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BYTE OF THE APPLE By Charles Haddad

Apple's OS X Looks Like a 10

The new operating system's changes may put you off at first, but don't give up—OS X is worth it

Well, it's almost, almost here. After nearly a decade of development, Apple is on the verge of finishing its new operating system, OS X, which will replace the beloved but increasingly dated software now running some 30 million Macs worldwide. The company took a big step forward in mid-September when it released a public beta of the new system. This early version has some rough edges, but it still offers a pretty good picture of what's coming.

Why, you may ask, would you need a new operating system? That's a good question, especially if your Mac does everything you need, which I suspect is true for many of you. Still, I think every Mac user should give OS X (pronounced OS Ten) a serious look. It incorporates several new technologies that will not only make your Mac run faster and more reliably but will simplify computing. Besides, it's really cool—just what you'd expect from Apple. Icons are as sharply rendered as photographs, control buttons throb in soft blue light, and windows don't snap closed—they fade away.

With OS X, Apple is actually leaping ahead of Linux and Windows, which have been upgrading their operating systems on a more regular basis for the past 10 years. Accepting OS X's changes won't come easily, especially for older users, such as myself, who've been using the current system for 15 years. OS X entails learning new routines. Say so long to such longtime Mac stalwarts as the Apple Menu and the control strip. Also gone is the current graphics scheme, which draws icons on your screen for folders, printers, and, of course, the trash bin. It was all an illusion created by software called Finder.

EMPTY SCREEN. Apple has rewritten Finder—and therein lies the big difference. In OS X, Apple has basically split Finder in two. There's still a desktop, but you won't find any icons on it when you first start up OS X. You'll see a beautiful, aqua-patterned—but empty—screen, which

threw me into a panic the first time. I didn't know what to do or how to access my files.

But not to worry. If you want, you can add the old icons to the desktop, although Apple obviously prefers that you don't. What Apple wants you to do is use the desktop as the display for applications. And the new Finder, which opens in a separate window, is to be used to control your Mac and navigate through files and folders.

As an application, the new Finder looks like a cross between Apple's current Sherlock search application and a Web browser. Along the top of the Finder window are five big buttons, each representing a shortcut to someplace on your computer. For example, there's a button labeled "Apps" that opens a folder holding all your applications. Beneath the buttons there's a big panel with icons representing your hard drive, folders, files, network connections, and any connected drives. Click on a folder and it opens up within the Finder window. (If miss the old system, you can drag any of these icons to the desktop.)

Although a bit confusing at first, the new Finder grows on you once you realize how powerful it is. For one, it offers several ways to view the contents of your computer: as icons in a list, or in lists of folders cascading across four separate panels. This column view lets you see at a glance not only the path to a file but the entire contents of your hard drive. Not a new idea, mind you. Windows has had a similar feature for a long time. But OS X's implementation is more elegant and easier to understand and use.

The Finder is just one of the many new features OS X offers. Stay tuned as I dissect Apple's new operating system piece by piece in the coming weeks. If you can't wait, you can download a copy of the OS X beta from Apple's Web site—for \$29.95. Charging for a beta that is commercially untested and traditionally free is a first for Apple and isn't something the company should be proud of. But I still think OS X is really cool.

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From the Editor

Mugsnidge Mutterings

September...ah, September...when the leaves begin to turn those marvelous autumnal colors, the weather either exhilarates or drowns, the sunsets are absolutely gorgeous and everybody plunges, willingly or not, back into the "normal" scheduling of non-vacation events. And so it is with your friendly (very friendly, if I may say so) Macintosh User Group (especially this one). Busy, busy, busy are the three words that always seem to describe September (and



October, and November, and...)

So, here at "home", the new dues structure is in effect. Just ask the new treasurer, Mark Teodoro to explain it to you. If you paid within the last calendar year, you deduct \$2 from a regular membership for every month that remains in your membership (\$1.50 for seniors, no extra charge for GCC students). Just figure we're on a 10-month year.

Jacki Moore has been laid up with injuries, and has her husband. She needs your good wishes and sympathy, so send her an e-mail or a snailmail greeting. Carol Dadino, our capable corresponding secretary, will give you her e-dress and address.

Elsewhere on the home front, your participation is encouraged in the Executive Committee meetings, which at present are held the Wednesday before the regular meeting here at the college at 7:30 p.m. Come on and help us get better organized to help our members learn more about their fabulous computers, which are getting better and better (see cover story).

The Humanities Club here at the college runs community bus trips to shows and various other events in the Big Apple (that's New York City, not Cupertino). See Joan Smith-Brown for details. The Humanities Club is her baby, and she publishes a newsletter which contains all the upcoming trips.

Graphic Arts courses here at GCC are an excellent way to increase your knowledge of the Macintosh and of the "cor-

rect" way to handle the great graphics applications like Corel Painter, Adobe Photoshop and PageMaker, Quark XPress, Adobe Illustrator and Macromedia Freehand. The cost is pretty reasonable, too, if you've checked into what the private institutions charge.

Let's see, what else? Next month's meeting will be on the historical subject of "Genealogy" conducted by Anna Kehnast of the GCC Library staff.

In December the GCC Gallery will feature works from GCC students, including those created by Graphic Arts students. Plans are in the making to bring the newly formatted Disney film "Fantasia" to the opening.

Bring your friends, bring the kids, bring the dog—no, leave the dog home. But come to the Mac Users Group meetings. We want you, we need you, we love...love to see you! have a great year!

Add your own comments here...

Members On Line

World Wide Web Sites of Interest

from Frank Petrie, MUGSNJ Member

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 Marra's website (www.marrathon.com)**

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>

Interarchy Follow-Up Q & A on Previous Release

by *Andrew Tomazos*, <http://www.stairways.com/>

Here are a few frequently asked questions our users have about the press release that was just sent out...

Q. Which version of Mac OS will Interarchy 3.8 support?

A. From Mac OS 7.6.1 to Mac OS 9.0.4. The internals will also be carbon-prepared which means that we will be ready to run on Mac OS X when it is released by Apple.

Q. Are you focusing on further development of your FTP and HTTP file transfer engine?

A. Absolutely yes. This is the heart of Interarchy 3.8 and is currently the most popular part of the functionality we provide. While that remains the case that will be the part we focus most of our engineering resources on. There are many cool advancements on the drawing board for file transfer and control in Interarchy 4.0 and Interarchy 4.5 both at a user interface level and an internal engine level. We are also reviewing options for support of security protocols, a very challenging area. Interarchy 3.8 will be the fastest and most reliable way to transfer files over the Internet out of any piece of software available for the Macintosh platform, just as is the case today with Anarchie 3.7.

Q. How do you pronounce Interarchy?

A. The same way you pronounce words like monarchy, hierarchy and anarchy. It depends on your accent but usually INTER - AR - KEE.

Q. What does "Interarchy" sized mean?

A. Hehe. It was a lazy way of saying that we will be putting the Interarchy name on everything we do and everything we are, so that there is no longer confusion about what is done by us, and what is done by third parties. I apologize for wording it in such a silly way.

Q. Are you guys preparing for a public stock offering?

A. The Interarchy (Stairways) is a privately held owner-operated organization. We will never list on any stock exchange.

We really are not too fond of commercial pressure and prefer to focus simplistically on what our users want and how to give that to them. We feel that being accountable to stockholders (and not exclusively to our users) would complicate achieving this goal. The purpose of the name change is try to simplify the business side of things so that we can focus all of our resources on the software side of things.

Q. Can you tell me more about Interarchy wands?

A. No. Interarchy 3.8 will be available by the end of July. Yes, I am being a tease. Oh, alright, I will write Inside Stairways X about them.

Q. What is the political meaning of interarchy?

A. It's just a name. A label so that people can easily find our company and projects. Don't read too much into labels, we should all focus instead on the quality and reliability of the software.

If you have more questions feel free to mail me.

WriteNow Updater Available

by *Steve Becker*, <steve@macease.com>

In response to the large number of requests I have received for the WriteNow 4.0 to 4.0.2 updater, I have uploaded the updater to the WriteNow page that is located on my web site <http://www.kagi.com/MacEase/writenow-latest_info.html>.

I have been successfully using WriteNow 4.0.2 and WriteNow Enhancer with System 9.0.4. Detailed information on WriteNow Enhancer is available at <http://www.kagi.com/MacEase/writenow_enhancer_main_.html>.

Both of the above web pages can also be accessed from my home page <<http://www.kagi.com/MacEase>>.

I hope that fellow WriteNow users find the resources on my site to be helpful and that you too will be able to continue to use this terrific word processor with the latest version of the OS.

MUG Store in Business with Specials Galore

By now most all of you must have heard about the latest Apple offerings: the exciting dual-processor G4's, the incredibly engineered "Cube," and the series of newly colored iMacs (and if you haven't heard about them, just log on to apple-mugstore.com and click on the "new apple product" button for full details!)

The Mug Store has all these models in stock or rolling in, and with special offers to boot! Right now the new G4's come with a FREE Canon color printer (after rebate), and we're giving away free RAM with every new DV iMac. The new colors are awesome and the additional speeds will be appreciated especially by those who fall in love with iMovie 2, which is included with each new iMac.

In addition, we've updated our pricing on the entire specials page. There you can see G4 systems starting as low as \$1169! With the introduction of the new models, those of you who won't see any immediate benefit from the dual processors (i.e. if you're not a heavy Photoshop or video production user) can save hundreds of dollars on what will amount to the same speed machine!

We also have terrific deals on the Blue & White G3's, starting at only \$898. At almost half the price of the new lowest-end tower Mac, these G3's offer a fantastic price/performance value.

There are also many models of iMacs at new prices, including 400 MHz DV models with DVD for as little as \$899. The new 350 MHz iMac will be selling for \$799 this Fall, but in the meantime we have factory refurbished 350's with virtually the same specs, plus fully Airport capable (something the new 350 isn't) for \$749.

And if you currently own a Blue & White G3 but have no modem, \$29 will get you an Apple internal 56k model. Plus we have great deals on speakers, hard drives, and a whole slew of Apple Open Box peripheral specials.

Don't forget the Mug Store has one of the widest selections of used Macintosh you'll find anywhere. We have a number of complete systems available for under \$300. The prices on these fully functional Macs almost allow you to install a Mac

in every room in your house! Longtime Mac users often appreciate the fact that adding an older Mac allows them to continue using all sorts of older peripherals, printers, scanners, etc. and with extensive expansion and upgrade options it's a great way to get more people on the Mac platform for less money.

Call us at 800-689-8191 to talk about these special deals, the latest products, or place your order.

Look for store password elsewhere in this issue.

Subject Page Tour: Adobe Photoshop

<http://www.macworld.com/subject/photoshop/>

Even if you're a Photoshop Pro, there might be something useful for you on the Macworld Photoshop Subject page. If you're new to using Photoshop, this is a good place to be. Learn everything you need to know as a Mac-using Photoshop jockey, from cleaning up your digital images to better ways of scanning. Here are some highlights from the Photoshop subject page.

Before You Scan

Scan Right and Save Time: You have more control than you think when it comes to creating quality scans. Learn the do's and don'ts of scanning in conjunction with Photoshop.

<http://www.macworld.com/2000/05/create/scanright.html>

Digital Photo Fix

Doctor Your Digital Images: Your new digital camera may not produce the clear, crisp results that you would expect from a traditional camera. Learn how to make your photographs look brighter, smoother, and more detailed using Photoshop.

http://www.macworld.com/2000/09/how-to/before_after.html

Photoshop Forum

If it's questions you have, or even suggestions for newbies, be sure to check in on the Photoshop Forum at <http://www.macworld.com/subject/photoshop/forum.html>

By Chris Breen

MacWorld Tips

A Family Affair

Intermediate

If you're interested in exploring your roots, you might want to take a look at John Nairn's GEDitCOM, a customizable genealogical data editor for GEDCOM (Genealogical Data Communication) files. You can use the program as a free GEDCOM report browser and printer or, if you want to enter your own data, you can pay \$50 to unlock GEDitCOM's editing capabilities.

You can find your copy at <http://www.macdownload.com>.

Another Tip From Andy

Intermediate

I try to keep my ears open for tips at all times. It just so happens I picked up a dandy while sitting in a meeting with Macword's Editor-in-Chief, Andy Gore. While illustrating a point Andy tossed out this gem:

Did you know that you can add sound effects to Apple's iMovie by dragging AIFF files to the Sound Effects folder found within iMovie's Resources folder? It was news to me as well but darned if Andy isn't right. Once you drag those files to this folder and launch iMovie, the sounds you dragged appear in iMovie's Sounds pop-up menu.

Equipper

Intermediate

Do you have lots of Macs, peripherals, and software? If so, you might like to keep track of them with Sebastian V. Ulmentein's Equipper. This \$39 shareware application allows you create a floor plan of your office (or home) environment, place icons that represent the various Macs and peripherals that lie within your home or office, attach a System Profiler report to each Mac, and keep track of the applications (with version- and serial number) stored on the hard drives of these machines.

Equipper sports an attractive interface complete with icons from the Iconfactory. You can find your copy at <http://www.macdownload.com>.

A Sound Sound Editor

Intermediate

I know that you expect me to recommend really great shareware and freeware every Wednesday, and I strive to do so. But today, I've got some really, REALLY great shareware. It's called Sound Studio, it's made by Lucius Kwok, it costs \$25, and it's a gem.

This gem is a two-track digital audio-editing application that rivals commercial applications that cost four times as much. Sound Studio supports the AIFF format only, but the program offers resampling; such filters as amplify, normalize, backwards, and fade-in and fade out; and allows you to insert blank space. And best of all, it's disk- rather than RAM-based. This means that you can work with audio files as large as 2GB.

If you have any interest in editing AIFF files (yup, those tracks you pull from audio CDs are AIFF files) you must have this program. Download and pay for your copy before Lucius wises up and demands a price more in line with the program's capabilities.

You can find your copy at: <http://felt-tip.com/products/soundstudio/>

Adapting to USB Adapter Card Support

Intermediate

When you insert a USB card into a PowerBook G3's CardBus slot with Apple's USB Adapter Card Support Software installed, the PowerBook may quit responding if you've enabled processor cycling (a setting found in the Energy Saver control panel). Therefore, if you intend to use a USB card in your PowerBook, switch off processor cycling.

Final Cut Pro Dropped Frames

Intermediate

You can experience dropped frames while running Final Cut Pro on a monitor set to a refresh rate of 60Hz. Although you can fix this problem by selecting a refresh rate of 75Hz, you'll get better playback performance with a refresh rate of 85Hz.

Lucasfilm and Apple Bring Star Wars: Episode II to Starwars.com and Apple.com "On Location" Series, Movie Trailers and Documentaries Streamed Exclusively In QuickTime

Building upon the incredible success of the Star Wars: Episode I movie trailers, which recorded more than 35 million downloads, Lucasfilm and Apple® are teaming again to bring Star Wars: Episode II to the web exclusively in QuickTime™, Apple's streaming media technology. Lucasfilm's www.starwars.com now offers viewers worldwide a series of updates direct from the set of Star Wars: Episode II, now in production at Fox Studios in Australia—the first-ever, web-based, behind-the-scenes look at the making of a major motion picture as it happens. In addition to the regular updates, starwars.com will feature forthcoming Star Wars: Episode II documentaries produced exclusively for the web and streamed only in QuickTime. Both starwars.com and apple.com will feature Episode II movie trailers.

"We're pleased to be working with Apple again to make our on-location footage available exclusively in QuickTime, which offers the best quality for streaming video over the Internet," said George Lucas.

"We love Star Wars, and we're pleased to be working again with George and his team to bring Episode II to the Internet," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We had incredible success streaming the Episode I movie trailer exclusively in QuickTime, and the new Episode II content is sure to create another Internet milestone."

Under the multi-year agreement, all video-based Lucas content for Star Wars: Episode II on starwars.com will be streamed exclusively in QuickTime starting with the "on location" series. The series initially hosted by Ahmed Best, the alter ego of Jar Jar Binks, will take viewers "on location" to the set of Episode II currently in production at the Fox Studios Australia. Unrehearsed, unscripted and unedited, "on location" and its intrepid host will guide viewers through the making of Episode II as it happens.

To go "on location," viewers simply need to download the QuickTime player,

which is available free for Macintosh® and Windows users worldwide at www.apple.com/quicktime, then point their browser to www.starwars.com.

The Lucas/Apple deal builds upon the incredible success of the Star Wars: Episode I movie trailers, which were streamed exclusively in QuickTime. The second trailer set an Internet record attracting over 6.4 million downloads in the first three weeks of its release in March 1999.

Macworld Mac Secrets Reviewed *from Steve Becker,* *<steve@macease.com>*

I'm pleased to announce the addition of a new book review to the Mac-only Book Review section of my web site <<http://www.kagi.com/MacEase>>.

With so many developers no longer providing printed documentation with their products, it's more important than ever that Mac users have access to reliable, printed reference sources. This Book Review section is intended to help Mac users select the best books that are available for their particular needs.

The direct link for the review of Macworld Mac Secrets, 5th Edition is <http://www.kagi.com/MacEase/book_review.html>.

The Book Review section of my site may also be accessed from my home page <<http://www.kagi.com/MacEase>>.

For the Compleat Techie

Wearable technology takes one step closer to the mainstream when Levi Strauss and Phillips will introduce the ICD+ jacket that incorporates a built-in cell phone, MP3 player, and headset.

Apple and MBNA Introduce Instant Financing for Customers

Apple® and MBNA have introduced instant financing that allows qualified customers to make monthly payments on Apple products, including the entirely new line of desktops recently debuted at Macworld New York.

Through the program—which enables monthly payments as low as \$19.99 for the new \$799 Indigo iMac™—customers can apply for financing and receive immediate notification at the point of purchase. The program is available now through Apple's online Apple Store™ (www.apple.com) in the United States, and is currently being rolled out to Apple authorized resellers.

"Apple is all about making the best technology more accessible to consumers," said Fred Anderson, Apple's CFO. "We are proud to work with MBNA, a recognized pioneer in providing immediate web-based loan decisions, to give more people a chance to experience our revolutionary products."

Loans up to \$25,000 are available to qualified customers with a choice of four payment terms: 24, 36, 48 and 60 months. Customers will be able to reaccess their account without reapplying for a loan, enabling future purchases of Apple products with ease.

"Apple represents innovation and quality," said Gregg Bacchieri, senior vice chairman of MBNA. "We look forward to providing Apple customers with the innovative and high quality services they expect from MBNA."

Apple's new product line includes the revolutionary new Power Mac™ G4 Cube, an all-new iMac family in stunning new colors (Indigo, Ruby, Sage, Graphite and Snow), dual-processor Power Mac G4s, a new family of displays, and the new optical Apple Pro Mouse and Apple Pro Keyboard, which come standard with all Apple desktops.

MBNA Corporation, a bank holding company and parent of MBNA America Bank, N.A., a national bank, has \$76.3 billion in managed loans. MBNA, the largest independent credit

card lender in the world, also provides retail deposit, consumer loan and insurance products. MBNA.com (www.MBNA.com) provides credit card, consumer loan, retail deposit and shopping services.

Download Dr. Solomon's Virex for Macintosh

For just \$29.95. That's \$20 off the regular price and you can download it so there's no shipping cost!

<http://www.digitalriver.com/aladdin/26937/>

Virex received a 4 out of 5 mices from MacWorld Magazine—the highest of any virus program.

Virex for Mac scans and cleans files, e-mails and internet downloads and protects your Mac from all virus types.

Some key features include:

- * Universal Scan-at-Download — One click; turn it on and your entire Mac is protected. No need to search for the names of folders or volumes.

- * Macro Virus Protection — Detects and repairs infected documents before they are opened by Microsoft Word or Excel, preventing wide-spread infection.

- * Compressed File Scanning — Scans Zip and StuffIt archives, the most common file compression formats used on the Internet. Also scans files compressed with Compact Pro, Disk Doubler, and Auto Doubler.

- * Drag-and-Drop Application Toolbar — Drag items to specific toolbar buttons for fast and instantaneous scanning.

- * Virus Encyclopedia — Virus information is available at your fingertips.

- * Scheduled Scans — Scan at pre configured times, using a key combination from the desktop and the Control Strip.

- * Snapshot — Identifies unknown viruses so you are always protected with the best Macintosh virus protection available.

The Mug Store Password Schedule (www.applemugstore.com):
 6/1/00-7/31/00: User ID: user / Password: group
 8/1/00- 9/30/00: User ID: osx / Password: aqua
 10/1/00- 11/30/00: User ID: G4 / Password: cube

The Child Inside Us All

(Part Two)

by Frank Petrie

Now, let's begin with repeating our mantra: SPACE.

S - Sort

P - Purge

A - Assign a home

C - Containerize

E - Equalize

If you are seriously working at this project, you have separated all of your 'collection' into various piles/folders (i.e., Applications, Internet, Correspondence, Family, Odds and Ends, etc.). You probably worked up a good thirst and, in addition, shed several pounds. But you did it and that's what's important.

Now we move on to the decision making process—Purging.

Purge. Now is when you have to make some tough, brutal decisions - what do you keep, what do you archive, and what do you trash. Most of this will be easy.

For example, you have probably found hundreds of copies of Simple Text on your hard drive (if you're lucky, only dozens). Well, this one's a no-brainer. Put one copy in your Applications folder and toss the rest into the trash. That's right - throw them all away. (A quick way to find duplicates is to use Find in your File menu or use Aladdin's Spring Cleaning.)

Likewise, if you find duplicates of files, graphics, or correspondence, toss them as well. You only need ONE copy of these on your hard drive. Then you can back them all up on floppy or Zip disks. (And remember, for the best security you should always have TWO backups of your files and any applications that you don't have install disks for - one on premises and one off. Why? If your house or office should be burned down, you will still have your offsite backup copy. Keep it with a friend, at your office, at the Burger King on Marlton Pike underneath the seat at the third table from the...well, you get the idea.)

You will also have to decide if there are some files or applications that you don't need but would like to hang on to. Archive those on a specific disk(s) that you can name Applications Archives or something like that, so you know what

the contents are of that particular disk(s).

Here is an electronic variation of "Julie's No-Brainer Toss List":

- old files
- old and/or unused software
- old research materials
- duplicates
- drafts of letters, proposals, et al.

Now, don't fall prey to the idea that your life will end if you throw away anything, so you decide to archive everything that you don't intend to keep on your hard drive. Think of this as cleaning out your attic or garage. Some things are valuable and useful, while some are just taking up needed space.

If tossing things is going to make you uncomfortable, then why not use the old six/twelve-month rule. Back up the files and such that you can't bring yourself to part with. Then after six/twelve months, if you find that you never have used the disk to do anything more than keep your monitor from wobbling, blank it and now you have another backup disk.

Next month, we are going to fine tune our piles/folders when we assign everything that's left a home. It may be on our hard drive, it may be on an archive disk, but it is going to have a home.

Now, get back to work.

This series is based on the popular book on organizing everything in your life, "Organizing from The Inside Out" by Julie Morgenstern.

No More Windows for This Publisher

Pay&Play Software announced that it will no longer publish software for the Windows platform.

Stephen Reiss, Ph.D., Owner and Founder of Pay&Play Software had this to say about the drastic move: "We consider Windows to be a beleaguered platform. With the rise of Linux variants and the forthcoming MacOS X we just don't see Windows as being a platform worth developing for."



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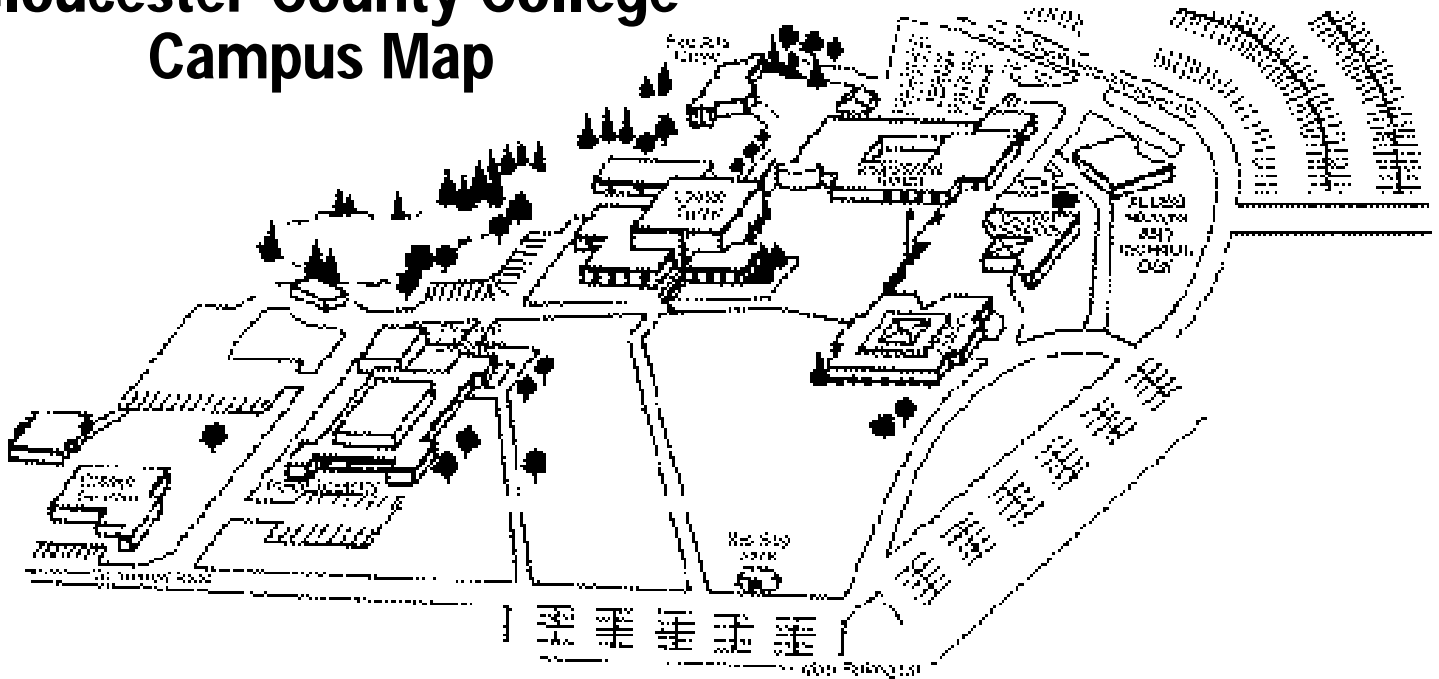
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- Hardware and software assistance
- Info on the latest software and upgrades
- "MUGSHOTS" newsletter available at meetings
- Notices of Macintosh events
- Special interest groups (SIGs)
- Meet great people!

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MUG General Meetings are held in the Auditorium, Room 500, of the Allied Health and Technology 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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