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SHAREWARE NEWS

SMUG Jan. 99 Disk of the Month
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Please note you need to use Stuffit Expander 5.0 to expand some files (Yo!). It is included in a self-extracting archive; This means you can copy it to your hard drive and double click it. It will then be ready for you to use. And, if you were at the December general meeting where Aladdin exhibited Stuffit Deluxe, you also know that Stuffit Expander 5.0 will not expand certain (non-stuffit) archives without either DropStuff 5.0 (not out yet) or Stuffit Deluxe 5.0. If you have a problem expanding with Stuffit Expander 5.0, try an earlier version.



DarkSide 5.05

DarkSide is an application screen saver that requires System 7. DarkSide gives you a high degree of compatibility, along with using very little of your system's resources.

Freeware



The Merry Christmas Gifs Collection

A collection of gif and animated gif images ready for the use in Web pages. The Merry Christmas Gifs Collection brings the Christmas spirit to the Web.

\$20.00



Sherlock Search indexes

This is a collection of search indexes. Put them in the Internet Search Folder in the System Folder.

Free



Raul's 8.5 Patches

Patches for Finder 8.5, OT/PPP Strip, and Emailer 2.0x. These extend the command key functionality.

Free



Scrollability 1.04

Scrollability give you faster, more intuitive ways to scroll through documents than the scroll bar and keyboard do.

Supports MacOS 8.5.

Shareware \$10



Yo!

Yo! enables you to have multiple sound files randomly play as your Mac's alert sound, also known as system "beep."

Shareware \$20 / \$30 w/ a cd rom w/1,000+ alert sounds

Due to the hurried X-mas/New Year Schedule this issue of the SMUG News has been prepared in a four page "short form" format.

Happy New Year

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!!!!!! SECURITY ALERT !!!!!

For a great deal of discussion about problems with MacOS 8.5.1, see
Troubleshooting MacOS 8.5.1 at
<<http://www.macfixit.com/reports/macos8.5.1.shtml>>



TIP O' THE MONTH

From Your Shareware Team

Clippings - this from MacTip #40 at the Macintosh Guy
<<http://www.macnn.com/MacTips/>>

If you don't already know, you can easily save a bit of text from many applications by simply selecting it and dragging it onto the desktop or any other finder window (MacOS 7.6 or later) to create a clipping. This does not work with web browsers, unfortunately. To do this with web text, select the text, copy (command-C), then paste in a clipable application like SimpleText, the Scrapbook, Stickies, or even the Note Pad. THEN drag to the desktop or finder window.

Why do this? For one thing, clippings are terribly easy to create: select, drag. Secondly, you can see the clipping any time, just double-click. Third, you can clip anything which will go in the scrapbook - essentially turning your desktop or a finder window into a free-form scrapbook - text, sounds, pics, movies. Then double-click to read the text, hear the sound, see the pict, or watch the movie. Finally, when you decide where you want them to go, just drag them back into a new document (in a clipable application, naturally). For instance, tired of entering your email address in a zillion places? Clip it, then drag it in next time. Or if you have a document with 5 paragraphs you want to rearrange, clip them, then drag them back in the correct order.

Minor problem, however, alluded to at our September shareware demo - before MacOS 8.5, all clipping files have the same name: "text clipping" (or Pict clipping or sound clipping....). We showed a little extension called Clipping Namer to help fix this. Well, as you guessed, MacOS 8.5 gives better naming.

That's not all! Mac OS 8.5 makes handling Internet URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) much easier. It checks clipping contents for certain types of Internet Locations including http (for web pages), ftp (for transferring files), file (for files on your hard drive or local network), email (for email addresses), nntp (for usenet news URLs), afp & AppleTalk (for locations on Macintosh networks). Then double clicking a clipping file containing an email address will open a new email addressed to that address. Double clicking a clipping file that contains the URL for a Web page will open your web browser and load that web page over the Internet. You can even drag a server from the Network Browser out as a clipping file that can be double clicked to open a window in the Network Browser with all the Volumes available from that server. The application selected is controlled by settings in the Internet control panel (which now has most of the capabilities of Internet Config, a SMUG shareware standard). And each different type clipping has a different custom icon. Try it!

NEW RELEASES

The SMUG newsletter editor is not always able to fit all of New Product Releases into the newsletter due to space constraints. Nor, by the time you read this, are these very current. See Version Tracker at <http://www.versiontracker.com/> for latest info. Choices here are mine and could not POSSIBLY be inclusive. The SMUG shareware web page contains active links to information or download.

® means update to recently released DOM item

(New Releases, continued on Pg. 3)

APPLE

AppleShare Client 3.8.1 - (same version OS 8.5 has) requires OS 7.6 or later and OT 1.1.2

AppleShare IP 6.1 - server software: new features, enhancements & OS 8.5 compatibility

AppleShare IP First Aid 1.0 - repair-backup utility for AppleShare 5.0 & 6.0 data files

At Ease for Workgroups 5.0.2 - many improvements & OS 8.5 support

Disk Copy 6.3.2 - mount or create disk images & make exact copies of floppies

Mac OS 8.5.1 - fixes several bugs and adds new Sherlock plug-ins

Anarchie Pro 3.5 - extensive file transfer utility allows resumable downloads & much more

FWB HardDisk Toolkit 3.0.1 - now includes RAID tools from RTK, fix for disappearing icons.

MetaCreations Kai's Power Tools 5.0 - now shipping the new Photoshop Plug-ins

Intuit MacInTax '98 - tax preparation software
Symantec NAV-SAM virus definitions -Dec - click for NAV or SAM virus defs

Net-Print 8.1 - lets you print or save selected text from web pages

Connectix Speed Doubler 8.1.2 - many fixes & improvements

Aladdin StuffIt Deluxe 5.0.1 - fixes for the StuffIt Browser, Engine & PowerPlug ®

URL Manager Pro 2.5 - extensive bookmark manager for Netscape & Internet Explorer

Virex Virus Update -Dec - December virus definitions only for version 5.9 of Virex

Tenon WebTen 2.1.7 - Mac based Apache web server



Simply Mac

Mac basics we sometimes forget.

by Louis Bookbinder

Is there any way to increase an app's memory size when it is run from a locked volume like CD? Normally, no. To change the size, normally, you open the info window and change the minimum and preferred memory size. Then close the get info window, and start the app. But on a CD, everything is locked on the disc - in other words, you cannot change the size recorded in the info dialogue. But there IS a way:

What you need is AppSizer, which lets you set an application's memory partition size when you launch it. For more information, see an earlier newsletter.

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CALENDAR OF SMUG EVENTS

- **Monday, January 4**
General Meeting: Roche Bioscience Lecture Hall, 3401 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Doors open and disk sales begin at 6:30 pm. Q&A period begins at 7:00; demos will begin at 7:30. Call SMUG Office at 650-856-3113 for confirmation.
- **Thursday, January 7**
Shareware Team meeting. The meetings are at **Minimatics**, 433 Clyde, Mt. View (One block north of Highway 237 and 2 blocks east of Middlefield) at 6:15 the *thursday after the general meeting*, Pizza.
- **Monday, January 11**
Board of Officers meets at 7:30 pm at the SMUG office, followed by Board of Directors meeting.
- **Friday, January 15**
DEADLINE for Newsletter articles and Calendar items to be submitted.
- **Thursday, January 21**
Mail Newsletter 7:00 pm at the SMUG office.
- **Floating Date**
The SMUG Developers SIG meets monthly. For time and place contact Joe Wood at <jwood@wootech.com>

General Notes

The SMUG office is at 809 San Antonio Rd. #3, Palo Alto. Members are welcome to make an appointment to visit; call John or Marion Festa at 650-948-2543 to arrange one.

Submitting Calendar Items

All Calendar items for December must be submitted by **Friday, January 15**, to the SMUG office on disk or in a document, attention of the Newsletter Coordinator or by e-mail to philipstep@aol.com or by email to <mthorn@rahul.net>.

Regularly scheduled items will be carried over unless changes are submitted.

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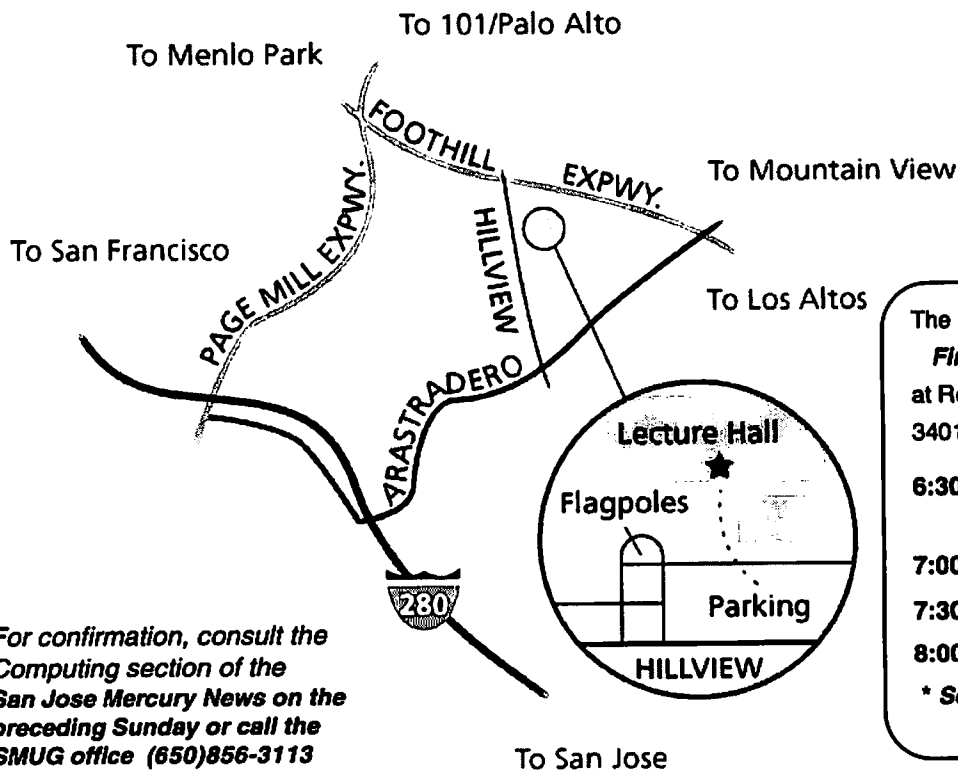
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Happy 1999



**Next Meeting
Monday January 4**



*For confirmation, consult the
Computing section of the
San Jose Mercury News on the
preceding Sunday or call the
SMUG office (650)856-3113*

The Meeting are always held on the
First Monday* of the Month
at Roche Bioscience Lecture Hall
3401 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto, CA.

**6:30 - Disk Sales begin,
video training**

7:00 - Q&A

7:30 - Shareware demo

8:00 - 9:30 p.m.- Speakers

*** Some exceptions on holidays**