

# MugShots

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Presents:

## GOOGLE DOCS & EMAIL



Google is not just the most popular web search engine.

You can use Google to create various kinds of office documents and share them with friends, colleagues, and family.

If you haven't investigated this aspect of Google, this meeting is for you!

Go Google!

## Go, Stan!

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

## Members On Line

## World Wide Web Sites of Interest

***If you find any of these to be inactive, please advise the editor:***

### Macintosh News

- Macintosh News Network <www.macnn.com>
- MacSurfer Headline News <www.macsurfer.com>
- MacInTouch <www.macintouch.com>
- AAPL Investors <www.appleinvestors.com>
- As The Apple Turns <www.infoXczar.com/atat>
- MacOSRumors <www.macosrumors.com>
- **Dave Marr's website <www.marrathon.com>**
- **MUGSNJ (that's us) <www.mugsnj.org>**

### Help

- MacCentral/Forums <www.maccentral.com>
- MacNN/Forums <www.macnn.com>
- AppleInsider/Chat <ww.appleinsider.com>
- **MacSolutions <www.macsolutions.com>**
- MacTips <www.themacintoshguy.com>
- MacFixIt <www.macfixit.com>
- PC Talk <rblevin.net/TOC.htm>

### Macintosh Books

- Macbookshop.com <www.macbookshop.com>
- Peachpit Books <www.peachpit.com>
- Barnes and Noble <www.barnesandnoble.com>
- Amazon <www.amazon.com>

### Buy & Sell

- Mac4Sale.com <www.mac4sale.com>
- DealMac <www.deal-mac.com>
- MacTreasures <www.mactreasures.com>
- Ebay <www.ebay.com>

### USB

- MacInTouch USB Guide <www.macintouch.com/imacusb.html>
- USBStuff <www.usbstuff.com>

### Escrow service

- TradeSafe <tradesafe.com>

### Software

- VersionTracker <www.versiontracker.com>
- Download.Com <www.download.com>
- Mac Downloads <ww.zdnet.com/mac>
- Antique Mac Software <www.macintouch.com/earlymac.html>

### Appearance

- Font Diner <www.fontdiner.com>
- ClixSounds <www.clixsounds.com>
- The Icon Factory <www.iconfactory.com>
- DeskStop <members.aol.com/deskstop>
- Steve's Free Desktop Pictures <www.steveweb.com/FreeDTP>

### Resources

- Encyclopedia Britannica <www.brittanica.com>
- Language Translations  
<babelfish.altavista.digital.com/cgi-bin/translate?>

### Just for the Fun of It

- The Apple Museum  
<www.applemuseum.seastar.net/sections/home.html>
- Driveways of the Rich and Famous  
<www.driveways.com/>
- EarthCam <www.earthcam.com>
- The Magic 8 Ball <www.themagic8ball.com>
- Doonesbury <www.doonesbury.com/dailydose>
- Northern Sun <www.northernsun.com>
- Mr. Showbiz <mrshowbiz.go.com>

<b>MAY 2009 CALENDAR</b>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24			GENERAL MEETING TBA Rm. 500 7:30 p.m.	27		
31	25	26	28	29	30	

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# Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus Is in the Area

## See 'The Man' Himself at One of These Events

MLMUG is very fortunate to have Dr. Mac visit us for the eighth year in a row. Here is his schedule, with visits to four different Mac User Groups and one reseller (MacOutfitters).

Bob's current schedule includes:

- Main Line Macintosh Users Group - May 9 (morning)
- MacOutfitters - May 9 (afternoon, with cookout)
- Princeton Macintosh Users Group - May 11: Dr. Mac Dinner
- Princeton Macintosh Users Group - May 12: General Meeting
- Hershey Apple Core - May 13
- Washington Apple PI - May 16

Bob is the author of more than 50 Mac books, the most recent of which include Mac OS X Leopard For Dummies and Office 2008 for Mac For Dummies, and co-author of iPhone for Dummies. Bob is a frequent and favorite speaker at Mac User Groups, and columnist for The Houston Chronicle and The Mac Observer.

Be sure to get together with one or more of these great groups. All are welcome.

<http://www.mlmg.org/>  
<http://www.pmug-nj.org/>  
<http://www.hersheyapplecore.com>  
<http://www.wap.org/>

## Mac Outfitters (Doylestown) Hosts Free Cookout with Dr. Mac Hissself!

It's a free event for all MUG users in the Delaware Valley but registration is welcomed.

MacOutfitters wants to prepare plenty of burgers!

Listed is the Dr. Mac at MacOutfitters event on the Apple Event Manager. All the details and driving directions, etc, can be accessed from this link:

<<http://tinyurl.com/c59sd8>>

See you all on the afternoon of  
Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Software Review

# Mavis Beacon STILL Teaching Typing

*By Maria Arguello*

**Product: Mavis Beacon 2008**

**Deluxe International Edition**

**Company: Software MacKiev**

**Price: \$69.95**

**Requirements: Mac OS X 10.2.8 or any later OSX; 350-MHz G3 or Intel Mac; CD-ROM Drive**

**Test System: Mac Pro Dual-Core Intel, Mac OS X 10.5.5**

**Rating: 4.5 out of 5 Apples**

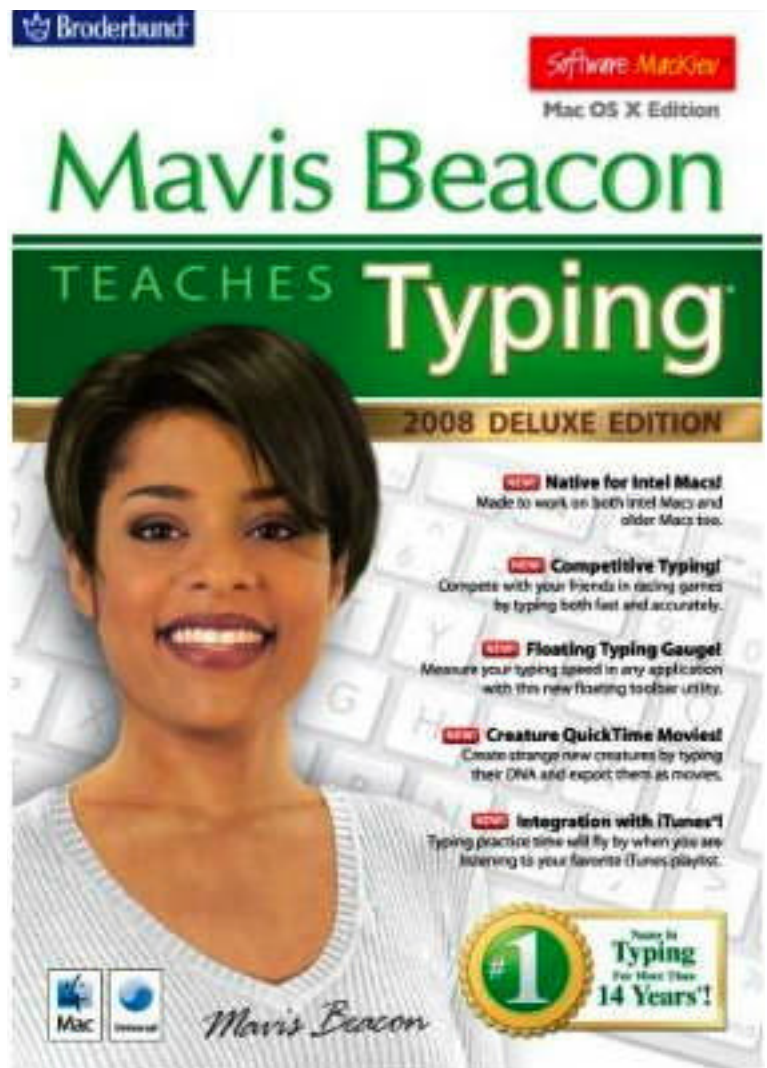
Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing has been my favorite typing tutor program for many, many years. It offers dynamic personal lessons and numerous motivational affirmations throughout the program. With this version you can select British or American keyboard and spelling.

I love the integration with iTunes in this new version of the program. The very first lesson I opened pulled a very happy song in my iTunes library, which enhanced the pleasure of a typing lesson which would have been very boring otherwise. If you prefer to work in quiet, you can turn off the sound.

Besides the integration with iTunes, this new version is native to Intel Macs. It has a floating typing gauge so you can quickly see your typing speed in any word processing program such as Microsoft Word, Mail, or Text Edit. You can create new creatures for QuickTime Movies. It was loads of fun playing the typing races against a friend and a relative, using two Macs in my home. This is a new feature, only in this version.

There are three typing races: Pirate Race, Ride the Wave, and Road Race.

I found the familiar, and my favorite, "Chameleon" game. But it slowed me down somewhat, having to wait to type the letter or character until the letters get to the beginning of their block. This version has gorgeous graphics as you would expect from Software Kiev. If you want to improve your typing speed in a very entertaining way, this program is for you. Students will love learning to type with this program, while others can improve their typing speed.



**Product Review**

# N.E.D. (What?) Need Training? Read the Review—It's Pretty Cool!

**Product:** N.E.D.**Company:** macProVideo.com**URL:** www.macprovideo.com**Prices:** Vary; the bigger the bundle, the larger the discount; normal subscription for viewing only is \$25/mo but for Mac User Groups is \$15/mo.**System Requirements:** Mac OS X 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, and Windows XP and Vista; G4, G5 or Intel processor.**Review Date:** April 2009**Reviewer:** Maria O. Arguello**Rating:** 4.5 out of 5 Apples

N.E.D. 3, (Nonlinear Educating Device) is the Software Tutorial-Video Player to which you can download, organize, learn and burn your tutorials—all from one very elegant interface. N.E.D. accommodates Mac OS X 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, and Windows XP and Vista. macProVideo.com, makers of software video tutorials, allows the teacher to come to the student. There are very clear steps to download N.E.D., and within minutes you can begin to view your tutorial. The voiceover is clear. All are certified instructors, high level technical authors, and Grammy award winning producers; the courses are attention grabbers because they are broken into short clips; the video resolution is excellent; the view window is quite large although it will not 'fit to screen.' Within NED you find detailed menu systems, you can search for videos with keywords, can go to the Forums for Q & A, all of which makes education fun to learn.

The library includes titles like Photoshop, iMovie '09, OS X, Aperture, Dreamweaver, Pro Tools, and many, many more. According to Martin Sitter, Founder and Publisher of Nonlinear Educating Inc., there are currently over 100 titles and more excellent content is a serious commitment. You can also buy bundles or make your own bundle. You may choose from using the download method with a 10% discount or a deliverable DVD-ROM.

Video tutorials are the best way to keep the

planet green by saving gas and are a great time saver by keeping us at home instead of driving to a traditional classroom. One can pace oneself with lessons for the beginner and move to more advanced when ready.

I found Photoshop CS4 101: Core Photoshop CS4 one of the best tutorials I've seen. The course is thorough, and easy to follow along with my copy of Photoshop as the instructions are given. I was happy that Jim Kanter did not have a British accent like some voiceovers from other companies. I get stressed out listening to them. He was very easy to understand and to follow—not too fast and not too slow. He gets to the point without wasting time. Photoshop CS4 105: Digital Photography Workflows with Dan Moughamian (sans accent) is full of cool tips for the photographer who wants to improve images after the shoot. This tutorial also includes thorough lessons on Bridge and the Adobe Camera Raw (ACR).

I found that I needed to get used to the way N.E.D. works. Downloading it from the website was not as intuitive as I expected. But once you understand it, it does so much more than the usual players from other video vendors, which makes it significantly a better player. I highly recommend it. Oh, and one more thing, keep an eye out for NEDI from the App Store to view tutorials on your iPhone. I am excited about this feature.



*Maria is a retired high school science department head and teacher who enjoys learning about the diversity of the user group community. Read more of her reviews at <<http://ugab.typepad.com/ugresources/>> She has a daughter and three grandchildren who are all Mac users. She is*

*the Apple User Group Regional Liaison for the Northeast United States (CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT).*

## Future MUGSNJ Programs for 2008

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PRESENTER(S)</u>
Wednesday, May 27	Digital Video	Lisa Rysinger
June TBA	Picnic / Barbecue	Everyone—Location TBA



# Membership Application

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (\$20) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Collegiate (\$10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$25)  | <input type="checkbox"/> GCC Student (Free)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$15)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (\$___)           |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Send mailings to:  Home Address  Employer Address

How did you learn about MUGSNJ? \_\_\_\_\_

At which user level would you classify yourself?  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

Computers owned \_\_\_\_\_ Computers used \_\_\_\_\_

Current OS \_\_\_\_\_ Other software experience \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests:  Photography/Graphics  Video  Communications  Beginner Mtgs.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I'll help with these positions:  Membership  Newsletter  Program  Hospitality

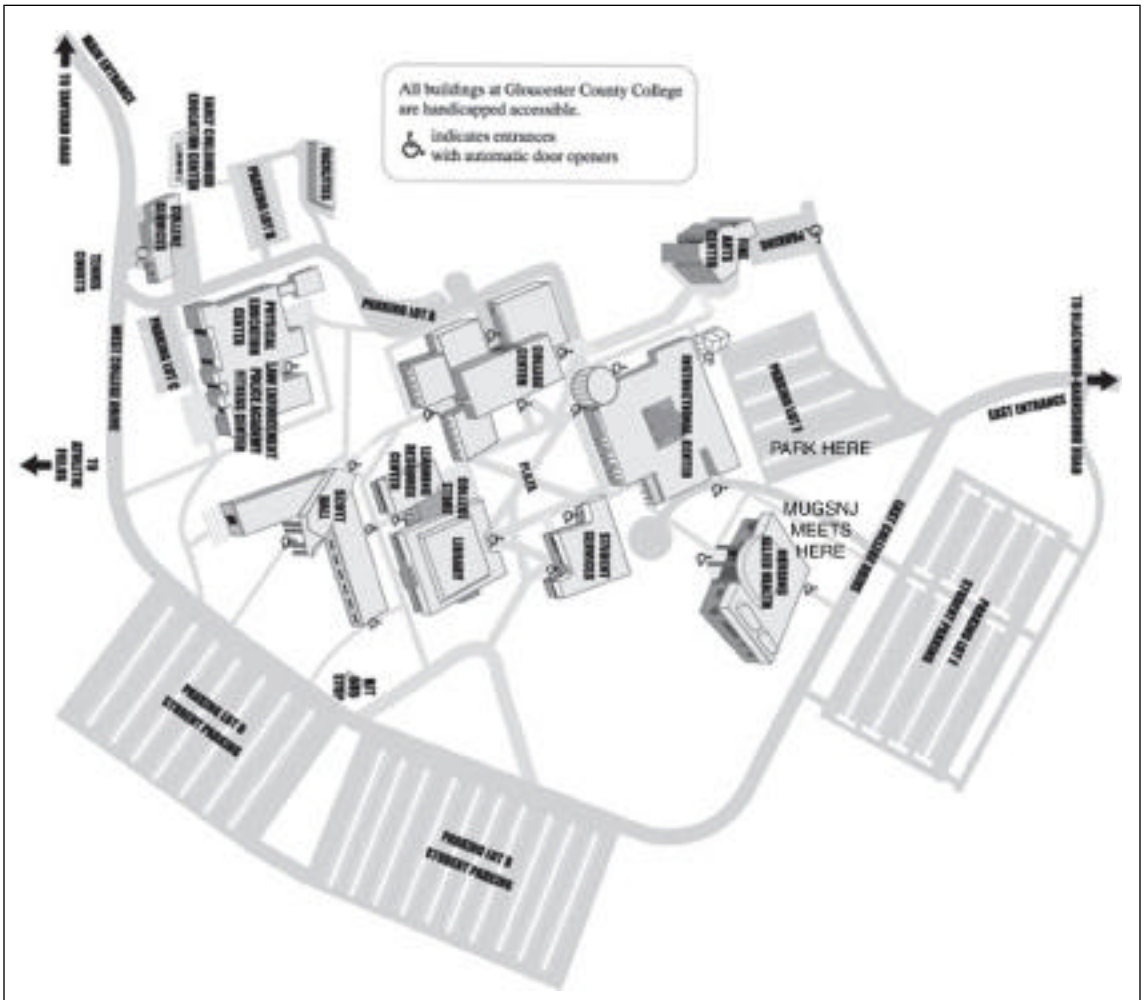
## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Hardware and software assistance
- Info on the latest software and upgrades
- "MUGSHOTS" newsletter available at meetings
- Notices of Macintosh events
- Special interest groups (SIGs)
- Meet great people!

**\*NOTE:** Corporate/Institutional memberships are granted by approval of the Executive Committee of MUGSNJ, and are based on the number of memberships requested by the corporation/institution as well as its non-profit status.

# Gloucester County College Campus Map

**MUG General Meetings**  
are held in the  
**Auditorium, Room 500,**  
of the **Health Sciences**  
**Building at 7:30 pm on**  
the **last Wednesday of**  
each month. In the  
event the last  
Wednesday precedes a  
holiday, the meeting is  
held a week earlier.  
**Executive Committee**  
**Meetings are held on**  
the **first Wednesday at**  
7:30 pm in the  
**Lounge adjacent to**  
**Room 502.**



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**  
**Lisa Rysinger**  
(she wrote the book)  
**DIGITAL VIDEO**  
**BE THERE OR MISS OUT!**