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9:05 AM dBug Cafe at the RC until Noon
1:00 PM iPhone Class at RC
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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 Final Cut Pro, DVD Studio Pro, Motion, LiveType, Compressor, Photoshop
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7:00 PM Genealogy SIG at RC
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9:05 AM dBug Cafe at the RC until Noon
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7:00 PM Internet Development SIG at RC
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7:00 PM Xcoders SIG at RC
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1:30 - 4:30 PM UNIX Basics
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2:00 PM dBug Holiday Party - Renton
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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 Winter Break. Happy Holidays.
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6:30 PM No Internet SIG at RC - Christmas Eve Holiday
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6:30 PM Digital Imaging SIG at RC - No meeting - Holiday
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7:00 PM Xcoders SIG at RC
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dBug's Holiday Potluck

When: 2:00pm on Sunday, December 16, 2007

Details: On the ExChange

Time for dBug's Holiday Party! Members and their guests are invited to our annual potluck party. This is purely a social party (no presentations or technical support) and a great opportunity to meet other members. Please bring one dish to share and anything you'd like to drink. Directions and more information are available on the dBug ExChange in the WaterCooler conference. If you are a dBug Member, but have not yet created your account on the ExChange, please contact the party coordinator for details.

<http://www.dbug.org/about/contact.shtml?to=party_coordinator>

iPhone MyWay Class

Presented by Cathy Doser

When: 1pm - 4pm on Saturday, December 1, 2007

Where: dBug Resource Center

Are you looking to get the most out of your iPhone? Do you want to know how to get your Google Mail working with Mail? How about the Phone Contacts, adding ringtones, Visual Voicemail? Do you even know what an Accelerometer is, and why should you care? And you've got the Best iPod Ever, according to Steve Jobs. How do you get it to do the things you want to do? Movies? Shows? What else?

You can learn all these things, and more, when you come to the iPhone MyWay class being taught by Cathy Doser. As a long-time technology enthusiast, Cathy will help you find out anything you need to know to get the most out of your iPhone, and make it sing! Class cost will be \$25, which will include an electronic copy of the presentation, so bring a thumb drive along if you can.

Click this link for details.

<<http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/iphone.shtml>>



UNIX Basics Class

Presented by Bill Campbell

When: 1:30pm - 4:30pm on Sat., Dec. 15, 2007

Where: dBug Resource Center

Have you been wondering about the UNIX foundation of Mac OS X? Did you know that there are hundreds of useful UNIX programs on your Mac that you could be using right now? Bill Campbell is a long-time UNIX expert and he is going to share some of his insights with us. In this class we will

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try to remove some of the “mystery” surrounding UNIX by providing some background information about the operating system and how it relates to Macintosh.

Seating is limited so sign-up today.

<http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/unix_basics.shtml>

Review: dBug November Main Meeting



Yes, Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard) is out and dBug Members are all over it! Our packed Main Meeting this month was focussed entirely on Leopard, as Members Wil Nelson, Mike Grueter, and Cathy Doser showed some of the best new features in the biggest upgrade to Mac OS X yet.

Wil kicked off the evening by demonstrating the shiny and reflective new Dock with the new Stacks capability, a way to get more out of your monitor using Spaces, and how to work collaboratively or help your friends with screen sharing in the Finder and iChat.

Mike followed up with Time Machine—the easiest and coolest looking backup software available on any computer—and Safari 3, which is not only faster and more compatible with existing web pages and standards, but also has great new features like inline find, Spotlight searching for all web pages you’ve visited, resizable text fields, and the ability to instantly make a live Dashboard widget out of any portion of any web page. Mike also showed off the update Parental Controls, much to the chagrin of younger Members in the audience...

Cathy finished up the night by highlighting new Finder features like Quick Look and Cover Flow, and touching on a few new features in Mail. This is just the tip of the iceberg however. We’ll be covering all of the 300+ new features in Leopard at upcoming Mac OS X SIG meetings starting in December and going well into next year. Stay tuned!

<<http://www.dbug.org/sigs/macosx/>>

Securing Your Sensitive Data

By Mike Grueter

People often comment about what a pain it is to remember different passwords for various different computer and online accounts they have. This can lead to using the same password for multiple accounts, writing passwords on Post-it notes and sticking them to monitors, and other unsafe (and unsightly) work-arounds to keep track of passwords.

Apple’s **Keychain** can be a good solution to the problem of securely storing some passwords, but some accounts don’t work with Keychain, and there are other types of sensitive data like credit card numbers, software serial numbers, and online account information that also need a safe place to live. Luckily, there is a free, and easy to use solution that comes with every Mac. This step-by-step tutorial shows how to create an encrypted disk image for securely storing sensitive data. These directions are written for Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard, but the procedure is similar for older versions of Mac OS.

1. Open Apple’s Disk Utility and choose “Blank Disk Image...” from the “New” sub-menu of the “File” menu. Disk Utility is located in the “Utilities” folder inside the “Applications” folder.

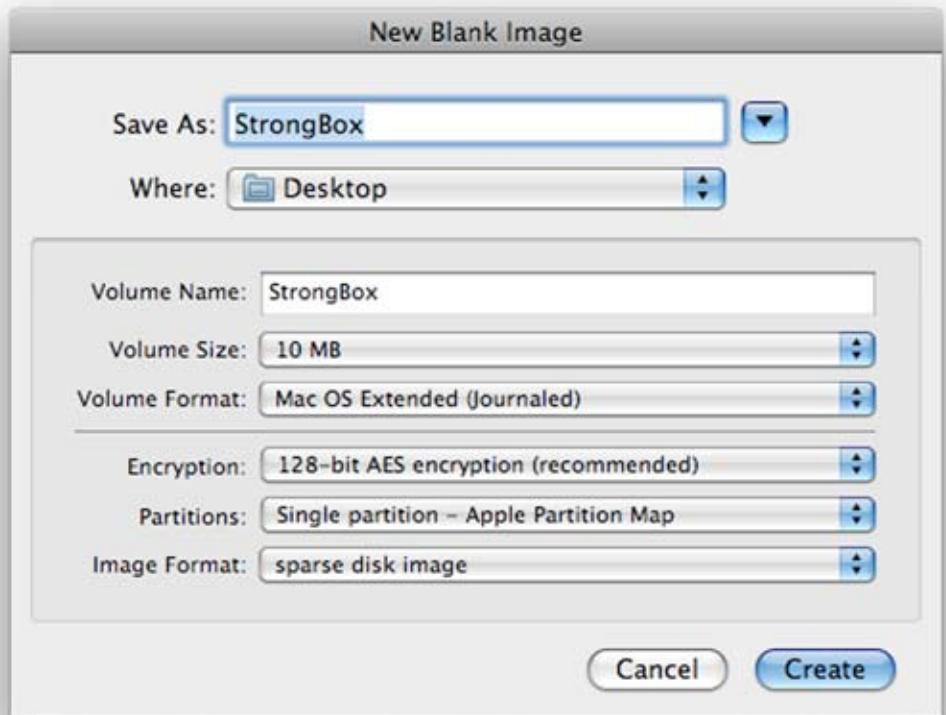
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Call for Nominations for Board Positions

Nominations are open for dBug's 2008 Board. Some of the present Board members are willing to run again but at least two positions are open.

Send your nomination to **Election Mail** on the ExChange or send to John or Nancy also on the ExChange.

*John Livingston and Nancy Siburg
Co-Chairs of Elections Committee*



2. Type "StrongBox" in both the "Save As" and "Volume Name" fields. This will be the name of the encrypted disk image file as well as the name of the disk when it is unencrypted and mounted on the desktop.
3. Choose "Desktop" from the "Where" pop-up menu. You can save it somewhere else, but remember where you put it and do make regular backups of this file in the future.
4. Choose the smallest size you can from the "Volume Size" pop-up menu. It is not likely that your passwords and other sensitive text will ever exceed that amount of space, but if you think you might need to store larger files in your StrongBox, adjust this number accordingly.
5. Choose at least "128-bit AES encryption (recommended)" from the "Encryption" pop-up menu.
6. Choose "sparse disk image" from the "Image Format" pop-up menu.
7. Click the "Create" button.
8. You will be asked for a password for the disk image. Type it in both fields, uncheck the "Remember password in my keychain" checkbox, and click the "OK" button. If you leave the Keychain checkbox checked, someone else accessing your computer can get into your StrongBox if you're already logged in and have entered your Keychain password. After a few progress bars, you should have a new disk image file named "StrongBox.sparseimage" (or whatever you named it), and the resulting disk image should already be mounted on the desktop. Quit Disk Utility.
9. Open TextEdit, type your confidential password, credit card, serial number, and account information in the TextEdit window, save the file inside the StrongBox disk (give the file a name like "Confidential Info"), and quit TextEdit.
10. Double-click the mounted StrongBox disk (not the "StrongBox.sparseimage" file) on the desktop, and drag the "Confidential Info" file to

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

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dBug Resource Center directions:

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

Information on joining dBug:

<<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/>>

the Dock and let go on the file side (right or bottom depending on Dock orientation) of the Dock separator.

Note that your "Confidential Info" file is not secure as long as it is open and/or the StrongBox disk is mounted on the desktop. To secure your sensitive data, simply close the file in TextEdit and unmount the StrongBox disk by clicking once on the disk icon and choosing "Eject StrongBox" from the "File" menu. Once you've secured your data, you can access it again by clicking the "Confidential Info" file icon in the Dock, typing your password, and clicking the "OK" button.

Mike Grueter is a co-leader of the Mac OS X SIG and owner of Sudden Technology.

About Tricks in Quick Look

From MacOSXHints.com hold down the Option key and click somewhere on the Quick Look image, from your Pictures Folder,—it zooms in! Hold Shift-Option, click, and it'll zoom out. When zoomed in, release all keys and click and drag—you can move within the zoomed image.

If you invoke Quick Look with the spacebar you can actually zoom in on the image in a couple of ways. You can hold down the option key and use your mouse's scrollwheel/ball (or two-finger scrolling on a touchpad) to zoom in and out. You can also zoom in by holding down the option key and clicking on the image, or zoom out by holding shift-option. While zoomed in you can also click and drag to pan the image. Strangely, the same shortcuts don't work with PDFs, but you can still zoom in and out with + and - (command plus/minus) with the Quick Look HUD selected.

The second is that you can use Quick Look with more than one file at a time. So if you select several files in the Finder by command-clicking or using the shift key, select the desired range of items, and then invoke Quick Look; with the spacebar, you can scroll between the images with the arrow keys. However, there's also a nifty index sheet icon at the bottom that will bring up a kind of contact sheet with the selected files (as above).

If you select a group of files in the Finder and then invoke Quick Look you'll also see a play button that runs a slideshow in the Quick Look HUD.

(mostly, Courtesy of TUAW, but not all)

