



APRIL 2007

# MacNews

SEATTLE'S MAC USER GROUP

## APRIL 2007 CALENDAR

- 2**  
6:30 PM Beginning Mac User's SIG at RC - Getting Connected to dBug's Exchange
- 3**  
7:00 PM Board Meeting at RC
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7:00 PM Final Cut, DVD Studio Pro, Motion, LiveType, Compressor, Photoshop
- 7**  
9:05 AM dBug Cafe at the RC until Noon  
10:00 AM ExChange Planning
- 10**  
7:00 PM WebObjects SIG at RC
- 11**  
**6:30 PM Main Meeting at RC: Disk Utilities**
- 12**  
7:00 PM Xcoders SIG at RC
- 14**  
9:05 AM dBug Cafe at the RC until Noon
- 16**  
7:00 PM FileMaker Pro SIG at RC
- 18**  
7:00 PM Mac OS X SIG at RC
- 19**  
7:00 PM Office Applications SIG at RC - Managing Web Links
- 21**  
9:05 AM dBug Cafe at the RC until Noon
- 23**  
6:30 PM Internet SIG at RC - Browsers, Email, News, the Web
- 24**  
6:30 PM Intermediate Mac User's SIG at RC - Q&A and Troubleshooting
- 25**  
6:30 PM Digital Imaging SIG at RC
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## dBug April Main Meeting

**What:** Maintaining your Mac

**When:** Wed. April 11, 2007  
Doors open 6:30 PM, Speakers 7:00 PM

**Where:** dBug Resource Center

9620 Stone Ave. N., Suite 202, Seattle, WA 9810  
206-624-9329 <[www.dBug.org](http://www.dBug.org)>



Just because Mac users run the world's best software on the world's greatest computers, doesn't mean we can ignore regular computer maintenance. Everyone runs into hard disk problems eventually, so it is a good idea to minimize that risk by keeping a few good tools in your belt (and using them now and then too). At our Main Meeting this month, Wil Nelson and Mike Grueter will present their favorite disk utility programs and show you how to get the most out of them.

Several friendly Mac utility vendors have stepped up to the plate with copies of their software for us to raffle off, so our big monthly raffle will be exciting. We'll have DiskWarrior 4 from Alsoft, TechTool Pro 4 and DiskStudio from Micromat, iDefrag and iPartition from Coriolis Systems, and more!

## iWeb Class

*Presented by Mike Grueter*

**When:** 1:30pm - 4:30pm on Saturday, April 14, 2007

**Where:** dBug Resource Center

Maybe you've got a pile of digital photos you want to share with friends and family, or maybe you've been thinking about creating a web site but just don't know how to get started. Apple's iWeb web page creation tool may just be the program for you, and dBug's iWeb class is the perfect way for you to get started. Mike Grueter is the Internet Development SIG Leader and he's been creating web pages for about as long as the Web has been around. Mike will guide you through iWeb's features like creating sites and pages, adding text, graphics, podcasts, movies, and editing and formatting your pages. We'll also show how to publish web sites to .Mac as well as a few of the most popular Internet service providers.



## FileMaker News

*By Bruce Robertson, FileMaker SIG Leader*

FileMaker 8 introduced the ability to copy and paste field definitions, scripts, and table definitions. Great! But what if you want to store this information as FileMaker data? What if you want to e-mail a table definition? What if you want to "round trip" this information — put it in text field, change a field name or a calculation, review it, put it back on the clipboard, and paste it back into your script?



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Several utilities are now available to do this, including a free utility provided by your friendly FileMaker SIG leader and available at any FileMaker SIG meeting. Another utility available for this task is **Clip Manager** from FM Butler <<http://www.myfmbutler.com/>>.

If you're interested in learning more about FileMaker techniques, check out the **Design Caucus at SmallCo** <<http://www.smallco.net/>>. FileMaker luminaries discuss and demonstrate interesting solutions and development practices. I particularly recommend the October 2006 presentation by FileMaker "god" Andy LeCates; and the January 2007 discussion of business solutions.

At the FileMaker SIG we're continuing to demonstrate refined HTML reporting techniques using Web Viewer. The user can easily add and drop columns, rename them, reorder columns, choose fields, and apply styles, all without going into layout mode.

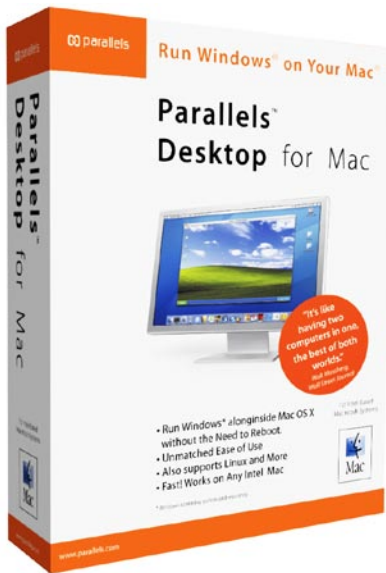
Be sure to attend Bruce's FileMaker class on Saturday, April 28th! See this web page for more information and registration details:

<[http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/filemaker\\_class.shtml](http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/filemaker_class.shtml)>.

## **dBug March Main Meeting**

Parallels packed the Resource Center this month! Pieter Thomassen and Charles Leroux stopped by and gave a fantastic presentation on their Parallels Desktop virtualization software for the Mac.

Pieter began the evening by talking about their company, which is located in Renton, Washington, and their Parallels product. Parallels, running on a Mac with an Intel processor, allows your Mac to run nearly any operating system and program along-side all of your Mac software without restarting. Pieter talked about Parallels' use of the hypervisor layer which is optimized for Intel's Virtualization Technology (VT-x), to achieve very fast, "near-native" performance. This is very different than older technologies like Virtual PC which emulated Intel-based hardware in software and thus were slower. He also spoke about their new Coherence mode which lets you work with Windows applications while hiding the Windows operating system, their Compressor technology which reduces the disk space used by virtual operating systems, and their Transporter feature which makes it really easy to move an existing operating system as well as all your applications and data from another computer to your Mac.



**Whichever way you look at it....**

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## dBug's Phone Number has Changed

If you need someone to call when you test out your new iPhone, or just want to contact dBug, try our new phone number for voice mail and faxes: (206) 203-2841. Our old phone number has been disconnected and is no longer in service.



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<http://www.dbug.org/about/join.shtml>

**While you are surfing, check out the current event calendar:**

<http://www.dbug.org/calendar/>

**The dBug Brochure has been updated.**

See it online at <http://www.dbug.org/publications/brochure/>

Charles followed up with a live demo of Parallels. He talked about customizing Parallels to suit specific needs, showed the Coherence mode in action, and demonstrated niceties such as adding Windows applications to the Mac Dock for quick access, turning off the Windows task bar, and pausing Windows when it is not in use to save system resources. Charles also told us about some new features such as 3D support, multi-processor support, and support for more than 1.5 GB RAM. Check out Parallels website at:

<http://www.parallels.com>

Our big raffle included two copies of Parallels, a USB thumb drive, OmniWeb, FileMaker Pro Visual QuickStart Guide, Take Control of Running Windows on a Mac, and other cool prizes.



....we had a good crowd at the meeting. There's a lot of interest in being able to use Windows on the new Intel Macs.

## May 9th Main Meeting: Donate and/or Recycle your old Computers

King County and InterConnection will present on when, how and why to recycle your old computer equipment.

Find details at: <http://www.dbug.org/calendar/>

