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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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BE BACK NEXT MONTH

GENE MADILL

Ever notice, the older we get,
the more we're like computers?



We start out with lots of
MEMORY and DRIVE
then we become outdated,
and eventually have to get
our parts replaced...:)

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

May 16: The monthly meeting of the KeyMac Club will be held from 10:00-12:00 noon on May 16, in the Keowee Room of the Keowee Key Activity Center. The program will be a Photo Shop Elements presentation by Rick Hughes, a Keowee Key resident, who does photo restoration and photo shop tutoring.

Macintosh Training Classes

May 25: Jack Leitch will conduct a Mail & Internet class for KeyMac Club members and other Mac computer users from 9:00-12:00 noon in the Keowee Room of the Keowee Key Activity Center. To register for the workshop, contact Jack Leitch, 944-6255, phyjac@mindspring.com as soon as possible.

OS X DISCUSSION GROUP

June 6: Q & A session from 10:00-12 noon at the Activity Center

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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macHOME HOTTIPS

CROPPING PHOTOS

Q: I take a lot of digital photos of my grandchildren and I like to use them as my desktop background. Some of them look okay on the desktop, but others are too large and heads are cut off. What size should they be to fit the screen and look right?

A: This occurs because digital photos adhere to the 4:3 aspect ratio used by televisions and displays, whereas the displays in almost all Macs these days are closer to the 16:9 ratio, pushing the top and bottom of the photo out of frame (or, rather, off the display). In order to use your photos as backgrounds, you'll need to crop them to fit the display. Open iPhoto and find the photo you want to use as a background.

Click it once to highlight it and then choose Photos>Duplicate. Now double-click the duplicate to edit it. At the bottom of the window, you'll see a pop-up menu called "Constrain." Choose the topmost option, which is your display's current resolution. Move around the selection window so that it is positioned properly and then click Crop. Now choose Share>Desktop. Your photo should now fill your display properly, with no cut-off heads!

MAIL MYSTERIES

Q: Whenever I send an email with an attachment, the recipient says that there are no attachments. They say that the files and photos are embedded into the email. How do I correct this? I spoke with someone at Apple, and they didn't have a clue.

A: Mail uses a technique that embeds the files into the email message, and depending upon the receiver's email client, the attachments may not arrive as you expect. There are two ways to deal with this issue. The first is to make a folder on your Desktop and add files to it (pictures, etc). Now Control-click it and choose Create Archive of "Your Folder". This makes a compressed archive of the folder in ZIP format. Drag the resulting archive (it ends with '.zip') into your mail message. Another thing that might help is to send attachments that are 'Windows friendly.' To make this the default setting when you send attachments, choose, Attach; then choose Edit>Attachments>Always Send Windows Friendly Attachments.

SAFARI IN SLOW MOTION

Q: After I upgraded to OS 10.4.4, I noticed some odd things happening with Safari; specifically, some images weren't animating correctly. It doesn't always happen, but every once in a while I'd go to a website and I'd see an ad or something similar that seems to be moving in slow motion. This didn't happen with OS 10.4.3.

A: It appears that Safari 2.0.3. (417.8), which is included with the OS 10.4.4 upgrade, has trouble displaying animated GIF images that have frame delays set to zero (0) seconds. Instead of immediately displaying the next frame, Safari holds the frame one full second. This makes the animation looks as if it is running in slow motion. (Safari displays GIFs with 0.1 second delays just fine.) Unfortunately, there's no fix for this issue yet, other than to use another browser. Hopefully Apple will address the issue with the OS 10.4.5 update.



TAME THAT TIGER

**USE DISK COPY OR DISK UTILITY
to create a duplicate of a DVD-R disc
previously made with iDVD or
DVD Studio Pro**

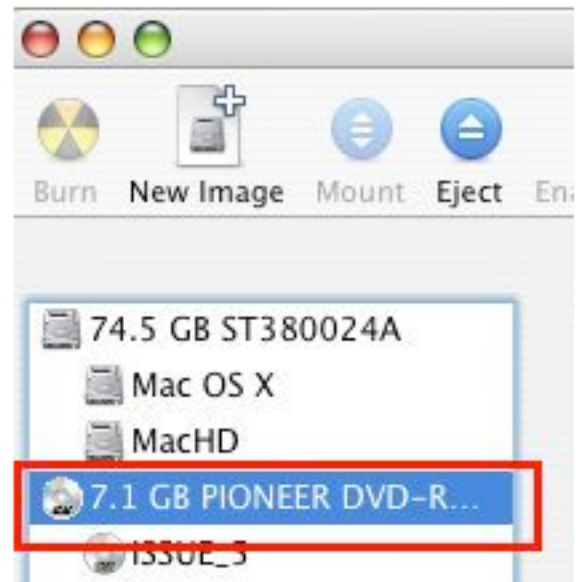
Have you ever created a DVD slideshow or movie, burned a disc, and sent it off to a family member before first making a duplicate for your own viewing? Your editor has done just that of several two-hour burn time DVDs. To burn again a disc from the DVD project took another two hours; however, to duplicate a disc from one previously made took only 40 minutes.

Jacob Miller addressed this topic in his excellent presentation at our last KeyMac club meeting. Your editor usually takes notes at the meetings regarding technical matters but often later finds them to be illegible or cryptic. Taken from Jacob's remarks and the Help Menu, here is the procedure for duplicating a DVD-R disc.

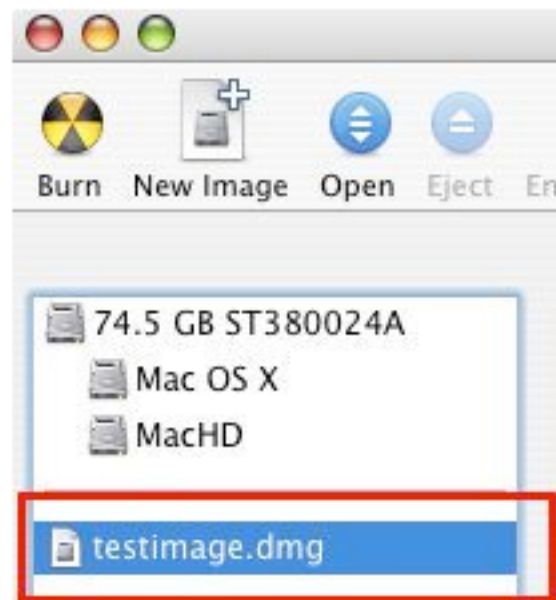
For Mac OS X 10.3 or later:

1. Insert the DVD-R video disc that you created into the SuperDrive.
2. Open the Disk Utility application. It's in the Utilities folder, which is in your Applications folder (or choose Utilities from the Finder's Go menu).
3. Select the disc (not just the disc session) you want to copy from the listing (see Figure 1).
4. From the Images menu, choose New and then choose Image from "your disk name." (Mac OS X 10.4 and later: From the File menu, choose New and then choose Image from "your disk name").
5. Type a file name and choose "DVD/CD Master" from the Image Format pop-up menu.
6. Click the Create button (in Mac OS X 10.4, the button reads Save). After the image has been created you should see it in the disk listing in the Disk Utility window.
7. Eject the DVD-R video disc.
8. Select the disk image you created from the listing.

9. Click the Burn icon in the toolbar (see Figure 2).
10. When prompted, insert a blank DVD-R disc.
11. Click the Burn button.



(Figure 1)



(Figure 2)

(Later versions of the Disk Utility will use the ".cdr" extension instead of the ".dmg")

Note: This procedure will only work with discs originally created with iDVD or DVD Studio Pro. It will not work with copy protected DVD-video discs. ☐

DELETING UNNECESSARY LISTS

It's spring, and some of us may be in spring cleaning mode around the house, garage, and yard. If so, we might want to clean up our electronic equipment as well.

Our Mac computers like to keep lists of various activities in which its users are involved, such as specific applications, documents, searches, websites visited, printing jobs, etc. These lists are for our benefit to help us easily find what we need, but sometimes they slow down our computers, invade our privacy—or so we might think, or give us a sense of "clutter."

Here are a few ways to eliminate some of these lists:

APPLEWORKS (*this tip, supplied by Paul Porter, appeared in the September 2005 KeyMac Journal*)

Open **Finder**

From left vertical toolbar, choose **Documents**

Choose **AppleWorks User Data**

Choose **Starting Points**

Drag **Recent Items** folder to trash

UNDER APPLE

Choose **Recent Items**

Choose **Clear Menu**

COMPLETED PRINT JOBS

Open **Finder**

From left vertical toolbar, choose **Applications**

Choose **Utilities**

Choose **Printer Setup Utility** (*it brings up Printer List screen*)

Highlight the printer you are using

From the toolbar choose **Printers**

Choose **Show Jobs** (*it brings up the screen with the jobs listed for that printer*)

From the screen choose **Completed**

From the toolbar choose **Jobs**

Choose **Clear Completed Job List**

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From the toolbar choose **History**

Choose **Clear History**

Art's Widget of the Week

The handy Tiger Dashboard widget is called xCuts and is posted by "Musings from Mars."

It is a full reference of OS X keyboard shortcuts listed in a Dashboard widget. View by Category, Scope, or

Object. You can even search within the widget for specific shortcuts. This widget would be especially handy for recent switchers from Windows or Linux users who are unfamiliar with the standard OS X keyboard shortcuts. It even includes tips on the use of certain shortcuts. A very informative widget.

Here is the link for more info and to download:

<http://www.apple.com/downloads/dashboard/reference/xcuts.html>

IN THE NEWS

UC Berkeley Goes iTunes U

You may remember that Duke University was the first college to provide their students with iPods so that they could access the professors' lectures.

UC Berkeley has just brought their iTunes U site online. Their iTunes U site is now live (<http://itunes.berkeley.edu>) and press coverage is beginning. This instance is unique in that the course lectures are all publicly available; without access controls. You may access this site by the URL above; the iTunes application will open and you may listen to any lecture.

Interest in iTunes U continues to be very strong in higher education institutions across the country.

