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Apple's Boot Camp- Life or Death of The Macintosh?

In early April Apple® introduced Boot Camp, public beta software that enables Intel-based Macs to run Windows XP. Boot Camp allows users with a Microsoft Windows XP installation disc to install Windows XP on an Intel-based Mac®, and once installation is complete, users can restart their computer to run either Mac OS® X or Windows XP. Boot Camp will be a feature in "Leopard," Apple's next major release of Mac OS X, that will be previewed at Apple's Worldwide Developer Conference in August.

"Apple has no desire or plan to sell or support Windows, but many customers have expressed their interest to run Windows on Apple's superior hardware now that we use Intel processors," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "We think Boot Camp makes the Mac even more appealing to Windows users considering making the switch."

The Internet has been buzzing about this latest move from Apple. Some call it the greatest thing since "sliced Bread" while others are calling it the Death of the Macintosh. On one side, if software developers can just make a Windows ONLY version that will run on Mac hardware in XP, why bother with a Mac Version at all. The other side says that this will bring over all the hold-outs that are afraid to go Mac for fear of losing Windows compatibility and eventually they will switch to Mac full time.

A Third Party solution called Parallels seems to be the answer, allowing both OS's to run completely networked, fully portable, entirely independent virtual machines on a single physical machine. I think Apple will eventually go this route.

What do you think?

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iPod - An Overview

(Reviewed by: *Pixel Smith - Victoria Macintosh User Group,*)

iPods are pretty cool. Everyone wants one but not too many take the time to explore all the things they can do. The Shuffle is pretty straight forward. You put music on it and then it plays it back either randomly or in the same order as the play list. And it works nicely as a USB drive if you set it up for that. The other iPods (the Mini, Nano, Photo, Video...) all come with PDA like features. I'm mostly going to be discussing the iPod Video because that's what I have, but features will be similar.

iPod Extras

In the Extras menu there is Clock, Games, Contacts, Calendars, Notes, Stopwatch and Screen Lock.

Clock is pretty straight forward. It shows you the time. You can have multiple clocks, very handy if you are in contact with people all over the world.

Games - The four games currently included are Brick, Parachute, Solitaire and Music Quiz. Brick is the classic Atari game Breakout - take out the bricks at the top of the screen by bouncing a ball off the paddle at the bottom; fun and addictive. Parachute, is shoot the paratroopers jumping out of the helicopters before they destroy your tank. Solitaire, your basic solitaire game. Finally Music Quiz, identify the song being played from the choices on the screen. You earn more points for the choosing the correct song before they remove all the incorrect answers.

Contacts - A true lifesaver if you don't carry an address book and can never remember the phone number you want. Contacts syncs with the Apple Address Book. One down side is that it does not pay attention the groups you have made. It just shows a very long list of either the whole address book or the groups you have selected. Still very handy and it copies the information you stored in the Notes section as well.

Calendars - Syncs with iCal. In this case you get all your categories and can view all or just the one you select. You only get Monthly the view. If you have an event on a given day it will put a little red flag in the box for that day. Click on the day and it will take you to a list of items for the day. Click again and it shows you all the information you entered for the event.

Notes - Notes are great. You just drop text files in to the Notes folder on your iPod and presto they show up in the list of Notes. Excellent for to-do lists, grocery shopping lists, books and articles you want to read. The screen is a bit small to be reading long books on but it works well for small notes.

Stopwatch - Your standard stopwatch. Good for timing stuff and it has a lap counter.

Screen Lock - A basic combination lock for your iPod. Looks like those dial locks from high school. Quaint and does the job of keeping people away from the sensitive data you keep in the Contacts and Calendars.

Using your iPod as a Hard Drive

This is the number one reason for writing off your iPod as an expense. And for me the best way to back up my laptop. If all you use your iPod for is backing up your data - it's well worth it. To use your iPod as a hard drive you just open the iTunes preferences, go to the iPod settings, Music tab and check the box that says "Enable disk use". Then next time you plug your iPod in, it shows up on your desktop as another drive.

Syncing

If you are just moving music and use iCal and Address book then syncing with iTunes is just fine. You just go in to the Preferences > iPod ->Contacts or Calendars and turn on the syncing as you see fit and all is copied over. If you happen to use Entourage however you are not out of luck ZappTek's iPodIt will move your address and calendar data for you. (14.95 USD at zapptek.com). If you aren't using Tiger there is Apple's iSync. If you want to access your photos from the hard drive area as well as the Photo menu you need to check the "Include full resolution photos" box. This will take up more space on your iPod but it also backs up your precious digital photos.

iPod in the Car and House

There are all sorts of gadgets you can get for your iPod. Car chargers, transmitters, receivers, holders, remotes, docking stations, speakers and the list goes on and on. The iTrip is nice if you want to listen to your iPod in the car and on the radio in elsewhere. If it's just for the car then go with something that charges and transmits. For in the house there are all sorts of options. Apple's new iPod HiFi is very nice, if slightly on the expensive side and uses the standard Apple remote, I recommend a music device with a dock that charges and a remote.

iPod with your Camera

The Apple Camera Connector. Very handy if you travel and don't want to drag your iBook or Powerbook along. Before you leave home make sure your camera works with the connector

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Mac OS X Training DVD

(Reviewed by: Phil Shapiro - Virginia Macintosh Users Group)

Mac OS X Training for Windows Users DVD

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Apple's dirty little secret is that they provide virtually no bundled training materials helping new Mac owners learn to use the computer they just bought for a couple thousand dollars. So new Mac owners are faced with the predicament of either: Spending time and money on books and training materials; relying on the generosity of Mac-using friends and relatives to continually bail them out; or hiring a consultant for a couple hundred dollars to explain how to use the features of a computer they just spent a couple thousand dollars on. None of these options are particularly appealing. A new option is available today that costs all of \$35.

This Mac training DVD by Terry White, president of the Mac-Group Detroit and honorary member of The Michigan Apple, is worth far more than \$35. The only way to characterize this DVD is to say that it is exceedingly well done. Terry White gives a tour of Mac OS 10.4 Tiger that is clear, concise and comprehensive. He chooses his words very carefully to convey meaning. His intonations and voice are melodious to the ear. He speaks with confidence, knowledge and empathy.

While watching this DVD, every minute of the experience had me thinking to myself: "This is it. This is what Apple needs to bundle with every new Mac they sell."

The Appropriate Person to be Making this DVD?

To be sure, while this DVD is billed as being Mac OS Training for Windows Users, the DVD would benefit anyone who needs general training on how to use a modern Mac. I have to say that I found the comparisons to Windows features light. While Terry White is an incomparably excellent explainer, he ought to have used more Windows-friendly terminology in the DVD. When he explains that people should press the Return key, he might not realize that Windows users have never heard of a Return key. He ought to have said: Press the Return key, which Windows users know as the Enter key.

The appropriate person to be creating a training DVD of this kind is a Windows expert who recently made the transition to being a Mac user. Only they can truly convey – through first-hand experience -- the myriad of little tips and tricks that others need to know. I would love to see Terry White create a second volume DVD in this series, in conjunction with a team of Windows experts who have made the transition to the Mac. Who should fund the development of that DVD? Apple should.

Getting back to the review, this DVD is strong throughout all 2 hours 15 minutes of its presentation. What makes it particularly effective is that the DVD presents the most useful and important information first. In the first section of this DVD Terry White covers the top 10 things you need to know about your Mac. True to word, he beautifully covers the top 10 things people new to the Mac need to know about how to launch applications, quit applications, configure the Dock, etc.

All 31 chapters of this DVD cover material that Mac users need to know. What sticks in my mind is the wonderful tour of Safari and Mac OS Mail. I ended up learning about features of Mac OS 10.4 (Tiger) that make it far more compelling for me to upgrade from Panther.

Omitted Material

I wish this DVD would have given a tad more coverage of Firefox, though. Firefox has been downloaded more than 100 million times. I like Safari, but Firefox is the browser that lets me get more work done in a day. Since more minds around the world are working on improving Firefox than on improving Safari, to my mind Firefox is the browser offering the most value. A brief nod in the direction of Eudora email client might have also been appropriate. It's been my experience that the



smartest people on the planet tend to prefer Eudora over Mac OS Mail. I wouldn't group myself in with that bunch, but I do have an everlasting fondness for Eudora.

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Classified Ads - For Sale

Apple Imagewriter II COLOR Dot Matrix Printer
\$ = Trade or BEST OFFER.

ImageWriters were a main staple of printing on the Mac. The ImageWriter II printer added 7 colors so the Macintosh (using color aware applications) could print color. WYSIWYG printing in the 80's. Cost \$595 back then. Includes cables and software.



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Board Meeting Minutes

(Submitted by Tony Moore - Secretary)

In attendance: Ron Hartmus, President; Anthony Moore, Secretary; Art Payne, Vendor Relations; Barb Quincey, Director-at-Large; Russ Ferbitz, Membership Director; Keith Burby, Community Relations; Dave Birdsong, Vice-President;

Absent: Chris Thompson, Publications Director; David Wood, Treasurer

Called to Order: 7:42

Membership Report: 61 Members; 2 Honorary; 0 New; 4 Expiring; 5 renewed

Member growth is stagnant, hovering around amount. Ron has some ideas by using his new member database. Ron feels the Advanced Meeting has been pretty solid and decently attended.

Dave mentioned that Avi needs to be taken off the billing for the Max E-Mail and be reimbursed \$59.40 for the annual charge to his credit card. Dave also asked if the charge for the voice mail was worth it? Board members overwhelmingly thought it is worth it as a point of contact other than email and Internet.

Member pictures will be on the database available to Board Members only and not on our website. Art had the idea of having a PDF of our Memberlist with pictures on the Members CD. Nametags will also be at the door.

Art suggested a Summer Fundraiser Raffle or selling extra chance Tickets at the Monthly Door Prize. With more money being raised the door prize, things like iPods or other valuable items may be a bonus to members. The April General Meeting we will offer a copy of iLife 6 with our raffle.

Barb will check into listing our meetings in the Detroit News Tech Calendar.

Member Karen Lake contacted us regarding a Ad for the Applegram. Ron also offered a Ad Based Slideshow to run during meeting breaks.

Ron conducted a demonstration of our new database he has put together and how to use it via Filemaker or Safari. It was quite impressive.

April:
General Meeting: iLife and Music
Advanced Meeting: Podcasting and Garageband

May:
General Meeting: Versiontracker/MacUpdate
Advanced Meeting: Web Design: Liquid Site

Adjourned 8:30



iPod - An Overview

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and you can upload your pictures on to the iPod. Don't forget to take a wall adapter or dock with you so you can charge you iPod.

iPod Fashion and Protection

Getting a case to protect your iPod is always a good idea. Resist ripping the protective sheet that it comes with off until you've got a case. Cases are a personal choice. Figure out what you are going to be doing with it. Do you tend to throw it in your pocket? Avoid the rubbery cases as they pick up pocket lint. Are you taking it to the gym or jogging with it? You probably want an armband or a really good clip of some sort. Don't like the look of cases? iShield is your friend. It goes on with soapy water bit and is truly amazing. Have absolutely no idea how you are going to use it? Marware makes a nice multi-purpose case for about \$40 that has a cover, arm band, wrist strap and belt clip and comes in multiple colors. inCase also makes a good combo at about the same price range. There are lots of options.

iPod Headsets

The headset that the iPods come with are not bad, but the Griffin EarJams make them sound much better and fit in your ear more comfortably as well. iPods use a standard 3.5mm headphone jack so pick your favorite headphones and plug them in.

iPod Maintenance

Basic maintenance will keep your battery and iPod running. iPods can be used between 0 and 35 degrees Celsius. That doesn't mean they like it. Try to keep them around room temperature. Power cycling the battery once a month is also a good idea. Lithium batteries like to be used so don't ignore your iPod for too long either. To save battery power turn off the backlight and the equalizers. Also skipping songs eats through battery too. You can replace your own battery now (although I haven't seen any 5th generation ones in town). It's not too bad once you get the case open. Make sure your battery kit comes with tools.

iPod Support

www.apple.com/support/ipod/ - Apple's iPod support site
www.iLounge.com - excellent, well-rounded resource
www.iPodHacks.com - Good for hacking around on your iPod
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Mac OS X Training DVD

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In that respect, this DVD is a touch too Apple-centric for this reviewer's tastes. Yes, the mothership produces some very fine software. They're not the only game in town, though.

How this DVD Was Made

My curiosity got the best of me while writing this review, so I asked Terry White if he used Snapz Pro software as the main tool to create this DVD. He promptly replied that he did. I imagine the other main software he used was DVD Studio Pro.

This brings me to the point about this DVD's menu navigation. Through no fault of Terry White, this DVD is unnecessarily difficult to navigate. The chapters of this DVD are nicely arranged 6 to a screen. That's fine. But the next and back buttons on the navigation screen are entirely inert to mouse clicks. The hot-spot on these buttons is a square about 25 pixels to the left of these words. The square is invisible until you hover your mouse over it. Navigational hotspots need to extend to cover the next and back text items themselves.

This flaw in the navigation design might not be as apparent to people who are viewing this DVD in a consumer DVD player. I was viewing this DVD on my iBook laptop and was stymied for about 15 minutes when I first started viewing this DVD.

I hereby sentence the DVD Studio Pro design team to 10 lashes from usability expert Jakob Nielsen. (<http://useit.com>) It's fine for these lashes to be delivered virtually rather than physically.

Conclusion

If Apple Computer has any smarts at all, they would bundle three free copies of this training DVD with every new Mac they sell. The purchaser of the Mac would be able to pass along the two extra copies of the DVD to friends and colleagues. This concept is called expanding mindshare. I sometimes wonder whether Cupertino has ever heard of the concept.

In this information age, knowledge of how to use a computer is one of the most valuable skills people can have. As we move forward into the future, we can have a society where some people purchase that knowledge, and others are left clueless. Or we can have a society where everyone has access to the basic knowledge they need to know.

Which society would you prefer?

We are now given that choice.

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Advanced User SIG Report

(Submitted by Tony Moore - Advanced SIG Leader,)

The Advanced User SIG has been going good and is usually decently attended. Ron Hartmus commented at the last meeting that he looks forward to this meeting because it's enjoyable and because he usually learns something new. If he learns something new then the likelihood is you will, too.

The last meeting consisted of sharing little known software that we like. We had File Chute, Speed Download, CocoView X, Flip4Mac, Google Earth, & Skyrocket. All of which are now on my computer.

File Chute is a really cool program if you need to send someone a large file. Instead of sending a 60MB file by e-mail, which probably would not even be allowed by your ISP, you simply drop your files in the File Chute, which uploads them to a server on the Internet via FTP and creates a link. You then e-mail the link to your recipient and when they click the link it downloads the hefty file to their computer via FTP. Very clever and the good thing is that you don't need to know how to use FTP, which stand for File Transfer Protocol by the way.

Speed Download is as its name implies. It tricks the host computer into opening multiple download ports for you simultaneously and significantly increasing the speed of the download. We tested it during the meeting on an Internet download and it does work. It downloaded a file in about a third of the time that it took without using it.

CocoView X gives you the ability to easily view a bunch of pictures you may have in a folder without needing to import them into iPhoto to do so. It creates thumbnails of all the pictures at whatever size you prefer and has a larger preview window for viewing a selected picture. Very handy.

Flip4Mac allows you to view Windows Media Files using Quicktime. I've been using this even before the meeting and it's great. It makes the movie behave just like it does in Quicktime. No movie file left on your desktop, playhead scrubbing, and usually being able to start viewing without waiting for the download to complete. It works seamlessly.

Google Earth will take you to any place on the planet you'd like to go. Including looking pretty closely at your own house, and Skyrocket is a cool Screensaver of shooting fireworks complete with delayed sound from the blast depending on how close you are to the explosion. Just like real life.

If you want to get more out of your computer than the usual mundane things come to the Advanced User Group Meeting and don't forget to bring your propeller beanie.



Note from Editor: It would be nice to have links to info & download of these wonderful files in the Advanced User SIG area on the Michigan Apple forum!



Membership Report

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Macs & Music

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May General Meeting (04/13/06)

Topics include:

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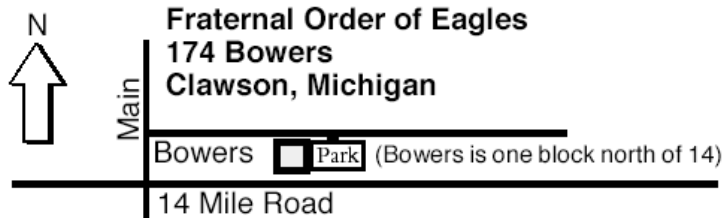
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Times & Location

- **General Meeting: Thursday, April 13th, 2006**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI
- **Advanced User SIG: Thursday, April 20th**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI
- **Green Apple SIG: Wednesday, April 26th**
6:30PM, Panera Bread, Southfield Rd. Lathrup Vil. MI
- **Board Meeting: Thursday, April 27th, 2006**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI



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