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November 2009

Closing the Year with Movie Time at MACNJ!

by David Davis, President



This month we are showcasing a variety of short videos as we hold our latest 3-minute movie festival.

The last time we did this was in 2007 and we had a nice variety of creative efforts to look at and from which to choose prize winners. We have entries from MACNJ members as well as outside contestants.

One thing is certain, we'll have some popcorn to munch on and movies to watch. So come on out to enjoy a

morning of entertaining imagery and lots of fun! As always, refreshments will be served and information to be consumed!

See you this Saturday,

November 14, 2009

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon !!

December Meeting - Cancelled

by Stephanie Griffin

December meeting will be cancelled this year. It seems that there is so much going on with each of us, the membership opted not to have our usual Holiday Bash!!

Therefore, we wish you a happy holiday season, a joyous and prosperous New Year and a delicious Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner!!!

As in the past, 2010 will bring a wealth of information, interesting guest speakers, sharing of ideas and new products and programs to see!



Photoshop CS4, The Missing Manual

by Lesa Snider King

Reviewed by Maria O. Arguello

The O'Reilly Missing Manual Series are near and dear to my heart. My private library holds a significant number and they are my first resource when I need a quick answer to a question. Lesa Snider King's, Photoshop CS4, The Missing Manual (for Macs and Windows) is one of my favorites.

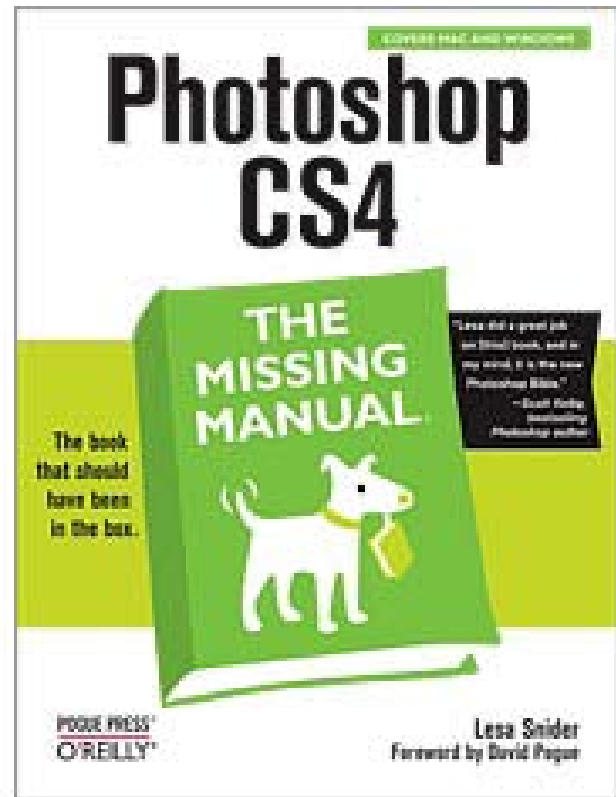
The tome composed of 776 pages is coherent, informative, and full of useful content. It is sufficient for all who feel one book is enough. The numerous color graphics pop and are one of its many strengths. I used to hate the black and white illustrations that were once upon time popular for books about improving images. Duh?! Thank you O'Reilly. The index is well done and very valuable and useful.

Lesa's writing style is clear and amusing. Her sense of humor comes through making this book an easy read. Her uncomplicated explanations for very complex topics are remarkable. The reader will chuckle.

The author's experience and expertise with Photoshop is an asset which dazzles in her narrative. The organization of the subject matter flows in a logical and straightforward manner.

When I read the section about Super Slimmers, I couldn't help but be reminded of the Ralph Lauren Photoshop fiasco. The photo was widely distributed and discussed over the Internet as an example for overdoing Photoshop. If you missed it, you weren't on planet earth. Check it out at <http://tinyurl.com/yglk4ga>.

David Pogue, the creator of The Missing Manual series, wrote in the Foreword, "Thanks to Photoshop, photography is no longer a reliable



record of reality." How true is that.

This is the book that should have been in the box with Photoshop CS4.

Buy it.

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Touch Me, Touch Me, Touch Me

FRESHLY SQUEEZED REVIEWS

By Frank Petrie



Product: ProTouch

Company: iSkin <http://www.iskin.com/protouch_apple_keyboard/>

Requirements: MacBook/Pro/Air, Aluminum wired/ Wireless keyboard, Aluminum wired (with numerical keypad)

Price: \$24.99, \$34.99

Test Rig: 13" MacBook Pro

Keyboards. Dirty fingers covered with lunch grease, skin oils and heat-seeking cats can really turn them into a real mess over time. Enter ProTouch by iSkin.

"The all-new line of ProTouch® Keyboard Protectors for Apple Wired and wireless Keyboards deliver the most advanced combination of style and protection ever. Form-fitting silicone works full-time to keep your keyboard safe from everyday hazards that could lead to permanent damage, while built-in Microban®* protection provides continuous cleaning action, inhibiting the growth of damaging microbes, such as bacteria, that can cause stains, odors and product deterioration."

Is it worth it? Let's see.

THE JUICE

The various skins come in several stylish colors and patterns. Basically, from a visual prospective, you now have some options to skin your laptop's interior, as you would your laptop's exterior. All skins are form fitted and lay on the keyboards quite nicely.

ProTouch skins can also help you from ending up with grungy keys. Take that Kentucky Fried Chicken!

THE PULP

It takes a little while to get to used to the new feel of the keys, but that took me maybe a couple of hours to get past. You have to make sure that the skin lays flat on the keyboard or some of your typing strokes might not register. I was also pleasantly surprised to find that the pattern of the Skin that I chose did not in any way make it harder to hunt and peck. Despite the one problem that I did find bothersome (see below).

THE RIND

If you have an illuminated keyboard, you wouldn't know it with a TouchPro on it. It's entirely obscured.

A small thing, but I also would like to be able to download a matching desktop (if one's on the site, I couldn't find it) so I'd have a theme.

SUMMARY

If you're looking to prevent the "PepsiSyndrome," this should do the trick. As far as disease prevention, I have never caught anything off of a keyboard but I suppose that it couldn't hurt.

So, now that the world has seen your statement on the outside of your laptop, you can now make one on the inside or your laptop's or your iMac's keyboard.

"I am best avoided."

RATING : 8 of 10

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iPhone App: Adobe Photoshop CS4 Learn By Video (Review)

Reviewed By Maria O. Arguello

Product Name: iPhone App: Adobe Photoshop CS4 Learn By Video

Companies: Peachpit Press, Adobe Press, and Video2 Brain

URL: App Store

Price : \$1.99

System Requirements: iPhone 3G, 3GS, or iPod Touch

Rating: 4.5 out of 5 apples



The Adobe Learn by Video Series

are brought to you by Peachpit Press, Adobe Press, and Video2 Brain. The iPhone app is like having a teacher in your pocket. I downloaded it from the App Store and watched all three lessons for Adobe Photoshop CS4: "Covering the Basics," "Image Editing," and "Creative Photoshop." I was very skeptical that I would be able to get much from a tutorial on such a small screen. How was I going to see the cursor? But the resolution of the video and zooming into the area being explained led to a clear visual of the narrative.

The tips for taking charge of Photoshop's Interface were helpful and big time-savers. The three lessons are well

developed and useful and the developers have done a great job on this video. I look forward to more iPhone apps like this one.

The app lets you send comments and you can also take quizzes. You can search a topic and it will give you several videos from which to choose.

Note:

I contacted Peachpit regarding the complete tutorials and they responded that right now there are three DVD products available in the Learn By Video Series, which retail for \$59.99 each.

(1) Learn Adobe Photoshop CS4 by Video: Core Training in Visual Communication

(19 hours of video)

<http://www.peachpit.com/title/0321634934>

2) Learn Adobe Flash CS4 Professional by Video: Core Training in Rich Media

Communication (15 hours of video)

<http://www.peachpit.com/title/0321635000>

(3) Learn Adobe Dreamweaver CS4 by Video: Core Training in Web

Communication (14 hours of video)

<http://www.peachpit.com/title/0321635019>

No word yet, on the InDesign one.

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TipBITS -

Open Files with Finders App Switcher



Say you're in the Finder looking at a file and you want to open it with an application that's already running but which doesn't own that particular document. How? Switch to that app and choose File > Open? Too many steps.

Choose Open With from the file's contextual menu? Takes too long, and the app might not be listed. Drag the file to the Dock and drop it onto the app's icon? The icon might be hard to find; worse, you might miss.

In Leopard there's a new solution: use the Command-Tab switcher. Yes, the Command-Tab switcher accepts drag-and-drop! The gesture required is a bit tricky. Start dragging the file in the Finder: move the file, but don't let up on the mouse button. With your other hand, press Command-Tab to summon the switcher and don't let up on the Command key. Drag the file onto the application's icon in the switcher and let go of the mouse. (Now you can let go of the Command Key too.) Extra tip: If you switch to the app beforehand, its icon in the Command-Tab switcher will be easy to find; it will be first (or second).

USE THE MACNJ FORUM!

by Mike Fordice

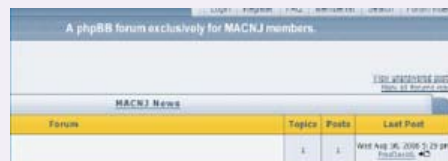
Our forum, using new software to keep out spambots, is only as good as we make it. All members are encouraged to use the forum. It can be of great help in answering questions, providing news, etc., between meetings.

To Register:

There are two links to the forum on the MACNJ home page; or go to macnj.org/forum/ and you are there.

Click on "register" (top right). You'll have to agree to conditions.

Enter a user name which can be used to identify you as member of MACNJ--not strange encrypted names such as xyz123--or you won't be approved. Check the member list to see what names have been accepted.



Enter a valid email address.

Enter and confirm your password. Then remember it! You can also stay logged-in, if desired.

Look under Profile Information and **enter your location** (City, State). This is mandatory. Enter any other profile information which you choose to use.

Click "submit" button, bottom of page. You will be notified by email that you are registered as a MACNJ Forum member.

Most questions about the forum are answered in the FAQ Section.

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by Frank Petrie



Acorn 2.1

[<http://flyingmeat.com/acorn/>] from Flying Meat is a maintenance update to the simple image editor. Changes include support for AppleScript, a new Hex Color Picker, a refreshed interface, JSTalk support, 64-bit support, and raw image support. Also there's now an option to view rulers alongside your images, layers can be organized into hierarchical groups, and individual windows can be given their own layer when taking screenshots. Finally, various editing tools have been added including Dodge, Burn, Clone, Smudge, Perspective Transform, and a Clouds filter. (\$49.95 new, free update, 8.1 MB)

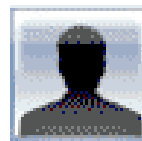


Nisus Writer Pro 1.4

[<http://nisus.com/pro/>] from Nisus Software is a feature update to the increasingly powerful word processor. The latest version adds several built-in commands to replace



macros that come with the reference manager Bookends [<http://www.sonnysoftware.com/>]. These menus enable you to scan documents, insert citations, locate references, and switch to Bookends without leaving the program. (\$79 new, free update, 151 MB)



Phone Amego Sustainable Softworks

Phone Amego 1.0.8

[http://www.sustworks.com/site/prod_phoneAmego_help/PhoneAmegoHelp.html] from Sustainable Softworks is a maintenance update to the software that enables users to control a Bluetooth mobile phone (including the iPhone) from a Mac. The latest version adds improved and expanded Google Voice login options, the capability to choose various numbers for a single contact in the Call window, support for landline phones using the Apple USB modem, the option to select a dial device from the Call window, and the capability to distinguish Google Voice calls from other incoming calls. (\$20, free update, 1 MB)

Snapz Pro X 2.2.1



[<http://www.ambrosiasw.com/utilities/snapzprox/>] from Ambrosia Software is a minor update to the popular still image and video screen capture utility. The update fixes a hotkey conflict with Japanese character input in Snow Leopard, addresses a console warning that erroneously appears when putting the display or computer to sleep, and reinstates recording support for PowerPC-based Macs

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running Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger. Also, performance has been improved when saving QuickTime movies, and several other minor unspecified bugs have been fixed. (\$69, free update, 11 MB)



Performance Update 1.0

[<http://support.apple.com/kb/DL947>] from Apple "addresses intermittent hard drive related pauses reported by a small number of customers." The update is for Intel-based Macs (mostly laptop models, with a few iMac and Mac mini models thrown in), and is available via Software Update or from the Apple Support Downloads page. Installation steps [<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3901>] can be found on Apple's Web site. (Free, 300 KB)

them into a single group. Hijacking in QuickTime Player, Safari, and other WebKit applications is now instantaneous and no longer requires that the application be restarted. Also, the Instant Hijack component has been improved, fixing several rare but serious Snow Leopard compatibility issues. Lastly, a new Radio Tuner window has been added for those using Griffin Technology's Radio Shark USB radio with Airfoil. (\$25, free update, 10.1 MB)

Cocktail

a perfect mixture for Mac OS X

Cocktail 4.5.2

[<http://www.maintain.se/cocktail/>] from Maintain is a maintenance and stability update to the general-purpose maintenance utility. The latest version addresses a number of problems including a bug that led to high CPU usage on 32-bit Macs, an issue that caused Cocktail to sometimes incorrectly report problems with disk utility, compatibility issues with QuickTime X, and a number of other minor unspecified bugs. (\$14.95, free update, 2.0 MB)



Airfoil 3.4

[<http://www.rogueamoeba.com/airfoil/mac/>] from Rogue Amoeba is a significant update to the wireless audio distribution tool. The latest version improves hijacking capabilities for applications with audio sub-processes - including Google Chrome and Dashboard - by combining



Evernote for Mac 1.5

[<http://www.evernote.com/>] from Evernote is a maintenance update to the note-taking and snippet-collecting utility. The latest version adds the capability to view Ink notes created with the Windows client, optional access to Evernote's beta program via Software Update, and localizations for the French, German, Italian, and Spanish languages. Also, your email address is now shown in the Account Info window, and several bugs have been fixed, including one that addresses a problem with the Safari toolbar button knocking other buttons off the toolbar and another that

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prevented words surrounded by punctuation from being located by search. (Free, 15.8 MB)

Logic Pro 9.0.2

[<http://www.apple.com/logicstudio/>] from Apple is a stability and maintenance update to the company's flagship audio



recording program. Changes include the capability for Flex Markers to align and snap to MIDI notes, proper punch-in recording behavior with Replace Mode, an added option for latency measurement in the I/O plug-in, and the TDM plug-ins now work correctly. The full release notes [<http://support.apple.com/kb/TS2565>] are available on Apple's Web site. The update is available via Software Update or the Apple Support Downloads page [<http://support.apple.com/kb/DL945>]. (\$499 new, free update, 183 MB)



iMovie '09 8.0.5

[<http://support.apple.com/kb/DL859>] from Apple is a compatibility update for Apple's video editing program, a component of iLife '09. In addition to improving support for importing video captured using the latest iPod nano, this version introduces support for iFrame, a video format employing H.264 video and AAC audio compression. (Sanyo

introduced the first two cameras this week that record in the iFrame format: the Sanyo VPC-HD2000A and the Sanyo VPC-FH1A.) What's notable about iFrame is the capability to edit the footage natively in iMovie; footage recorded to memory or to hard disks using the widely adopted AVCHD must first be transcoded to AIC (Apple Intermediate Codec) before editing. iFrame promises to reduce the time it takes to start editing and also reduce the amount of disk space used by the video. iMovie '09 8.0.5 also fixes an issue with resizing the application window during playback. (Free update, 35.56 MB)

SuperDuper 2.6.2

[<http://www.shirt-pocket.com/SuperDuper/>] from Shirt Pocket Software updates the backup and disk cloning utility with several new features and improvements. Changes include enhanced performance, a new Backup on Connect



feature that kicks off a backup when the destination volume appears, a new Eject After Copy feature, and support for sparse bundle disk images. A full list of changes can be found within program by selecting Help > Revision History. The update supports both Intel- and PowerPC-based Macs running Mac OS X 10.4 or later. (\$27.95 new, free update, 2.8 MB)

Carbon Copy Cloner 3.3

[<http://www.bombich.com/>] from Bombich Software is a maintenance update to the long-standing backup and disk cloning utility. Changes include support for HFS+

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filesystem compression, enhanced Finder and Disk Utility compatibility in Snow Leopard, and improved performance when backing up multiple files with extended attributes. Also, several issues have been addressed, including a bug that caused the program to incorrectly report an inability to delete a conflicting report on a target when using the "Archive modified and deleted items" option, a bug that caused the Time Machine database to be included when using the "Backup everything" cloning method in file-level mode, and a bug that prevented the source and target

menus from being updated if a disk disappeared in the midst of a backup task. A full list of changes [<http://www.bombich.com/software/updates/cccl-3.3.html>] is available on Bombich Software's Web site. (Free, 3.2 MB)

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MACNJ Meeting October 10, 2009

by Sheila Barnes

We started the meeting a bit earlier today to accommodate our presenter's schedule and reversed our usual format. Jason Fiske from Flemington was our presenter this month. He is the Business Account Manager for FileMaker Inc. for NY, NJ, PA, MD, VA, DE, and WV.

FileMaker, a cross-plaform product, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Apple, and is the old Claris and Appleworks!

This morning's talk was about the new Bento 3 which is MAC only, and runs on Leopard. He described its new features. there are 300 templates for lists and files plus many new ones sent in by users who have created them for their own specific needs. There is a Bento Template Exchange!

Mister Fiske did a wonderful demo!



This "easy, stylish personal database organizes all the info on your MAC!" And for only \$49.00! There are videos online which are very useful and a 30 day trial of the full version. It has many great features... prints to envelopes, is very useful when interacting with iPhoto, and has terrific search

capabilities.

Susan Stoltz from Annandale is a new member...welcome Susan! David asked how many were working on a video for next month's meeting. The movies need to be in by November 7th.

There was a Q. and A. A question came up about some "Mail" problems and some discussion about Snow Leopard concerning compatibility issues with older software.

There were suggestions for good utilities such as Disk Warrior 4, Yasu, and MacJanitor (which is free!), Drive Genius was also recommended (it does a defrag!).

We had a discussion about running Windows on your MAC using Parallels. Fusion is another way to do it but ...

**** CAUTION **** always be wary of viruses!

This was another enjoyable and highly informative meeting!

Member Benefits

MACNJ User Group members in good standing are encouraged to take advantage of the following savings and benefits:

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MACNJ Meeting Information

Check the latest meeting information on the MACNJ website at www.macnj.org



MACNJ's general monthly meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of each month at Voorhees High School, in High Bridge, New Jersey, from 9 AM to noon. Visitors are welcome.

From the Morristown area

Go west on State Route 24 to County Route 513. Go southwest on 513 for 4.9 miles through Califon. Continue on 513.

Voorhees High School will be on the left at 256 Route 513, across from Voorhees State Park.

From the Somerville area

Go north on US Route 202 until it intersects with interstate 287. Take I-287 northwest for 4.2 miles to I-78 west. Follow I-78 west for 13 miles to Route 31 north (this is the Clinton/Washington exit.) Follow Route 31 north 2.1 miles to a traffic light where there will be a sign for High Bridge. Turn right onto County Route 513. Follow 513 north for two miles into the town of High Bridge. Voorhees High School is two miles further north at 256 Route 513, on the right, across from Voorhees State Park.

From points west

Go east on I-78 to exit 15 (Clinton/Washington exit for Route 31 north) Follow 31 north 2.1 miles to a traffic light with a sign for High Bridge. Turn right onto County Route 513 North. Follow 513 for two miles into the town of High Bridge. Voorhees High School is two miles further at 256 Route 513, on the right, across from Voorhees State Park.

From the Flemington area

Take Route 31 north past Clinton to a traffic light with a sign for High Bridge. Turn right onto County Route 513 north. Follow 513 for two miles into the town of High Bridge. Voorhees High School is two miles further at 256 Route 513, on the right, across from Voorhees State Park.

Parking and Entrances

Parking is plentiful and free. Park in the main parking lot of the school, enter the main entrance by the flag pole, and follow the signs for the MACNJ meeting room in the choir room on the first floor.

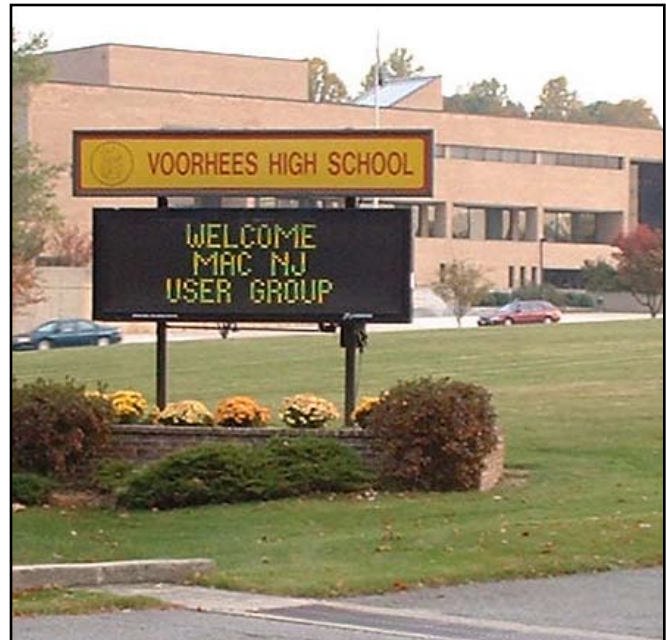
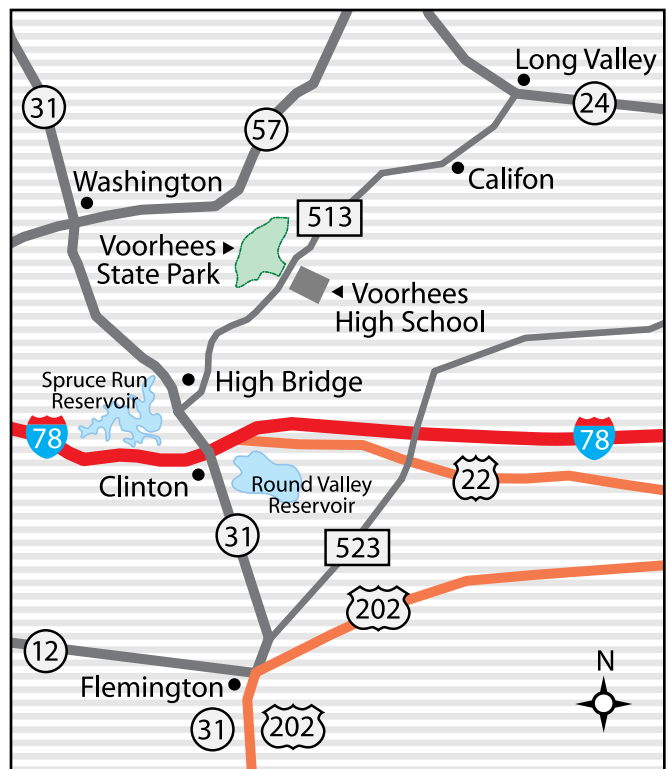


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