

The "Leapin' Leopard Edition" of the MacOSG Newsletter • November 2, 2007

WOW! Christmas came early to the Raymond household with the arrival of Leopard on October 26! Like a kid on Xmas morn, I couldn't open that little FedEx package fast enough to discover the secrets within, and I hope you were among the many to enjoy this moment, too. This issue of the MacOSG newsletter is a little longer than usual because there's so much to mention about Apple's next latest-n-greatest, but I hope you find it enlightening and encourage you to check out MacOSG's Home Page and Forums for additional info and user reactions, advice and help not mentioned below.

====Mac OSX TIPS & TRICKS====

Don't Like Leo's New Menu Bar?

Among the many new eye-candy features in Leopard is a semi-transparent menu bar. Some people love it; others don't. If you're among the latter, check out this freeware program (donations appreciated) to restore it to its former opaque goodness.

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=15249>

New to Leopard AND Macs?

If you're a recent switcher, then you might be feeling a wee bit overwhelmed as you discover the differences between Macs and PCs. Rick Prather, a member of MacOSG's podcast crew, recently posted a brief but very helpful list of tips/links to assist you - including a link to Apple's just-for-you "Switch 101" page - but don't be afraid to post your questions on MacOSG's Forums, too!

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=14881>

And Speaking of New Mac Owners...

Around 3 p.m. (my time) on October 27, new MacOSG member Halcyone posted numerous questions about his/her new iMac. Within a few hours, MacOSG's helpful members answered nearly every question! Again, take advantage of MacOSG's worldwide membership because we're here to help!

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=15155>

Did You Jump on Leopard?

Did you drop your hard-earned coin to immediately purchase Cupertino's newest disk full of OS goodness? What do you think so far? What do you love? What troubles you? MacOSG's Forums offer a bounty of user reaction and advice so if you have impressions to share, please visit the following link but make sure you explore all that the Forums offer!

<http://macosg.com/group/viewforum.php?f=59>

====MACSIMUM NEWS====

Leopard Removed from Endangered Species List

Despite the overshadowing hype of the iPhone launch and the release of the next-gen lineup of iPods recently, Apple's legion of early-adopters didn't forget that the company's official name formerly included the word "Computer" when Apple released Leo last week. In only three days, Leopard achieved something that Tiger needed more than a month to accomplish...

<http://tinyurl.com/27c44c>

Why Vista Blows Leopard Away...

Okay, I can't type that with a straight face but among the pathetic plethora of anti-Leo, Pro-Windows "reviews" out there since the release of Apple's newest OS is this sadly misguided piece that, at the least, serves to remind every Leo-upgrading MacNut to double-check his or her file sharing prefs...

<http://tinyurl.com/yvzmfh>

Share Your Leopard Tails!

Er, that should actually read "Tales." Anyway, Dennis Sellers of MacOSG partner site Macsimum News seeks your stories - good or bad - about your experience with Leopard. Tell him what you love, what you hate, any problems you've encountered, etc. You'll find his e-mail address at the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/29kefd>

Pissy Peacock?

Yeah, that title is so wrong on so many levels, but the NBC network continued its war of words against Apple and its iTunes Store recently in defense of the network's decision not to renew its contract with the number-one digital content retailer as the Peacock Network (ala Universal Music Group, reported in the last issue) seeks great profit from the sale of its content. Only time will tell if NBC's decision to go it alone finally answers the age-old question: Which comes first these days, the peacock or the egg?

<http://tinyurl.com/2766z2>

#### Attention Quark Users

Quark XPress alienated a lot of its customers when it took more than a year to release an OSX-compatible version of its page-layout software several years ago. While the company learned from that mistake and offered a Tiger-compatible version much sooner, what's the latest on using Quark with Leopard? (Incidentally, most reviews indicate that Adobe's InDesign CS3 is compatible with Leo, except for a few minor things...)  
<http://tinyurl.com/ywzhne>

#### ====MacOSG UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS====

More Innovation Courtesy of MacOSG!

Perhaps as early as today, MacOSG founder and Mac guru Bmer will announce an awesome new innovation to the MacOSG Website - something he and many others have secretly been working on for quite some time. If I tell you what it is, Bmer will need to have me killed, but he has allowed me to give you a hint: iPhone and iTouch users should "think mobile."

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=14728>

E.T.: "Fold Home!"

Can your Mac help fight cancer? Alzheimer's disease? You bet it can, and in its spare time too. Folding@Home is a distributed computing project that enables any Mac running OSX to support medical research with its spare power. Half a million people, including many MacOSG members, already help with this worthy cause! To get started with Folding@Home on your Mac, visit this link for more information or to download the software:  
<http://teammacosx.homeunix.com>

There's No Such Thing as a "Dumb Question"!

Every day, more n' more people around the world discover the benefits of the MacOSG Website. We now have nearly 4,970 registered members! (Who will be number 5,000??) If you recently joined, don't feel shy about posting your comments, concerns or questions in our Forums and tapping into the expertise of our worldwide membership. And if you recently registered, please tell us how you found our site and let us know how we can help you get the most from your Mac!

<http://macosg.com/group/viewforum.php?f=1>

#### ====MacOSG MEMBER BENNIES====

Free Macworld Passes!

What could be better than attending the Macworld Conference & Expo in San Francisco this January? How 'bout getting in for free? Thanks to our pals at Your Mac Life, you can do just that as you experience the latest and greatest products and developments in the world of Macs!

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=15054>

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