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June Meeting Scott Randell





This past Friday, June 14th we were treated to our annual presentation by Dave Marra. I always look forward to Dave's presentations, because I always pick up a few new tips and techniques, not to mention the excitement he generates. This year was no exception.

Before Dave got into his main pre-

sentation, he went over the highlights from WWDC. Among these were:

- The added features of the up coming version of OS X 10.9 Mavericks
- The new features that will be included in the coming iOS 7
- The new Mac Pro coming later this year
- The upgrades on the new MacBook Air

Next, Dave began the main part of his presentation which was on iWork for Mac and iOS. He started with Keynote, showing all the cool things you can do in making a presentation. First he showed "Magic Move" which is a morphing animation between slides. He then showed "Object Transition", which is animation within a slide. Using these will give your presentation some pizzazz. He also showed; text transitions, and chart animations. Some of these can be viewed at; http://www.apple. com/iwork/keynote/. Dave also demonstrated the Keynote Remote App, which allows you to control your Keynote presentation from your iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad. Later in the presentation he showed how to:

- Reorganize slides
- View all your slides at once using Light Table (you can also reorganize slides in this view)

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July Meeting Rick Matteson



July is all about backup and recovery. Prosoft Engineering, a company in the Macintosh industry since 1985, will showcase software which has been their focus since those early years of the Mac's infancy. Company President, Gordon Bell, will discuss and demonstrate Prosoft's data recovery and utility software for protecting and managing important data

on your Mac. In addition, Mr. Bell will introduce The Data Rescue Center, Prosoft's professional data recovery service.

Prosoft's products include Drive Genius to maintain, manage and optimize hard drives; Data Rescue for emergency file recovery; Data Backup for easy, powerful and flexible backups; Klix for digital picture recovery; and SoundBunny to control application volumes independently.

As a very special part of the presentation, Prosoft will raffle off a \$50 iTunes Gift Card. Each member will get one raffle ticket and as a bonus, one more ticket for each product purchased. (Software purchase forms with special MUG pricing will be available at the meeting.)

Since backup is just about the most valuable habit you should have developed and recovery is almost as important you'll likely get a lot of information to help you get a handle on these critical tasks during this presentation.

There are no SIG meetings this month, but the general meeting will begin with the two usual Q&A sessions followed by the Prosoft presentation.

Bradley's Tech Session



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▶ I've been working with playlist folders in *iTunes* to manage my large col-

lection of about a hundred playlists. I was hoping to put everything of one genre in one folder. There is no way to move a bunch of them (playlists) and move them. Is there something I'm missing? I sent them an email suggesting it.

No, Apple gives you no way of selecting for, then moving, multiple playlists at once. *iTunes* can be scripted and there are a few that help somewhat. For example, check these out: http://dougscripts.com/itunes/scripts/scripts06.php. I'd suggest you try *iFolderer* from http://www.tresrrr.com/iFolderer/ENGLISH.html It allows you to do your rearranging in the Finder to force iTunes to comply with the arrangement there, which is far easier to multi-select and drag around your playlists. There is no manual, but watch the video on the web site and you'll see how to work it.

► Is there any way to click on a song and see what playlist it's part of?

Yes and no. No basically, but you could add a comment to a group of songs and then while your Music library is in Songs view, choose from the View menu, Show View Options and check the checkbox for Comments under the Personal group. You may want to rearrange the horizontal order of the columns to bring it to the left adjacent to the (song) Name. You can then also click on the Comments column

header to re-sort your songs grouped by these playlist comments. If your playlists are arranged in hierarchical folders, then I suggest the comments be edited in a likewise fashion. With playlist folder "B" inside playlist folder "1", I'd make the comment read "1 B" so the sorting will follow along.

- ▶ I have a 2007 MacBook Pro running *Mac OS X 10.6.8*. I think I got it in November. I'm considering updating to *Mountain Lion*. I think I have 4 GB of memory. Do I have to load *OS X 10.7 Lion* first or can I go directly to *OS X 10.8*? I've got *MS Office 2004*.
- The Late 2007 model came out on November 1, 2007, but even the Mid 2007 model, which came out on June 5, 2007 would still be able to install OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion. See http://www. apple.com/osx/specs/ These are pre-unibody designs. As for the memory, 2 GB is the bare minimum, so 4 GB should be OK for basic stuff. Keep in mind that 4 GB under OS X 10.8.x doesn't go quite as far as it did under Mac OS X 10.6. I hear that OS X 10.9 should be better with memory management. Not only can you go directly to 10.8 from 10.6.8, but you have no other choice, as the App Store doesn't offer a 10.7 purchase/ download anymore.

Of course you will have to get the computer ready for the upgrade first. Use *System Profiler*, under the Software

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President's Message



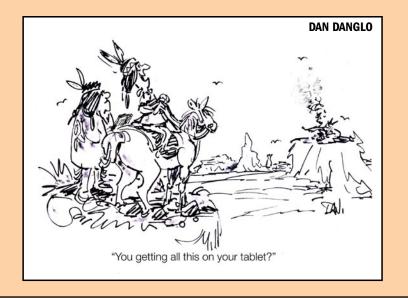
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Over the course of 30 years we have seen the birth of many great computer tech ideas, some came and went while others became part of

our daily life. Now we hear of the evolution of the printer for office and home use, making it so accessible to nearly everyone. Unfortunately, these printers come with a high price tag, but as the market blossoms, competition will bring affordability to many.

Some of our upcoming LIMac presentations will involve the different 3D printers available. These presentations will be very exciting and inspirational because this is still a new field for consumers, and while not established in the home, they offer an exciting presence. If you can draw it, you can build it.

Just imagine, Today, you can purchase one for \$1,200 in hot pink.



- Applications category to find any Kind: PPC or even any left over Classic applications that can't run even now. Universal ones are OK. The scan could take quite a while if you have many dozens of applications. Also check Software - Extensions and Frameworks as well. A selected application will show it's location at the bottom of the window. Use the Finder to trash these. They won't run after the upgrade. I'd check this web site for reports on various applications' compatibility with Mountain Lion: http://roaringapps.com/apps:table

If the program has a newer compatible version, it won't be a problem opening the older version's documents. Microsoft Office 2004 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Entourage) won't run, so you'll have to upgrade. For a program like Apple Works, you will have to do something to handle the files. Apple's Pages can open the word processing style .cwk AppleWorks files and Apple's Numbers can open the spreadsheet style .cwk files. Pages can also open your Word files and Numbers can open your Excel files. Considerably cheaper than Office:Mac 2011 Home and Business. Finding what each one is can be a problem if they are not seperated somehow. Database format .cwk files will have to be exported first to an interchange format file for them to be opened by some other program.

Any old programs at startup or invoked with a LaunchDaemon or LaunchAgent or StartupItems from your /Library folder could be a problem, so review them first. Check your System Preferences - Other as well as your

Applications. Then I'd use *Disk Utility* to Repair Disk Permissions and Verify Disk (directories) and then make sure your backup is up-to-date, before installing the new operating system. Some newer programs work with 10.6.8 as well as 10.8.4, so you can install them before the upgrade. Some newer releases require 10.7 or newer to download or install in the first place, so you will have to wait till after the system upgrade before you can install them.

Some programs like *Microsoft Office* 2011 will install conflicting older versions of some typefaces, so you will have to use *Font Book* to fix the problem. While you're there, you'll probably want to disable the bunch of non-English fonts Apple puts in. By the way, *Microsoft Auto Update* often won't detect that there is in fact an update past version 14.1, but there are two more jumps after that, 14.2.3 and the latest 14.3.5 which you can get from http://www.microsoft.com/mac/downloads.

For folks with a good number of 3rd party applications, skating by with older software under *Mac OS X 10.6.x*, the upgrade to *OS 10.8* can be very expensive as they have to upgrade this other software. You may also find that your scanner or printer is no longer supported by the manufacturer. In many cases, Apple offers printer and scanner drivers. The scanner driver tends to be a ICA plugin for Apple's *Image Capture* application which tends to be less functional than the original scanning program. Check this page out: http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3669?viewlocale=en US&locale=en

US. For many unsuported scanners, I suggest, besides buying a newer model, getting Hamrick Software's VueScan Pro. check here first http://www.hamrick.com/vuescan/vuescan.htm#supported The Pro version is \$79.95 which could come close to the price of a new entry level scanner.

If you are upgrading a program like *Adobe Photoshop*, the new version is 64-bit which means it needs 64-bit plugins (e.g. Alien Skin, Extensis *Suitcase*, Nik Software, and OnOne Software) which also includes scanner drivers like the popular *SilverFast*, so the assorted plug-in upgrades could add up big time. To be honest, many folks can't deal with the trouble of reviewing and upgrading all their programs. It's time consuming and expensive. On top of that, learning the new programs and operating system.

- ▶ What hard drive would I recommend for sharing files between my Mac running *Mac OS X 10.5.8* and a PC running *Windows?* About 32 GB.
- They don't make portable hard drivesthat small anymore. Smallest I could find was a wireless/USB 2.0 one at 64 GB for \$90. You probably are better off with the even more portable USB flash drive of 32 GB. I see one for just \$21.99 at newegg that supports USB 3.0, but downward compatible with USB 2.0 The USB 3.0 spec models are internally faster than the USB 2.0 spec models, so even when you connect them to the slower USB 2.0 port in your older iMac, it will work as fast as possible. The write speeds tend to be slower than the read speeds, but this little

guy can write up to 33 Mbps. A little more, like \$30 gets you even faster and more durable.

While the USB flash drive is typically formatted for Windows users in a FAT 32 format that the Mac can also read and write most files to without a problem, it does tend to be slower with this format and it does not work well with applications and other files that have both a data fork as well as a resource fork, normally invisible to Mac users. Pictures and movies from a digital camera/camcorder do not have a resource fork. So for my 32 GB USB 3.0 flash drive, which I intend to use mostly for use with Macs, I used Disk Utility to partition the drive, mostly as a Mac OS Extended volume and a much smaller Windows partition. Not that it's likely to be useful for everyone, I also made a small Mac partition and restored a Mountain Lion installation disk image to it, so I can install Mountain Lion on people's machines with it. When you insert this paritioned flash drive, all the partitions will mount on a Mac but only the Windows partition will be seen by the typical Windows machine. TransMac from Acute Systems, \$48, or Paragon HFS+ for Windows, \$19.95 or the \$49.64 MacDisk from Logiciels & Services Duhem will allow a PC to read the Mac partition.

FAT32 volumes have a problem where you can't put a file on it that is larger than 4 GB. You will find NTFS on hard drives larger than 137G in capacity. If you are sharing large files with a PC, and you opt for an external USB hard

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drive, which will be formatted as NTFS, then be aware that the Mac can read from but not write to a NTFS volume without some help. The best is Paragon Software's NTFS for Mac v10.0.2 for \$19.95. Besides just read/write access, it adds to Disk Utility the ability to format a volume as "Windows NT Filesystem" which can then be used with a Windows machine as well as the Mac.

► How do you move multiple *iPhoto* images into an email?.

■ I can think of several ways. The problems come from the fact that people now have high resolution cameras, which makes sending multiple images a problem. If you have your Mail compose window open as well as the iPhoto window open, select your photos. Remember that shift-clicking the succeeding images will do a contiguous extension and command-clicking can add arbitrary photos to the selection. Then drag one of the selected into the body of the email and they will all go. The cursor will include the thumbnail of the photo you clicked on to start the group drag and a red dot at the lower right with the number of photos being dragged as well as a green dot with a plus sign showing you are adding content to the email. Once in the email's body they are still selected and highlighted. If you look at the bottom of the window, on the left side you will see the total size of the message. This must remain below 7 MB if you are using Optimum Online or Verizon email. Gmail and Yahoo users can have much larger attachments. Gmail/Yahoo mail users can have up to

17.85 MB total message size. (It's actually 25 MB, but encoding generally adds 40%) If the total is too high, look on the bottom right were there is a Image Size pop-up menu. By default it says Actual Size, but there are other choices like Large, Medium and Small. An image copy resampled as "Small" will be 320 pixels on it's longest edge. That would be about 152 KB. You should be able to attach about 46 images resampled to "Small." "Medium" resamples to 640 pixels on the longest edge, while "Large" is 1296 pixels on the longest edge. Predictably then, "Medium" images are about 304 KB, so you can attach 23 of these. Depending on the importance of individual images, you can compromise and make some small and some medium and some large or even actual size.

You can also use the Window menu in Mail and select Photo Browser. There you may see a line for Aperture and one for iPhoto and one for Photo Booth. If you click the disclosure triangle for iPhoto, you will see indented Events, Photos, Faces, Places, some recent date, Last Import, Last 12 Months, Flagged and your custom albums. Finally you may see FaceBook and Flickr albums. Click on any of these and a series of thumbnails will appear below. This window can be resized. Double-clicking on any thumbnail will make it fill this area where the thumbnails were before. Click again to restore the thumbnail view. You can click and drag individual images into the body of your message or make a multiple selection and drag in several at a time. Again you can use the Image Size pop-up at the bottom of the new message window to change the sent size of these images. The originals are left at the resolution they were. By the way, any movies in *iPhoto* can be dragged in as well.

Recent versions of *iPhoto* have their

own options for emailing up to ten images. Depending on iPhoto's preferences, it can handle the emailing all on it's own, or handoff the sending to Apple's Mail. Assuming for the moment, iPhoto is set to Email photos in iPhoto itself, just make a selection and click the Share button and select Email from the pop-up menu. If the selection does not include videos, you get a new compose panel in the center of the iPhoto window. Start typing the name of the recipient and it will pull your contacts from your Address Book/Contacts. The title by default is "Photos from" and the name of the album from whence the images came from. You can select which of your email accounts to attribute this email's From field. *iPhoto* offers a selection of ten themes to artfully arrange eight of your photos. You can click above the first photo and type some text. If you choose either the Classic or Journal theme, you can pick different size images. Similar to Mail, on the lower right is a Photo Size pop-up menu where you can switch from Actual Size to Small, Medium or Large. There is a unique option called Optimized which offers a greater amount of JPEG compression without undo resolution compromise. iPhoto will not allow you to use a different photo size for one picture and another size for another photo. What it can do is offer a zoom and pan option for each picture.

Assuming the overall message size isn't too big, just click the Send button. If you have changed *iPhoto's* preferences to use Mail to send email, then when you have made your selection and clicked the Share button and selected Mail, then you get a small dialog box where you can choose size and get checkbox options for including Titles, descriptions or Location information. It estimates the file size right here. Of course even if you selected 11 photos, it's going to send 10 of them. Don't even try 31 photos - it will lock up iPhoto. So you click Compose Message and you are dropped into Mail with a pre-composed email with a subject of 10 great iPhotos. Or perhaps a lower number if you selected less than 10. Often the size is set wrong, but easily fixed and the size estimation was poor. So unless you like a themed arrangement of eight small photos, (or some even number lower than 8) I think it's better to leave the composition in Mail.

- ▶ I got an iPhone with a 2GB/month data plan that's been going over with a lot of data at night. No *Pandora* and I do quit apps I'm not using.
- I would turn off the diagnostics in Settings General About Diagnostics and Usage and also kill the iClould backup. I'd also try disabling location services. The phone may be on WiFi, but when it goes to sleep, it's not entirely asleep and switches to using the cellular connection. You might also try a little experiment at bedtime. Leave WiFi on, but disable the cellular data part. Settings General Cellular.

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Next, Dave showed Pages. He showed how to start a new document using templates, and how to edit an existing document. Dave explained, that you can open Microsoft Word files using Pages. He also mentioned that you can open other Microsoft Office documents using their iWork equivalents. Later in the presentation, he showed how to export iWork files to Microsoft Office files. During the Pages demo he showed formatting, adding images, enhancing images with frames and borders, and using text wrap, to wrap words around images. In OS X Lion and above, Dave explained, every save creates a version of the document with the most recent changes you have made. When you bring up versions, you can copy and paste elements of the document between older and newer versions. He concluded the Pages segment by showing how to export your document as an ePub file, which can be easily read on mobile devices.

Up next was *Numbers*. Dave showed:

- How to use templates
- How to add the most common functions
- How to make and edit charts and graphs
- How to use print view to enable you to print the spreadsheet and any charts you created on a single page

At this point, he showed the *iOS* version of *iWork*, and how to use iCloud to make your *iWork* documents available on all your devices. He showed that if you edit a file on one device, the changes will automatically happen on all your devices.

As always, you had to be there to really appreciate the presentation. This is especially true with Dave's presentations, because so much of it is visual. All in attendance, learned new things, and had fun in the process. On behalf of LIMac I would like to thank Dave for his continued support of our group. I look forward to the next (as LIMac VP George Canellis calls it) Marra-palooza.

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- ▶ My iPhone's speaker on the bottom stopped working yesterday. It's happened before. I tried cleaning the little holes on the bottom. It's not the switch on the side. Before I bring it to the Apple Store, what do you suggest?
- I would first try to clean any debris from the inside of the headphone jack as well as the dock connector, which could cause the speaker to stop working while the headphones would still work. Try inserting and removing the headphone plug a few times. It could be that AirPlay was used and the

audio output was left set to something other than the iPhone, meaning it's built-in speaker, instead sending the audio off to some now unavailable AppleTV or perhaps a bluetooth device which could be your car. Double-tap the home button and swipe the strip at the bottom of recently used apps left to right twice to reveal the Airplay icon. Tap that and change the sound output. Sometimes it's a hidden software issue and the earpiece speaker doesn't work either. For that you should go through a restore process which should reload the iOS operating system.





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