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

Six Cool Leopard Tips You Probably Don't Know

If someone ever carves the "Mount Rushmore of Macs" somewhere, in addition to Steve and Woz, I'd vote for including the mug of David Pogue, author of some of the most informative, fun-to-read books for MacNuts I've ever read. Well, Pogue's latest – "Mac OS X Leopard: The Missing Manual" – will be published this month by our pals at O'Reilly, and even if you don't buy the book, you should check out the following link for his six great tips to enhance your Leo experience. (And if you want to buy his book, you'll also discover how you can get it for 35% less just cuz you're a MacOSG member!)

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=15589>

15 MORE Cool Leopard Tips You Probably Don't Know!

Thanks to MacOSG member macuser, here's an additional Baker's Dozen+2 Leo tips, including how to delete Spotlight from the menu bar; how to dumb-down Dictionary; how to permanently delete Time Machine files; and how to make your mother-in-law's picture in Address Book resemble your mental image of her courtesy of Photo Booth effects :-)

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=15570>

Easter in December??

Long-time MacNuts probably recall the many Easter Eggs within pre-OSX Macs. (An Easter Egg is a hidden image, sound, message, etc., within software or even hard-coded into hardware components.) While harmless and mainly intended just to make a user smile, Apple ironically got all "PC" on programmers with the release of OSX and more or less eliminated them. But MacOSG member KCMac posted recently about one involving the infamous Windoze "Blue Screen of Death," and I just posted about a fun TextEdit icon egg, so if you need a laugh, check it out. (And be sure to post here about any other OSX Easter Eggs you discover or hear about!)

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=15329>

====MACSIMUM NEWS====

Apple Copyrights Use of the letter "i"

Nah, I'm just kidding, but our favorite fruit company really should since even its rumored product innovations now bear the "iSomething" moniker! (Imagine earning a penny every time someone uses the letter "i"!)

Anyway, speculation abounds that Apple will unveil the iTablet – a device that blends the iPhone's touch-screen usability with a Mac laptop's power – at next month's Macworld Conference & Expo in San Fran. If you want to attend this awesome show for free, keep reading this newsletter; if you're there and hear Steve say, "Oh, and one more thing..." start salivating cuz you'll probably want whatever it is – perhaps the iTablet!

http://www.macsimumnews.com/index.php/archive/analyst_ups_odds_of_seeing_ultra_portable_laptop_at_mwsf/

Photoshop Philters for Phree!

Filter Forge already offers a ton of cool Photoshop filters to further enhance the amazing abilities of Adobe's digital image-manipulation app, but graphic artists might be interested in a series of seven free filters the company will release in 2008... and the first one is available now!

http://www.macsimumnews.com/index.php/archive/filter_forge_announces_series_of_free_photoshop_plugin/

Use Your iPhone as a Portable HD

MacOSG founder Bmer does way more than just create useful holiday Widgets (see below) and run the most informative, friendliest Mac User Group site in cyberspace; he also finds time to share his Mac insights by contributing articles to MacOSG partner site Macsimumnews. One complaint about Apple's iPhone has been that users can't easily enable its use as an external hard drive ala the iPod, but Bmer offers two ways at the following link to make that possible:

http://www.macsimumnews.com/index.php/archive/macosg_how_to_wirelessly_connect_an_iphone_mac/

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

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>

Welcome to MacOSG!

Every day, more n' more people discover the benefits of the MacOSG Website. As I write this newsletter, we now have 5,160 registered members! (That's nearly 200 new MacNuts in the last month, folks!) If you recently joined, please 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====

Keep Track of Your Shopping Procrastination the Easy Way!

Thanks to Santa Bmer, you can now easily check from your desktop how little time remains for you to finish your Christmas shopping... YIKES!

<http://macosg.com/group/viewtopic.php?t=15541>

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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