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10:00 AM ExChange Planning gathering at RC to discuss issues of dBug ExChange

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6:30 PM Beginning Mac User's SIG at RC - Getting Connected to dBug's Exchange & What is .Mac and is it useful for me?

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7:00 PM Final Cut, DVD Studio Pro, Motion, LiveType, Compressor, Photoshop

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6:30 PM Main Meeting at RC: Backup Solutions

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7:00 PM FileMaker Pro SIG at RC

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7:00 PM Mac OS X SIG at RC

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7:00 PM Office Applications SIG: On vacation; no meeting

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6:30 PM Internet SIG at RC - Browsers, Email, News, the Web

dBug June Main Meeting

What: Backup strategies—software

When: Wednesday June 13, 2007
Doors open 6:30 PM, Speakers 7:00 PM

Where: dBug Resource Center
9620 Stone Ave. N., Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98103
206-624-9329 <www.dBug.org>



Continuing our efforts to help keep you and your Mac happy, our focus this month will be on solutions for backing up your data easily and reliably. Even with the tips we gave you last time on keeping your computer running in tip-top shape, all hard disks fail eventually, and you don't want to lose your documents, photos, music, and other data when your hard disk goes.

Wil Nelson and Mike Grueter will demonstrate their favorite backup programs and show you some ways to get your data backed up regularly and painlessly.

There will be raffle prizes including software!) Check out the website for details <www.dbug.org>

Mac Maintenance Basics Class

When: 1:00pm - 4pm on Saturday, June 30, 2007

Where: dBug Resource Center



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 Cafe, and he has turned that experience and knowledge into an incredibly informative course designed to help you keep your Mac purring for years and years to come. The \$25 tuition goes to support dBug. <http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/mac_basics_class.shtml>

Office class yields good advice and tips

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At the May 20 **Office Basics Class**, two engineers from Microsoft's Macintosh Business Unit sat in and fielded a number of questions from the paying attendees. They were Ritika Pathak and Joe LeBlanc.

We covered the material adequately, answered more questions than could ever have been anticipated, and there was good interaction with the Macintosh Business Unit at Microsoft.

The class showed everyone—including the SIG leader and the Microsoft engineers—a couple of challenges for Office 2004.

We found out the hard way that the **Office Test Drive** remover tool may



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6:30 PM Intermediate Mac User's SIG at RC - No meeting since Tim will be on vacation

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6:30 PM Digital Imaging SIG at RC

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1:00 PM Mac Maintenance Basics Class

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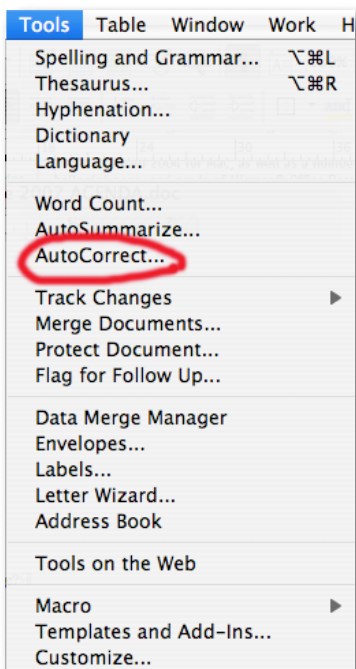


Fig. 1

not properly work unless you actually launch one of the applications. If you don't, your Mac won't have any "bread crumb" trail of preferences for the remover tool to follow. We found a work around, which is posted in the **Office Applications SIG** conference on the **dBug ExChange**. Yes, you need to be a member to read it. That's one of the advantages of joining dBug.

At the end of this posting, you'll find another set of workarounds we presented in the class. They will help keep you from suddenly surfing the Internet when you are only trying to edit a Word document or Excel worksheet that has Internet hyperlinks.

Our guests indicated that Microsoft Office 2008 for Macintosh should address many of the issues we face in Office 2004. Watching some of the issues we faced may have provided some good input.

Although no one commented on the release date for Office 2008, it might appear to casual observers that Apple's delay in releasing **Leopard (OS X.5)** might give software developers like Microsoft a bit of breathing room before the next release.

The SIG leader also left the class feeling a bit easier about Office 2008 not having some of the restrictive interface issues that Office 2007 for Windows has. The Macintosh Business Unit is totally separate from the team that developed 2007 for Windows.

One of our attendees went home with a door prize of Microsoft Office 2004 Standard (without Virtual PC, but with all of the other bells, whistles and extras available with 2004).

For future Main Meetings, we still have two (2) unopened copies of Microsoft Office Standard 2004 for Mac, as well as a number of size "L" T-shirts, ballpoint pens, and scads of Microsoft Office Resource Kits (templates and other productivity articles) to raffle off or distribute at the discretion of the Board of Directors. They will determine what gets raffled off when, but a hint: The more people who attend our Main Meetings, the merrier things can get.

Going Hyper over Links in Office 2004

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Does it drive you crazy when you type in a hyperlink in Word or Excel X or 2004, or you even click on one, and all of a sudden your web browser opens up and your computer goes to the web page?

To get Word 2004 to stop automatically creating hyperlinks

1. From the **Tools** menu, choose **AutoCorrect...** (fig.1)
2. Click **AutoFormat As You Type**.
3. Clear the checkbox next to **Internet paths with hyperlinks** (it's in the **Replace as you type** section in the middle of the **AutoFormat As You Type** window). (Fig. 2 below)
4. Next, click the **AutoFormat** tab at the upper right corner of the window.
5. Clear the checkbox next to **Internet paths with hyperlinks** again. For some reason, Word makes you do this twice, both in Mac and in Windows (prior to 2007).
6. Click OK.

To "disconnect" an existing Word 2004 hyperlink

1. Hold the **Control** key down while selecting the offending hyperlink with your mouse. This will help prevent Word from automatically sending you to the Internet. You can also right-click it with a 2-button mouse.



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REMEMBER: 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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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/>>

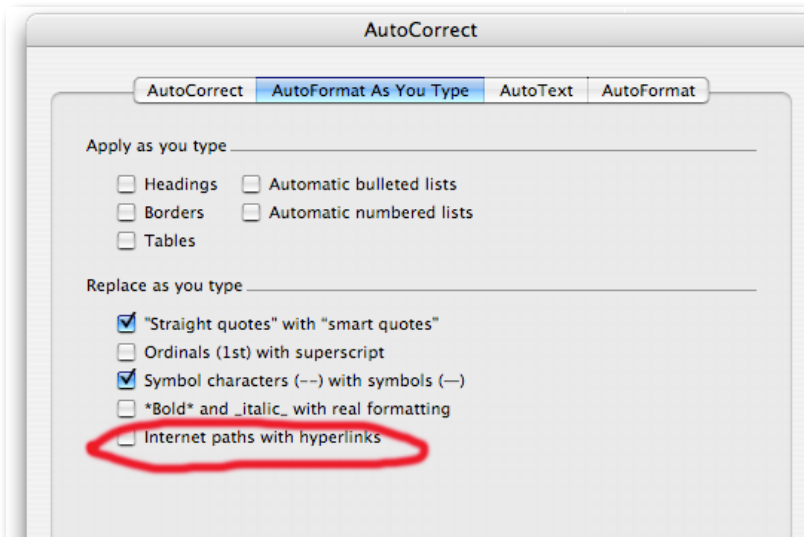


Fig. 2

2. A drop-down menu will appear. Click **Hyperlink**.
3. A sub-menu will open. Click **Edit Hyperlink...**
4. Click the **Remove Link** button at the lower left corner of the **Edit Hyperlink...** window. This will remove the HTML a/ref tag without removing the text.
5. The windows and drop down menus will disappear as if by magic when you click that button.

To “disconnect” an existing Excel 2004 hyperlink

1. Hold the **Control** key down while selecting the offending hyperlink with your mouse. This will help prevent Word from automatically sending you to the Internet. You can also right-click it with a 2-button mouse.
2. A drop-down menu will appear. Click **Hyperlink**. Unlike Word, Excel takes you right to an **Edit Hyperlink** window.
3. Click the **Remove Link** button at the lower left corner of the **Edit Hyperlink...** window. This removes the hyperlink and closes the window, but !!! the formatting of the text may change.
4. If the text formatting changes, restore it to the desired font and size.

Excel 2004 does NOT give you the option of turning off automatic hyperlinks in its **AutoCorrect...** section. Some people, including your SIG leader, need to keep Excel spreadsheets with lists of hyperlinks (I keep an Index of Online Advertisers for one of my clients, and I know genealogy people who also keep lists). If you need to copy one of the hyperlinks to another worksheet or another application, it's a real pain when all of a sudden, your e-mail client launches or your web browser opens.

To work with “live” Hyperlink text in Excel 2004 without launching your web or e-mail browser

1. From the **View** menu, choose **Formula Bar** and make sure it shows.
2. Click a cell in your worksheet that DOESN'T contain a hyperlink.
3. Use your keyboard's arrow keys, NOT your mouse, to navigate to a cell that DOES contain a hyperlink.
4. The hyperlink text will appear in the **Formula Bar**, as well as being highlighted in the worksheet.
5. If you need to copy the hyperlink, move your mouse to the **Formula Bar** and select the text there instead of in the actual worksheet. You will save yourself a lot of aggravation this way.