

# dBUG MacNews



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## December Main Meeting

# Apple Unveils OS 8.5

Apple recently released the latest version of the Macintosh operating system, Mac OS 8.5. Not wanting to miss out on the latest and greatest, dBUG has invited Apple to give us a closer look at OS 8.5 in our December main meeting. The meeting is on December 9, at the Seattle Center San Juan Rooms. It starts at 6:30 p.m. Apple's presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.

Before you rush out to buy OS 8.5, take note that it will only run on Power Macs. If you want hands-on experience with OS 8.5 before you buy, dBUG has installed the new system on two of its computers in the Resource Center. Drop in during one of our open

house sessions and see OS 8.5 for yourself.

Speed increases may be the most useful improvement for most users. Mac OS 8.5 provides significant performance improvements for AppleScript, graphics, and networking. AppleScript users and people on 100BaseT networks will definitely notice the difference. My PowerBook G3 feels snappier than it did while running Mac OS 8.1, though the difference isn't staggering.

OS 8.5's most noticeable new features relate to its user interface. For instance, the Finder's application menu now includes the name of the application and can be torn from the menu bar to become a floating palette. You can switch between applications by clicking on the palette or by dragging and dropping documents on the application icons on the palette. Other interface changes include adjustable column widths in Finder windows and the integration of related functions into the Appearance and File Exchange control panels.

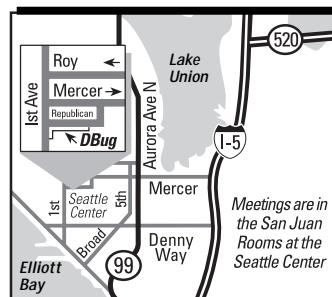
Another innovation in OS 8.5 is a new "Find File" utility, christened "Sherlock." Sherlock not only finds files on your computer, it also performs Internet searches. With Sherlock, you can query multiple search engines on the Internet at the same time. It also indexes your hard drives to allow easier searching for content, not just document names.

- John Newhoff

## MAPS

### Main Meeting

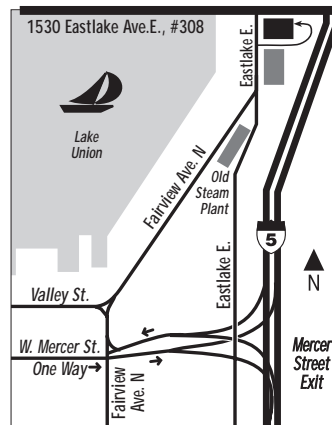
The December main meeting will be held at the Seattle Center San Juan rooms. Enter the Seattle Center from Republican Street, across from the Queen Anne QFC.



Map not to scale.

### Resource Center (RC)

1530 Eastlake Ave. East, Seattle. South of Garfield St. and Eastlake Veterinary.



All dBUG activities happen through the efforts of volunteers. The Resource Center is not staffed full time. It is open during scheduled SIG and Open House meetings or by appointment.

## Resource Center Goes G3

Thanks to the funds raised by the recent iMac raffle, dBUG has added a new UMAX C500 Power Mac computer to the Resource Center. The existing Power Mac 7500 has been supercharged with a 250 MHz G3 upgrade card and an additional 64 MB of RAM, giving it 128 MB in all. Both computers feature Mac OS 8.5. dBUG also replaced its existing flatbed scanner with a new Microtek Scanmaker X6EL 36-bit color scanner.

The UMAX C500 computer runs at 200 MHz and has a two-GB hard drive and 68 megabytes of RAM. The new scanner includes ScanWizard and Photoshop LE software and also has a slide holder attachment for low res scans.

dBUG still has funds to spend, as the result of some sharp negotiating with local vendors.

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## New! iMac SIG

dBUG Resource Center  
 December 16  
 6:30 p.m.

Topic:  
 Printing Issues

If the iMac is your first computer, you can buy an 18-month dBUG membership at the iMac SIG for the price of a year's membership.

This special offer is only available at the iMac SIG.

# Special Interest Groups

Please call the dBUG InfoLine — 206-624-9329 — for last-minute info. Major changes are bolded.

## 4th Dimension SIG

4th Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Westwind Computing  
510 NE 65th St. Seattle  
Walt Nelson

## dBUG BBS ExChange SIG

The ExChange Beginnings TeleSIG is designed to teach the basics of telecomputing, with an emphasis on connecting to and navigating the dBUG ExChange.

4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
Cherie Nickell

## ExChange.com Planning SIG

Meetings open to members about the expansion and maintenance of the ExChange.

1st Saturday, 11:00 a.m.  
Curtis Snow

## FileMaker Pro SIG

3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
Bruce Robertson

## HyperCard/AppleScript SIG

This month's SIG will discuss AppleScript as well as HyperCard — come and explore the possibilities.

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
DeForest Shotwell  
dnshotwell@accessone.com

## iMac SIG

3rd Wednesday in December  
6:30 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
John Newhoff

## Internet Intro

4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
Nancy Ibsen  
panic@jetcity.com

## Mondo Graphics/DTP

2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Resource Center  
Jack Connick

No meeting in December —  
Merry Christmas!

## Open Friday

Open discussions, snacks, etc. Bring something you want to scan. Take a look at the Web. Bring a non-member.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Fridays in  
December  
6:00 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center

## Open Monday

Drop in to make a scan, burn a CD, ask questions.

1st Monday, Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
3rd Monday, Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
Jim Seifert

## Open Thursday

Open discussion for dBUG members and their guests.

1st and 2nd Thursdays in  
December  
6:00 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
Dick Carter

## Software Developers Workshop

This is a workshop (hands-on if possible) aimed at beginning Macintosh programmers. The topic will be announced by e-mail and posted to the "Software Developer's SIG" folder on the ExChange about a week before. As always, feel free to bring an application or source code you want to show off, or just come and ask lots of questions. Please contact James prior to the scheduled date to confirm that the SIG will meet and, if so, what the topic will be.

2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
James Jennings  
jennings@halcyon.com

## Web Authoring Basics

Intro to HTML, getting indexed. Bring questions or projects.  
3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
dBUG Resource Center  
Nancy Ibsen  
panic@jetcity.com

## Note:

The MacNews Calendar, SIG Updates, and the current month's events PICT on-line calendar are accurate at the time they are published. Please call the dBUG InfoLine — 206-624-9329 — for last-minute changes and additions.

— Dick Carter

# ExChange BBS Tips

One of the best benefits of dBUG membership is access to the ExChange, dBUG's private bulletin board system (BBS). The ExChange gives you e-mail, conferences, and real-time chat. It does not support Web pages or give you Web access. Here are some ExChange tips:

- You can be connected to the ExChange for a total of three hours per day. To find out how much time is left for the day, click "session status" on the View menu. You can conserve your on-line time by composing

e-mail in SimpleText before you log on. Open a new e-mail message document, then copy and paste your message into it.

- To send e-mail outside the ExChange, add: `,InternetS` (no spaces) to the end of the e-mail address.
- To see who else is currently logged on, click "Who's Online" on the Service menu.
- One great feature of the ExChange is its conferences.

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# Bug Alert

## Netscape Injection Bug

In late October, a security bug was found in Netscape software. This "injection bug" affects Netscape Navigator 3.x, Netscape Communicator 4.0 to 4.07, and Netscape Communicator 4.5 for all platforms. On its Security Notes Web page, <<http://sitesearch.netscape.com/products/security/resources/notes.html>>, Netscape states that the latest version of Communicator 4.5 fixes this bug.

When you browse trusted sites, the injection bug usually poses no threat. However, a hacker operating through an unknown or untrusted site could learn what other Web sites you have visited. A hacker or site operator might also see cookie information, directory names, and filenames. The injection bug does not let files be retrieved or erased from your hard disk.

The injection bug uses JavaScript, so you can protect yourself by turning off JavaScript when you browse unknown, untrusted sites. Here are the steps:

- Choose "Preferences" from the Edit menu.
- In the Preferences dialog box, choose the "Advanced" category.
- Uncheck the box to disable the "Enable JavaScript" feature, then click OK.

## Infected CD-ROM

The December MacAddict CD-ROM is infected with a benign D variant of the AutoStart 9805 worm. MacAddict has posted an alert on its Web site, at <<http://www.macaddict.com/virus/>>, that explains what the virus will do and how to protect yourself.

# dBUG Membership Form

Turn in this form with payment to a dBUG cashier at a main meeting, or mail it to:

dBUG, P.O. Box 3463, Seattle, WA 98114-3463

Please, NO cash by mail, only checks, VISA or MasterCard.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did you hear of us? \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my payment for annual membership dues to the Macintosh downtown Business Users Group starting the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 1998.

Regular Membership:	\$48.00	\$ _____
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Check here if you want information about our

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## 1999 Election Ballot for dBUG Board of Directors

Must be postmarked by December 15, 1998

### Instructions:

1. Mark the box for the candidates of your choice. You can also write in a candidate's name. You must have your candidate's permission for the write-in to be valid. Positions for which no candidate is identified will go unfilled unless a write-in candidate is identified.
2. Sign your ballot.
3. Tear off the ballot and mail it in an envelope to dBUG, P. O. Box 3463, Seattle, WA 98114-3464. Use dBUG's address for the return address as well. You must use a stamp.

**VOTE TODAY!**



### President

- Jim Seifert  
 write in: \_\_\_\_\_

### Vice President

- David Krafchick  
 write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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 write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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 write in: \_\_\_\_\_

### SIG Coordinator (no candidate)

- write in: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership

- Nancy Ibsen  
 write in: \_\_\_\_\_

### Publications

- Dona McAdam  
 write in: \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer Coordinator (no candidate)

- write in: \_\_\_\_\_

### Main Meetings

- Ken Winkenweder  
 write in: \_\_\_\_\_

### Publicity

- Jon Pfaff  
 write in: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# December Meetings

Also see SIG notices on page 2

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
23	24 <b>ExChange SIG</b> Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	25 <b>4th Dimension SIG</b> Westwind Computing 510 NE 65th St. Seattle 6 p.m.	26 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	27 <b>Open Friday</b> Resource Center 6 p.m.	28
30	1	2	3 <b>Open Thursday</b> Resource Center 6 p.m.	4 <b>Open Friday</b> Resource Center 6 p.m.	5 <b>ExChange.com</b> Resource Center 11 a.m.
7 <b>Open Monday</b> Resource Center Noon - 5 p.m.	8	9 <b>Main Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. Seattle Center	10 <b>Open Thursday</b> Resource Center 6 p.m.	11 <b>Open Friday</b> Resource Center 6 p.m.	12 <b>Software Developers Workshop</b> Resource Center 10 a.m.
14	15 <b>HyperCard/AppleScript SIG</b> Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	16 <b>iMac SIG</b> Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	17 <b>Web Authoring</b> Resource Center 6 p.m.	18 <b>Open Friday</b> Resource Center 6 p.m.	19
21 <b>Open Monday</b> Resource Center Noon - 6 p.m. <b>FileMaker Pro SIG</b> Resource Center 7 p.m.	22 <b>ExChange SIG</b> Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	23 <b>4th Dimension SIG</b> Westwind Computing 510 NE 65th St. Seattle 6 p.m.	24	25 <b>Christmas</b>	26
28 <b>Internet Intro SIG</b> Resource Center 6:30 p.m. Nancy Ibsen	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2 <b>ExChange.com</b> Resource Center 11 a.m.

For last minute info on SIG meetings... call 206-624-9329

## ExChange BBS Tips, continued...

You can post problems with your Mac to the "dBUG Mentors" conference. You can buy or sell almost anything in the "Market Place" conference. If you start a new e-mail message with a conference window open, your message is addressed to that conference.

- A handy resource is the ExChange software archive. Double-click the "dBUG ExChange" button on the ExChange desktop, then double-click the "Computing" folder. The software archive is in the "Software Exchange" folder inside.
- Double-click the "jump" button to quickly navigate the ExChange. "Local Jump" lists conferences that appear only in the ExChange. "OneNet Jump" lists conferences from OneNet, a network of other Mac BBSS. "Internet Jump" lists the Internet conferences dBUG carries on the ExChange.

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### What is dBUG?

The Macintosh downtown Business Users Group is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the exchange of information between business users of the Macintosh computer and related products.

See page 3 for membership information and application.

For additional information, write to:

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dBUG InfoLine ..... 206-624-9329

### The ExChange {dBUG BBS}

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MacNews welcomes your submissions! All articles, ads, and suggestions must be submitted to the Editor by the seventh of the month to be included in the newsletter of the following month. Send submissions to <tish\_bailey@dbug.org>.

- The "FAQs" folder in the "Front Desk" answers some ExChange questions.
- dBUG offers an ExChange SIG, led by Cherie Nickell, every fourth Tuesday. Cherie can answer your questions and demonstrate ExChange features.

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