T. Gates to give club old manuals.
Club mandate — Education — Denis will contact a person interested in our help.
Web based BBS
Dave Peck agreed to do some research
Updated web site
Internet SIG — Denis is willing to find someone to work on this.
membership e-mail list — Denis will work on this.

New business elections results

President	
Bert Persson received	47,
Lisa Huston received	1,
André Benassi received	1,
Denis Diekhoff received	1
Vice President	
Denis Diekhoff received	47,
Gary Eckhardt received	1,
John Sr. Hunkins received	1
Treasurer	
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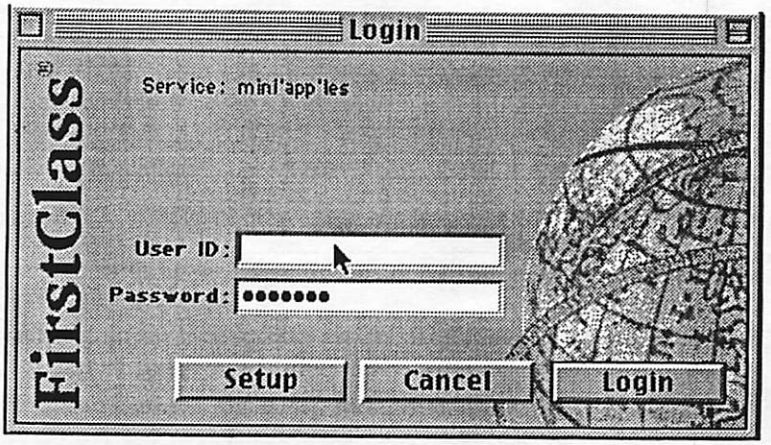
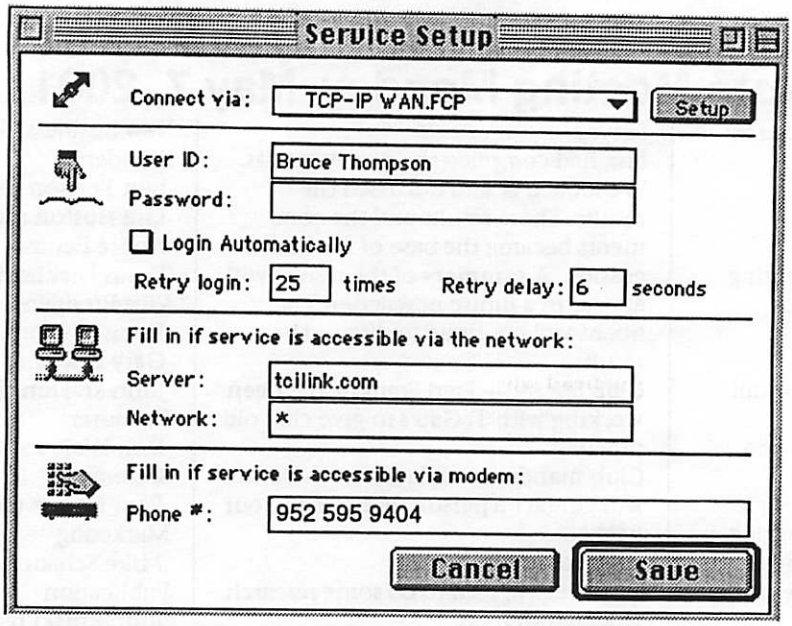
Strictly eBusiness — Denis will check with FirstTech to se if we can help. We will have newsletters available.
Next meeting June 4, Byerly's 7:00 P.M.
Meeting Adjourned

New connection setting for our BBS

Submitted by Bruce Thompson

Use the attached settings to connect to the BBS via the internet. These changes are effective immediately. If you have previously connected via the internet, the only thing you have to change is the server information. For those who access the BBS from the Internet, you will need to change the Server number in Set-ups in the Login Settings file to: 66.47.175.93
Alternatively, you can enter tcilink.com in the same place.





Set the "Connect via:" to TCP-IP WAN.FCP
Fill in the "User ID:" and "Password"

Fill in the "Server:" tcilink.com

Click the "Setup" button
Click the "Advanced Settings" button

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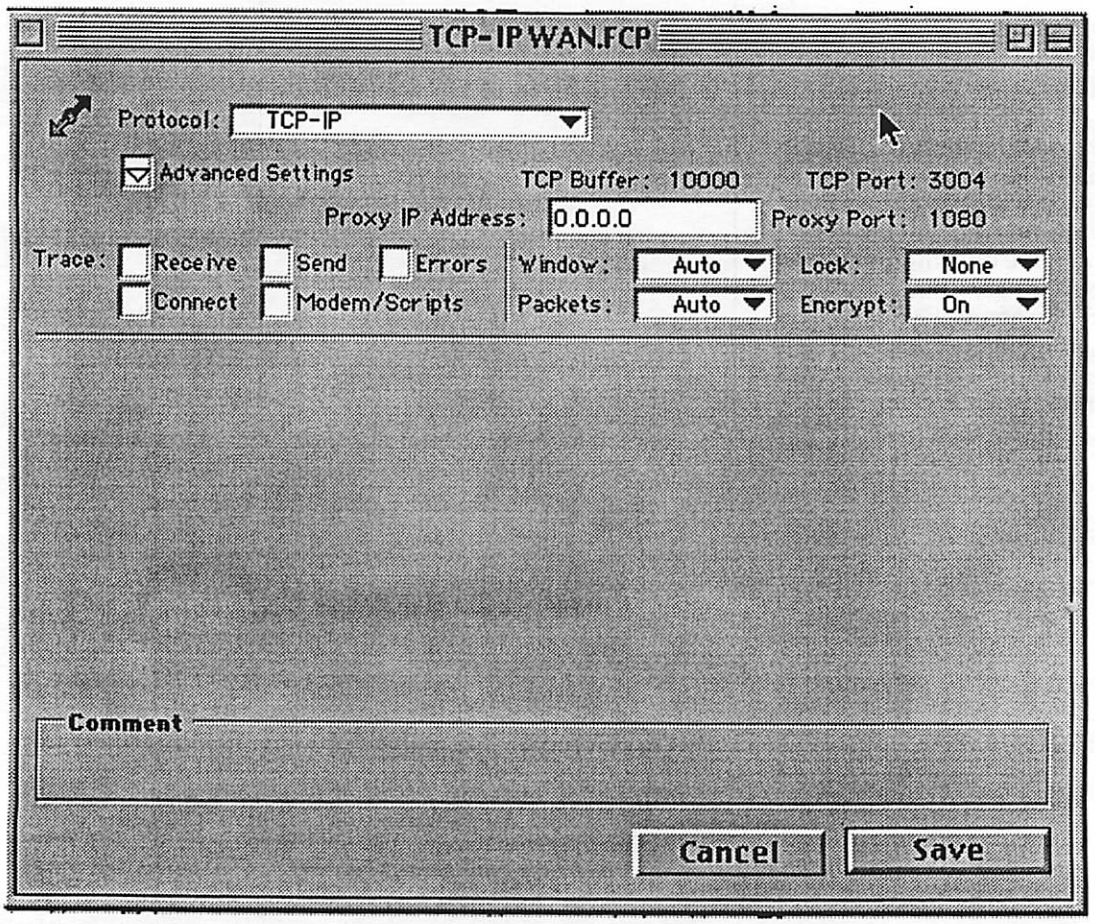

Ode to the Clean Install

Submitted by Dave Peck

Author's note: This article deals with Pre-OSX systems. It's been updated and most of the scary Windows stuff has been removed although I had to leave my little rhyme in:-)

Gather around children. I'll tell you a tale. Hold on tight, but don't shake with fright. For if using a Mac, you'll avoid a Windows plight.

Your Mac is crashing on a regular basis. Something is wrong, but you've not been able to isolate the problem. Moving down a long list, you've tried a variety of troubleshooting techniques. From rebuilding the desktop, zapping the PRAM, checking for extension conflicts, replacing suspect preference files, reinstalling programs, and replacing the finder. No luck. The problem is still there. Now it's cursing time? Hold on big fella or pretty gal! It's a matter of perspective. Instead of cursing, how about thanking your luck stars? It could be worse. Alot worse. For instead of working on a Mac, you could be faced with the hair-pulling problem of system corruption on a Windows computer. Not shaking yet? Imagine reinstalling every program on your computer and reformatting your hard drive too. I sense a tremor! If your a novice, later in the article I describe some of these techniques.

Yes, I'm a Mac man, a Mac fan! But my preference for the Mac is based on experience. If you have to own a PC, so be it. There are reasons. I've owned a PC for 2 years, and I've seen things that will curl a Mac owner's toes. And I've had more problems in a year with my PC than I've had in the last 10 years on the 5 Macs I've owned. As a Mac person, a simple way to compare Mac to PC technical issues is to go to your local book store and find a copy of Sad Macs, Bombs, and other Disasters by Ted Landau. Flip through the pages- it's easy reading. Now find one of those six inch thick PC repair books. Those are full of technical mumbo jumbo that is well above the head of the average PC owner. And I have yet to find a PC trouble shooting book that describes how to reinstall a Windows System. Not upgrade, but reinstall due to a problem. I suspect, although unverified, that there are too many variables with all the PC machines out there to describe it. In contrast, I feel that I'm well versed in solving Mac problems and mostly it's just knowing my way around the Mac's System. But I'm hopelessly over my head when it comes to PC issues- DOS, files scattered hither and yond, memory addresses, beep codes, and other user-unfriendly things.

My PC Problem

My intent is not to bash Windows. Yes, Windows is the number one operating system out there. But I refrain from calling it the most popular cause I can't find anyone who will say something good about it. Really! So far, anytime I've talked to a PC technician and make a comparison favorable to the Mac, no one has ever countered with an I-love-Windows statement. Usually I hear a Windows negative comment. But Windows tech support feeds alot of families!

As I've become more familiar with the Windows Operating System (Windows 95/98), I've become more enamored with my Macintosh. I trust my Mac, have confidence in it, and reserve my most important computer tasks for it. I won't suggest that owning a PC box will immediately lead to disaster. But be ready for a roller coaster ride at any time. Within a couple of months of using a Windows98 box, I found myself reformatting my hard drive and reinstalling Windows from scratch with the help of a technician. I was not doing anything exotic when the problem arose. When this article was originally published, I devoted a full page to this nightmare. Since then I've had several more encounters. But I really don't want to relive all the unpleasantness, and don't think you care about PC problems. So I'll dispense with PC troubleshooting, except to say, it was incredibly difficult. We were heavy into DOS, things had to be located on the hard drive, and I was typing all sorts of cryptic commands. Yuck! Yes it was a nightmare, and no, I'm not exaggerating! I'll never own a PC without an extended warranty.

The Mac Advantage

One basic major difference between Macs and PCs is how they keep track of system and software components. You may have heard of the PC Registry. Window uses this text file to keep track of it's components and programs. The Registry acts like a huge Preference file. If the Registry dies, Windows dies. If you have a serious backup, the situation can be salvaged. I mean a disk image of your entire hard drive is stored somewhere, or you'll most likely be starting from scratch. That's the preferred method. Not just a copy of your System, but the entire hard drive. Windows is picky. With thousands of file scattered all over the hard drive, it all fits together like a giant puzzle. And when something falls out of place, there's trouble. Windows deals with the problem of corruption in the Registry by automatically making a copy of Registry every time you start up, keeping 5 copies. Because of this structure, when Windows is reinstalled, you've also created a brand new, but dumb registry that has no clue where programs are located. Since the programs no longer work, they all have to be reinstalled. Why not start with a clean slate and reformat your drive too? That's the Windows way.

In stark contrast to Windows, the genius of the MacOS is revealed by it's Finder and Desktop Files. They keep track of everything. And most importantly, they are updated on the fly and can be rebuilt (updated) at anytime, without complications! The MacOS is friendly, flexible, and forgiving. The clean install on the Mac can be accomplished in about an hour while retaining full functionality of all your precious programs. And you should never have to reformat your hard drive for a MacOS problem.

Get Familiar with your System Folder (Pre-OSX)

If your not familiar, take a look in the System folder that sits on your hard drive. There's alot of stuff in there and most of it is clearly marked. Yes, the MacOS is everything in the System Folder but you should think of it's primary components as the following folders: Extensions Folder, Control Panel folder, Preference fold-

er, Fonts folder, the Finder, and another folder called the System. These components are used by the MacOS and in many cases enable functionality to your installed programs. When a program is installed to the hard drive, depending on the type of program, components may be placed into the System folder. Usually it's an extension, a control panel, or a preference file. The preference file holds customized settings for your Mac programs. Unlike the Window's Registry, preference files on the Mac are easy to work with. You can throw one away and it's no problem. The next time you start that program, a new Preference file will be created automatically. Personal settings and possibly the serial number will have to be entered. Removing a program on the Mac is usually as simple as trashing the program folder, an associated extension, control panel, and preference file. That's it.

Some Trouble Shooting

I mentioned trouble shooting a while back. When your MacOS dies on you, the "clean install" is the last resort to correct the problem. The MacOS has several simple troubleshooting errands that can be tried to isolate a problem.

Extension Conflict- Check for an extension conflict by starting your Mac holding down the shift key. Your Mac will start up with all it's extensions turned off. If the problem goes away, it's one of the extensions that's causing the problem. If you need to have one or two extensions active to produce the problem (such as needing the CD-ROM drive to function) use Extension Manager or Conflict Catcher to make up a troubleshooting extension set. If you can get your Mac running with a minimum extension set, then the problem is most likely extension related.

If you have Conflict Catcher your life just got much easier because it will run an extension conflict test for you. Another advantage of Conflict Catcher is that it will check for multiple conflicts.

If your using Extension Manager, you must manually conduct a conflict test.To zero in on an offending extension, it's a fairly simple, but time consuming process. Disable half of the extensions, restart and see if the problem has gone away. If not, swap out the other half of the extensions. Once the group of offending extensions have been located, make note of them. In this group, the offender resides. With the offending group active, the problem should be active. Disable half of the active extensions, restart and see if the problem goes away. If not try Disabling the other half. Each configuration change requires a restart. The idea is to cut the offending group in half each time, restart and check if the problem is there or not. Eventually you'll be down to the offending extension. Disable it! If you really need this extension, you'll have to check for updates and possibly talk to Apple or the parent company if it's application related.

Preference File corruption- Sometimes, corruption will occur in the preference file for a program. This can prevent the program from running normally. It's very easy to toss a preference file into the trash and restart the program and see if the problem has gone away. Don't worry, the program will create a new preference file when it starts, but you'll have to reenter custom setting and maybe a serial number. And if you don't empty the trash, you can always put the original preference file back into the preference folder. Other possibilities are to toss the Finder preference (located in the Preference folder) and restart.

Zap the Pram- PRAM is parameter RAM (random access memory), a small portion of memory that stores basic but important information-the parameters that your Mac uses. It's different than regular RAM because it's settings are maintained with the power off. It receives power from your Mac's battery*. I won't try to explain why it gets corrupt but it does. PRAM is reset by holding down Shift/Option/P/R keys when your Mac is starting up.

Rebuild the Desktop- The invisible Desktop file keeps track of what is on your desktop (the main screen you see after your Mac starts) and it keeps track of where things are located and which documents belong to which applications *. If it gets corrupt there will be problems. Rebuild the desktop by holding down Option/Open Apple keys on start.

Tech Tool- Make your life easier by down loading the free utility Tech Tool v1.2.1 by Micromat. It makes zapping PRAM and rebuilding the desktop easier. Find it at: http://www.micromat.com/downloads/index_downloads.html.

(*) reference: The Macintosh Bible.

Mac Books- The Apple IIe was my first computer. A Mac Performa was my second. The Mac is simple enough that you can get a good book and figure it out. I never felt the need to take a class. That's why I chuckle when family members tell me they need to go to school to learn Windows. Fortunately these days, more family members are using iMacs. As the iMac becomes very popular, I'm seeing lots of Mac and iMac books at the store. Sad Macs, Bombs, and Other Disaster by Ted Landau, published by Peachpit Press should be your primary troubleshooting guide. The Macintosh Bible published by Peachpit Press and The Little Mac Book also have good info!

The Clean Install

When all else fails, the Clean Install is the last choice. Fortunately it's not hard to do. But this statement is based on premise that the user has some basic Mac knowledge. If you don't know the basics, find a good Mac book or a good Mac friend. In the Sad Macs book check out "Complete Install/Reinstall of System Software". In the 3rd edition, it's on page 710. The description of a clean install in this article is based on my experience.

When installing the MacOS there are two ways to go. You can install the MacOS on top of the old version or do a "Clean Install". Based on my experience, I won't say you can't install the MacOS on top of an old version, but if your having serious system problems or upgrading to a new MacOS version number like going from 8.x to 9.x, I recommend going the Clean Install route. The Clean Install on the Macintosh sets aside the original System folder (renaming it Previous System Folder) and replaces it with a new clean System folder. But

the original System folder contents remains until you delete it.

To perform a Clean Install, first boot from the MacOS CD by placing the MacOS CD in the CD-ROM drive and hold down the "C" button while starting. You know you've got the cd when it starts running alot and Mac icons appear all over your desktop.

One hitch is that you may not have enough space on your hard drive for both copies of the Systems folders. If space is limited on the hard drive in question and you have multiple drives, the old System folder can be copied to a different drive to preserve the data. If space is limited on all of your hard drives, what you really want to save are the control panel folder, control panel disabled folder, extension folder, extension disabled folder, preferences folders, and (important!) any 3rd party folders sitting in the System folder like a Claris or Eudora folder. If necessary for space, trash the old System folder on the target hard drive (after you backed it up).

Launch the MacOS installer. Somewhere early in the process, an Option button or a choice will appear for the Clean Install. Older MacOS installers may not offer the "Clean Install" choice. Look under any "options" or "customize options" choices that are presented. Please note that if you've trashed the old System folder, a clean install will automatically be performed. If you've got the old System folder sitting on the hard drive, it will install over the old System unless you select "Clean Install". Another option would be to boot off the MacOS CD. Then go to the System folder on the hard drive and rename it "Previous System Folder". Then launch the MacOS installer. You'll get your clean install and the old System folder contents will not be touched.

After the new System is installed, restart the Mac. You can look into the new System folder and see what the Mac runs on without any of the 3rd party stuff that will soon clutter up the landscape.

To restore the functionality of any program that relies on an extension or control panel, go to the "Previous System Folder". Of if you saved just the folders I previously mentioned, look through them and pull out the 3rd party extensions and control panels. Because the Extension Manager and Conflict Catcher can disable items, these program generate the extension-disabled and control panel-disabled folders.

Preference files are important because in most cases you won't have to reenter serial numbers.

As mentioned before, look on on the top level of the Previous System folder for any associated files or folders. For example if your a ClarisWorks (AppleWorks) user, there is a prominent Claris folder sitting in the System folder. The same for Eudora. The Eudora folder holds all your email records. These items can be selected and dumped into their respective folders in the new System. I suggest that you gather up all the files you want to put into the new System folder, highlight them, and use the Label function to color them. After the files are highlighted, go to the "File" pull down menu, select "Label", and select a color. This makes them standout so if later, you want to change your mind and go back to a virgin System folder they will be easy to ID and remove. It's a good idea to keep the old System folder items around for a while, until your confident your programs are functioning normally.

That's about it. That's enough! If you have trouble with any particular program, not the problem that caused you to do a clean install, but getting the program to run properly because it's missing an extension or control panel, you can always reinstall that particular program. But my experience is that this is the exception and not the rule.

Good luck and happy Clean Installing!

MacHome Offer

Submitted by Lisa Huston

Hi Lisa!,

I wanted to let you and your group know of our special introductory subscription offer for MUGs. For a limited time, your members can subscribe for 6 months at $9.95. They'll receive 6 issues of MacHome plus 3 CD ROMs and a FREE Games CD – all for $9.95!

All they have to do to take advantage of this offer is subscribe online at www.machome.com/mugoffer or call 800 800 6542 and mention the code "VMUG01".

Hopefully, you'll pass this info along to your members via your Web site and newsletters.

Thanks for your time - and if I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please let me know. I hope to develop a better relationship between MacHome and your Mac user group - so keep in touch! :O)

Your Fellow Mac Enthusiast,

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* Delphi Textside (Almost) Done

As of May 1, 2001, Delphi's textside interface was essentially disconnected. Not totally, but essentially. No one can participate in chat or post new messages, but the rest of the system remains intact as-is. Not that there's much to do if you can't chat or post new messages. This marks the sad end of an era in the Apple II's history.

Much of our old pals from Genie and Delphi are hanging out on Syndicomm.com, the renamed A2Central.com, as you'd expect. Come join us!

* Syndicomm.com Expands

The Online Service Formerly Known As A2Central.com continues to expand just as Delphi goes down the road away from the text based Apple II.

** New Communities

brings online some new communities: Palm OS, Refunders, HelpDesk, LiveGames, and Singles are either online or coming soon, and there'll be even more in the weeks ahead. If you're interested in joining, see http://www.syndicomm.com/. If you're interested in starting a community, you may want to email contracts@syndicomm.com.

And if you're interested in helping out in the Palm OS Community, feel free to email me at a2.ryan@syndicomm.com.

** KFest Chat

Kirk Mitchell, Syndicomm.com's A2 Community Real Time Conference Manager, arranged with Grand Gouda Steve "Godzilla" Gozdziewski to host a KansasFest informational chat on April 22, 2001, at 5:00 Pacific Daylight Time. A good time was had by all as many KansasFest attendees showed up for a mini preunion.

* KansasFest On The Horizon

Speaking of the Apple II event of the year, Steve Gozdziewski announced on the KansasFest email list that available rooms are filling up rapidly for KFest 2001. Join us at historic Avila College in Kansas City, Missouri this July. See http://www.kfest.org/ for more information on this incredible event.

* F.E. Systems On The Virtual Move

Attention, dog lovers: Henrik Gudat announced that F.E. Systems, the publishers of the remarkable Apple IIgs emulator for the Power Macintosh known as Bernie][The Rescue, have moved to a new domain. You can now find them at http://www.bernie.gs/ and email them at woof@bernie.gs.

* Sign Off

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AppleWorks Tip

Submitted by Les Anderson

AppleWorks doesn't normally display fractions properly. Most users just type the numerator, then a slash, then the denominator, thus it looks like this 3/4, when the preferred is 3/4..
It is possible to write fractions using the following key sequences: 3 , option-shift 1 (use the 1 on the keyboard, this will give you a slash (/), close to the first number, the keypad numbers will not work) 4 This will give you 3/4 select the 3 and change its style to superior which will give you 3/4 select the 4 and change its style to inferior which will give you 3/4 Be careful to finish your sentence before making these changes or you might wind up with the text following your fraction being set to inferior.

I made a series of common fractions, and stored them in a library I called Fractions. That way I can simply select the fraction I want.

Note, the inferior style is transferred to the document, so change the style back to normal before you continue. The fraction size can be changed just like normal text. Also, not all fonts have the slash in option-shift 1 , some may produce a square box, or a vertical line.

Nope, it didn't.

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It's a place where you can sit down and play with iMovie--even make a Desktop Movie on the spot. Burn an audio CD using iTunes. Connect several MP3 players to your iBook to see which you like best. Watch a demonstration of Mac OS X on a big screen. Find books and magazines and tons of Macintosh software on display--over 300 titles. Sit down and have an in-depth conversation with a certified Apple "genius" at the Genius Bar.

And generally enjoy the company of people who speak your language. Macintosh.

http://www.apple.com/retail/

2. Defying Gravity with a Mac

In just six years, Michael Bream has grown his company--Gravity Skateboards--from a tiny one-man, garage-based operation to a thriving $2-million-a-year business, and he credits much of his success to the Macintosh computers he and his staff use on a daily basis.

"Just like skateboarding," says Bream, "running a small business requires a lot of balance and dexterity. The Mac helps us respond with a high level of skill and professionalism, no matter how steep the hill."

So whether they're using Final Cut Pro to create marketing videos, checking on customer orders in MYOB's AccountEdge, or updating the company website using Adobe GoLive, Bream and his staff never take a tumble.

http://www.apple.com/smallbusiness/stories/gravity/

3. Built for Mac OS X: Freehand 10

Web designers, print designers, and those who regularly move content back and forth between print and the web, wax enthusiastic over FreeHand 10, one of the newest applications built for Mac OS X.

Zooropa's Sean Berner can tell you how "FreeHand's tight integrations with Macromedia Flash has made it an indispensable part of the Web designer's toolbox."

Mike Clements, Creative Director of E Factor Media, indicates that "FreeHand is pretty much a consistent part of our workflow. We might start off with a Flash piece and then the client will say, 'I need it in print media.' We'll take the work and move it right into print. Vector artwork is just a snap to bring into FreeHand."And Juxt interactive's Todd Purgason raves, "As soon as they showed me the new brush tool, my mind just went crazy with the potential of it."

http://www.apple.com/macosx/applications/freehand/

4. Fun and Games with AirPort

Want to know how easy it is to host the ultimate wireless network gaming party for you and several of your friends?

With just one AirPort Base Station and an AirPort Card in each computer, you'll be ready to play Quake III Arena, Diablo II, Cro-Mag Rally, or any other network-capable game within minutes. Setting up your AirPort network's a snap, and it's even easier for your friends to get in on the action.

Best of all, players can sit anywhere they'd like (within 150 feet of the base station), and you won't have to snake dozens of feet of cable through the house.

To learn more, read "Fun and Games with AirPort." The new article even explains how you can host gaming parties over the Internet, open to players around the world.

http://www.apple.com/enews/2001/features/airportgaming.html

5. Don't Beat the Bushes. Hit TheStreet.com

Don't buy. Don't sell.

Not until you have Sherlock check with those shrewd financial wizards at TheStreet.com. The newest plug-in to be added to the Sherlock searching arsenal, TheStreet.com lets you search the largest independent financial newsroom on the web, transporting you to the trading floor and putting you in touch with some of the savviest financial minds on TheStreet. You'll find the new plug-in in the Sherlock News channel.

But, wait, there's more. Take a peek in the People channel, and you'll find another new plug-in--WhitePages.com, an excellent resource for finding the names, addresses, and phone numbers of people and businesses. Search WhitePages.com all by itself or in conjunction with the other resources you'll find in the People channel: ldap.bigfoot.com, WorldPages.com, and ClassMates.com.

http://www.apple.com/sherlock/

6. Built for Mac OS X: FileMaker Pro

On Monday, FileMaker announced the immediate availability of FileMaker Pro 5.5. A model Mac OS X application, FileMaker Pro 5.5 offers the look and feel of Aqua and takes full advantage of many of the benefits of Mac OS X. It also:

* Is the perfect companion to Microsoft Office, allowing for seamless exchange of data between Word, Excel, and Entourage
* Features immediate conversion of Microsoft Excel databases: simply drag the icon of an Excel file onto the icon of FileMaker Pro 5.5 to convert it to a FileMaker Pro database--automatically

* Allows you to publish FileMaker Pro databases on the web--instantly--and to search, edit, and update records via a web browser
* Lets you easily create powerful relational databases that can share data cross-platform with FileMaker Pro databases on systems running Windows 95, 98, NT, or 2000

Test the capabilities of FileMaker Pro 5.5 for yourself. Download a trial version at:

http://www.filemaker.com/products/fm_home.html

7. Technically Speaking: AirPort 1.3.1

Want to enhance the usefulness of the wireless AirPort network in your home, school, or business? With our latest update, AirPort 1.3.1, you can:

* Create scripts allowing different dial-up users--Mom, Dad, the kids--to dial different Internet service providers (ISPs) or to switch network setups between home, work, and offsite locations
* Improve performance when using several AirPort Base Stations in close proximity to one another
* Increase the interoperability between your AirPort card and wireless cards made by other manufacturers
* Comply with the Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet (PPPoE), a connection method used by some cable and DSL ISPs

Download AirPort 1.3.1 at:

http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n12021

Using AirPort with Mac OS X? Then be sure to download and read "AirPort Networks with Mac OS X."

http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n12120

8. Quick Takes

Don't wait another minute.

You must see the trailer for "Jurassic Park III." Universal Pictures assembled an impressive cast, including Sam Neill, William H. Macy, Tea Leoni, and everyone's favorite crew of Velociraptors, T. Rexes, and Pteranodons. Got your running shoes handy?

http://www.apple.com/trailers/universal/jurassic_park_3/

"AppleWorks is a program I can recommend without reservation," says Bob LeVitus in a recent article in the Houston Chronicle. "If you need a piece of clip art to illustrate your point or a template for just about any document, AppleWorks can find it for you via the Internet, using its built-in (and free) access to more than 25,000 photographs and clip art images and more than 150 professionally designed templates."

http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/story.hts/tech/895930

"The students now are the generation of digital learners. They will have access to a wealth of knowledge," says Mark A. Edwards, Superintendent of the Henrico County school system, which recently announced a program to lease 23,000 iBook computers for all middle and high school students. "This is the direction that everyone will be going in the near future."

http://www.timesdispatch.com/MGBD08KF8MC.html

So Long, Douglas Adams. Douglas Adams, a favorite AppleMaster and creatorof "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," series of best-selling books, died Friday, May 11, in Santa Barbara, CA. He was 49.

http://www.apple.com/applemasters/dadams/

Greetings mini'app'olites

Submitted by Denis Diekhoff

One of the many things that the recent questionnaire /ballot showed was an interest in a web based channel of communication. The Club Bored has been using a "List Serve" for a couple months to conduct some business and it's been working well, so..... We have started a NEW "List" for Club members and guests. This list is not moderated or supervised, it is open to the public if they know the address. To join the list, you may send a message to: **mini-app-les subscribe@yahoogroups.com.**

To learn more, visit this site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mini-app-les

The Board is still in the process of evaluating this and other suggestions from the survey.

mini'app'les Handy Form

New & Renewing Members- Specify your level of support:

___ $25 (One Year)
___ $45 (Two Years)
___ $60 (Three Years)
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___ $100 Corporate (One Year)
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* must be a full-time student at an accredited institution

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Member ID# (if applicable): _____

Yes..
I'd like to join!

If this is a new membership or a renewal, please take a few minutes to fill out this questionniare

Which personal computer(s) do you use?
- ❑ Power Macintosh model(s) _____
- ❑ Macintosh model(s) _____
- ❑ Apple II model(s) _____
- ❑ Other _____

Please list the five software packages you use most often:
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What peripherals or attachments do you use?
- ❑ Printer
- ❑ Laser Printer
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- ❑ Digital Camera
- ❑ Drawing Tablet
- ❑ Voice Mail
- ❑ MIDI
- ❑ CD-ROM
- ❑ Other _____

What are your areas of special interest?
- ❑ Business Applications
- ❑ Household Applications
- ❑ Educational Applications
- ❑ Desktop Publishing
- ❑ Programming
- ❑ Networking
- ❑ Games
- ❑ Other _____
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- ❑ Check if you want your name withheld from commercial and other non-club mailing lists
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(Price includes 6.5% MN Sales Tax)
◊NonMembers cannot buy System Disks

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Attention:
□Membership Director
□Software Director

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Dear mini'app'les
Please direct this to the:
□ Membership Director
□ Software Director

June Photoshop / Digital Imaging SIG

Submitted by
Gary Eckhardt

The June meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Washburn Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave So, Mpls. Dave Johnson from National Camera will show us the latest digital imaging products. This is the meeting to attend for those of you thinking about purchasing a new digital product.

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Gary Eckhardt at (952) 944-5446.

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