

BUCKEYE Macintosh GROUP LLC

Serving Macintosh and Internet Users in Central Ohio **February 25, 2008**

Monday, February 25 **Audacity Demo**

General Q&A from 6:15 –
Bring your questions,
new-found suggestions

AT THE MUSEUM OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,
1315 Kinnear Road, south side of the road, easy to find -
EAST of North Star or WEST of Kenny and Olentangy River Roads and Rt. 315.

This month we feature a demonstration of *Audacity*, a free, open source easy-to-use **audio editor and recorder**. Member Al Allen will show how the program can convert cassette tapes to digital music, or LP's to digital music... Use Audacity to *Record* live audio from microphone, line input, and/or import various sound files and multi-layer them, *Convert* tapes and vinyl records into digital recordings or CDs, *Edit* Ogg Vorbis, MP3, WAV or AIFF sound files; Cut, copy, splice or mix sounds together, *Change* the speed or pitch of a recording, Apply various *Effects*, and more.

If you've tried this with *Final Vinyl* or such and wondered if there's a more empowering way, this might be it.

Meanwhile, Webmaster Marge says, take a spin around the BMG site to see what's new, including reviews now posted on the resource page. It's hoped added reviews will snowball offers from vendors (aka "free 'stuff'"). <http://www.buckeyemac.org>

Help (sites) Is On The Way

This one is described as the first basic *Macintosh* help Website, *osxhelp.com*. It claims to bring a new perspective to the Mac help Websites.

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2008/02/06.11.shtml>

"Find Out How" Video Tutorials

Apple has posted a series of video tutorials, several videos within each of six major categories: Mac OS X, Photos, Movies, Web, Music and Documents.

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2008/01/31.9.shtml>

With a brand new video tutorial published every week, **ScreenCastsOnline** covers many aspects of using your Mac with tutorials covering OSX, tutorials for switchers and those new to the Mac, the latest applications, Web 2.0 services and more. Downloadable via iTunes.

<http://www.screencastsonline.com/sco/>

TechRestore Video Dis-sembles MacBook Air

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2008/02/04.5.shtml>

MSFT Bid For Yahoo "Bad" for Internet

Microsoft's offer to buy Yahoo spells bad news for the Internet, according to Google's SrVP Corporate Development/Chief Legal Officer..if Microsoft completes the purchase it could undermine the "openness and innovation" the Internet is built on.

YAHOO: We don't need Microsoft

Yahoo's CEO doesn't think his company needs Microsoft or its unsolicited buyout offer to survive...thinks the online advertising market is ready to explode, that Yahoo is in a strong position to take advantage of that growth.

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2008/02/>

DVD Format War Declared A Draw

The format war for recordable DVDs, DVD-R and DVD+R, is officially over. The DVD6C consortium added DVD+R and DVD+RW to its list of licensable products. Wide availability of dual format players/writers, in practice, terminated the war long ago.

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2008/01/28.6.shtml>

Software Getting Caught Up To Leopard

Adobe quietly rolled out the promised **8.1.2 update for Acrobat** compatibility with Mac OS X 10.5.

DiskWarrior 4.1 has arrived. **DriveGenius 2** is in, adding a new user interface, options and features.

Leopard Retrieves Usable Dock

Apple giveth, taketh away... and sometimes giveth back. In this case, Apple took away some Dock functionality when it replaced pop-up menus with Stacks. Mac OS X 10.5.2 brings Tiger-style functionality back to the Dock.

<http://www.macobserver.com/tip/2008/02/15.1.shtml>

Leopard "Screen Jumping"

Leopard's Spaces feature is significant; it adds Desktop space without requiring you to add extra monitors to your Mac, and it also lets you organize apps, documents, and other windows on specific virtual Desktops. Moving items from Desktop to Desktop is relatively easy, too, thanks to the handy Spaces F8 keyboard shortcut -- but there is a still easier way.

<http://www.macobserver.com/tip/2008/01/30.1.shtml>

Safari Anticipating A Turbo Boost

If current builds of WebKit -- the core technology behind Safari -- are any indication, users can expect to see dramatic speed improvements in Apple's Safari browser once an update is officially released.

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2008/02/11.4.shtml>

TrueCrypt Multi-User Security

Marge Umbarger tripped this over: Truecrypt is now available for Mac OS X. Download the version specific to your OS (Tiger or Leopard) and processor (PowerPC or Intel). Once you set up your secure folder, you can now rest assured your nosy other user has no chance of reading your journal entries. Just remember, if you forget your password, *you* won't be able to read them either!

All four Mac versions of TrueCrypt are here:
http://www.download.com/3120-20_4-0.html?tg=dl-20&qt=macdisp02122008

Office 2008 OS X Permissions Issue

Good for cross-platform compatibility, bad for strict controls on user access in OS X. The Office applications and files are installed with the owner set to user 502 which could potentially create control or security-related issues in multi-user environments. The company is offering a work-around until a permanent fix is available.

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2008/01/28.5.shtml>

BMG CALENDAR

February Meeting

Monday, 25th

Audacity

6:15 General Q&A

7:00 Program

Next - March 24

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