



Rmug News

This Month

May 2011

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning
May 14, 2011 9-11:30 a.m.

All Mac users, new & old are invited to attend the next RMUG general meeting at:

Yaks Koffee Shop
3274 Bechelli Lane
Redding, CA

Coffee and various eats are available during our "Get Acquainted" time, 9am to 10am. There are classes for "Beginners" and "Intermediate"

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President's Letter

The white iPhone and Thunderbolt (<http://www.apple.com/thunderbolt/>) are available. The color choice in iPhones is cool but Thunderbolt is an amazing breakthrough just as USB was to serial ports. Thunderbolt will handle any device equipped with Thunderbolt ports and yes most quality peripherals should start including two Thunderbolt ports, as Thunderbolt is a daisy chain type technology. I presume Thunderbolt hubs will become available in the very short term so we can add hubs as we did with Firewire? I wonder how long it will take Apple to include Thunderbolt on their Airports and Time Capsules? I wonder how long it will take Apple to include Thunderbolt in everything from Mac minis through iMacs and Mac Pros? I really do encourage everyone to go to the thunderbolt link at the top of this article and look at the specifications and list of types of peripherals that will be early adapters of Thunderbolt technology. In my opinion now is a time for Steve Jobs to step forward as he did when the Intel chips were introduced. I would love for Steve or any Apple Representative to announce a timetable for Thunderbolt introduction across the Apple Macintosh line of CPUs and peripherals. The wait is killing me. I want a new Server but I feel the need for Thunderbolt I/O technology for better backup and hopefully cluster abilities similar to fiber channel devices and Xsan 2 (<http://www.apple.com/xsan/>). What I really have an itch for is fiber channel connectivity linking large RAID enclosures and multiple CPUs and something tells me that itch may never get scratched? Now in a most perfect world when Apple makes it's system wide Thunderbolt integration announcement it would include Mac mini Servers with two fiber ports and two Thunderbolt ports. A guy can dream, right?

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RMUG Information

Why RMUG? The Redding Macintosh Users' Group was formed to help members and new users obtain maximum enjoyment and performance from their computers. This is accomplished through group activities and our direct affiliation with Apple™.

Resources: RMUG resources include monthly mailings from Apple™ and numerous outside vendors. We have a library of public domain programs, games and shareware software. We have videos and other computer-related guidebooks and information.

Meetings: RMUG meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:30 am – contact any club officer for meeting location. The meetings give members and visitors an opportunity to share information, opinions, personal experiences and techniques regarding Macintosh computer systems—hardware & software.

Membership Information: We invite you, as a guest, to attend our next monthly meeting. If you decide to join RMUG, your membership fee includes your whole family. We need your help as much as you need ours! Please participate!

Welcome To Our Meetings: Call the President, Dale Josephson at 241-8227 or contact other RMUG officers for help. Go to <http://rmug.org/membership.html> for numbers.

Membership Dues: \$24 / year. Includes newsletters, access to shareware, monthly workshops, troubleshooting help. Payment of dues can be made at the monthly meetings or send them to: *Joe Zegers, 1355 Minder Dr., Redding, CA 96003* . Please make check payable to: Redding Macintosh Users' Group.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

MINUTES -
RMUG MEETING, APRIL 9, 2011

The April meeting was held at YAKS Koffee Shop. Approximately twenty-nine members and guests attended. Guests were Cassie Cornwall and Frosty Lightdragon. Welcome.

Dale Josephson met with the beginner's group. Michael Peters answered questions from the advanced group.

In answer to a question from someone getting a new iPad, there was a discussion about available connections. Verizon, AT&T and wireless all work. Ron Brink has MiFi (wireless) and feels it works well where you are not able to get coverage from either of the other two.

Reminder: If your surge protector is more than 5 years old, it is time to consider a replacement.

Joe Zegers, Treasurer, is still accepting dues for 2011. \$24.00.

Reminder: Macintosh classes are available weekly at Anderson Senior Center. Beginner's class on Mondays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Michael Peters. Advanced class on Fridays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Dale Josephson.

Presentation:

Dale Josephson presented 'Everything Wireless'. Dale showed us a couple video clips from Apple.com/wifi. He would suggest you reviewing them again if you are considering wireless. You will need a router, and an Apple Airport Extreme Base Station or Airport Express. If you can't see a cell tower, you will also need a wireless extender or signal booster. There are other things as well. As usual, it would be best to contact Dale to make sure you are considering everything before starting. And again, Ron Brink has MiFi (wireless) and feels it works well.

Thank you, Dale.

Next Meeting at YAKS on May 14, 2011. Ron Brink & Barbara Benefield will demo iMovie/iDVD from the new iLife '11. We also have a copy for the raffle.

Jacquie Martin, Secretary

FONT PROBLEMS WITH 10.6.7

by Steve Cooper: steve@macassist.net.au

If you've been seeing odd behaviour when using certain fonts under Snow Leopard since the 10.6.7 update, you're not alone. It's reported that such problems may appear as errors when printing with certain fonts from Word, Pages and some other applications. Additionally, you may find that PDFs created with some particular fonts display correctly in Preview, but not in Adobe Reader and Acrobat. There is a good bit of technical discussion about the cause of these problems — apparently, applications that use Mac OS X's internal font-rendering mechanisms are affected differently from those that use their own (such as the Adobe products). Many of those affected believe the problems are confined to OpenType PostScript fonts. (OpenType is a standard 'wrapper' that can enclose either PostScript or TrueType fonts.) You can determine whether a particular font is of this type by examining it in Font Book (in your Applications folder). Select the font in the Font Book list and press-z-I (or use menu Preview > Show Font Info), and look at the item labelled Kind.

Because the problem seems to be quite widespread and affects a number of popular fonts such as Myriad Pro, it's likely that Apple will provide a solution before too long. In the meantime, if you perceive that you are affected by this problem, the only things you can do are to avoid using fonts of kind 'OpenType PostScript', or if that's not realistic, to backdate the Mac OS to 10.6.6, which would involve reinstalling 10.6 and reupdating to 10.6.6 using the appropriate Combo updater.

submitted by Cyrus Roton
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PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

Protect your privacy: protect your e-mail
by Mike Rothman, Macworld.com

Despite the rise of social networks and Twitter, e-mail is still the way many of us communicate.

But it can put a tremendous amount of your private data at risk. Here are some tips for minimizing that risk.

Compromised Accounts

Bad guys have a number of ways to compromise your account, including brute force attacks (trying username/password combinations until they stumble on the right one); password resets; or intercepting login credentials sent in the clear.

The risk: If you're like most people, your e-mail account contains old bank statements (or links to same), addresses, information about other accounts, maybe even credit card numbers or passwords: It's a treasure trove for an identity thief. And if an attacker gains control of your e-mail account, he can reset the passwords of other accounts. Finally, an attacker can harvest your friends' e-mails for spam or phishing attacks.

How to protect yourself: The first rule of safe e-mail is: Don't use it to send critical data.

Next make sure you connect to your e-mail accounts over encrypted connections. That means using SSL (look for the lock in your browser) for Webmail and a secure protocol (usually IMAP or POP3 over SSL) for other accounts. Do that on your portable devices as well as on your Macs.

Use very strong password for your e-mail accounts. (Mine is 25-digits long, and includes numbers, letters, and special characters; I keep track of it with a password manager.)

Compromised Address

The Risk: Your e-mail address alone is

worth money to spammers, scammers and other thieves, and is therefore worth protecting.

How to Protect Yourself: Use one time e-mail addresses for different online accounts and services. Many ISPs will provide such addresses for free; for example, MobileMe provides up to five such aliases (Mail -> Preferences -> Addresses). If that e-mail address starts getting spammed, you can cut it off without changing your primary address.

Some spammers still crawl Web pages looking for text strings that look like e-mail addresses. So make sure your e-mail address doesn't show up in online forums or blog comments, much less any Websites you control. Or use a simple obfuscation technique, such as you (at) isp (dot) com to make the address harder to recognize.

BIGGEST SECURITY THREAT FACEBOOK & YOU

by Kathy Kristof - CBS Money Watch

Forget those phishing emails that attempt to get your credit card or bank sign-in information. When crooks want to know how to get into your bank account, they post a message on Facebook. These messages appear so innocuous and so appropriate in the Facebook setting that you are likely to not only get conned, but pass on the scam.

Facebook is the new frontier for fraud, says Tom Clare, head of product marketing at Blue Coat, an Internet security company that does annual reports on web threats. In just this past year social networks have soared to 4th from 17th most treacherous web terrain — behind porn and software-sharing sites, which you probably know to avoid.

What makes Facebook so treacherous? Us.

It starts with the fact that we are inundated with requests to set up passwords to get into our work computers, our online bank accounts, Facebook and every other web-based subscription. So what do we do? We use the same password. continued on page 5

Facebook & You Cont'd

“Crooks understand that most users use the same password for everything,” says Clare. “If they can get your user credentials for your Facebook account, there’s a good chance that they have the password for your bank account.”

If you are smart enough to have separate passwords for Facebook and your financial accounts, crooks get at you through a variety of phishing attempts that you might think are Facebook games and widgets. But look closely and you’ll realize that they deliver answers to all of your bank’s security questions—and possibly clues to your passwords — right into the hands of the crooks.

Think it couldn’t happen to you? Let’s see if you recognize any of these 5 recent Facebook messages that jeopardize your security. All of these came from my Facebook friends in just the past few weeks:

1. Who knows you best?

The message reads: Can you do this? My middle name _____, my age ____, my favorite soda _____, my birthday ___/___/___, whose the love of my life _____, my best friend _____, my favorite color _____, my eye color _____, my hair color _____ my favorite food _____ and my mom’s name _____. Put this as your status and see who knows you best. ♥

How many of these are the same facts your bank asks to verify your identity? Put this as your status and everybody — including all the people who want to hijack your bank account and credit cards — will know you well enough to make a viable attempt.

2. Your friend [Name here] just answered a question about you!

Was it possible that an old friend answered a question about me that I needed to “unlock”? Absolutely. But when you click on the link,

the next screen should give you pause: 21 Questions is requesting permission to...(a) access your name, profile picture, gender, networks, user ID, friends and any other information shared with everyone...(b) send you email...(c) post to your wall...and...(d) access your data any time... regardless of whether or not you’re using their application.

Can you take that access back — ever? It sure doesn’t look like it. There’s no reference to how you can stop them from future access to your data in their “terms and conditions.” Worse, it appears that to “unlock” the answer in your friend’s post, you need to answer a bunch of questions about your other friends and violate their privacy too. I didn’t give 21 Questions access to my information, but the roughly 850 people who joined “People Who Hate 21 Questions on Facebook” apparently have and can give you insight into just how pernicious this program can be.

3. LOL. Look at the video I found of you!

This is the most dangerous of all the spam messages and it comes in a variety of forms, says Clare. It’s actually a bid to surreptitiously install malware on your computer. This malware can track your computer keystrokes and record your sign-in and password information with all of your online accounts.

How does it work? When you click on the link, it says that you need to upgrade your video player to see the clip. If you hit the “upgrade” button, it opens your computer to the crooks, who ship in their software. You may be completely unaware of it until you start seeing strange charges hit your credit cards or bank account. Up-to-date security software should stop the download. If you don’t have that, watch out.

Better yet, if you really think some friend is sending you a video clip, double-check with the friend to be sure before you click on the link. When I messaged my high-school classmate to ask if she’d really sent this, she was horrified. Her Facebook account had been hijacked and anyone who clicked through was likely to have their account hijacked too. That’s how this virus spreads virally.

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4. We're stuck!

It started out as an email scam, but now the "We're stuck in [Europe/Asia/Canada] and need money" scam has moved to instant messages on Facebook, where it can be more effective. Most people have learned not to react to the email, but instant messages help crooks by forcing you to react emotionally — They're right there. They need help, now. A friend got one of these messages last week from the parents of a close friend. Her reaction was the perfect way to deal with it: She immediately called her friend and said "Have you talked to your parents lately?" The response: "Yeah. They're right here."

Facebook has launched a security system to combat account hijacking that allows crooks to send messages and posts through your account. You can get updates on what they're doing at Facebook's security page, where they've also got a nice little security quiz that's definitely worth taking.

5. Share this story.

I pay an astounding amount of money to subscribe to the New York Times because they're one of the few papers that invests enough money in its staff to support incredibly robust investigative reporting. As someone who believes that democracy relies on that type of journalism, I'm willing to shell out more than \$700 a year for a daily subscription.

But I won't share their stories on Facebook. Why? When I try, up pops the ubiquitous Facebook "Request for Permission" that says they want my name, gender, email, friends, likes, music, movies, books, quotes, interests....and the list goes on. To their credit, the New York Times privacy policy is prominently posted and clear. But they want more privacy than I'm willing to give up. Also to their credit, they allow you to rescind access later. But I'm not convinced that privacy once given up can ever be regained.

To quote Nancy Reagan, when someone asks

GRADE YOUR RESUME

The job market is still very slow. Even getting a job interview can be difficult. A lot of people are applying for the same jobs.

You need to stand out above the rest. Your first impression is your resume. It needs to be as solid as possible.

Today's Cool Site can help with that. It's a free resume grading system. Just upload your resume, and it does the rest.

The site scans your resume for common elements of successful resumes. It can then tell you what is missing or can be done better. It even has sample resumes for you to examine.

Link: rezscore.com



EXPLORE THE FBI's FILES

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is legendary. Countless movies and TV shows have featured it. Its real-world exploits don't disappoint either.

The FBI has been around since 1908. Since then, it has busted gangsters, investigated public corruption and much more. Who wouldn't want to snoop through its records?

You can now search through FBI records at the FBI Vault. It has hundreds of scanned case files from the last century. You never know what you'll find.

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Explore Cont'd

You can read investigation files on famous gangsters, fugitives and spies. Learn about the FBI's activities in World War II and Cold War. Additional reports will continue to be posted.

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REPLACING AN OLDER LAPTOP'S HARD DRIVE

by Christopher Breen, Macworld.com

Father Tom Gillespie (a father, not a Father) seeks advice to help his son. He writes:

Q- My son bought a PowerBook in 2005. It works fine except for a crashed disk drive. Our local Apple Store wanted more than \$600 to recover the old data and replace the drive. If we are willing to skip the old data is there some way to get the computer to work with an external drive and not bother with replacing the busted hard drive?

A- That's certainly one option. Let me run through them all.

First, let's back up a step. Even if the drive is unbootable and can't be restored to its previous working state, there's a chance that you can still recover data from it, without paying Apple to do it for you. For this you need one of a couple of tools. Prosoft Engineering's \$99 Data Rescue 3 makes no attempt to repair your drive. Its single mission is to get data off it. It comes in the form of a bootable DVD. You'll also need a secondary drive to recover the data to. If you like, you can install a compatible version of OS X on that secondary drive, boot the PowerBook from it, install Data Rescue on the drive, and run it from there. Alsoft's \$100 DiskWarrior is another option. Although DiskWarrior will do its best to repair the drive, it can also recover files. Every Mac user I know who's serious about troubleshooting has a copy of each of these applications.

Regardless of whether you can recover the old data, you need a new hard drive for that PowerBook. Unless that laptop never moves I'd think about installing a new internal drive. Small as they make external drives now, it's a pain to have to lug one around with your laptop when you move about. (Laptops were designed to be portable, after all.)

Replacing the hard drive doesn't mean a trip to the Apple Store. Even if you're only modestly handy you can do this yourself. Much as I'd love to detail how, let me instead refer you to the experts at iFixIt. On this invaluable Website you'll find all the instructions you need for replacing the hard drive in a PowerBook G4. In addition to the instructions you'll require a 1.5mm hex screwdriver, a Phillips #00 screwdriver, a coin (the denomination is completely up to you, but I believe doubloons are too thick), and a replacement 2.5-inch ATA hard drive, which you can find for under \$100 (iFixIt sells a couple of different models). I've successfully replaced a hard drive in one of these PowerBooks and found it reasonably easy to do.

As with any repair along these lines, if you believe it's beyond your abilities, find a handier friend who can do it for you. If your friends are even clumsier than you, purchasing an external FireWire hard drive remains an option.

QUICK TIP: SET TIME ZONE AUTOMATICALLY

If you use a MacBook and travel often, you may notice that your computer sticks to the time back at home. However, if you go into System Preferences, Date & Time, Time Zone there is an option to "Set time zone automatically using current location." Turn this on and your MacBook's time will adjust when you connect to a network in another time zone.

MacMost Now

GENIUS SCAN +

Featured iPhone App: Genius Scan+
by Gary Rosenzweig @MacMost Now

I often use my iPhone to take pictures of pages or documents. It is easier than writing notes, or bringing a scanner with me. The different between using the Camera app and Genius Scan+ is that Genius Scan+ will usually recognize the border of the document and adjusts the perspective to make the document flat, as if it was scanned, even if I took the picture at an angle. Even when it doesn't get it right, it allows me to adjust the corners so I can make it better. You can export single pages as jpeg images, and multiple pages as PDFs. You can send to services like Dropbox, Google Docs and Evernote too.

WHAT'S ALREADY ON YOUR MAC

by John P. Bethell

It is said that “although features in the Universal Access pane are generally targeted to Mac users with disabilities, non-disabled users may also find some of these features useful.

One such feature reads “Ignore built-in trackpad when mouse or wireless trackpad is present.

Not all of us can accurately use the trackpad on a portable Mac, and we prefer to use a mouse as we always did.

But an errant hand or piece of clothing can easily activate the trackpad when we are typing, which is extremely annoying. How do we turn off the trackpad?. It is hidden in the Universal Access pane.

Mac 101 Getting Started with your mac
<<http://www.apple.com/support/mac101/>>
If you're new to computers or simply need a refresher course on how to get the most out of your Mac, welcome to Mac 101: Your guide to using a Mac effectively and

efficiently. If you've switched to Mac from Windows, Switch 101 is just for you.

submitted by Cyrus Roton
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PRINTING APP FOR AN IPAD

Question: What is the best printing app for an iPad?

iOS: AirPrint 101

Summary

AirPrint-enabled applications can print to a printer that supports AirPrint—and you don't need to install a driver or configure the printer queue. Tap print, select your printer that supports AirPrint, and print. It's that simple. To use AirPrint, you need one of the following devices running iOS 4.2 or later:

- iPad
- iPhone (3GS or later)
- iPod touch (3rd generation or later)

You also need a printer that supports AirPrint. That printer must be connected to the same network as your iOS device.

Here is a list of printers that support AirPrint:
Model

HP Envy eAll-in-One series (D410)
HP Photosmart Plus e-AiO (B210)
HP Photosmart Premium e-AiO (C310)
HP Photosmart Premium Fax e-AiO (C410)
HP Photosmart e-AiO (D110)
HP Photosmart Wireless e-AiO (B110)—Europe and Asia-Pacific
HP Photosmart eStation (C510)
HP LaserJet Pro M1536dnf Multifunction Printer
HP LaserJet Pro CM1415fn Color Multifunction Printer
HP LaserJet Pro CM1415fnw Color Multifunction Printer
HP LaserJet Pro CP1525n Color Printer
HP LaserJet Pro CP1525nw Color Printer
HP Officejet 6500A e-AiO
HP Officejet 6500A Plus e-AiO
HP Officejet 7500A Wide Format e-AiO
HP Officejet Pro 8500A e-AiO

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HP Officejet Pro 8500A Plus e-AiO
HP Officejet Pro 8500A Premium e-AiO

Notes:

- Verify that your printer has the latest firmware version installed. See your printer documentation or contact the printer vendor for support.
- Certain printer features or functions may not be available when using AirPrint (for example, duplex printing, selecting different paper trays, and so on).
- Please read your printer documentation or contact your printer vendor for details on how to connect your AirPrint-capable printer to your network.
- AirPrint only works with a network connection to an AirPrint-capable printer. A printer connected to the USB port of your Mac, PC, AirPort Base Station, or Time Capsule is not supported.

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listen. You can also load up several recordings and play them in any order.

Download: www.nch.com.au

System: Windows XP, Vista, 7, Mac OS X

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FREE PROFESSIONAL TRANSCRIPTION SOFTWARE

I'm often asked how to transcribe audio to text. A reader wants a transcript of an interview. Or maybe they want to transcribe a class lecture.

Unfortunately, transcription services are very expensive. That puts them out of reach of many people.

But there is a less expensive solution. Express Scribe is a completely free professional audio player software for PC, Mac or Linux, and is designed to assist the transcription of audio recordings without any restrictions. It's professional grade software that is great for anyone who needs to do transcription.

It features an extremely useful playback function. You can use it to slow recordings down. That makes it easier to type as you

COOL GRAPHICS WITH A SWIPE

What is Livebrush? It's a new, easy and unique way to create art on your Mac or PC. How can I use Livebrush? Check it out on YouTube under Livebrush Feature Demo-or at livebrush.com.

Use graphics you create in Livebrush within your existing projects. Create entire compositions in Livebrush alone. Share styles and see how others combine your brush with their ideas. Give it a try, or learn more.

Livebrush is a "free" drawing application. It employs an easy-to-use brush tool that reacts to your gesture. By combining simple motion controls with brush styles, Livebrush offers a fun and unique way to create graphics.

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Cool Graphics Cont'd

Videos to watch.....

- Livebrush Introduction
- Livebrush Feature Demo
- Photo Painting in Livebrush
- Creating Fractal Flowers
- Wacom Table Pressure Input

Creating graphics in Livebrush is as easy as drawing a line. The brush tool combines simple motion controls with styles and decorations. Toss graphics around the screen or elegantly swing the brush around your cursor.

Brush Styles & Decorations

Styles let you customize how your brush reacts and how it looks. Learn the power of each setting in realtime using the convenient style preview.

Decorations are graphics that can be stamped onto the screen or dynamically added to your line.

Create your own decorations. Everything you create in Livebrush can be converted to a decoration.

Control the speed, angle, width, and many other parameters associated with your brush stroke.

Use a single color or an array of colors to create your line.

Draw with more than one brush at a time. Export & Import styles. Share them with the community. Download more styles.

Export & Import other graphics.

Edit the lines you create. Transform the objects you import.

Use familiar layer-based editing.

Create decorative flourishes and stylize

patterns.

Create graphics for websites, posters and t-shirts.

Begin creating wallpaper and textures

Create your own styles and decorations to produce completely unique and original art.

Share your styles and projects to see how others remix your work.

COMPUTER HELP-Joke

Last week my wife and I purchased a new computer. We ran into some difficulties while setting it up, so we decided to call the customer support phone number we found in the manual.

I picked up the phone and called the number. A man answered the phone, and I explained the problem to him.

He began rattling off computer jargon. This confused us even more.

"Sir," I said politely, "can you explain what I should do as if I were a small child?"

"Okay," the computer support guy said. "Son, could you please put your mommy on the phone?"

submitted by Mary

ADDRESSING INTERNET PROBLEMS

By: Steve Cooper, AUSOM News

These days, the most common problem with Internet connections is a sudden loss of connection — you lose contact with your email and Safari tells you that you're not connected to the Internet, even though all the lights on your modem are flashing happily away. (By the way, could you even tell someone precisely what the various lights on your modem do when everything is working properly? Observing that and noting it down somewhere that may well

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Addressing Internet Problems Cont'd

help diagnose disconnection problems in itself.)

A connection may be lost for a number of obvious and obscure reasons — what to do about it is of greater interest. Fortunately, the answer is usually simple.

Think about the way your various devices connect to the Internet, or take a careful look if you're not sure. If you're on ADSL there will be a telephone cable running from a wall socket, and plugging into a modem or integrated modem/router. If you're on Cable, a thick cable will run from a wall socket to your cable modem.

From there on things will vary depending on the nature of your setup. From the modem, there may be an Ethernet cable running direct to your Mac, or such a cable may run to a separate router, which might be an Apple Time Capsule or Airport Extreme. From that router another Ethernet cable may run to your Mac, or if you have a wireless network, a radio signal may take the place of the Ethernet cable.

In general, though, what you see will be a close variation on the theme: Wall socket > modem > router > Mac.

Note that the modem and router are often integrated into a single unit. Whether integrated or not, the router will commonly have four ports (receptacles) for Ethernet connections, as well as an antenna if it is creating a wireless connection to your Mac. Now, finally, to the point of this item. If you suffer an Internet disconnection and casual fiddling doesn't restore it, the procedure that will work 95% of the time is to turn off all your equipment and then turn the devices on again in the order noted above: Modem > router > Mac, pausing for a minute each time to allow the devices time to activate themselves and locate the other devices with which they are supposed to communicate.

Often you can take a shortcut — the Mac

doesn't usually need to be turned off — but following the procedure described above will be more likely to resolve the more obscure kinds of problem.

VOICEOVER

Mac OS X Snow Leopard — and Leopard has a marvelous feature called VoiceOver. It's made specifically to aid those with visual disabilities. On a basic level, it can read out loud everything you see on the screen. On an advanced level, it can interface with devices like Braille displays.

Activating VoiceOver is very easy. All you need to do is hold Command + F5. Once you hit this shortcut, you'll see and hear a helpful message. If you hit the spacebar at this screen, you'll get an in-depth tutorial for using VoiceOver. The tutorial will help you learn all of the features for VoiceOver.

You might, however, just want to use VoiceOver to help navigate through your Mac. For this, VoiceOver's QuickNav feature is perfect. It lets you move through everything using just your arrow keys. Each object you pass over will also be spoken aloud.

To start QuickNav, hold down the left and right arrow keys simultaneously. Now you can just tap the left or right arrow keys to select objects. If you want to click on an object, hold the up and down arrows at the same time.

Some objects, like menus and sidebars, require deeper interaction. To access the items inside of these objects, hold the down and right arrow keys. To exit these objects, hold the down and left arrow keys.

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SECURE BROWSING ON PUBLIC NETWORKS

MacMost Now 538:

If you must browse the web using your MacBook, iPad or iPhone on a public wifi network, you will want to use https whenever possible. Many major

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Editorial

Recently there has been a lot of controversy surrounding the iPhone. I don't have one, but my granddaughters do, so I became extremely concerned about their safety. I'm relieved to find out that things aren't as bad as originally reported. Like a lot of information, it seems that much of what we've heard has been misinformation. If you have an iPhone, or know people who do, be sure to read the article on page 13 of this newsletter.

Barbara



"He heard that Macs are safe from viruses, and he doesn't want to get the flu this season."



Secure Browsing Cont'd

sites allow you to force **https** using an account setting.

Watch video at <http://macmost.com/secure-browsing-on-public-networks.html>

IPHONE TRACKING CONTROVERSY

This Week In Mac: iOS Location Tracking Controversy and Response from MacMost Newsletter Issue #130

Since the reporting last week that iPhones keep a record of location data, information and misinformation has been inundating the tech news world. This week Apple responded to the reports.

Turns out that iPhones have been keeping cache of cell phone tower positions, not tracking your exact location. And this information is stored on your iPhone and backed up to your computer along with everything else on your iPhone. But it is not sent to Apple or anyone else. The data apparently helps speed up location determination used by apps.

So if you iPhone come near a cell phone tower, it downloads the exact GPS location of that tower and stores it in a database. There are too many towers for every iPhone to store every tower location, so only ones you have come close to are downloaded and stored. Then the relative signal strengths can of the towers near you can be used to get a rough idea of where you are when apps need to know your location. This estimated location can be figured out quickly, whereas the data from GPS satellites takes longer to acquire.

Conflicting news reports say that Android phones also do this, and other phones may as well. Many local governments are investigating the news and whether it constitutes an invasion of privacy in any way.

In an official response this week, Apple said it will stop including this data as part of your iPhone's backup. They also said that the

iPhone itself will only store seven days worth of data, rather than a year or more. Plus, when you turn off location services the cache will be cleared. All of these changes will appear in an update coming in the next few weeks.



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BROWSING WITHOUT IMAGES

If you ever find yourself browsing over a slow connection, and you want to get to information quickly, try turning off images in Safari. Go to Safari Preferences, Appearance, and then uncheck "Display images when the page opens."

Unfortunately, there is no way to then ask Safari to load the images. But you can leave the Appearance preferences window open, and then check the box and reload the page if you want to see the images. Or, Control+click on a specific image and open it in a new tab or window.

from MacMost Now

JUST FONTS



If you recognized the above icon we're talking about **PAGES** all right but just the fonts. However, before we start lets take care of a few basics. When you first open Pages it takes you

to the 'Template Chooser' window with the 'Blank' template highlighted. It's acknowledging that most people use the 'Blank' template but it wants to show you all the other choices available. Like most of you, I generally use the 'Blank' template but why open Pages, click **choose** and wait for the 'Blank' page to load and open? A good friend of mine, Pete Grant, said the best thing to do is when you're opening PAGES (for the second time) go to the Menu Bar and click Pages > Preferences > and click the General tab.

If you change the bullet to, '**Use template:**' PAGES will open in the 'Blank' page ready to use. Saves a lot of time!

Now that we have a 'Blank' page opened, take a look at a the top area.

The upper portion is called the **Tool Bar** and the lower portion is known as the **Formatting Bar** because it shows how the page is arranged or

set-out. In our example, the font family is shown as 'Helvetica' with a 'Regular' typeface and a 12 point font size. This particular font is Mac's default and therein lies the problem if you prefer (like I do) to type in a different font. For the most part, I use Helvetica- Regular-18 point so, I will need to change the **DEFAULT**.

First (before any typing), click the disclosure triangles to the right of the 'Regular' typeface and change it to Oblique. Now, change the 12 point to 18. I like 18 because it's easier on the eyes (still talking fonts). Go to the Menu Bar and click, File > Save as Template. In the drop-down window, change the highlighted title to: Helvetica-Oblique-18 and click, **Save**. To continue, again go to the Menu Bar but this time click, PAGES > Preferences > General tab. Remember when we earlier change the blue bullet from **Show Template Chooser** to **Use** template? Now all we need to do is click Choose. A large pop-up window titled, "**Choose a template** for new documents" appears. On the sidebar (left pane) click, **My Templates** and you will see the template we named, Helvetica-Oblique-18. Click it to highlight it and then click, Choose (bottom right). Now look what happened!

Your 'Use template' is now Helvetica-Oblique-18. Now, quit PAGES. A drop-down window will appear stating, " Do you want to save..." click **SAVE**. A second drop-down window will appear as follows:

Click **SAVE** again. The 'Untitled' document will be **SAVED** to the Desktop (where designated). Go to the Desktop and put the untitled document in the TRASH. The next time you open PAGES the new default (font) will appear. **What's that, you really don't care for Helvetica-Oblique-18? Try another one, they're just FONTS.** [NOTE: The reason PAGES wanted us to SAVE the document is we started a document (even though we didn't type anything on it) and if we click SAVE, PAGES is happy.

From Cyrus Roton
Ridgecrest Apple User Group

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DON'T FORGET AN IMPORTANT ARTICLE

There are many informative articles on the Web. But you may not have the time to read them. Coming back later usually doesn't work. It's easy to forget where you saw a certain article.

You could bookmark every interesting page you visit. But that isn't really what bookmarks are for. A single article isn't a page you plan to visit regularly. Doing this would clog up your bookmarks.

Read It Later is the perfect solution. Think of it as a temporary bookmarking program. It's an add-on for all major browsers. When you see an interesting article, click the Read It Later checkmark. Then, move on.

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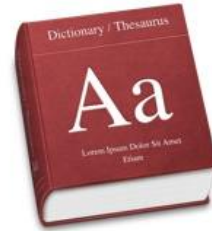
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UNLEARN WORDS



We all type words from time to time that spell check doesn't recognize. Did you know that you can teach spell check words it doesn't know? In many applications you can right-click on a word flagged as misspelled and add it to the spell check dictionary. Just place your cursor over the word, right-click, and select Learn Spelling. If you've taught the dictionary a new word, but would rather it un-learn it, you can right-click on the word in question and select Unlearn Spelling.

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