

# MugShots

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**DAVE MARRA PRESENTS**

**Instructional Center 430**

**Discover iPad - A magical and revolutionary product at an unbelievable price.**



Designed to be thin and light enough to take anywhere, iPad is the best way to experience the web, email, photos, video and books. With a large, high-resolution display, an incredibly responsive Multi-Touch screen and an amazingly powerful Apple-designed chip, iPad isn't just the best device of its kind, it's a whole new kind of device.

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## **About Dave Marra**

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Freshly Squeezed Reviews:

# And It Dices Tomatoes, Too

*by Frank Petrie*

**Product:** Air Display  
**Author:** Air Display <<http://avatron.com/apps/air-display>>  
**Requirements:** Mac OS X 10.5.8 or later, on an Intel CPU. For best results, 10.6.3 or later; on 10.6+, both 32-bit & 64-bit systems are supported.  
**Price:** Server software - Free;  
 Client software, iPhone, iPad - \$9.99  
**Test Rig:** 13" MBP, iPad Wi-Fi 32GB

**S**O, YOU'VE PURCHASED AN iPad and you're fairly smug about. And rightfully so, cause you're on the bleeding edge of technology, it's a magnet for meeting people of the opposite sex, and the general public envies you.

But the more that you've used it, you've discovered that Steve understated it's usefulness as a decent production tool, even in it's first generation. But now comes a concept out of left field.

"... Air Display lets you position your iPad next to your computer, drag windows onto it, and interact with those windows as you would on any other computer display.

"Air Display works in both landscape and portrait modes..."

"Air Display makes a laptop much more useful. Adding the iPad's 1024x768 display nearly doubles the screen area of a netbook or laptop."

Now, pick your jaw up off of the table and read on.

## **THE JUICE**

"Air Display's performance is extremely responsive, employing a clever dynamic compression algorithm. On a typical Wi-Fi network, mouse cursor refreshes are indistinguishable from a wired mouse.

"Air Display not only gives you a wireless computer screen extender, but also works as a tablet input device. You can use your finger to draw directly on the screen's surface. Try it with a Mac calculator app, painting tool, or music control surface!"

## **THE PULP**

Air Display makes your laptop a much more versatile tool for the road. By adding the iPad's 1024x768 display to your laptop's screen, it nearly

doubles the screen area available to you. For example, I can now take my iPhone4 onto a convention floor, record video and interviews, return to the hotel, dump the footage into Final Cut Express, then connect my iPad to the laptop, allowing me to place my palettes on the iPad, leaving my laptop's 13" screen solely for my browsers!

And it's equally as valuable on your desktop as a third or fourth monitor. I have one friend who uses his iPad only for his social networks. In this way, he doesn't have to put his work on hold while keeping up with his friends and/or associates!

Installation was simple. First, download the support software for your boot unit (OS X 5.8 or earlier, OS X 10.6 or later, or Windows/BETA) and install it. Purchase your copy of Air Display for the iPad and install it. Restart your boot partition Now, go into System Preferences>Displays and drag your iPad where you would like it to be in your monitor set up.

There's a help forum on Avatron's site for your assistance, should you hit some bumps.

## **THE RIND**

Unfortunately, my experience and that of others on the forum was that set up can be a bit bumpy. To Avatron's credit, they do have an extensive list of possible remedies for troubles you may have.

But after about forty minutes of Bluetooth voodoo, I had Air Display up and running. When dragging around windows, you'll notice a slight stutter but nothing serious. The cursor glides across the screen. I probably could have set the program up a good deal quicker but I haven't that much experience in Bluetooth. Still, it would be nice if they could somehow simplify the process for network newbies such as myself.

## **SUMMARY**

If you weren't a road warrior, you have no excuse not to be one now. And depending on your needs in your home or business office, you've just gained an unarguable reason to present your spouse with for purchasing an iPad.

Now, I have a 32" Samsung, a 13" MBP, and an iPad. What's left to buy? (Other than an SSD and more RAM for my laptop...)

**RATING: 9 out of 10**

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Freshly Squeezed Reviews:

# Not-So-GoodSync

by Frank Petrie

**Product:** GoodSync

**Author:** GoodSync <[www.goodsync.com](http://www.goodsync.com)>

**Requirements:** N/A

**Price:** \$29.95; enterprise version, \$59.95

**Test Rig:** 13" MBP, iPad Wi-Fi 32GB, iPhone 16GB

**W**ITH THE ADVENT OF THE IPHONE, and now the ubiquitous iPad, I can get a lot more work done because I'm no longer chained to my desktop. However, I need my files to be synchronized no matter what device I'm using to keep my workflow intact. And that's where GoodSync enters the picture.

"[GoodSync] automatically analyzes, synchronizes, and backs up your emails, precious family photos, music, contacts, financial documents, and other important files locally - between desktops, laptops, servers, external drives, and Windows Mobile devices, as well as remotely through FTP, SFTP, WebDAV, and more."

That sounds like it should fit the bill! Let's see if it does.

### **THE JUICE**

GoodSync is a Windows application that has recently entered the Mac marketplace. According to the information on its site, it could replace several existing apps that are already in my arsenal. And I'll be able to do my work anywhere, anytime, on whatever device is in front of me, whether it be sitting at my desktop or on one of my mobile devices.

### **THE PULP**

Now, I'm most definitely not the sharpest crayon in the box but I found GoodSync very difficult to use.

First of all, it has a steep learning curve for use, regardless of the fact that it is deceptively simple to

set up. (The repeated references to "It's just that easy!" made me suspicious from the start.)

I tried repeatedly to hook up to MobileMe via WebDAV but gave up after several attempts, in which I repeatedly received an Error Message that I was unable to decipher. The two would connect but I was unable to start the job running.

Next, I made several attempts to back up multiple files but the window kept returning line after line of gibberish that appeared to be endless loops of uncompleted backups. So, next I tried a single folder of six .mp4 files. However, the results were equally disappointing. Hundreds of lines of "uncompleted."

### **THE RIND**

The support material was useless. Tons of information for the users of the Windows version, but pathetically little for owners of the Mac version. In fact, some of the support pages had not been updated and didn't even acknowledge the Mac version!

### **SUMMARY**

If you have a Windows background, maybe this application will make more sense to you. But if you're a Mac user there is no need to pay for this app. You can accomplish the same things for free with Dropbox and Carbon Copy Cloner. Or if you don't mind spending sheckles, purchase SuperDuper! or/and MobileMe.

In the time it took me to accomplish nothing, you'll be on your way or perhaps even done.

My advice to the developers is to use some Mac software and speak to some Mac people to shape up this app, cause it could be indispensable.

### **RATING: 3 out of 10**

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## If you're planning to go to Macworld, here's important information for you:

"On Friday, October 22, registration will open for the January 27th User Group Reunion at Macworld. We will be having our event right in Moscone West this year and it looks like it will be a good one: refreshments, raffle prizes, good times with old and new friends, and maybe a few surprises.

Keep an eye on the UGAB Website on Friday -- Early bird pricing (\$5) is limited and, because of the venue, once the event is sold out we cannot add more ticketed spots.

<http://appleusergroupresources.com>"

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 17  
(to avoid Thanksgiving weekend)  
Health Sciences Rm. 500  
Topic: Show and Share

We will share what is our favorite computer, accessory, digital camera, smart phone, iPad, hard drive, etc., plus our favorite back up system, Web site, app, music service, photo club, surround sound system, ISP, or any technology that you cannot live without. Tell us why you love it. It's a no holds barred night. Everybody has to participate. Let's have fun!

Presenters: ALL MUGSNJ members



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

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