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Meet Mac OS8

The September meeting of LIMac promises to be the best of the year with a live demonstration of Apple's *System OS8*, the newest version.

This version of the system software is not an incremental upgrade, but a *major* revision inside and out.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Bill Hall of Apple Computer, will be giving a detailed presentation on the new *Mac OS*. His demonstration will not only explain why the internal changes make this the most stable version of the *Mac OS* ever, but also how the changes in the *Graphic User Interface* (GUI) make it the easiest and most productive for both high end and basic computer users. This is the best Internet operating system on the market today. If you use the Internet, you will want *Mac OS8*. If you need the Internet, *Mac*



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OS8 is right for you. If you love the Internet, you will not be able to live without *Mac OS8*.

Mr. Hall brings to this event his many years of experience as a Systems Engineer servicing Apple's education clientele.

► Later in the evening, as a part of the presentation of the Educators Special Interest Group (EdSIG), I will be making a presentation of the eMate 300 product. This is the hottest product in the education market today,

and it has only now been released to the general consumer market. If you long for the simplicity of an earlier generation of computers in a mere four-pound powerbook-like container, come to Room 316, Building 300 (*see directions below*) and meet the eMate 300. ■

—Kirk R. Cronk

September's Meetings**General Meeting: Friday, Sept. 12, 7:00 P.M.**

The September meeting of LIMac promises to be the best of the year. It's a live demonstration of Apple's *System OS8*, the newest version.

This month's General Meeting will be held in Salten Hall at The New York Institute of Technology. Salten Hall is the first building on your left as you enter the campus from Northern Boulevard. Park on the field at your right, across from Salten Hall.

Ed SIG: Friday, Sept. 12, 9:00 P.M.

A representative from Educational Technology Associates, our own Kirk Cronk, is bringing a couple of eMates for us to look at and play with!

The EdSIG meeting will be held in Room 316, Building 300 at the New York Institute of Technology (right next to Salten Hall.)

Beginners SIG: Friday, Sept. 19, 7:00 P.M.

The topic will be *Inside Your System*.

The Beginners SIG will be held in Building 500 at NYIT.

DTP SIG:

This month's meeting will be part of the General Meeting.

Internet SIG: Monday Sept. 15, 7:30 P.M.

Further exploration of the Internet. The Internet SIG will meet in the auditorium of the Bethpage Public Library.

The next LIMac board meeting will be held at the Plainedge Library on Tuesday, September 16, 1997



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Quicken 7.0 & Deluxe:

A review by Max Rechtman
Quicken 7 and *Quicken Deluxe 7* from Intuit are two of the best programs written

for personal financial management. *Quicken Deluxe* comes on a CD-ROM and offers several features not found in *Quicken 7*, such as financial planning tools (Net Worth Analysis, Retirement Planner, and Debt Reduction

Planner, the ability to download historical stock prices and financial news from the internet. Also included in the Deluxe version is a Mutual Fund Finder that utilizes data from Morningstar, and allows for the searching and creation of fund lists based on a variety of user defined criteria such as risk level, rate of return, minimum investment etc.

It is impossible to review every feature that *Quicken* has to offer. There is something in the

program for everyone, and that makes its purchase well worth the modest cost.

Quicken can track your investments, assets, debts, income and expenses, manage your bank accounts, and maintain your checkbook. With *Quicken* you will no longer have an excuse for your checkbook being out of balance. Personally, I don't use the checkbook feature. I find that I don't have the discipline to enter all income and expenses into a check register

twice. I need my checkbook with me, and I don't have a Newton with which to do my finances. For me, using *Quicken* as a checkwriter is like trying to kill an ant with an atomic bomb. However friends that use the checkbook feature, rightly point out that I lose the ability to track my expenses. Also, many banks will allow you to do on-line banking with *Quicken*. Reconciling the checkbook is quick, easy and always correct.

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President's Message

If politics makes strange bedfellows, do business circumstances create stranger bedfellows? The front page article in THE NEW YORK TIMES regarding Steve Jobs keynote address at MacWorld Expo had a large photograph of Bill Gates on the monitors. Compare this with the much smaller photograph of Steve Jobs. Is Big Brother ...? Larry Ellison is named as a director simultaneously with the announcement regarding Microsoft's investment in Apple!

Much is being written about this collaboration. After the initial shock, my attitude is: wait and see! About 8 years back, there was a major announcement about a collaboration between DEC & Apple. Did anything come out of that announcement/hype? I can think of other announcements that came to naught. Perhaps the best thing at present is to repeat a currently popular phrase: Show me the money!

For us, the immediate issues of concern are the performance and stability of *Mac OS8* and Apple's policy regarding the licensing program of the OS. Our September meeting, with a presentation on *Mac OS8*, is an excellent way to kick off our Fall programs and the big membership drive. We are holding this meeting in a bigger room to accommodate the large attendance expected. LIMac has steadily grown over the past twelve years thanks to the dedication and volunteerism shown by many members.

Surprisingly absent from the Jobs keynote address was the issue regarding OS licensing. Only a few weeks back, Apple had indicated that a satisfactory resolution of this issue was important to the long term growth of the OS. I am pro-choice! I am speaking about having a choice of different hardware for the *Mac OS*. I had written on this subject previously. There is an excellent editorial by Pamela Pfiffner, the Editor in Chief of MACUSER, on Page 17 of the September issue entitled *The Joke's on Us*. To quote her:

"Apple needs to realize, once and for all, that its fortunes are tied to the success of the Macintosh platform, not just the sales of Macintosh hardware."

I recommend highly that you read this article and sign the petition to Apple at MACUSER's website: www.macuser.com/petition. Your voice needs to be heard. ■

Technical Corner

► While organizing fonts with *ATM Deluxe 4.0* and *Adobe Type Reunion 2.0* get error message stating *Find File* needs more RAM. I have 10MB for *System* software out of 72MB total. What can I do to solve this problem?

Open your *System Folder*, then the *Apple Menu Items* folder, then *Get Info...* on *Find File*. It's an application so you can allocate more memory to it. The default is 280K, so give it 25% more (as a general rule). The fact that you have 72MB (or four times that much) of RAM is unimportant; the way you allocate that memory is far more important. Take a look at the *About This Computer* in the *Apple Menu*. The bar for *System* software should have about 15-20% white space at the end. The white space is the *System Heap Space*. Think of it as breathing room for the *System* to expand due to loaded shared libraries and other components. The shareware, *HeapTool*, is ideal for fixing this. The commercial *Extension* managers like *Now Startup Manager* and *Conflict Catcher* have options that take of this for you. They have the advantage of setting a floating percentile rather than just the absolute value of *HeapTool*. When you turn off *Extensions* and *Control Panels*, the *System's* memory requirements drop, so the *System Heap* space should adjust. Apple was supposed to take care of this with the introduction of *System 7.0*, but never did.

► Using *System 7.5.3* on a PowerMac 7200. I thought the font set I used to create a document was standard Apple issue. When I brought the file to Kinko's for a color printout, I got overlapping letters and different sized letters. They said they have standard Apple fonts, too. Did I miss something?

Somebody, either you or them, does not know precisely what font types and versions you or they have. I would examine my *System Folder's* *Fonts* folder and keep a log of what fonts are *TrueType* and which are *bitmapped* fonts with accompanying *PostScript* fonts. You or they may have installed something that replaced Apple's *TrueTypes* with *PostScript* versions. Also check the version of the software you are using versus the version Kinko's has. They may have an older version that measures type and kerns/tracks type differently. There are many potential pitfalls. Do not rely on any printed material



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TIP!

Spacing Dotted Leaders:

In *QuarkXPress*, you can adjust the space between dots (or other characters) in tabbed leaders by selecting the entire tab in the text box, and applying tracking to it.



TIP!

Saving addresses in Claris Mailer 2.0:

After you've received an e-Mail message, it's easy to save the sender's address. Simply click on the + button next to the *From* name. This opens a dialog in which you can enter the sender's details in your address book.

With *Quicken* you can track purchases and sales of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. You can keep track of cost basis and determine gain or loss on the transaction. *Quicken* can prepare reports on portfolio value, return on investment, annualized performance, investment transactions, etc. What's more, these reports can be customized, and memorized for future use so that they need not be recreated.

Quicken also offers a complete suite of per-

sonalized and business reports. For those that feel a picture is worth a thousand words, *Quicken's* graphing options will let you see how you are doing.

Some people use *Quicken* to maintain the books of a small company. If your business grows, you can move up to *QuickBooks* or *QuickBooks Pro* to manage your business. Unfortunately, Intuit does not plan future upgrades of *QuickBooks* or *QuickBooks Pro* for

the Mac, citing lack of demand for these products as the reason.

Quicken is now PowerPC native, and faster than previous versions. The user interface has been improved and features a customizable tool bar. The work space can be personalized and the registers have been enhanced for faster data entry. Initial setup is quick and easy, but the user must keep up with data input in order for the program to be useful. *Quicken 7* and

Quicken Deluxe 7 are fine upgrades, that offer enough new features to warrant upgrading.

I rate this program \$4 out of a possible \$5. Intuit is now working on version 8 of these products.



TIP!

Enhancing Detail in Photoshop:

To bring out details, the *Sharpening Tool* will tend to degrade your image. Instead, use the *Dodge* and *Burn Tools*, set at a low to medium percentage. The idea is to build contrast, which will do a fine job of enhancing detail. With the *Dodge* (lightening) *Tool* set for highlights, it will hardly affect the shadows; by the same token, the *Burn Tool* set for midtones or shadows will not hurt the highlights. Use a fuzzy brush and a light hand for these corrections.

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posted at Kinko's. It is outdated and does not reflect the actual details on the workstation you use. Also be aware that if you have a *QuickDraw* printer and Kinko's is using a *Postscript* output device, then the default option under *Options* in the *Page Setup* box is to substitute Times for New York, Helvetica for Geneva and Courier for Monaco. If you used any of these fonts, then check the page setup options. Your *QuickDraw* printer driver will not substitute. Even if you do have a monochrome *Postscript* printer, you may have changed that option at home and did not change it at Kinko's. Another problem you may encounter is variations in font naming, even among Adobe's *PostScript* fonts. You may have the Times family as Times Roman, B Times Bold, I Times Italic and BI Times Bold Italic, while Kinko's may have it as Times Roman, Times Bold, Times Italic and Times Bold Italic, without the initial letters. If you use *Type Reunion* or the like, then these naming differences will be hidden to you. Of course if you have the *TrueType* version, you just get Times, to which an additional style may be applied to it, like Times (Italic). One last problem arises due to ignorance. You can apply the bold style to Times Bold (or B Times Bold) and it will appear bolder on screen. If you have a *QuickDraw* printer, like a *Style Writer*, it will print fatter, but there is no *Postscript* font for Times Bold Bold, so it will only print as Times Bold on a *PostScript* printer. One other thing to check is your *ATM* settings. You may have *Preserve Line Spacing* set, while Kinko's may have *Preserve Character Shapes* set. Also you may differ on the setting of *Precision Character Positioning* setting. Some programs have independent settings in the *Preferences* for this and call it *Fractional Character Widths*. *Word* and *ClarisWorks* are good examples. One last thing to consider, since Kinko's probably doesn't take care of their Macs daily, they could have a corrupted font. Things just get worse if you start adding more than the Apple standard collection of fonts. Like Adobe's ITC Symbol looks nothing like Apple's Symbol.

► **When Internet posting to four newsgroups simultaneously with *Netscape Navigator 3.0.1*, do I put the names of the newsgroups in the *Newsgroups:* field or the *cc:* field?**

Don't even try. *Netscape News* function doesn't let you post to four groups simultaneously. I've tried. Switch to *NewsWatcher 2.1.6* and upgrade your *Navigator* to 3.0.2 or try *Communicator 4.0.1*. The *cc:* field is to e-Mail yourself a copy of the posting to the newsgroup.

► **I want to use an APC (brand) Back UPS Office with a Power Mac 8500/120 using an AppleVision I710AV. Given that it's not a heavy duty UPS (low VA rating), will it give me at least 5-10 minutes before it conks out or will it be overloaded immediately?**

I would say it couldn't handle that setup and you should get a Back UPS Pro 420 VA or 650 VA size. I would only recommend the Back UPS office to back up a *modem* or an *Ethernet* hub, or maybe an external hard drive But it doesn't have enough guts to back up any computer except a Mac Classic or a Plus.

► **Any comments or feedback on the Internet provider, Mindspring (formerly PSInet)?**

I have heard good things, most notably good pricing on ISDN connections.

► **I have a Centris 650. I went to the store and told the salesperson I want a program to capture video and watch TV. I was told I needed to upgrade the computer. Is that right, or do I just need a program?**

The Centris 650 does not have an NTSC or a VHF video input, so you would have to find an old NuBus card for capturing video. Unfortunately, Apple doesn't make NuBus equipped Macs anymore, so it will be difficult to find something. I've seen the old Radius VideoVision (NuBus) package for \$1699. You would have to use a VCR for the tuner, as it just does video. There still remains the problem of the Centris 650 being too slow to do any real work in *QuickTime* video capture and edit, and you would still need a Fast and Wide Ultra SCSI card and disk array to record the video and audio data. If I wanted to do modest level work in video, I would suggest a Power Mac 7300 with a Miromotion DC30 or Bravada 1000 capture and output card, an Adaptec AHA-3940 dual port Ultra SCSI card and a pair of 9G Micropolis Tomahawk AV drives to store the video. If you just want to play around on next to no budget, trade in your 650 for a Quadra 840AV or a Power Mac 7100/80AV. It's video in and out features will get your feet

THE CHALKBOARD

(EdSIG Notes)

Hey, teach! Don't miss this one! Our September meeting is going to be big. I mean really BIG! You already know that Apple is coming to demo *Mac OS8*, right? But did you know that a representative from Educational Technology Associates, our own Kirk Cronk, is bringing a couple of eMates for us to look at and play with? Well now you do. Kirk will discuss and demo the Newton-In-A-Green-Clamshell and then give us the opportunity to get our hands on them and play. If you haven't seen an eMate yet, I'm sure you'll find it really cool.

We also need to discuss the future of the EdSIG. We'll draft our 97-98 schedule of meetings and set up our equipment toting roster. So make sure your voice is heard, because it's your EdSIG. Cutting this meeting will not be tolerated!



TIP!

Transparent Type in QuarkXPress using QX-Tools:

1. Create a *picture* box and import a *PICT* or *TIFF* image into that box.
2. Create your *text* box, type in the text you want overlaid on the image and do any formatting on that text. The text can be any color.
3. Select the *text* box and the *picture* box and *group* them together.
4. Open the *QX-Filters* palette. Click on the *picture* box with the *content* tool. Click on the *Mask Selected* button in the *QX-Filter* palette.
5. Now apply the filter *Brightness and Contrast* to the image. Set both the *Brightness* and the *Contrast* to +.
6. *Ungroup* the *text* box and the *picture* box. Select the *text* box only with the *Item Tool* and move the *text* box off of the *picture* box.
7. Voila! Underneath the *text* box you will have a transparent image of the text on your picture.

Even More Tech Corner!

wet. For entertainment/personal purposes, try the Connectix QuickCam. I've seen the color model for \$140. It's a little video camera that connects to your serial port. You can't grab TV broadcasts or something on video tape and it's very jumpy (low frame rates). You could use it for videoconferencing over the Internet via *CoolTalk* or *CUSeeMe*.

► **I have a font related question. I'm using a Power Mac 7200 and I upgraded my ATM for the Power Mac. The installer includes a series of Postscript fonts, removing the corresponding TrueTypes from the System. I use Microsoft Works 3 and ClarisWorks 4, mostly Works 3. When in Works 3, only one variation shows, like Helvetica, but ClarisWorks shows the four varieties. I thought MS Works didn't have enough memory. What gives?**

Microsoft Works 3 is just not *TrueType* savvy, like *ClarisWorks 4* is. It's not even PowerPC native. Try upgrading to *MS Works 4*, since version 3 is not recommended for modern versions of the *Mac OS*, or give up on the old version of *MS Works* and concentrate on the more modern *ClarisWorks 4*. Upgrade it to 4.0v5. Regarding *ATM* updating, *ATM Lite 4.0.2* comes with *Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.0.1*; there is a link to download it on our user group web site.

► **I hear about the Mac OS8 upgrade. What other things will need to be upgraded with it? I'm using System 7.5.3**

That depends on how up to date your *Extensions*, *Control Panels* and assorted *Utilities* are. If you had the latest version of everything, except for the *System* of course, then you still will need several updates before updating. *Norton Utilities* was just updated to 3.5.1, *Suitcase* to 3.0.2, *Conflict Catcher* to 4.0.3v2, *DiskLock* to 4.0.3 and *SoundEdit 16* to version 2.0.7. We await for other items to be updated, like *Now Utilities*, *Stuffit Deluxe's SpaceSaver*, *TrueFinder Integration* and *MagicMenu*. Several older programs will never be updated for *Mac OS8*, like the popular *DiskDoubler*. Keep up to date by checking online for compatibility news. I suggest <http://macfixit.com:80/reports/macos8.0.shtml#softwareconflicts>. ■

Macworld Expo

Some random comments about the Macworld Boston Expo by LIMac attendees Max Rechtman and Bradley Dichter.

Bradley writes:

"For me, the highlights at the Expo were the Motorola StarMax 6000 Pro CHRP machines and the PowerComputing PowerCenter Pro G3 machines because they use the high performance PowerPC 750 processor with high speed backside cache. For printers, I liked the GCC 1212 printer for it's speed, high resolution and modest cost. I liked the LinoColor Jade and Saphir scanners for their superior software and new lower pricing. I liked the Epson Stylus Color series inkjet printers for their superior quality and value. I liked the Mitsubishi 91-TXM 21-inch Diamondtron monitor and Pantone's personal monitor calibrator package they took over from Colorific. I even liked the demo of the forthcoming game, *Myth. Mac OS8* was on almost all the computers, and its licensing to cloners was on everybody's mind. This year's Expo was smaller than last year's; I saw everything in just two days as opposed to three."

Max said this:

"This year's Boston Expo must be evaluated in light of the dramatic announcements that were made by Steve Jobs at the keynote address on Tuesday, August 5th. By this time, everyone knows that the old Apple Board of Directors is out, a new Board is in, and some sort of cooperative agreement has been reached between Apple and Microsoft. The exact nature of this agreement, and its future impact on Apple and its users are still to be determined. The fact of the matter is, the Mac market is shrinking. There was clear evidence of this at Macworld. The number of vendors exhibiting their products was down. Missing from this years Expo was America Online, Corel, Hewlett-Packard, Iomega, Macromedia and many other large and small vendors. Booth size was also smaller this year. On the positive side, Expo attendance seemed to be about the same as last year, but this just points out the loyalty of Mac users to the platform. Clone makers such as Motorola, Power Computing and UMAX, all had large booths with lots of interest." ■



Quote!

"On balance, I came away from the Expo more optimistic than I would have ever expected. I see the Mac poised for potential greatness. The 750 coming machines corner down the road will literally need to be tied to your desk to keep them from taking off. And some sneak peaks at *Rhapsody* suggest that it is everything that Apple is promising it will be. Apple is finally putting it all together and is ready to dazzle us again. And with a new energized board of directors, the personnel needed to pull it all off successfully may finally be in place.
Ted Landau
MacFixIt



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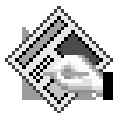


**It's here at last!
 You should you be, too.
 Be our guest on Friday,
 September 12, at 7P.M.
 as the Mac OS8 is
 demonstrated by Apple.**

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TIP!

Deleting in XPress:
 Sometimes while working in QuarkXPress, you have the Content tool selected, but want to delete an object. Instead of clicking on the tool palette to get the Item tool, simply select your item and press Command-K.

Sore Eyes

Exploring (surfing) on the net is no less an adventure than the one experienced by Lewis and Clark, although considerably less life threatening. No adventure is complete unless the adventurer expires or returns home with wondrous tales. It is at this point where the analogy comes to a screeching halt. The Internet is awash with home pages. It is all too easy to come to rest at a home which is not even remotely connected with your original goals.

This column tries to provide URLs that will furnish basic information from which you may then run off in all directions. For example, if you are interested in a career change or job change you might try www.careermag.com. CAREERS is a magazine readily available at local news kiosks. What is not available, except in the Net version, is a search engine which locates positions available nationally and globally by keyword, skills, job title, etc.

In a completely different vein, there is a home page with numerous related links for Sandia National Laboratories. sandia.gov. From this URL you might assume that this is just another U.S. Government agency site. It isn't. SNL (not "Saturday. Night Live") is part of the military/industrial complex much maligned in the sixties. SNL is a multi-program laboratory operated by Sandia Corp., a Lockheed Martin company for the U.S. Department of Energy. Some of its most recent accomplishments include: hostage rescue in virtual reality, preservation of statues and infrastructure at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, developing the process to cleanup groundwater, and development of robots to dismantle nuclear weapons faster and more safely. To truly appreciate the magnitude of this company visit this site. You will not be disappointed. ■

User Group Connection

One of the advantages to belonging to a user group (UG) is the opportunity to purchase new and used equipment from the User Group Connection (UGC). In order to register with the UGC you need to let Alan Gordon, our Membership Coordinator, know that you would like to have your name added to the User Group Store mailing list. This will allow you to get their monthly catalog and latest store information sent directly to you to take advantage of the best deals while they last. There is no obligation on your part and the catalog is free. The UG benefits by receiving points that can later be redeemed for equipment and or software. At the moment we have 185,640 points that can be applied toward a future redemption. Alan's phone number and e-Mail address can be found on the front of the FORUM . The User Group Store can be reached on-line at URL: <http://www.ugstore.com/> or 1-800-350-4842.

When at the general meeting, don't forget to check out the UGC binder at our back table for the latest interesting offers from vendors.

Apple has taken some positive steps to address the needs of the UG community by creating a new position to manage the UG program; it has been filled by Brigid Brady-de Lambert. To understand how important this is, you must remember that in the current climate within Apple, getting a job requisition for a new position is very nearly impossible – requiring approval at the very highest levels of the company.

Recently I had the pleasure of working with Brigid in coordinating the LIMac volunteers who gave of their time in order to make the Apple Road Show a success. My thanks all the volunteers and specifically, Bill Medlow. ■



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TIP!

Cloning Between Documents in Photoshop:
 You can clone between two or more Photoshop documents using the Rubber Stamp Tool. Simply open both/all documents (all must be in the same color mode), and Option-Click to sample from one document, then click on another to make it active, and click again to begin cloning.