



SEPTEMBER 2006

MacNews

SEPTEMBER 2006 CALENDAR

- 4**
6:30 PM Beginning Mac User's SIG at RC
- No Meeting Due to Holiday
- 5**
7:00 PM Board Meeting at RC - members
welcome
- 6**
7:00 PM Seattle Final Cut Users Group,
DVD Studio Pro, and Photoshop tutorials
- 9**
9:05 AM dBug Cafe - RC 9:05 AM to 1 PM
10:00 AM Exchange Planning gathering
to discuss next steps in new system
development
- 11**
6:30 PM Intermediate Mac User's SIG at RC
- Q&A and Troubleshooting
- 12**
7:00 PM WebObjects SIG at RC
- 13**
**6:30 PM Main Meeting at RC:
FileMaker Pro 8.5**
Win FileMaker Pro 8.5 at the meeting!
- 14**
7:00 PM Xcoders SIG at RC
- 16**
9:05 AM dBug Cafe - RC 9:05 AM to 1 PM
- 18**
7:00 PM FileMaker Pro SIG at RC - DevCon
News!
- 19**
6:30 PM Music SIG at RC
- 20**
7:00 PM Mac OS X SIG at RC
- 21**
7:00 PM Create AutoText in word
processors
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9:05 AM dBug Cafe - RC 9:05 AM to 1 PM
6:30 PM Internet SIG at RC - Browsers,
Email, News, the Web

dBug September Main Meeting

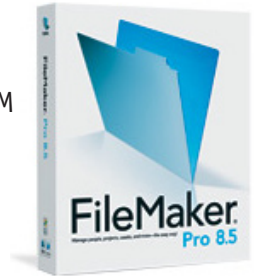
What: FileMaker Pro 8.5 by Bruce Robertson

When: Wed., September 13th, 2006

Doors open at 6:30 PM, presentation at 7 PM

Where: dBug Resource Center
9720 Stone Ave. N., Suite 202
Seattle, WA 98103
206-634-9329

<http://www.dBug.org>



Join dBug as we explore the new features of FileMaker Pro 8.5. Last time we looked at FileMaker was in April 2004 when version 7 came out. FileMaker has aggressively added new features and now we have Web Viewer for viewing web data, graphics, PDFs, Word documents, and reports. Tabbed interface tools, better instant web publishing, easy PDF and Excel export, better email integration, better online support with the FileMaker Learning Center, and four different ways to use PHP with FileMaker! You won't want to miss this meeting! Did we forget something? How about a brand new copy of FileMaker 8.5 for the raffle winner!

Check out the FileMaker Web Viewer Gallery <http://www.filemaker.com/products/fmp/wvg/> or learn more about FileMaker 8.5 features here <http://www.filemaker.com/products/fmp/>

If you want even more info - FileMaker Version Comparison PDF http://www.filemaker.com/downloads/pdf/filemaker_versions.pdf

dBug Classes

dBug's classes are fundraisers for dBug. Instructors donate some of the fees for the classes to the organization's general fund. Thank you all for making them a success.

Multimedia Skills: Technical Imaging Workshops by Gus Frederick



Digital Time-Warps:

Creating Time-Lapse Video with a Digital Still Camera & QuickTime Pro

Saturday, October 14, 2006, 10 AM - 4 PM at dBug's Resource Center

\$100 fee; Minimum enrollment of 10 to hold the class. Register now!

http://www.dbug.org/about/contact.shtml?to=class_coordinator or

<http://order.kagi.com/cgi/bin/store.cgi?storeID=6CXXA&&>

Moving Imagery that we see in TV and the movies started out as dozens of individual still pictures, repeated fast enough to give the illusion of motion. Most of the time, the pictures are recorded at the same speed that

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6:30 PM Digital Imaging SIG at RC

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10:05 AM dBug Cafe - RC: 10:05 AM - 12:05 PM

7:00 PM Xcoders SIG at RC

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9:05 AM dBug Cafe - RC 9:05 AM to 1 PM

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6:30 PM Beginning Mac User's SIG at RC - Getting Connected to dBug's Exchange

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7:00 PM Seattle Final Cut Users Group, DVD Studio Pro, and Photoshop tutorials

5 New!

7:00 PM Genealogy SIG at RC

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they play back. Changing this ratio one way or the other results in either sped-up, or slowed-down action. To speed up is actually quite simple, and can be effectively done with common consumer digital still cameras and a laptop computer. Indeed, using these devices allows for finer detail as well as increased control over traditional methods. This workshop demonstrates by example some of the different objects and scenes that take on an entirely new reality, simply by shifting time and sometimes space!

More information is available on dBug's web site at http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/time-lapse_video.shtml

Basic Animation Techniques: Using Digital Still Cameras & Computers to Create Traditional Animation

Sunday, October 15, 2006, 10 am to 4 PM at dBug's Resource Center

\$100 fee; Minimum enrollment of 10 to hold the class. Register now!

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The Art of Animation was spawned from the birth of moving images, around the turn of the last century. Since then the tools to capture the individual pictures that comprise what we know as a "cartoon" have grown from balky film cameras to video and finally to computers. Making use of the computer's advantages to capture images electronically, coupled with modern digital still cameras, this workshop explores how to use these new tools to accomplish old tricks. Standard animation techniques like sheets of flip-paper and 3-D models will be supplemented with high-resolution image capture and QuickTime Pro for instant playback.

More information is available on dBug's web site at http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/basic_animation.shtml



Mac Maintenance with Wil Nelson

Saturday, November 4, 2006, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM at dBug's Resource Center

\$25.00 fee, a donation to dBug

Receive expert instruction and guidance in Macintosh maintenance from dBug guru Wil Nelson. Wil has been helping fellow dBug members for years at the dBug Café, and they have turned that experience and knowledge into an incredibly informative course designed to help you keep your Mac purring for years and years to come.

http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/mac_basics_class.shtml



Top Survey Results

Overall Features

- 1) Spam controls are in effect.
- 2) The ExChange can be accessed via the Web.
- 3) Members can upload and download files, including software.
- 4) Content is organized into many conferences.
- 5) The ExChange maintains a directory of all members.

Email Features

- 1) Read or unread status of messages is visually displayed.
- 2) Members can send and receive attachments.
- 3) The mailbox is flagged if it contains unread items.
- 4) Messages are threaded (connected by subject).
- 5) Members can sort, move, and flag messages in their mailbox.

Conference Features

- 1) Members can read and post to most conferences.
- 2) The conference is flagged if it contains unread items.
- 3) Read or unread status of individual items is visually displayed.
- 4) Conferences can be searched.
- 5) Postings may include attachments.

Conferences to Keep

- 1) Mentors
- 2) Software ExChange
- 3) SIGs
- 4) Help
- 5) dBug Info

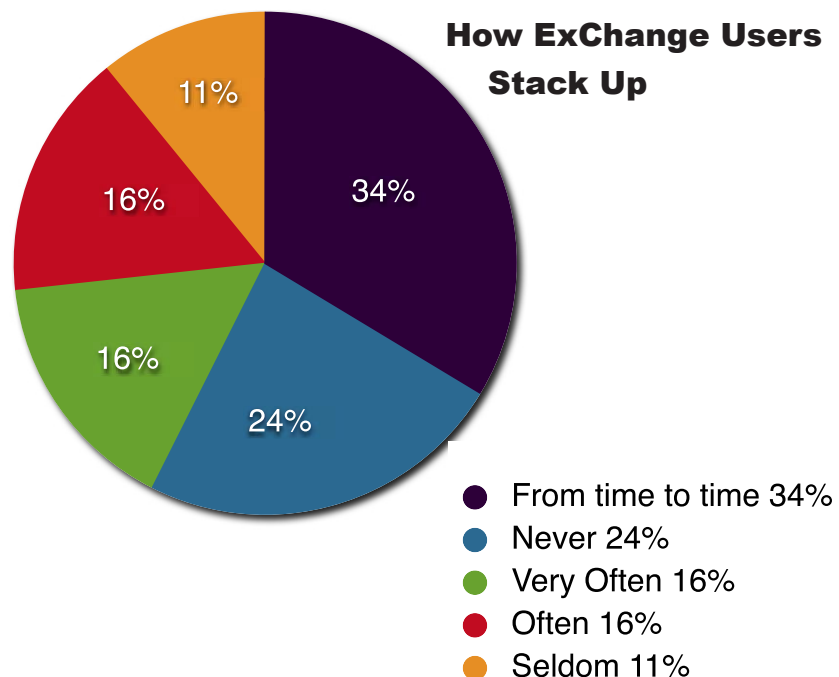


dBug Exchange Plan:

As you have probably heard by now, dBug is in the process of replacing the software that runs the ExChange, our online community. We currently use software called FirstClass to run the ExChange, but that software is old, very expensive to upgrade, and quite a challenge to administer. The volunteer ExChange Planning Committee (E-Plan for short) was formed some time ago to help manage our online community and plan for changes and growth. The current focus of the E-Plan group is to maintain the existing system while researching and choosing an inexpensive, full-featured, easy to administer replacement for FirstClass.

One of the first things the E-Plan group did was to poll our members with an online survey to see which existing content and features are important, so that hopefully a general direction and feature-set can be decided. The survey has been completed and the results from 61 respondents (40 dBug Members and 21 anonymous) have been compiled. See the sidebar for a summary of the top five responses in each section.

The members of the ExChange Planning Committee are excited to continue work on replacing the ExChange software, and you can help. There are many things that need to be done in order to complete a successful migration to new software. There are technical tasks, documentation will need to be written, the look and feel of the new ExChange will need to be designed and refined, learning and testing, training, research, and more. If you are interested in learning how this stuff works, and maybe doing some of it yourself, please come to any of the E-Plan meetings. They are usually held on the first Saturday of each month at 10am, but check the online calendar to be sure.





Using all those CDs that come in our Mac Magazines

by Lon McCloskey

When one lives in the **Classic World** it is sometimes hard to find older utilities and shareware, and having a dial up ISP connection means it takes longer to download them even if I do find them. Many of the big shareware servers specialize in having the most recent versions of everything but often they don't have the older versions.

I use a disk cataloging utility program and I catalog all the disks I have. Then whenever I hear or read about something that sounds interesting, or if someone else is looking for some elusive shareware, I can search the entire disk collection in just a minute or two. I'm currently using a program called **Disk Recall 1.2.8**. It is stable and fast, but I think I can find something better when I have the time to look for it. The major flaw is that it does not capture the version number of the programs and so cannot display them for the files it finds when I do a search. That means that whenever the version number is not part of the file name it can require the extra work of consulting the original disk to determine the version. For anyone wanting to try this, it's important to note that the name of the CD that appears on the screen is not always the same as the one that is on the disk's label. So if you have lots of disks you'll need to write the screen name of the disk on the actual label, if the two are different, in order to retrieve the correct disk later should you need it. When writing on a CD be sure to use a special pen for that purpose so the CD will not be damaged. Hi-Val <<http://www.hival.com/>> is one such brand.

In the case of MacAddict, each disk includes a catalog of the current and all previous disks, as well as the catalog program called DiskTracker <<http://www.disktracker.com/>>. Although it can capture the version numbers of any files that have versions, when it comes to searching it has the same limitation as Disk Recall—it cannot display the version numbers in the search results window,

[**Editor's Note:** Ironically, **Disk Recall** is one of those programs that is hard to find online these days. We'll get Lon to upload it to the Software ExChange, but you might also like to take a look at CDFinder <<http://www.cdfinder.de/>> which (like DiskTracker) has versions for both Mac OS X and Mac OS 9.]

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The SIG will focus on using Macintosh computers and other resources for researching genealogy. They will meet at the dBug Resource Center monthly on the first Thursday of each month. Look for a new Genealogy SIG conference in ExChange->SIGs and an area on our web site <<http://www.dbug.org/sigs/genealogy/>>, so you can check there for more information.

Thank you to Lou Daly for offering to lead this SIG. The new SIG will be great for dBug and the Mac community, and an excellent resource for people in our area interested in researching their ancestry.

Is that all there is?

This mailer serves as a reminder of upcoming events and a summary of topics to be published in full in MacNews, which is posted online at <http://www.dbug.org/publications/macnews/>>. If you'd rather receive this material by e-mail, please tell us that using the form at

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dBug 2006 Board of Directors:

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Volunteer Opportunities

dBug needs for Volunteers for helping with Membership, Main Meetings and the MacNews. dBug needs for Volunteers for helping with Membership, the Mac News and Main Meetings

Membership:

- A. (1) Keep track of membership cds and distribute them with member numbers to new members
- (2) Send membership information to prospective members referred by info line manager.
- (3) Burn cds of dBug FirstClass Software and keep a supply in the RC membership box ready to go.
- B. (Requires an installation of Filemaker Pro)
- (1) Record renewals and new memberships in the dBug member database
- (2) Pass along checks, Kagi registrations and credit card data to Treasurer.
- (3) Create mailing labels for Mac News monthly and for any other special projects that require mailing

Mac News:

- A. Editor; organize material about next month's events, especially the Main Meetings and the Classes
- B. Reporters
- (1) Main Meeting Reports
- (2) Class reports
- (3) New and newer software
- (4) Classic Software
- (5) Mac items of interest
- (6) Board business
- C. Distribution
- (1) Make copies of formatted pdf on dBug's RC printer
- (2) Organize putting labels on the mailed newsletters
- (3) Make copies available at the RC
- (4) Organize distribution of copies to Mac vendors via delivery or mail

Main Meetings:

- (1) Call for volunteers to arrange the RC room and set up chairs.
- (2) Volunteers to put things away
- (3) Sell raffle tickets and memberships at the Main Meetings. (money to treasurer)