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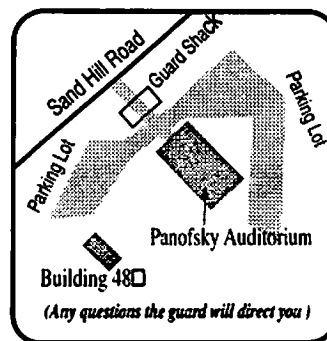
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IMPORTANT NOTICE (Meeting Place change for August)

This is to let you that the general meeting on **Monday August 5** will be held in a different place than usual because of a scheduling conflict with the Auditorium.

The new location is Redwood Room C&D on the first floor of the new Research Office Building. This is the building next to the road if you turn right after entering SLAC and drive about 100 yards and the Redwood Room entrance is on the side of the building facing away from the road.

For a on-line map see: <http://www.slac.stanford.edu/slac/map/slacnums.html>.



Sprucing Up The Place

July Meeting Report

by John Schipper



Pauline Shumake, of Aladdin Systems in Watsonville, demonstrated Spring Cleaning (for de-install of files, folders and applications on diskettes, hard drives, zip disks, etc.). Shumake, who serves as Product Manager for Spring Cleaning, noted that Spring Cleaning (SC) was introduced about five years ago and that, at one time, SC 3.x was considered a dangerous utility, at least in the hands of a user with more enthusiasm than good sense.

The current version, SC 5.0, works with Macintosh Systems 8, 9 and X and provides a menu with 14 different activities. A user will select a folder to be searched, similar to a Sherlock search. The search can be by kind, by

label or by date prepared, for example, and the folder(s) can be locked or unlocked. Alas, no wild card searches are yet available. The "Delete" activity must be affirmatively activated by the user, for safety. Search results can be filtered, before and/or after the original search. Filter parameters cannot be saved. For those of us who are eternally unsure, the command File>Restore allows the user to undo a set of actions previously implemented.

SC 5.0 includes the following search tools, whose titles are sometimes, but not always, self-explanatory: Access

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Spring Cleaning search options work in a standard mode (for relatively new users) and advanced mode (for those who prefer customization). In standard mode, searches are organized into the 16 categories set forth in the preceding paragraph. A user may move from one category to another, after finishing a search. Clicking Conclusion displays a summary of the searches just performed. Operating in advanced mode provides the preceding 16 categories, plus others, and allows application of filters. See the on-line User's Guide for a more extensive discussion.

De-install (of an application) is a popular feature, which retains the documents that were created using the now-absent application. SC also works with e-mail: Mail Clean will clean out attachments, which can be memory hogs, with or without deletion of the basic e-mail message. The (surviving) e-mail messages can be catalogued and archived. The minimum system requirements for SC 5.0 are a Power Macintosh, Sys 8.6 or later, 13 Mbytes of hard drive space and 8 Mbytes of RAM. The street price is about \$40., or \$25. for an upgrade.

SMUG AUGUST 5 Meeting Schedule 6:30 - 9:30

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|-------------|--|
| 6:30 - 6:45 | Ask the Experts
What ails your Mac? |
| 6:45 - 7:15 | Stu's SMUG's Shots |
| 7:15 - 7:45 | Shareware Demos
Owen Saxton /shareware team |
| 7:45 - 8:00 | Break / Disk Sales |
| 8:00 - 9:15 | Asante will present networking products
Mark Prewit will be the speaker |
| 9:20 | Raffle |

Adobe will be showing their new products at the September Meeting



Director's Cut

by Stewart Matthew Hersey

iPod MiPod?

REUTERS NEWSFLASH! July 17, 2002 10:53 AM ET
*Apple Unveils iPod Music Players for Windows PCs:
At MacWorld New York 2002, Apple CEO Steve Jobs
reveals that ipod, Apple's MP3 music player, will work
with Microsoft Windows.*

NOW FOR PCs, TOO!

According to Apple's Web site (<http://www.apple.com/ipod/>), "In response to insistent demand from PC users, the world's best MP3 player now does Windows."

WHY SWITCH?

Is Apple attempting to convince PC users to trade X-Boxes for iMacs with their "Switch" campaign's "Top ten reasons to switch" pitch? Check out reason number three to switch from a PC (with the ipod graphic) at <http://www.apple.com/switch/whyswitch/> - "Simply the best in Digital music". Apple's Logic: PC users should switch to a Mac since (1)"... it just works", (2)"doesn't crash" and because Apple's ipod is cool.

Which PC user is Apple talking about? A PC user who needs a 4000 song MP3 pocket rocket? Or some Office XP user who needs 20 billion bytes of seamless, slick portable data? Nu? Oh!, I know, it's that spoiled kid who will get an iPod for Xmas © \$499, instead of a fully loaded (1GB RAM) 17" Widescreen Display GeForce Jaguar iMac with digital speakers for over 10x the \$\$\$.

Such a deal, when you consider how quietly an ipod plays P.O.D: (Surf to <http://www.payableondeath.com> to hear this San Ysidro band.)

"ISN'T THAT COOL?"

At MacWorld New York, Jobs announced Apple's partnership with MusicMatch, whose Jukebox player can "AutoSynch" Windows machines with ipod, and will be shipped together with the drives: at <http://www.musicmatch.com/info/company/press/releases/>

In his keynote speech, Apple's Chairman demonstrated the integration of ipod and Windows XP, punctuating each feature with "Isn't that cool!" I can only imagine the "cool" reception from the iMac producer's Japanese partners Canon and Sony, when hearing the news that Jobs had sold them out to save face. Apple's failure to improve their 50% market share is attributed to slow iMac sales.

The move is reminiscent of Apple's option to abandon early hardware partners like Umax, Iomega and Radius, when demand was sluggish.

"WE LIKE TO HAVE OPTIONS"

In another Reuters article featured on E*Trade later that day (July 17, 16:16:18 ET), Jobs did not deny that Apple could be moving to cheaper Intel processors. According to Apple's cofounder, once OS X development was finalized, "then we'll have options, and we like to have options." Will Jobs sell out Mac users on these options as quickly as Apple directors cashed in on their own company shares? Now .Mac, like Microsoft's .Net, doesn't leave iTools users many options.

10. IT'S BEAUTIFUL

When "intel inside" stickers are affixed firmly to the ivory surface of our pristine iMacs, will "Powered by Microsoft Windows" stickers also be an option? Point your Internet Explorer to the link below:
<http://www.microsoft.com/mac/default.asp>

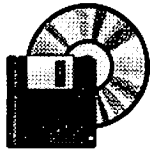
ONCE AN ORCHARD...

Steve Jobs grew up in the apricot orchards, which later became known as Silicon Valley. Apple posted a net profit of \$32 million, or \$.09 per diluted share for Q3, 2002 that ended June 29th, compared to a net profit of \$61 million, or \$.17 per diluted share, for this same period in 2001. With iMac sales to America's ageing population continuing to remain as flat as the monitor panel itself; Mr. Jobs may have more success marketing apricots, or prunes for that matter, than in turning around profit growth for Apple Computer.

To this observer, Apple's recent tactics may or may not be part of a systematic and well-organized conspiracy to propagate corporate misinformation on a biblical scale. According to the late commodity trading genius, Bruce Babcock, markets are run like casinos, for "in order to continue to exist, they must operate in a way that causes most participants to lose. There would not be enough money available to pay the winners if the majority were consistently taking profits." Learn more about his theory at <http://www.rb-trading.com/article7.html>

TWO Ps IN A POD

Traditionally, Macs and PCs have occupied opposite corners of the Computer Supermarket, not unlike like fruit and vegetable sections at Safeway. Let's hope that Apple's ipod will serve the purpose of bringing Dot Nettez and MacAddicts into harmony. Post-Millennial enculturation utilizes technological progress to encourage Peace & Prosperity through equal access to digital resources, and as a cathartic by-product, we may incidentally make beautiful music together..



SHAREWARE NEWS AUGUST DEMO

Demo by Owen Saxton



AntiWord Service 1.0.1 (OSX)

AntiWordService is a free filter service from DEVON technologies that enables any Cocoa application able to read plain text, for example TextEdit or DEVONthink Personal Edition, to open Microsoft Word documents. The actual conversion is done by the command line utility "antiword". So, up to now, only plain text is preserved, no images and no formatting. This may change in some future version of AntiWordService, though. Requires OS X 10.1+. Free.



CalcService 2.7 (OSX)

This service calculates the result of a selected formula within all Cocoa applications (e.g. Textedit, Mail, Stickies, Notes, ProjectBuilder, Fire, OmniWeb or TeXShop) and appends the result to the formula or replaces the formula with the result. In addition there's the possibility to display the result in a panel without modifying the text. So there's no more need to start Calculator or stuff like that if you only want to calculate some values immediately within text-windows or dialog-fields. It handles the standard arithmetic operators and basic math functions and has several named constants available. Requires OS X 10.1+. Free

Celestia 1.2.2 (OSX)

Celestia is a real-time space simulation that lets you experience our universe in three dimensions. Unlike most planetarium software, Celestia doesn't confine you to the surface of the Earth. You can travel throughout the solar system, to any of over 100,000 stars, or even beyond the galaxy. All travel in Celestia is seamless; the exponential zoom feature lets you explore space across a huge range of scales, from galaxy clusters down to spacecraft only a few meters across. A 'point-and-goto' interface makes it simple to navigate through the universe to the object you want to visit. Requires OS X 10.1.2+. Free.



EarthDesk 1.0.4 (Cbn)

The first product of its kind to support both Classic MacOS and OS X, EarthDesk replaces your static desktop picture with ever-changing, beautiful maps of the world with correct sun and moon illumination. Requires OS 8.6+ with CarbonLib. or OS X. \$20.



eFreeCell 1.0.1 (Cl)

eFreeCell is a Macintosh version of the solitaire card games Freecell and Baker's Game. It features unlimited undos, auto-saving, extensive statistics, and more. Best of all, it's free! Requires OS 7.1+. Free.



FileXaminer 1.1 (OSX)

FileXaminer enables a file's attributes to be examined and changed. Its feature list includes :

- Authenticate as an Administrator to perform all actions
- Create/Delete system Groups (without using NetInfo manager)
- Change UNIX Permissions
- Delete files as administrator using FileXaminer Super Delete
- Custom Icon Editing
- External Icon Editor Support
- Change Owner and Group
- Unique Privilege Presets make easy work of locking down your files and folders (ie no UNIX experience necessary)
- Change Creation and Modification dates
- Change Macintosh Type and Creator codes
- Lock and Unlock files
- Set Set User ID, Set Group ID bits on files
- Set the sticky bit on folders
- Work on multiple files at the same time using Batch mode
- Change Type/Creator
- Permissions
- User and Group
- Lock and Unlock files
- Modify Custom Icons
- Change Creation and Modification Dates
- Type and Creator favorites
- Recursive Owner/Group and Permission setting

- Services Support
- External Hex editor support
- Dock Menu Support
- Force Empty Trash
- Copy paths of Finder Selection to Clipboard
- Group Finder Selection in a new folder
- Batch Get Info on Finder selection
- Get Info on Finder selection
- Finder Hot Key Support
- Copy Paths of Selected to Clipboard (Apple-Shift-C)
- Group Selected in folder (Apple-Option-G)
- Get Info on selection (Apple-Shift-I)
- Batch Get Info on selection (Apple-Shift-B)
- Unmatched Contextual Menu Support (* Part of included FileXaminer CM Pack)
- FileXaminer CM (Perform Get Info and Batch Get Info on Finder selection)
- Copy Path* (Copy Path(s) of Finder selection to clipboard)
- Make Private* (Lock down your files and folders)
- Make Executable* (Set Executable bit)
- Clear Type/Creator* (Clear Type/Creator Information)
- Super Delete* (Delete any file/folder as Administrator)

FileXaminer eliminates the need to use Terminal, and makes changing attributes on files(s) and folder(s) a breeze. Requires OS X 10.1+. \$10.



GridX 1.2 (CIs) /Gridx 1.2 (OSX)

GridX is a small, simple mental math game. The object is to fill in numbered squares on the grid, before the time limit runs out. The time limit can be adjusted, and can be set for either a single round (count down the time for one square on the grid), or for the entire game (where you must fill in all the squares before the set time runs out). This can be difficult, but there is a high scores list, so you'll still get your glory. :) Go ahead and try out this little bit of freeware! Requires OS 7.1+ or OS X. Free.



MemoryStick 1.1 (OSX)

MemoryStick does one thing and does it well: it provides a graphical display of your physical RAM usage under Mac OS X. This tells you whether you have enough RAM to avoid virtual memory swapouts during normal activity; virtual memory swapouts make Mac OS X much slower. Requires OS X. Free.

MoonDock 1.2.2 (OSX)

MoonDock is a lightweight application designed for displaying up-to-date images of the Moon phase in your sys-

tem MacOS X Dock or as a floating Moon image on your desktop. MoonDock also enables you to examine phase information for specific dates and times between 2001 and 2015. If you are an amateur astronomer, learning about the night sky or would just like to have the Moon on your desktop this is for you.

- Displays current Moon phase image in your Dock and Desktop
- Provides popup information panel of Moon data
- Allows custom viewing of Moon images/data (2001-2015)
- Optimized for minimum resource usage

Requires OS X 10.1+. Free.



PixelScope 1.0.1 (Cbn)

If you've ever needed to see what's going on with individual pixels, then this is for you! PixelScope puts up a single window which shows an area around the cursor position. This can be magnified up to 17 times or shrunk to a "magnification" of 0.25 (one quarter). Copy the contents of said window to the clipboard and paste into your favorite graphics handler. Requires OS 9 or OS X. \$7.



Super Get Info Demo 1.0.8 (OSX)

Super Get Info 1.0 is a utility designed to serve as a replacement for the Mac OS X Finder's Show Info command. Super Get Info allows you to do the following:

- Open more than one info window at a time
 - View and edit the Macintosh type and creator codes associated with a file
 - View and edit the Unix owner, group, and permission settings associated with a file or folder
 - Change a file or folder's creation and modification dates
 - Copy (or drag and drop) a file or folder's path info
- Requires OS X. \$20.



WeatherPop 1.1 (OSX)

WeatherPop displays, in the menu bar, the current weather conditions for virtually any city or town in the world. Just enter the zip code or name of the city and WeatherPop will go out on the Web and retrieve new information every 15 minutes. Requires OS X. Free.

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WordService 2.3.1 (OSX)

This service provides 30 functions to convert, format or speak the currently selected text, to insert data or to show statistics of the selection within all Cocoa applications (e.g. Textedit, Mail, Stickies, Notes, Fire, OmniWeb, ProjectBuilder or TeXShop) and Carbon applications supporting services. Functions include:

- Reformat
- Remove line endings/multiple spaces/quotes
- Trim line beginnings/line endings/lines
- Sort lines ascending/descending
- Shift left/right
- Initial Caps Of Words/Sentences
- All Caps/Lowercase
- Macintosh/Windows/Unix line endings
- Encode/Decode tabs
- Straight/Smart Quotes
- Rotate 13
- Insert date/date & time/time/contents of path
- Speak native/german text
- Statistics

Requires OS X 10.1+. Free.

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Simply Mac

Mac basics we sometimes forget

USB keyboards usually do not have a system power key - the one with a left-pointing triangle - which makes shutdown simple. But you can still shutdown without going to the Special menu - hold down control and hit the eject key (which only USB keyboards have).



Tip O' the Month From O'Reilly

CREATE A PDF FILE.

You can create a real PDF file in Mac OS X without Adobe Acrobat. The advantage is that any PC or Mac can read a PDF file - no word processor required (Acrobat Reader is, though).

Open a document in your favorite application and then choose PRINT. At the bottom of the Print dialogue box you will see a PREVIEW button. It will open your document in the Preview application that's included with Mac OS X.

You'll notice that when your document is displayed in Preview, it already looks like a PDF file. Now all you have to do is choose FILE, then Save As PDF, and Mac OS X will convert your document into a real live PDF. Now you can send it to anyone, anywhere.

--- IMPORTANT READ-ME ---

SECURITY AND YOU

To pass through the security gate on **August 5** you will need:

- **To be on our list of members**
If your membership has lapsed, send me an email by Saturday, **August 3**
- **aquaman47@mac.com**, to tell me you plan to attend
- **(Of course, err, um, don't forget to pay your dues at the meeting)**

AND !!!

Be prepared to show a photo ID at the gate.

All guests are welcome as always, but you or they must email me by **August 3** so they can be on the list of attendees to be submitted to SLAC security.

Thanks for your cooperation.

-Frank Smith

SILENT AUCTION

Every month the shareware team helps members sell equipment, software, and hardware they no longer need. Please keep this a success by visiting our tables and bidding on these items. Here is how it works:

1. Bring your item to the next general meeting.
2. Fill out an auction sheet with your name, a description of the item, and a minimum asking bid.
3. Leave the item, the sheet, and say hi to the share ware table people.
4. At the break, go back to the table and check out the bids on your sheet. Pick the person you want to sell to, find him/her, and make the deal. (If you bid, please check during the break to see if you can connect with the seller). Please do not wait till after the meeting, as some team members need to go home and we have to put the table back!
5. You can leave a telephone number on the sheet if that is how you want to be contacted. But the shareware team will NOT make deliveries!

PLEASE NOTE: We will make every effort to keep your item secure. However we take no responsibility, and theft is your risk alone. We suggest you keep easily stolen items, like SIMM chips, with you and just leave the auction sheet.

Sorry, we cannot provide electrical power to demo hardware.

We cannot be held responsible for items forgotten by their owners.

Contributions:

Contributions to SMUG News are always welcome, preferably on disk or via e-mail in a file format readable by QuarkXPress. Files can also be uploaded to the Newsletter Coordinator Phil Stephens at philipstep@aol.com

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CALENDAR OF SMUG EVENTS

Monday, August 5

General Meeting:

Panofsky Auditorium, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC),
2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park.

Meeting:

Begins at 6:30pm. See page 2 for details

***Shareware Team meeting** at Owen Saxton's house,
1442 San Marcos Circle, Mt. View.

Meeting starts at 7:15 pm.

**(Ask a team member for the correct date for this month).*

Tuesday, August 12

Board of Directors meets at 7:30 pm
Cafe La Dolce Vita, 299 California Ave., Palo Alto.

Friday, August 16

DEADLINE for Newsletter articles and Calendar items to be submitted by email to Mike Thornburg <mthorn@rahul.net>.

Just A Reminder

Time to Renew?

You can tell when it's time to renew your Smug membership by checking the mailing label on any issue of the "SMUGNews". Current membership dues are:

Single member..... \$45

Family membership.....\$55

Memberships run year to year, beginning from the first of the month in which you join the club.

Renewals can be made at any club meeting or by sending a check to the address below. When renewing by mail, please include a note telling us of any recent changes to your mail address, email address, and phone number.

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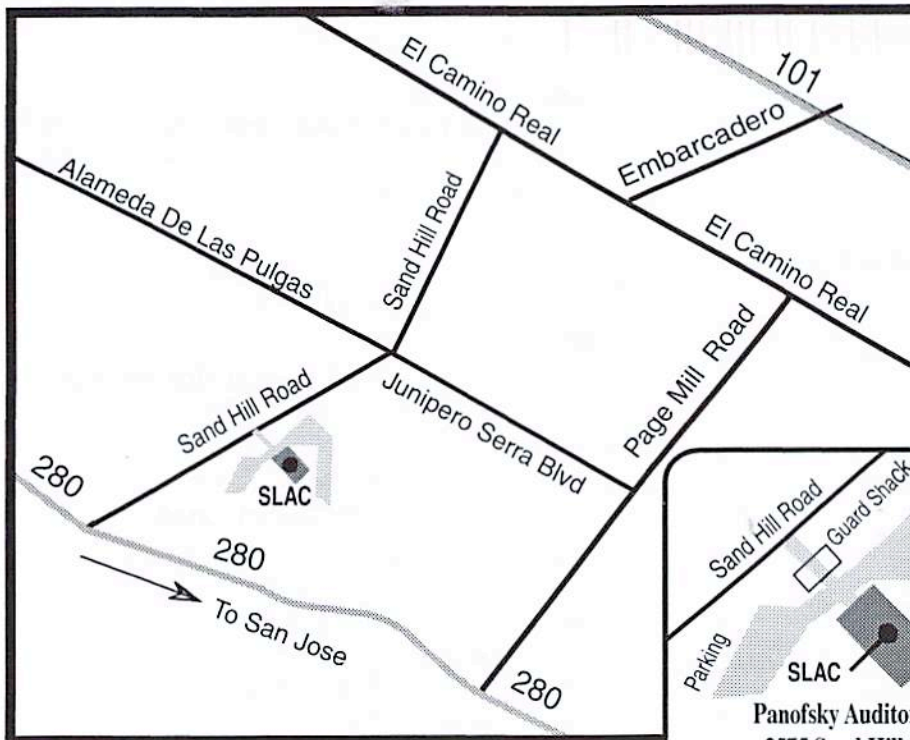
The guest presenter for the meeting will be
Mark Prewitt from **Asante** networking products.

Adobe will be showing their new products at the
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