

## Central Kentucky Computer Society

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# Barney Miller will lead the October Tech Night at CKCS

Streaming is becoming more popular than ever. The term streaming is computer jargon meaning to move video, music and/or data over the internet to your computer where it can be played / used or can be sent to a device in your home or business such as a large TV.

Not everyone knows that all local and neighboring TV stations may be streamed free in high definition, over the air, and many homes are beginning to take taking advantage of that.

On Monday, October 10, at the CKCS Resource Center, Barney Miller and Jorge Castro of the Barney Miller Entertainment Company will be

"This program should be most interesting and worth every members' time.' on hand to provide the latest information regarding music and video streaming. Additionally, they plan to show how to enhance sound using your computer as a source. They will cover electronic home systems and how they can be integrated using user interfaces. They plan to

discuses some excellent apps. There will be adequate time for questions.

Barney Miller's Entertainment Center is located in downtown Lexington at 232 East Main Street. The company was formed by Barney Miller Sr. in 1922 and has been at that location ever since. Mr. Millers' son, also named Barney Miller, has served as President and CEO of the store since 1977. Jorge Castro is the store's large system designer and programs Crestron and other control systems for the store

Come join your fellow members for Tech night. The program should be most interesting and certainly worth every members' time.



**Barney Miller** 



Jorge Castro

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# **President's Comments**

By Mike Seiler, CKCS President

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#### OCTOBER TECH NIGHT

If you are interested in music or video streaming, enhancing your computers sound, or installing an Electronic Home system you will want to attend the October Tech Night. Our guest speakers will be Barney Miller and Jorge Castro from Barney Miller's on Main Street. The October Tech Night will be

on Monday, October 10 at 7:00 pm.

#### CKCS's OLD MAC MINIS

The old Mac Mini's were sold to members of CKCS during the last few weeks of September. We decided to offer them for sale to our members along with five 19" Acer monitors. The Mini's were sold within a week. As of today (Sept. 26) there are still three monitors for sale. If you are interested in one of these they are \$60. You can contact David Highet at 887-1996 if you are interested in purchasing one of these.

#### **KROGER CARDS**

Keep using your Kroger cards. If you don't have a Kroger's card you can drop by the CKCS office any week day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and purchase one. They cost \$5 and have \$5 credit on them. As you add money to the card and use it to buy groceries or gasoline, CKCS receives a small percentage from Kroger. These funds help us pay rent and upgrade our equipment just as we did recently with the new Mac Minis we purchased.

#### **DOCTOR FIXIT**

Don't forget Dr. Fixit SIG is still alive and well. Thanks to Ben Rice and Bob Brown for keeping this SIG going. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am to help anyone that has a computer problem.

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### It's Family History Month

## October 18 Genealogy SIG offers appointments 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

### Dessert planned at 7 p.m. SIG meeting

October is National Family History Month. The CKCS Genealogy Special Interest Group will celebrate by helping you get started with your research or with a "brick wall". Experienced SIG members will be available Tuesday, 18 October, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. by appointment at the CKCS office. Thirty minute appointments are available. **Email pspiker27@aol.com or call 266-3968 for an appointment.** You may stay longer if there is no appointment after yours or to listen to others' questions.

Bring what you know about the family you want to research beginning with yourself. The data is best followed by persons helping you, if it is on traditional genealogy forms. Bring an Ancestry/Genealogy Chart and Family Group Forms (One for each marriage); both forms are needed. I will put some of them in the CKCS Office which you can pick-up. Please do not take the last one, but make copies. You can download and print "Ancestry Chart" here:

### http://www.ancestrv.com/trees/charts/familysheet.aspx

Look on the right side of that page; you can select and download "Family Group Sheet". I like this Family Group Sheet for consultations better than blank forms printed from a genealogy software program.

If you have data in a genealogy software program, you should print the family group report and ancestry report of the family in question. You will also need to bring a copy of the source for the information you have. If you have a laptop computer bring it. You will get the best help if we can READ what you already know.

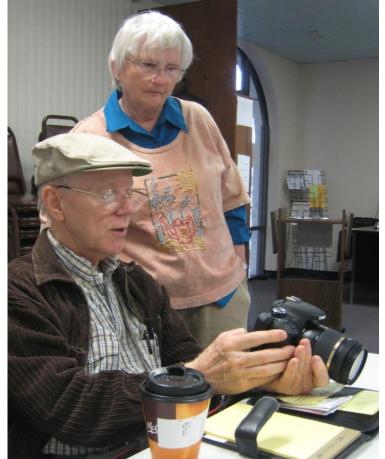
Finding ancestors is not magic. Identifying an ancestor requires connecting generations with believable records. Let us try to help!

### October 18, 2011 Dessert 7 p.m. at the regular meeting time

For dessert bring something you make that is a recipe copy of an ancestor or is typical of an ancestral country of origin. Bring copies of your recipe! Be prepared to tell us about the recipe, the ancestor and his/her origin. Bring this information with pictures on a thumb drive.

you find or have a funny story about kids, pets, people or anything else that's embarrassing, funny, or just plain weird, and think it would be appropriate for this newsletter, please send them to the editor at j.heaton@insightbb.com. This includes interesting videos you have or find. All will be welcome and we will use those as we can.

## THURSDAY MORNINGS PHOTO/COFFEE SIG



Judith Lesnaw had questions about her Cannon camera during a recent Thursday Morning Photo / Coffee SIG and Larry Cox demonstrated some of the features he knew about that camera. The SIG meets each Thursday at 9 a.m. for The SIG has no set approximately 2 hours. format and members arrive and depart when ready. Topics of all types are discussed since attendees bring their computer and digital imaging problems to discuss. members bring "show and tell" items. All are welcome to attend, but if you desire, be sure to bring your coffee and / or snack, if you want one, with you.



Check your newsletter and your CKCS web page regularly for the latest information about activities at your Central Kentucky Computer Society

newsletter may be reviewed anytime with a single click

☑Prior issues of the newsletter are also available by a single click

**☑The CKCS class** schedule is ready to view and a click on any topic provides a synopsis of the course

always has immediate news and changes you need to know

# New Mac's arrive at CKCS

By Debbie Settles

CKCS bid farewell to our old Mac Minis last month. The computers and Acer monitors had served us well since about 2004. However, as with all computers, it was time to update this segment of our club. In August, the Board of Directors voted to allocate funds to purchase five new Mac Minis with an extra 2GB of RAM, 21.5" ASUS monitors, iKey keyboards and mice, and Apple trackpads.



FIVE NEW MAC MINIs are now in place in the CKCS Computer Lab. The insert photo at top shows the Mini computer which is only 7.7 inches square and 1.4 inches tall and the power supply is built in, so there is no 'brick' on the power cord. The bottom photo insert shows the Mac mini next to the new ASUS monitors to be used in classroom instruction. From this point forward, Mac classes will be taught using the latest technology and equipment.

(Photos by Kurt Jefferson)

The new Minis came complete with the new Lion operating system and Thunderbolt (Apple's version of Intel's Light Peak that uses oxygen-free copper instead of optic cable, which transfers data 12x faster than firewire 800).

The 21.5" monitors are connected to the Minis via HDMI cables, which carry audio and video. They are in a 16 x 9 format for widescreen viewing.

The iKey keyboards and mice are Apple compatible so whatever shortcuts the students learn in the CKCS classroom can be used on their home keyboards.

Finally, the newest trend - trackpads - are also a part of our classroom. For people who enjoy using the touch screen on the iPad, iPhone, or iPod Touch, the maneuvers for the trackpad will be easy to learn. The new Lion operating system is made to be used with the trackpad so, again, Mac students will catch up on the latest Apple technology.

# News to use

### Got A New iPad? It's Not Too Late.

For the first time, CKCS offered a class for people with the iPad. There you can learn the tricks and features of your iPad as everyone learns about this new technology. The six week class started September 30, but by calling the office before October 6 you can still get in on the fun. The class meets once a week on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until noon, and continues until November 4. Call (859) 373-1000 on weekdays from 10 until 4 for more information.

### **Shredder Day**

The fourth Tuesday of each month, the city of Lexington has a 'shredder day' where you can bring any amount of old documents, tax filings, bank statements, bills, receipts, etc. that you want shredded, to their site on the Old Frankfort Pike and they will run it through their truck mounted machine. They are only there from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 311 for more information and directions. If you have boxes and you want to leave the boxes, they will dispose of them as well. Be patient, for there is usually a line of cars but they move reasonably fast.

### **Dr Fixit SIG continues**

On the first Saturday of each month, CKCS's Dr. Fixit SIG meets and offers advice and help in fixing 'sick' computers. Currently, three dedicated CKCS members form a team which take turns in conducting the SIG. They are Bob Brown, Ben Rice and Mike Seiler. The service is available to members only.

In the picture at right, on Saturday September 3, Bob Brown was on duty and there were three members seeking help, all with laptops. In the picture, Lloyd Keyser sat at his laptop computer and explained his problem to Bob Brown.

Usually the team handles 3 to 6 problems during the two hour period. Work is done on a first come first serve basis and there is no charge. The Dr. Fixit team invites members with computer repair skills and knowledge, to join in to help other members with their computer problems.



For almost nine years, Norm Funk ran the Dr. Fixit SIG; however, he has recently moved to Missouri.



# LECH THLK

By Joe Isaac

### **Microsoft Demos Superfast Boot Times in Windows 8**

Microsoft has a surprise for users tired of waiting forever while their computers boot up. It will take less than 10 seconds for a Windows 8 PC to go from powered down to the start screen.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pj39HdtOB5U&feature=player\_embedded

Windows 8's touch-screen interface may give traditional mouse-and-keyboard desktop fans the chills.

The most dramatic change for Windows 8 is Microsoft's emphasis on a new touch interface. Windows 8's new start screen has large panels that are ideal for touchscreens, but that also can be manipulated by a mouse.

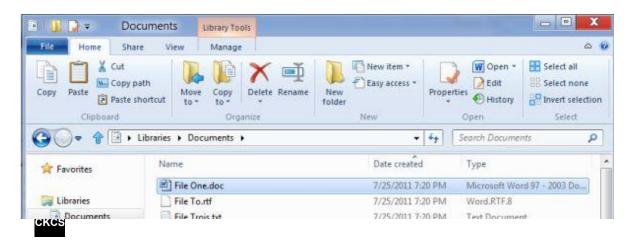


The traditional Windows interface with the start button, task bar, and desktop is still available and will come up any time you load a legacy app such as Microsoft Excel 2010. You can also run new Windows 8 touchable apps alongside traditional Windows apps. Microsoft said HTML and JavaScript will be the primary development language for new Windows 8 apps.

### **Windows Explorer: File Management Basics**

The new Windows 8 Explorer will have three main tabs--Home, Share, and View--along with a File menu on the far left side.

The overhauled version of Windows Explorer is also getting Microsoft's ribbon interface.



### DIGITAL IMAGE MONTHLY PHOTO CONTEST

CATEGORY 'STILL LIFE' WINNER: BRUCE KLOBEKE



### Hidden, useful Lion tips abound



By Kurt Jefferson, SIG Leader and Instructor for Mac topic

Mac users who've upgraded to Apple's latest Mac operating system are discovering plenty of hidden jewels. These aren't rubies, diamonds or sapphires, but they do sparkle when exposed to light.

Problem is, these features available in OS X Lion (10.7) are not well publicized so plenty of Mac users don't know about them. Since you're reading this column, you're in the know.

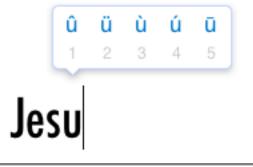




### Jesus or Jesús? Get the right accent

One popular Hispanic name, Jesús, often gets misspelled as Jesus because a person tapping the keyboard doesn't know how to create the accent mark above the "u." That accent makes all the difference to the Jesús (pronounced HAY-ZEUS.)

Lion introduces a new way to add the accent. Just hold down the "u" key as you're typing the name and a small menu appears above the word. Click on the blue letter above the



word containing the proper character and it will be added to the word you're typing. This new Lion feature works in Pages (the Apple word processor, available via the Mac App Store), Microsoft Word (part of Microsoft Office for Mac 2011), and TextEdit, the word processor located in the Applications folder in every Mac sold.

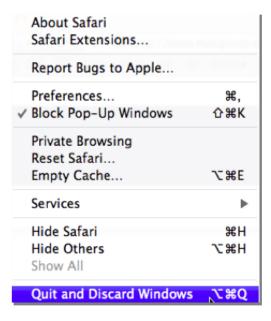


What about other necessary marks? Try out the French word, déjà vu ("already seen,") that arrived decades ago on the U.S. coast.

This time, I hold down the "e" key and chose the proper accent mark. Then as I type the "a" key, I hold it down and select the proper accent so that the word is typed properly.

In the déjà vu example above, you'll notice plenty of other marks used in non-English languages that you'll be able to automatically insert into your word processing documents. (German writers and speakers note: the umlaut is readily available, along with other characters, for you to insert into the words that you type.)

### Hold down the Option key when quitting an app in Lion



Suppose you create three documents using Microsoft Word. Your files are saved on your Mac and then you shut down the machine. The next time you open Word, you'll be greeted by all of the Word documents you just created.

Some folks love this new Lion feature. Others hate it. By default, when you guit an application in Lion and then reopen it later, Lion launches all of the documents you had open using that application.

By holding down the Option Key when you quit a program, those open documents won't reopen the next time you open the program.

Note: You can turn off the default for this in your Mac's System Preferences.

Click on the General icon at the top of System Preferences. Then uncheck the checkmark in the box next to Restore windows when quitting and re-opening apps.

That way, your apps will not keep re-opening the documents you've created.

Restore windows when quitting and re-opening apps

If you love this Lion feature, just keep the small box checked in the Sys Preferences setting shown above.

For more MAC COLUMN PAGES click this link: Mac Column by Kurt Jefferson CONTINUED

### **Insight Communication led October Tech Night Presentation**

The September Tech Night presentation was made by John Farris and John Collier from Insight our current cable company.

They talked about how Insight was structured and what they thought about the future of Insight with

Time Warner getting ready to buy them. Currently Insight is in three states Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Some of their major customers in Lexington are UK and our main hospitals. The band width they offer to these locations is much larger than what is at our homes. To provide this service they use fiber optic cables. They said in Lexington fiber optic cables are used up to the small boxes we see in our back yards to hook up our houses. You could request fiber optics for your home. but the cost would be



After the Insight presentation at CKCS's September Tech Night, John Farris, (in foreground left), answered questions from Larry Parker. In the background, John Collier chatted with Jerry Markussen regarding fiber cabling, which he called the future of cable service.

over \$800 per month for this type of service. They think Time Warner is interested in buying them to use as a model to upgrade the service Time Warner offers in its current market.



John Farris and John Collier each had a part in the Insight Program at CKCS on September 12

## Photo principles for Point and Shooters



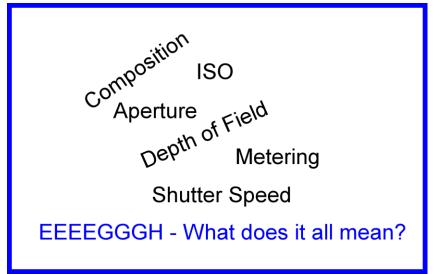
Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

Over the last decade, there has been a revolution in digital photography. At CKCS that fact is reflected in the number of editing, and now photo classes, that we offer. We now have a Beginning and Advanced digital imaging class using Corel's Paint Shop Pro, an Independent class where attendees work on their chosen projects, a beginner class using Photoshop Elements, a MovieMaker class, and a DVD Maker class. There is also the Thursday morning Photo/Coffee SIG where folks come together to discuss all aspects of photography of interest to those in attendance. All of these classes have revolved around fixing up our pictures in order to share them one way or another. As we worked through these classes, we realized that we would have less to "fix up" if we just took better pictures. With that in mind, I developed a 1-2 hour presentation of "Tips to getting better pictures with

your Point and Shoot Camera". This has been very helpful and I have been asked to present it several times in various places.

As many folks requested more information about using their point and shoot cameras, Larry Cox and the members of the Thursday Photo Coffee Group put together another class discussing both the optical principles which are the foundation of all photography and the features of cameras used by

those who sign up for the class. This class is titled "Photo Principles for Point and Shooters" and has several instructors sharing some of their expertise. In an effort to share information about this class, on October 25 at the Digital Photography SIG, we will have an overview of the 6 week class. Each instructor will spend 5-10 minutes on their portion of the class. I will talk about some of the basics: Bruce Klobeke will address aperture and depth of field; Boone Baldwin will speak to shutter speed and movement; Larry Neuzel will talk about metering and ISO; and Larry Cox will



guide an interactive discussion of composition and file management. This will be a good opportunity to hear what the class is all about and then encourage you to sign up and take the course.

The topic for the photo contest this month is "**Horses**". Since horses are a signature of Central Kentucky, I know we will have some special entries. If you don't have a good one, get out to the horse farms, go to Keeneland, or just roam the back roads of central Kentucky and find some good shots. Submit them to joedietz@aol.com no later than the evening of October 24.



## THIS MONTH'S BEST VIDEOS / SHOWS

INSTRUCTIONS: The best way to view these shows: Viewers should highlight, copy and paste the links into a new tab of their Internet browser rather than clicking the links directly in the PDF newsletter. This will allow the newsletter to remain open while the link opens and plays in another tab window. When returning to the newsletter, the viewer doesn't have to wait each time until the large PDF newsletter file reloads.

THANKS CKCS BOARD MEMBER LARRY TRIVETTE FOR THIS SUGGESTION

World's Shortest Stick Up

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiF7obTF22I

Furnished by Carl Peter

New toy Air Swimmers

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiF7obTF22I

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Tribute 9/11

www.youtube.com/v/QZFkZiwMLZ4

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Reckless, Korean War Horse Hero, did her job without anyone leading her.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ylo3ZfA9da0

Furnished by Robert Koegel

Staircase vs. Escalator

http://dailymarauder.com/2009/11/03/stairs-vs-escalator-the-fun-theory-in-motion/

Furnished by Mal Gill

Evacuating Manhattan by boats on 9/11 – documentary.

http://www.smartplanet.com/blog/cities/moving-documentary-of-911-evacuation-by-boat-shows-resilience-of-cities/881?tag=nl.e660

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Gin the Dancing Dog

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPGUN-WCYxk

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SSgt Reckless – just when you thought you knew it all

http://www.youtube.com/watch\_popup?v=Ylo3ZfA9da0

Furnished by Harvey Shackelford

Best Dog Story

http://www.youtube.com/watch\_popup?v=xdj67XknFrM#t=5

Furnished by Ted Mellinger



### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### By David Highet

or the second month in a row, our membership is on the ■ rise. We added 10 new members during the month! Our membership now stands at 345. It is obvious that we as members are doing something right. Let's keep it up!

As I have said numerous times during the past, we need to tell

friends and neighbors who we are and what CKCS has to offer them to enhance their computer experience. It works to invite them to meetings, SIGs, and classes. You have proven that. Proudly carry your Laptop, notebook, iPad, or other computing device with you at all times so that people can see that you are a proud and accomplished computer user. When they inquire about the electronic device in your hands or where you obtained your skills that is the perfect opportunity to tell them about CKCS.

Showing by example is one of the most effective membership strategies working for us today. The other is class enrollment. Tell your friends about the membership discount for attending classes. Recently the excellent selection of computer classes we offer have become a valuable resource for adding to our membership.

Please keep up the good work. Invite anyone you know who has an interest in or uses a computer (and today everybody does in one form or another) to our meetings. SIGs and classes. Don't be afraid to use your laptop in public. You might be surprised at the people who will be interested in what you are doing (and how well you are doing it – as a result of the knowledge you gained at CKCS).

Let us continue to build on our membership!



# New members and Renewals

During the period August 27, 2011 to September 26, 2011

The Central Kentucky Computer Society welcomes the following new members:

Ann E Galvin
Jackie King
Leona O Milner
Sidney Simandle
Ada C Solberg
George W Wilson III

We thank the following members who renewed their memberships during this reporting period.

Janet Cartmell

Larry A & Joyce A Cox

Malcolm Gill

Sue Gill

**Kurt Jefferson** 

Julie F King

Ada L Linville

W Rush Mathews, Jr

**Robert McCarty** 

Jim & Pat McClure

Linda McCormick

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Carl Peter

### Nine Things That Will Disappear In Our Lifetime

Interesting comments – author unknown – from Internet.

Whether these changes are good or bad depends in part, on how we adapt to them. But, ready or not, here they come.

#### 1. The Post Office

Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.

### 2. The Cheque

Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with the cheque by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process cheques. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the cheque. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of business.

### 3. The Newspaper

The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.

#### 4. The Book

You say you will never give up the physical book that you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages. I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered that I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. And the price is less than half that of a real book. And think of the convenience! Once you start flicking your fingers on the screen instead of the book, you find that you are lost in the story, can't wait to see what happens next, and you forget that you're holding a gadget instead of a book.

### 5. The Land Line Telephone

Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. Most people keep it simply because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes

#### 6. Music

This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalogue items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists.

This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."

#### 7. Television

Revenues to the networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things that take up the time that used to be spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put out of our misery. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.

### 8. The "Things" That You Own

Many of the very possessions that we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it if need be. But all of that is changing. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." That means that when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the Internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books, or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. That's the good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out that photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.

### 9. Privacy

If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure that 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits. "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again.

All we will have left that can't be changed are "Memories".

And then probably Alzheimers will take that away from you too!

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### **A FEW FUNNY PAGES**

### Someone out there Must be "deadly" at Scrabble. (Wait till you see the last one)!

PRESBYTERIAN:

When you rearrange the letters: **BEST IN PRAYER** 

**ASTRONOMER:** 

When you rearrange the letters: MOON STARER

**DESPERATION:** 

When you rearrange the letters: A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters: THEY SEE

**GEORGE BUSH:** 

When you rearrange the letters: HE BUGS GORE

THE MORSE CODE:

When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS

DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters: **DIRTY ROOM** 

**SLOT MACHINES:** 

When you rearrange the letters: CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

When you rearrange the letters: IS NO AMITY

**ELECTION RESULTS:** 

When you rearrange the letters: LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

### **Optical Illusion** Floating desk chair



Desk chair – photo taken from doorway of CKCS. If you moved a couple of inches to either side the illusion disappeared.

No this was not photoshopped.



SNOOZE ALARMS:
When you rearrange the letters:
ALAS! NO MORE
Z'S

A DECIMAL POINT:
When you rearrange the letters:
I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:
When you rearrange the letters:
THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:
When you rearrange the letters:
TWELVE PLUS ONE

#### AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE:

MOTHER-IN-LAW:
When you rearrange the letters:
WOMAN HITLER

**Furnished by Tom Douglas** 

### **How Much?**

For the first time in many years, an old man traveled from his rural town to the city to attend a movie.

After buying his ticket, he stopped at the concession stand to purchase some popcorn. Handing the attendant \$3.50, he couldn't help but comment, "The last time I came to the movies, popcorn was only 25 cents."

"Well, sir," the attendant replied with a grin, "You're really going to enjoy yourself. We have sound now."

### Wrong!

A husband stepped on one of those penny scales that tell you your fortune and weight, and dropped in a coin.

"Listen to this," he said to his wife, showing her a small, white card. "It says I'm energetic, bright, resourceful and a great husband."

"Yeah," his wife nodded, "and it has your weight wrong, too."

From World Start "Just for Grins"



# **CKCS Special Interest Groups**

#### Check us out!

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers 13 SIGs which may be attended by members and their guests. Below is a summary of what takes place at each SIG. Information is provided by the SIG leader. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members.

NOTE; Always check the "Monthly Schedule" and the "Newsletter" link on the CKCS home page for any schedule changes. <a href="www.ckcs.org">www.ckcs.org</a>

# COMPUTER CLINIC SIG

### Meets monthly on the fourth Saturday - Leader Bob Brown

This group meets every 4th Saturday morning at 10 A.M.. Topics are anything in the field of personal computers and Internet sites. Typically we talk about newsworthy events such as new products or new developments on the Internet. Sometimes guest speakers are invited to demonstrate a particular software product of general interest.

Some recent topics include Google Apps, Twitter, Podcasting, and Buying a New Computer.

### DATABASE SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday - Leader Garland Smith

### DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

#### Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday - Leader Joe Dietz

The Digital Imaging Special Interest Group is a forum to provide and share information about digital imaging. The SIG frequently has quest speakers to cover a wide range of topics that are related to digital imaging. Some of our past topics have been on digital archiving (AKA Backup), getting the best out of your point and shoot camera, effective lighting when taking pictures, restoring old photos and many others. The goal of this SIG is to help attendees to better understand digital imaging, learning how to get the best out of their cameras and how to improve their images with digital

imaging software such as Corel's Paint Shop Pro, Photoshop CS/Elements, Gimp or other program. Each meeting starts off with a photo contest with a variety of different categories.

### DR. FIXIT SIG

Meets monthly on the first Saturday

- Leaders: Bob Brown, Ben Rice
and Mike Seiler

### **GENEALOGY SIG**

### Meets monthly on the third Tuesday - Leader Phyllis Spiker

Attendees have an opportunity to ask questions, share new ancestors, record discoveries or websites. Programs are not a course of classes, but topics of interest, such as new online databases, interpreting evidences, genealogy softwares or getting acquainted with repositories' websites. Opportunities for onsite research may be suggested. Wanna know, "who's your grandaddy?"; or "Where're the records?" We'll try to help you succeed. Join us 7 P.M, the 3rd Tuesday of the most months, except June, July and August.

### **INVESTMENT SIG**

#### Meets monthly on the third Saturday - Leader Art Gonty

The Investment SIG meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 A.M. at CKCS.

The main theme of the SIG is to discuss stocks, exchange traded funds and mutual funds. We try to guess the direction of the stock market so one's portfolio can be managed to prevent heavy losses. We discuss multiple online stock sites that can be helpful in

managing or developing a stock portfolio. We discuss technical analysis and fundamental analysis. Members often present a stock that they think has potential to gain in price. There are often witty exchanges and there is excellent rapport among the members. We do not contribute any funds to buy or sell stocks at the SIG. It is an informational meeting only. We invite anyone that has no, little or great experience to join us.

### **MACINTOSH SIG**

#### Meets monthly on the second Thursday - Leader Kurt Jefferson

The Mac SIG is designed to be fun, informative, and an overview of everything "Mac" for new users and old. We talk about everything ranging from how to get more out of the features built into OS X (pronounced "ten," not "x.") to iWork (Apple's replacement for AppleWorks) to using the Internet. The Macintosh is one of the easiest to use computers on the planet. But hidden features abound. The more you know, the more you can do. We try to share tips at every meeting and provide insight to empower users to get more out of their machines. We see all kinds of visitors at the Mac SIG including new users, Windows users, and folks who are new to computers. We welcome you and hope to see you at the next Mac SIGheld the second Thursday of the

# MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

Meets monthly on the third Thursday - Leader Stuart Zahalka

### WINDOWS SIG

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday - Leader Joe Isaac

The Windows SIG or workshop meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.. Topics covered may be: Windows 7, Windows Live Mail, Internet Explorer, Windows Media Player, System Restore, Defrag, Desktop, Taskbar, Windows Live Photo Gallery, Windows Live Movie Maker, Basics, Files and Folders, Control Panel, YouTube, Disk Cleanup, etc.

To see which topic will be covered next go to:

http://joescomputertips.blogspot.com/
To see a years' worth of email Tips and Reviews go to:

http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf

# WORD PROCESSING SIG

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday

- Leader Larry Trivette

The Word Processing SIG starts with questions from classmates where the SIG leader and all attending help provide solutions and answers. In fact many of the topics presented during each session, come from questions received by email during the month. Topics are presented so that new as well as advanced computer users will benefit by attending. This workshop uses several Microsoft Word versions during the SIG.

### **UNIX / LINUX SIG**

Meets monthly on the fourth
Thursday - Leader Lewis Gardner

The Linux SIG handles a wide range of technical topics. Linux is based on Unix which is the granddaddy of modern networking. We spend a considerable amount of time on servers, networks, routers, access points and general network configuration. These operating systems are at the heart of many devices in our increasingly connected world. Come out and we will try to get your questions answered, your problems troubleshot or devices configured



### **Mac Column by Kurt Jefferson CONTINUED**

#### New folder with selection

Suppose you do this a lot: You grab several files in a folder and want to move them to a new folder.

Lion provides a new feature.

Simply select two or more files, right click and choose New Folder with Selection. A new folder, ready to be named, will be created. (The new

folder is labeled "New Folder With Items" but it's highlighted so you can easily rename it.)



### Merge your folders in the Finder

Drag a folder to a new location and there's already a folder there with the exact name but different contents. Lion will ask you if you want to automatically merge all of the contents of both folders into the destination folder.



#### Don't have Microsoft Office? Lion can handle it

Preview, the default program used to open photos and Adobe Acrobat Reader (.pdf) files on the Mac, can automatically open and print most native Office and iWork documents. You don't need Microsoft Office installed on your Mac to do this.

### Add a Signature to a PDF Using Preview

This is one of the neatest new features that comes built into Lion. Here's how it works. Sign a piece of paper. Hold it up to your iSight or Facetime camera while Preview snaps a photo.

Preview will automatically detect the signature and then allow you to add it to your document. To do this, open the PDF you want to sign, click on "Annotate" in the toolbar (if the annotations bar isn't already showing) and click the Signature drop–down menu.

Two options will be displayed. The first will let you take a photo of your own signature using your Mac's built—in camera. The second option will allow you to manage the signatures that you've already saved using this process.

This *MacLife* article explains the process.

This TUAW article also details the procedure.



### New Voices Available—but you need to install them

If you love the British dialect or have an Australian mate, or just want to expand the American—sounding voices installed on your Mac, dozens of new voices are available for you to download. Be aware though, that you need a high speed, broadband Internet connection (for most of us that means either high speed DSL or cable Internet service) and it can take considerable time to download these voices if you want many of them.

To download the voices, first, find the VoiceOver Utility (this is in your Utilities folder.)

The easiest way to find your Utilities folder is by opening any folder or your Hard Drive and clicking on the Utilities icon in the sidebar. (The sidebar is the vertical list of icons on the

left.) An alternate method is to click on "Go" in the menu bar when the Finder is active and then click on Utilities in the drop-down menu.



Open VoiceOver Utility.

Click the Speech icon on the left–hand vertical row of icons. (Speech has a microphone.)

On the right, you'll see which default voice you have selected to read text on your Mac. (I don't ask my Mac to read text to me. Instead, I ask it to read the time out loud at the top of the hour.)



Click on the tab under Voice (I have Alex selected.) At the bottom of the list, click on Customize.

Scroll down that long list and you'll be able to choose a whole slew of different voices.

Here are several examples of voices from which you can choose:

- Arabic (Saudi Arabia)
- Chinese (China)
- Chinese (Hong Kong SAR China)
- Chinese (Taiwan)
- Czech (Czech Republic)
- Danish (Denmark)
- Dutch (Belgium)
- Dutch (Netherlands)
- English (Australia)
- English (India)
- English (Ireland)
- English (Scottish Standard English)



- English (South Africa)
- English (United Kingdom) Female & Male
- French (Canada)
- French (France)
- German (Germany)
- Spanish (Mexico)
- Spanish (Spain)
- Swedish (Sweden)
- Turkish (Turkey)

If you want to set up your Mac so that it reads you the time at the top of the hour, first open System Preferences and click on the Date & Time icon (a clock with a small calendar).

Click on the Clock tab at the top of the window. Then, click in the small box to the left of "Announce the Time." Choose "On the hour," "On the half—hour," or "On the quarter—hour" in the tab. Finally, choose Customize Voice. Then, click on the tab showing the current voice and change it to another that you prefer.

If your desired voice isn't shown, you first need to download it using the VoiceOver Utility, which is explained above.

### Spotlight searches Wikipedia and the Web

To learn more about the flowering plant, *hydrangea*, I typed it into Spotlight.

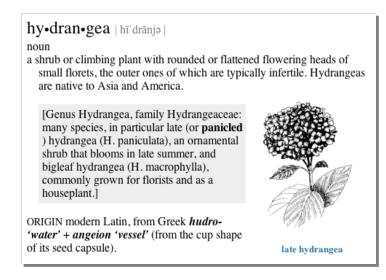
Spotlight's icon looks like a magnifying glass to the right of your clock in the menu bar.

Just click on the magnifying glass and type what you want in the drop down menu. Then hit your Return (or Enter) key on your keyboard.



The screen shot above shows that the word "hydrangea" appears in five email messages, the Mac's built—in dictionary (next to Look Up), and also reveals that I can search the Web and Wikipedia by clicking on one of those items next to "Web Searches."

The dictionary option shows the window to the left. Instead of opening a Web browser, the dictionary opens a self—contained window on my Mac's screen, providing a detailed definition, pronunciation, picture, and glimpse into the word I'm searching.





This is a very convenient method to quickly learn about a search word. I could have opened a Web browser and searched Google, but this is a much quicker option built into Lion.

All Dictionary Thesaurus Apple Wikipedia

"Hortensia" redirects here. For other uses, see Hortensia (disambiguation).

"Arisai" redirects here, For the satellite, see Experimental Geodetic Payload,

Hydrangea ( hal'dreInd3' 2/;[1] common names

Hydrangea and Hortensia) is a genus of about 70

to 75 species of flowering plants native to southern

America. By far the greatest species diversity is in eastern Asia, notably China, Japan, and Korea. Most

and others lianas reaching up to 30 metres by

species are all deciduous.

are shrubs 1 to 3 meters tall, but some are small trees,

climbing up trees. They can be either deciduous or

evergreen, though the widely cultivated temperate

Having been introduced to the Azores Islands of

island" due to the vast number of hydrangeas present

hydrangeas of that colour, on Flores Island ("Island of

on the island, Terceira, named the "lilac island" for

Portugal, they are now very common there, particularly on Faial, which is known as the "blue

and eastern Asia (China, Japan, Korea, the Himalayas, and Indonesia) and North and South

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Hydrangea

Clicking on "Search Web for hydrangea" automatically opens your default Web browser and searches Google.

Clicking on "Search Wikipedia for hydrangea" automatically opens a small window on my Mac, displaying another self contained window that provides results from Wikipedia.

Of course, Spotlight still searches your Mac for any words you type in the search blank.

Math problems are also a click away when using Spotlight. Type out your problem and the answer will appear below.

Use the asterisk key for the multiplication sign and use the backward slash sign (\) when you want to divide.

I use Spotlight all the time when figuring Kentucky sales tax (6%) on a Web purchase, to reconcile my checkbook, or to perform simple math problems.



By the way, I also use WordBook (a top–flight online dictionary), which I purchased from the Mac App Store. WordBook not only spells, defines, and shows words' origins, it actually speaks them aloud so I can hear how the word sounds. I like to read British mystery and suspense e–books (Elizabeth Peters rocks!) checked out from the Paul Sawyier Library in Frankfort. When I get to a word that I don't understand, I either type it into Spotlight or open WordBook for a quick explanation.

### **Define This! Using Safari**

Here's a really useful tool that works with the three most popular Macintosh Web browsers. Yet, many folks don't know that it's available in Lion.

You're using Safari, Firefox, or Google's Chrome browser and you stumble upon a word.



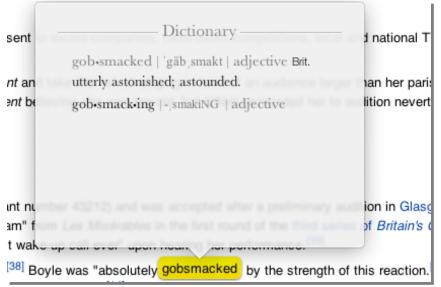
**Q** Hydrangea

Hydrangea

Hydrangea macrophylla

Scientific classification

You don't know its definition. All three browsers let you Control + click on the word and *voila*, the definition appears! It's almost magical since it's so easy to do.



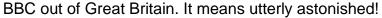


With Safari, hold down the Control button, click on the word and you'll get a menu item that says Look Up (to the left of the word you want

to define.)

The definition will appear directly above the word as seen in this screen shot to the left.

I was searching for Susan Boyle on the Wikipedia Web site and found the word "gobsmacked," which is familiar to Americans who watch or listen to the





Apple <u>explains</u> Lion's 250+ new features.

### **Define This! Using Firefox and Google Chrome for Mac**



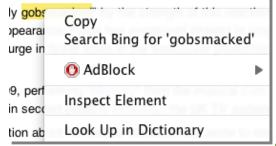
If you're using Firefox, first highlight the word. Then hold the Control key and click on the word you need defined.

W Search Wikipedia for "gobsmacked"
Search Google for "gobsmacked"

You'll get an option to search either Wikipedia or Google for the word in question.



With the Mac version of Google Chrome, hold down the Control key and click on the word you need defined. You'll get an option to look up the word using the Bing search tool or search for the word in the Mac's built—in Dictionary.





### **Customize your System Preferences**

Make your System Preferences window clutter—free. If there are icons shown in the window that you absolutely never use, you can customize the window so these icons don't appear.

To do that, open System Preferences (under the black apple menu on the left side of your menu bar.)

Click on View in your menu bar. Then click on Customize in the drop-down menu.



A small blue box with a checkmark will appear next to each icon listed in your System Preferences. To stop that icon from appearing every time you open System Preferences, click on the checkmark and it will vanish. That icon will no longer be displayed. To make the icon return to the System Preferences Window, click on view once again in the menu bar and then click on Customize.

Click on the blue box so the checkmark reappears next to the icon in question.

When you reopen your System Preferences window, the icon will reappear.

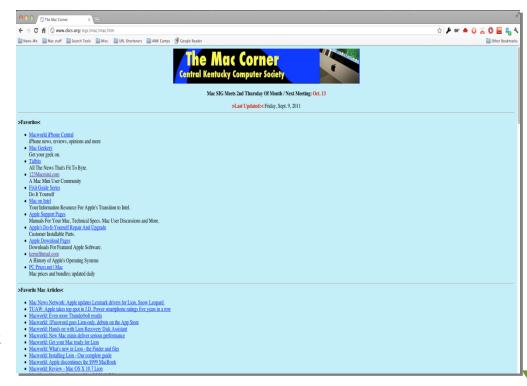
### Google Chrome for Mac now made for OS X Lion

If you use Google's
Chrome Web browser for
Mac, you might want to
upgrade to the latest
version of Chrome.

Chrome 14 is the first version made for the Mac's newest operating system.

It takes advantage of Lion's features such as mutli-touch gestures, fullscreen mode, and 'invisible' scroll bars.

To trigger Chrome's full—screen mode, you can click on the icon on the upper right—hand corner of the



browser, or press Ctrl+Command+F.

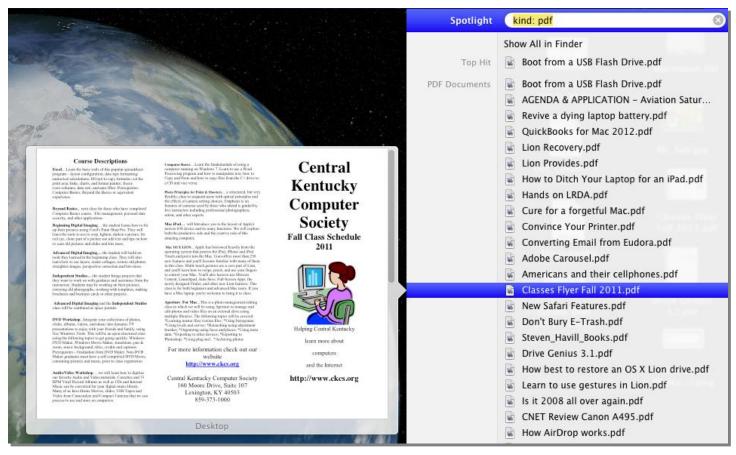
The <u>latest version of Chrome</u> now supports Lion's system—wide two–fingered swipe to the left or right on a Mac trackpad to move backward or forward.



### Spotlight finds file types and lets you see them using Quick Look

Lion also lets you search your Mac's hard drive for file types. For example, searching for a .pdf? Open Spotlight and type "kind: pdf" in the search blank (without quotes).

You'll get a list of all the .pdf's located on your hard drive. Move your cursor down the list and the



actual file will display itself to the left. This makes searching for a specific file on your Mac very easy to do.

In the example above, I searched for files in the .pdf format on my Mac mini. The 2011 CKCS Fall Class Schedule was on my hard drive. So when I moved my cursor down the list of pdf's to the right and stopped on "Classes Flyer Fall 2011.pdf," that file displayed the first page on the left.

Macworld explains how you can search for a variety of file types using Spotlight.





## **This Lion Purrs**

OS X 10.7 brings plenty of changes. Apple says Lion brings more than 250 changes to the Mac operating system. Here are some changes you need to know to become comfortable with Lion on your Mac.

See all of the Lion changes here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/6do6vjb">http://tinyurl.com/6do6vjb</a>

- Learn about Lion's new multi-touch gestures: <u>http://www.apple.com/macosx/whats-new/gestures.html</u>
- Lion introduces Full–Screen Apps:
  http://www.apple.com/macosx/whats-new/full-screen.html
- If you feel right at home with an iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, you'll like Launchpad:
  http://www.apple.com/macosx/whats-new/launchpad.html
- Auto Save and Versions are brand new and you'll want to learn about them: <a href="http://www.apple.com/macosx/whats-new/auto-save.html">http://www.apple.com/macosx/whats-new/auto-save.html</a>
- Mission Controls brings together full-screen apps, Dashboard, Spaces, and Exposé: http://www.apple.com/macosx/whats-new/mission-control.html



#### Quicken 2007 alternatives

At a recent Mac SIG meeting, we talked about possible options for Quicken 2007 users who decided to upgrade to OS X Lion. As savvy Mac users know, Quicken 2007 won't run under Lion. Period.

That forces folks to made some decisions. How do you find the "right" alternative for you? What alternatives are available? And how do you move your data out of Quicken 2007 and into a suitable replacement so your financial records are accurate?

Several of those attending the SIG meeting cited their favorite Mac financial programs: CheckBook, CheckBook Pro, Moneydance, Mint, and iBank 4.

One option for folks running Mac OS X 10.6.6 or later is to search the Mac App Store. Type "finance" (without the quotations) into the search blank on the upper right-hand side of the page and then hit your Return (Enter) key on your keyboard. I did this at home and came up with 206 software titles through the Mac App Store. Okay, there were a few rogue titles that didn't deal with finances, but the

vast majority did.

You'll see a variety of Quicken 2007 alternatives. By clicking on one of the software links, you can read about a program, see what users have to say about it, and



visit the software developer's Web site.

In the August edition of this newsletter, I linked to a TechCrunch <u>article</u> explaining the problem with Quicken 7 and the guest to find a suitable replacement.

There are dozens of Mac finance software programs available so find one that suits your needs!

In July, Softonic writer Nick Mead <u>compared</u> several popular Mac alternatives. I thought his comments about Quicken 2007 hit the nail on the head:

Quicken 2007 won't work on Lion due to Apple's decision to drop Rosetta support. This is possibly the final blow for thousands of Mac users who were bitterly disappointed last year by the latest version of Quicken–Quicken Essentials–because of the decision to drop online features such as the ability to pay bills, store investment transaction history and export to TurboTax. If there were ever an example of a developer trying their best to alienate Mac users and destroy their own product, its definitely Quicken creators Intuit.

TidBits follow—up to Finding a replacement for Quicken article



### Apps Enhanced for OS X Lion

Since the newest Mac operating system won't run many older programs, how does one tell which programs are made for Lion and take advantage of its new features?

One way to tell is by visiting the Mac App Store and finding the button that reads Apps Enhanced for OS X Lion.

This is only a fraction of the software programs rewritten for Lion, but it's a place to start. Once you click on the button, a screen revealing software available through the Mac App Store, which has been optimized for Lion (10.7) will greet you:



### Mac sales soar among university students in U.S.



A small, but striking, survey reveals that Mac sales among U.S. college and university students are rising dramatically.

The firm, Hudson Square Research did the small survey of 158 students at eight U.S. colleges and universities in early September.

The survey showed that Apple's share of computer purchases among those students climbed to 60 percent from 38 percent last year.

Writer Philip Elmer–Dewitt shared the results in his <u>story</u> for *CNN, Money, and Fortune.* 

Here is the share of computers purchased within the past three months according to the study:

Apple – 60% HP – 14% Other brands – 14% Sony – 6% Toshiba – 3% Dell – 3%

Other numbers are quite interesting:

- Only 32% of students brought a TV set to school, down from 73% last year
- 19.5% of students brought a tablet or e-reader with them to school—up from 14% last year
- Apple's iPad dropped from 48% to a 42% share and Amazon's Kindle fell to 48% from 46.7%.

### 11,000 libraries begin lending Kindle books to public

If you own a Kindle and you're a book lover, it might be time to celebrate.

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, Amazon announced the Kindle library book lending system had been activated, meaning 11,000 libraries will offer Kindle–compatible eBooks. One requirement is that the library needs to be offering eBooks through OverDrive, a national provider of both eBooks and audiobooks.

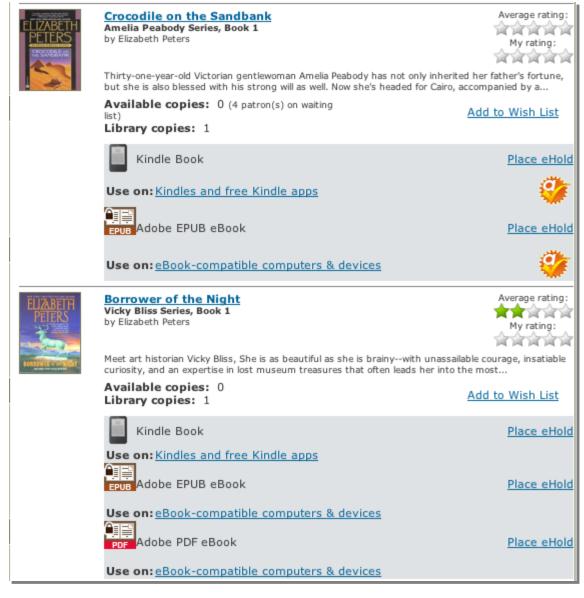
The lending system will allow users to select books from their local libraries using a "Send to Kindle" button. The user then needs to log into his or her Amazon account and the eBook will be sent to the Kindle via Wi–Fi or USB.



I have library cards for both the Lexington Public Library and Paul Sawyier Library in Frankfort, and both libraries now offer Kindle books.

The Paul
Sawyier Library
is one of
dozens of
libraries
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state providing
eBooks and
audiobooks
through the
Kentucky
Libraries
Unbound
service.

If you regularly read eBooks on your Mac, or your iPhone, iPad, or iPod



touch, you'll still be able to do so. But this greatly expands the capability of the Kindle, since it allows users to download and read library books free of charge for the first time on that popular device.

<u>Several news articles</u> have indicated that the quantity of Adobe PDF eBooks far outnumber Kindle Books available through OverDrive, but that is expected to lessen as more library books become available in Kindle format.

Here's how Julie Bosman described the news in her *New York Times* <u>blog</u>, "For years the availability of free e-books from libraries was something of an underground secret. But Amazon significantly increased the potential visibility of library e-books on Wednesday when it opened up its popular Kindle device to those books for the first time."

What electronic books are available and durations of loans are determined by individual libraries. Amazon has more information on a special <u>link</u>.



### Where did Lion's zoom feature go?

Macworld reader David Simon recently posed a question to Macworld's Mac 911 section. He wrote that he bought a new MacBook Pro and was puzzled.

He formerly used a mouse on his old Mac.

He was able to configure the mouse so when he held down the Control key on his keyboard and pushed the mouse's scroll ball up, the Mac's screen would zoom in.

He has now switched to using the trackpad on his laptop and can't figure how to activate this feature.

Macworld's Christopher Breen replied that if David plugged a mouse into his new MacBook Pro and opened the mouse system preference, he would see, at the bottom of the window, the zoom using Scroll Wheel/Ball When Holding Control Option.

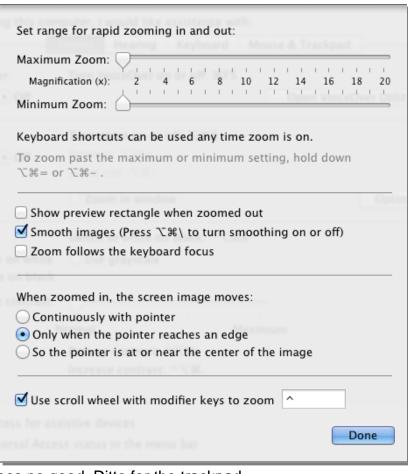
Enable that option, and when you hold down the Control key (or a different key you've chosen) the screen will zoom in when you move your scroll wheel or scroll ball up.

Since David is not using a mouse or trackball, the mouse system preference does no good. Ditto for the trackpad.

The answer lies in Universal Access, which is located in your Mac's System Preferences. Breen instructed David to launch that system preference, choose the Seeing tab, and in the zoom area click on the Options button.

At the bottom of the window that opens, you'll spot the "Use Scroll Wheel With Modifier Keys to Zoom, followed by the symbol for the Control key (or another key if you change it.)

Breen told David not to let the words "Use Scroll Wheel" turn him away. When you enable this option and click Done, hold down Control (or a different modifier key you've chosen) and swipe up with two fingers on the trackpad to zoom in. Hold down the same key and swipe down to zoom out.



### **EveryMac sorts out Mac features**

A Website by <u>EveryMac</u> is a valuable tool in the quest to find out all about different Mac models. For example, which ones sport FireWire 800 connections (these are very fast ports on the back and side of different Mac models for connecting external hard drives, video cameras, and other devices.)

TidBits <u>wrote</u> about EveryMac in a recent article, describing the features of EveryMac's Ultimate Mac Sort tool, which is currently in beta.

Another valuable tool is EveryMac's <u>Ultimate Mac Lookup</u>. This Web site allows you to enter an identifier number for a Mac, iPhone, iPad, or iPod and

For example, the mid–range model of the Mac mini is known as Macmini5,2. If I type that into EveryMac's search blank and then click on the Lookup button, I get a who page of data about Apple's mid–range Mac mini models.

This is valuable information if you ever have to call AppleCare and provide more than basic information such as your serial number.

### — Headlines & neat stuff you might have missed —



- ReadWriteWeb: <u>Mobile Gmail gets almost</u> <u>all of its missing features</u>
- ReadWriteWeb: What should we expect when Apple launches the iPhone 5 in two weeks?
- Macworld: Review—Photoshop Elements

  10 boosts power and creative spark
- Macworld: <u>Mozilla ponders, rejects even</u> faster Firefox release pace
- MacLife: Best Case Scenario slideshow— <u>Tablet or notebook?</u>
- MacLife: App Showdown—100 plus iOS apps
- Chandoo.org: 31 Excel tutorials—Learn and be awesome in Excel
- MacRumors: Mac Beginner's Guide



### — More Headlines & neat stuff you might have missed —

- iFixit: Mac, iPod and iPhone parts, tools, repair manuals, troubleshooting
- CultofMac: Look up words in the Mac OS X Dictionary and Wikipedia with two taps
- Mac360: The ultimate list of 20 free apps every Mac user needs
- Patently Apple: Future iPhones will communicate with parking meters, doors & more
- AllThingsD: Check out what you can check out at a Wisconsin library—an Apple iPad
- Electronista: <u>iPhone showing 89% retention rate,</u> <u>survey indicates</u>
- Electronista: Review—Logitech Wireless Solar Keyboard K750 for Mac
- WhatApp.org: <u>Users and experts review online and mobile apps and platforms for privacy, security, and openess</u>
- Boston Globe's Big Picture: A step-by-step guide to celebrating
- Macworld's New to Mac section
- Macworld: <u>Cure for unintended gestures</u>
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