

KMUG's Fourth Annual Mac Show a Success



On January 27th KMUG members met at the Kitsap Regional Library main branch to participate in the fourth annual Macintosh "Show & Tell."

Fifteen members of Kitsap Macintosh User Group met at the to show off their equipment, answer questions and demonstrate the capabilities of the Mac. Ross Tocher did another excellent job of

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KMUG MONTHLY MEETING

*Third Thursday of each month at 10:30A.M.
Solarium Room, All Star Lanes,
Myhre Road, Silverdale
(one block east of Silverdale Way)*

Evening Meetings

Suspended
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<http://www.homepage.mac.com/kmug1>***



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providing signs and sandwich boards to direct attention to the KMUG demonstrations in the library's community room.

Individuals provided one-on-one explanations of topics including playing and creating DVD movies, using the internet via the library's wireless LAN, organizing photos using iPhoto,



using the new Mac OS and much more.

KMUG members in attendance were: Bob Denby, Don Diehl, Myra Doles, Gerry Erickson, Phil Flieger, Bill Gremmert, Roy & Gwen Kauffroath, Dick Nerf, Bruce & Deanna Patrick, Ross & Dee Tocher, Joe & Cathy Williams.

Credit for photos goes to Bill Gremmert.
Thanks for the great job Bill!! 🍏



from MacCentral

Vista Home License Forbids Virtualization

by Peter Cohen

If you want to run Microsoft's new Vista operating system on a Mac using Parallels Desktop for Mac, you're going to have to buy the Enterprise or Ultimate editions. Parallels' Ben Rudolph recently posted about the issue on the official Parallels Virtualization Blog

With the release of Vista, Microsoft has reworded its End User License Agreement (EULA) to forbid the use of Vista Home Basic and Home Premium Editions with virtualization products like Parallels and VMware. Macworld has confirmed the information with a Microsoft spokesperson. "USE WITH VIRTUALIZATION TECHNOLOGIES. You may not use the software installed on the licensed device within a virtual (or otherwise emulated) hardware system," reads the EULA.

That doesn't preclude Vista Home editions from being installed on Macs running Boot Camp, however, since Boot Camp isn't a virtualization or emulation technology — instead, it makes Windows run natively on the Mac. For now, however, Boot Camp is still in beta development,

and still officially works only with Windows XP. Meanwhile, the EULA included with Vista Enterprise and Ultimate editions allows that operating system software to be installed on virtual or emulated hardware systems.

"In short, this means that if you are a user and you want to run Vista virtually, you MUST buy the highest end versions of Vista, or you'll be in violation of the Microsoft EULA," writes Rudolph. "Most customers using this technology are primarily business users addressing application compatibility needs, or technology enthusiasts," said a Microsoft spokesperson. "So virtualization will be supported in Microsoft Windows Vista Ultimate and Vista Business SKUs. Home users have rarely requested virtualization and so it will not be supported in Microsoft Windows Vista Home Basic and Home Premium SKUs." The issue for users is price: Microsoft sells its Home editions of Vista for \$199 or \$239, while Business and Ultimate editions cost \$299 and \$399 respectively.

"To me, this strategy could hold back users who embrace cutting-edge technologies like virtualization, which means they won't upgrade to Vista. This means that Microsoft has effectively lost an upgrade customer (in the case of Windows PCs) or an entirely new customer (for Mac and Linux users)," writes Rudolph. 🍏

*from the MacLedger
compiled from MacWorld*

MAC 911 *by Christopher Breen*

Some scanners are friendlier than others in this regard. Your Officejet 6110 is, I'm afraid, among the less-friendly models. HP's official line on the matter: "You cannot clean the underneath side of the scanner glass on any all-in-one. This should be performed only by an authorized service provider."

A more thorough explanation might read: "You cannot clean the underneath side of the scanner

glass on any all-in-one unless you know how to conduct a Google search, read the English language, and operate a Torx#10 screwdriver." What the heck, I'll even eliminate the first of those steps for you by directing you to fixyourownprinter.com. Here you'll find discussion threads explaining how to get inside the 6110 to clean the glass (and some other parts as well).



The usual warnings apply: If the steps seem beyond your ability, don't try them. And if you wind up breaking your Officejet along

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the way, you've only yourself to blame.

Child protection services

I'm entirely new to computers. I just got a new Mac, and I'm wondering how to make sure my 11-year-old daughter does not accidentally open inappropriate Web sites. I recently downloaded the program LimeWire, which I'd heard can help find files online. My daughter wanted to download a song by her favorite band. But when she entered the band's name in LimeWire, she was directed to a Web site that no child should ever see. How can I keep that from happening again?--via the Internet

Before I launch into some specific suggestions, let me point out (without leaping atop a soapbox) that giving your daughter access to a peer-to-peer (P2P) file-sharing application like LimeWire is a bad idea. Not only can she download mountains of inappropriate material, but a lot of the content on a P2P network like that is ill-gotten--pirated movie and music, for example. Moral issues aside, if the wrong people find your daughter sharing copyrighted material, you and she could be looking down the barrel of a nasty lawsuit. So, first step: uninstall LimeWire.

Next step: educate yourself about the dangers of the Internet. Regrettably, there are just as many crooks and creeps online as there are in the real world. You and your daughter both need to clearly understand that you should never provide personal or financial information to an unfamiliar source, whether it's on a Web site or in a chat room. (An excellent source for some tips on general online safety for kids is Common Sense Media.)

Once the two of you have the lay of the land, it's time for you to think about filtering the content your daughter sees. I can suggest a couple of options. One is Intego's ContentBarrier X4 (\$60). It offers a variety of protective measures including filtering out Web sites with potentially inappropriate content (adult or violent, for example). You can configure it to block streaming media, P2P networks, chats, and email. You can also set up a "white list" of acceptable sites and create schedules that allow your child to use the Internet only during

specific hours. ContentBarrier can also send e-mail alerts to parents when untoward events occur.

Another option is SafeEyes. This is a \$50-per-year Web service that offers some of the same benefits as ContentBarrier (see "Hide Your Eyes"). It will block unwanted Web content, eliminate pop-up windows, and allow you to create schedules for Internet access. (As we go to press, program blocking isn't yet supported in the Mac version.) Additionally, it monitors and logs what your child is doing, providing parents with a list of access attempts and transcripts of chats. You can give SafeEyes a free 15-day trial.

Doing the dish

I have a Dish tuner that includes a digital video recorder. That setup works fine for me, but I'd like to find a way to record a few of my favorite shows onto DVD and then export them to my iPod. I was thinking that my Mac mini might be the tool for the job, if I can figure out a way to import selected shows to it from the Dish tuner, edit out commercials, and then record and export the shows. Do you have any suggestions on software or hardware solutions?--Paul Barsa

If you had a standard TiVo, I'd suggest you wait for the TiVoToGo service, which TiVo says will ship sometime this year. While the TiVoToGo implementation on a Windows PC was underwhelming, taking way too long to transfer and burn programs with poor results, the Mac implementation I've seen looks far more promising.

But a Dish DVR is a different beast and you won't be seeing TiVoToGo on it in this lifetime.

Just as there are hacks for TiVo, there are hacks for getting into the Dish DVR and copying files from it. Unfortunately, they're convoluted and require a working knowledge of Linux or Unix, or an understanding of using OS X's Terminal. Put Google to good use, and you'll find some of these hacks.

If you have a camcorder that offers a video pass-through option, I'd try that. The quality isn't terrific, but if you already have such a camcorder, this way is an inexpensive alternative. You plug the video

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and audio outputs of the DVR into the inputs of the camcorder, string a FireWire cable between the camcorder and the Mac, flip the camcorder into pass-through mode, start capturing in iMovie, and begin playback on your DVR. When you finish recording, you can edit the results in iMovie and export it for burning to DVD or your iPod.

Splitting underpowered USB I recently bought an 80GB IO Magic GigaBank Premier external hard drive. My PowerBook G4 will not recognize it. The drive works well with my PC, so I know that the drive itself not the problem. How do I use it with the Mac?-- Horacio Plotkin

Although these drives behave quite nicely when they are plugged into most USB 2.0-compatible Macs, they refuse to perform when plugged into a G4 PowerBook. The problem is that the PowerBook's USB ports don't deliver enough electrical power to satisfy some external USB drives. Regrettably, plugging the drive's AC adapter into a power source won't help-- the drive still wants to see a certain amount of juice coming in via USB. When the drive doesn't see the necessary juice, it won't work.

What you need is a USB Y-cable. This is a cable with a squarish USB male B connector (which you can plug into your hard drive) on one end and two USB male A connectors (the rectangular USB connector) on the other; you can plug those last two into your PowerBook's USB ports, supplying the additional power to run the external drive.

Unfortunately, these cables are devilishly difficult to

Evening Meetings

After much discussion and a trial period it has been decided to suspend evening meetings for the time being. The energy required by the membership to put on an evening program has not been supported by attendance. If you have input or wish to take an active part in an evening program please contact Don Diehl at 377-8191.

find. Addonics Technologies makes a Dual Inputs USB Power Cable for \$10 that gets close. It includes the two USB A connectors but has a female USB A connector on the other end. You can complete the connection with a standard USB male A-to-USB male B cable.

Alarmed by port 445

Every few minutes, my Power Mac G4 (running OS X 10.4) tries to communicate with the other Macs and Windows PCs on my home network. The communications go out over port 445 and systematically try ports above 49000. I have no idea why this is happening. Is malware on my Power Mac probing my other computers to find an unguarded way in? If so, what do I do?--Steve Good

It's not malware that's doing the probing. It's probably your Mac just doing its job.

Port 445 is used for Server Message Block (SMB), a networking protocol used by Windows, and now the Mac, for sharing files. If you've switched on Windows Sharing in the Sharing preference pane, your Power Mac will occasionally check in with your Windows

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PC to make sure the two are still on speaking terms. That action is what's setting off the alarms on your PC. If you'd like to put an end to these alarms--and you're not sharing files between the two machines--simply switch off Windows Sharing.

If you need to keep Windows sharing on, configure whatever security app you're using on the Windows PC to accept your Mac as a trusted member of your network. (In other words, tell it that any request from your Mac's IP address should be accepted without question.) That should stop the alarms.

Negating navigation

My fiancée and I have been working on a wedding Web page, using Mac's home page for our site. The only problem is the irritating navigation bar that Mac adds to the top of your page when you upload the file. But we finally figured out how to remove this annoying automatic addition.

Open your iDisk, navigate to the Sites folder, and then go to the folder for your site. Locate the .html file for the page from which you wish to remove navigation and open it with a text editor. In the text editor, find and remove everything from `!--NavBarWrapperBegin--` to `-- NavBarWrapperEnd--`, and then save your changes. When you next visit your site, the Navigation bar should be gone.--Tison Campbell

Making the conversion

Your Mac may be one of the easiest-to-use machines you own. Yet sometimes it may stubbornly refuse to perform what seems like the easiest task. For example, let's say you're trying to view or play Media File A in Application B, and your Mac does nothing more than shrug its virtual shoulders. Conversion is key in such situations. Here are some of my favorite ways to do it.

Meeting Program for January 18th

***The theme of the meeting will be
a "Round Table" Q&A session.***

QuickTime Pro

As you probably already know, the free version of QuickTime Player is a perfectly fine media player. But when you pony up the \$29 to switch on all its features, it becomes a powerful audio and video converter. QuickTime Pro does a great job of converting movies to other formats (MPEG-4 and an iPod-compatible H.264, for example) and provides better compression for slide shows you've exported from iPhoto.

Graphic Converter

Apple's Preview can open most common graphics files. But when you need industrial-strength conversion, Lemke Software's GraphicConverter (\$30) is the tool to use. It can open nearly 200 graphics file formats and can export to approximately 80 file formats. Max The free Max supports more than 20 audio formats including MP3, Ogg Vorbis, FLAC, AAC, Apple Lossless, AU, and Monkey's Audio. Max lets you batch-convert just about any audio files you throw at it, rip audio CDs, and, like iTunes, rip selected tracks as a single gapless track.

Switch

Unlike Max, the free audio converter Switch lets you convert Microsoft's unprotected WMA files with the help of the Flip4Mac plug-in (free).

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KMUG Meeting Minutes January 18, 2007

The guest speaker was from Staples in Silverdale. He was very informative and had lots of money saving tips on printer selection, paper selection, maximizing cartridges on ink jet printers and suggestions digital photography printing.

The speaker was followed by the business portion of the meeting, a discussion of the upcoming presentation KMUG will be conducting at the Kitsap Regional Library on January 20th and solutions to problems members were having. Bruce Patrick lead the Q&A session using the group's computer/projector and the All Star WIFI LAN. 🍏

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from Mac Central

Apple Sets the Date for WWDC Jim Dalrymple - MacCentral

Apple on Tuesday set the date for its annual Worldwide Developers Conference. The 2007 conference will be held in San Francisco, Calif. between June 11-15, 2007.

“WWDC 2006 was the largest ever developer conference and we look forward to topping it 2007,” Lynn Fox, Apple’s director of Mac PR, told Macworld. “We will continue to keep developers updated as conference sessions and track shapes.”

Apple typically uses the conference to bring developers together with its engineers, allowing them face time to learn about new technologies. While the conference is closed to the public, Apple CEO Steve Jobs has used past developer conferences to show off the latest advances in the company’s operating system.

With Mac OS X Leopard expected in the first half of 2007, it is possible we will see the official launch of Leopard at WWDC. 🍏

Need some technical assistance?

There are several local people who are in the business of providing technical assistance for the Mac. You may have seen and heard them making presentations and answering questions at KMUG meetings. If you need help, look at the Professional Technical Assistance Referral area on the KMUG Website.

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