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## Let's get ready to BBQ! dBug Annual Picnic

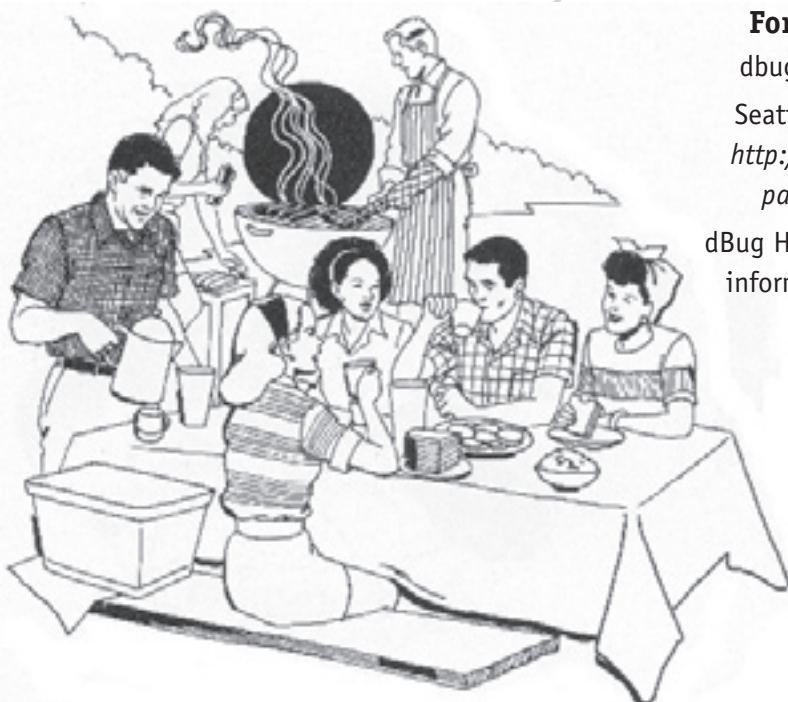
**Where:** Meridian Park/Picnic Shelter, 4649 Sunnyside Ave North  
(next to the Seattle Tilth and Good Shepard Center in the Wallingford neighborhood)

**When:** August 11, 2004

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

It's that time of year again when fellow dBugger's, family and friends get together to share in the all that is the Annual dBug Potluck Picnic. Come help dBug celebrate its 20th year as a Mac loving community whose aim is to help and teach anyone interested in Macs and the technology that goes hand in hand with it. We will be serving up delicious hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie goodies as well as some delicacies from our very own dBug Chef and President, Allan Swensson.

Bring a friend, a neighbor or a complete stranger to share in good food, good friends and good community. Bring a dish to pass.



### For more information:

dbug website: [www.dbug.org](http://www.dbug.org)

Seattle Parks and Recreation:  
<http://cityofseattle.net/parks/parkspaces/meridian.htm>

dBug Hotline for up to the minute  
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**See the back page for  
driving instructions  
and map.**



# Purrrfecting the Operating System

By Mike Grueter

Apple recently announced Mac OS X version 10.4, which will be a new version of their operating system, scheduled to ship in the first half of 2005. Apple's nickname for this version of the OS is "Tiger" in keeping with the large cat motif used since 10.0. We took a look at some of the new features at dBug's Mac OS X SIG meeting on Wednesday, July 21st. If you missed out on the meeting, here are some of the highlights.

A few of the existing technologies are going to get substantial improvements. **Safari** which is Apple's excellent web browser will gain the ability to search and view RSS news feeds. You can view pages with headlines and customizable article summaries, sort and filter the articles, and even search across newsfeeds to find all of the information you are looking for. Other new Safari features include a way to surf the web without Safari saving any information like cookies, cache, history, etc., a way to save web pages as archives stored on your disk or e-mailed to friends, and the ability to search through your saved bookmarks.

**iChat** is also getting some nice new features. Right now you can text chat with as many friends as you want at once, but you can only audio or video chat with one friend at a time. The new version of iChat will allow audio chatting with up to 10 friends and video chatting with up to 3 friends. The multiple-person video chat window is very slick looking. This is made possible by a new video encoding/decoding technology which allows for better video quality while using less bandwidth and processor time.

**iSync** is going to be built into Tiger at a low level and 3rd party developers will get access to the technology so that other applications can start synchronizing data between Macs and handheld devices. Called **.Mac Sync**, Apple is adding at least desktop, screen saver, Dock, and Exposé settings to the list of syncable items along with the existing Safari bookmarks, Address Book contacts, and iCal events, and I think Mail was mentioned at the WWDC Keynote, so this technology looks like it will be even more useful.



**Spotlight** is one of the new technologies coming in Tiger, and it should make finding our data much easier and faster. It uses metadata in files (stuff like photo orientation in an image file or the artist or album in a MP3 file) to make sure we find what we're looking for, and Apple says Tiger can search through "more than one hundred thousand files and display the results literally as fast as you can type in search words". Spotlight is also being introduced as a technology 3rd party developers can take advantage of in their own applications, so we should see this feature in more than just Apple's applications.


Remember Apple's Desk Accessories? Dashboard in Tiger uses Exposé and Quartz to advance Desk Accessories into this century. With a click of a button, cool little Desk Accessory-like applications (Calculator, clock, stock tickers, etc.) zoom on or off your screen. We're calling them "**Widgets**" now, and they can be created by anyone with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript know-how, so look for tons of these little programs popping out on your screen next year.

If you have to do a set of tasks over and over again, like modifying and uploading a set of images, backing up files to a server, renaming files, etc., then you might want to look into the new **Automator**. AppleScript has been around for over a decade and you can use it right now to automate repetitive tasks, but Automator lets you do it without knowing AppleScript or writing any code at all.

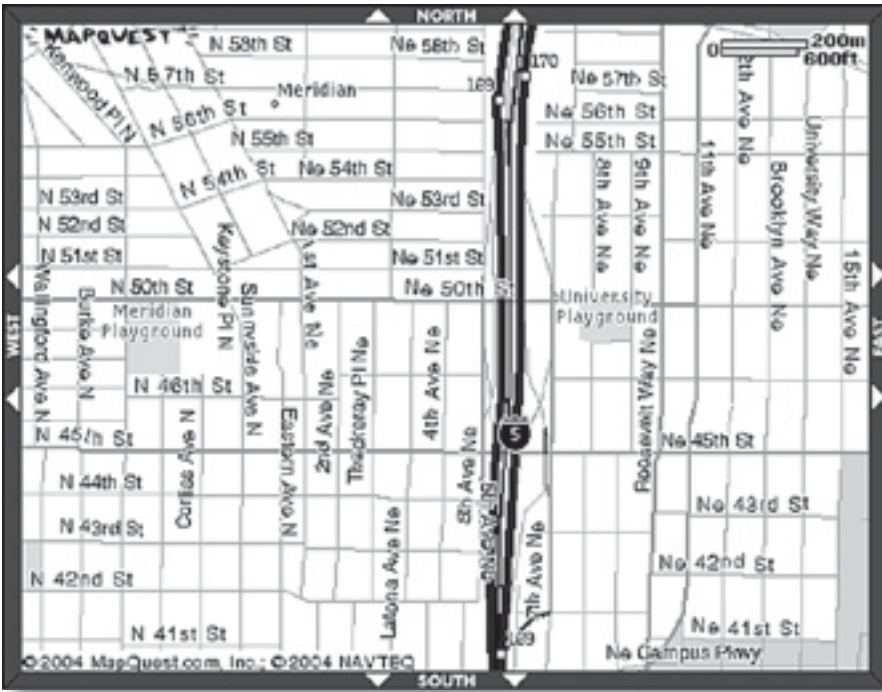
There will be over 150 new features in Tiger, so come to dBug's Mac OS X SIG meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and there is lots of information on Apple's web site <<http://www.apple.com/macosx/tiger/>> too. ■

**Check out the dBug website for further information about the subjects touched on here.**

# August / September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2 August</b> Beginning Mac Users SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Intermediate Mac Users SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> dBug Café Resource Center 9:05 a.m. ExChange Planning 10:00 a.m.
<b>9</b> dBug Board Meeting Resource Center 7:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> WebObjects SIG Resource Center 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Main Meeting Annual Picnic at Meridian Plyfield 6:00 p.m. 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> dBug Café Resource Center 9:05 a.m.
<b>16</b> Filemaker Pro SIG Resource Center 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> MAC OS X SIG Resource Center 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> Office 2004 Applications SIG Resource Center 7:00 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> dBug Café Resource Center 9:05 a.m.
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4th Dimension SIG Resource Center 6:00 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> dBug Café Resource Center 9:05 a.m.
<b>30</b> Internet SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	<b>31</b> 4th Dimension SIG Resource Center 6:00 p.m.	<b>1 September</b>	<b>2</b> Final Cut, DVD Studio Pro & Photoshop SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> dBug Café Resource Center 9:05 a.m. ExChange Planning 10:00 a.m.
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Be sure to check on the website <[www.dbug.org](http://www.dbug.org)> or call the info line 206-624-9329 for last minute changes.



## Directions to picnic:

### I-5 Northbound:

Take the NE 45TH ST/NE 50TH ST exit towards UW, exit #169

Turn Left on 7TH AVE NE

Turn Left on NE 45TH ST

Turn Right on SUNNYSIDE AVE N

### From I-5 Southbound:

Take the N. E. 45TH ST./N. E. 50TH ST. exit towards UW, exit #169

Continue on 5TH AVE NE

Turn Right on NE 45TH ST

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## Upcoming Events

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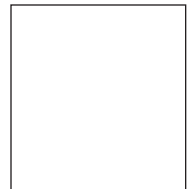
### dBug October Main Meeting:

October 13, 2004, The Mac's 20th Anniversary, Guest Speaker: Clark Schroeder, Apple Rep will talk about the latest and greatest coming out of Cupertino.

Stay tuned for more details to come via [www.dbug.org](http://www.dbug.org)

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