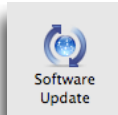


MAKE SURE TO CLICK THE BLUE LINKS

a Mac mind

UPDATES GALORE...

Should I? Shouldn't I? What should I do first, second and third...?



You are sitting there with your morning coffee or [Jamba Juice](#) minding your own business, surfing the web, checking stocks and horoscopes. [Whammo](#). A notice pops up to tell you its time to update. Panic sets in. Updates are important because they get rid of those little quirks you deal with every day. Apple listens to feedback and sets out to squash each bug. However, they are not always perfect. There are a few things to know before updating...things that will keep you from sitting without a computer for days on end. Number one and two are pretty much the same. Backup is number one. Backup AGAIN is number two. The safest way to protect yourself from a bad update is to have a backup to go to if something goes wrong. More later. Number three: Run Disk permissions. Remember when you were little and you had to ask, "May I do this?" "May I do that?"

Well, disk permissions are the same. Your computer has many files and all of them can be changed... so it's your job to tell them all, "You may change." To do this, open your hard drive. Open your Application folder. Open your Utilities folder. Open DISK utility. On the left hand side you will see the name of your hard drive. Click on it once. Then click FIX DISK PERMISSIONS on the right. When it is done it will let you know. After these three things... you can now run your update. Follow these steps and you will be home free. So how do you backup? There are many ways. The three easiest are as follows: One: hook up an external drive and drag files onto it. This will make copies. Two: update to Leopard and run [Time Machine](#). This will do backups all day long. Three: buy [SuperDuper](#) and setup a schedule to backup. Write me to learn more!

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APPLE TV

"What you waiting for?"

Sorry to be so straight forward... But after one month with Apple's little electronic monolith I am convinced I waited too long. Apple has created the perfect companion to your digital life style. The AppleTV, at first, was an extension of what was in your iTunes library. Now Apple wants it to stand on its own. You no longer need a computer to use it. You can rent movies, buy music, buy TV shows and movies as well. It has a hard drive to hold your library. It works best with a new HD Television pumping out full screen goodness. If you have it hooked up to a stereo you can pump music from your iTunes computer through the AppleTV and out over your big speakers. It is virtually plug and play. Best of all, it doesn't take a big chunk out of your pocketbook. [APPLETV](#)



QUICK TIP OF THE BI-WEEK

Mac users use macs because they are all about customizing the experience. One thing that we forget we can change is the [DOCK](#). Its the thing at the bottom of the screen. Did you know you can move it to the left and right of your screen? Go under your apple menu in the upper left. Go to DOCK and pick POSITION on LEFT. Try it on the right. After all,



its your computer! You hate seeing that ICAL calendar program on your DOCK? Drag it off the dock... POOF its gone. You want to put something else there. Go to your applications folder... drag an application to the dock, wait a second, the other apps will scoot out of the way. Let go of your mouse and now you have your card game waiting for you whenever you need it!!

PROGRAM OF THE BI-WEEK **ICAL** - [CHECK IT OUT HERE](#)



ICAL is another simple wonder that is hidden in the piles of included applications on your Mac's hard drive. Have you ever wanted to print a blank calendar? ICAL can be that simple. Load it up. Pick the month that you need on paper. Go under the file menu. Pick Print; and out comes a blank calendar; but Ical is so much more. You can create multiple calendars in many different colors, and each calendar can have a different name. When you first open it Apple has created WORK and PERSONAL calendars. You can click the plus sign in the bottom left hand corner and create more calendars. Plan a trip from start to end in [FUCHSIA](#). An event for your flight can have the information on the flight you just got in an email. But wait there's more!!! No not a [pocket fisherman](#), but the ability to subscribe to other calendars made by other people. On the web they have calendars for every holiday. Schedules for sports teams, some of which get updated with scores after the game is played, movie release schedules and so much more. Ical syncs

seamlessly with the IPHONE and ITOUCH. You can set alarms that remind you over and over until you actually go to that meeting. You can also set an alarm that will send your cell phone a text message with all the information you need. Have you ever made a list of things that need to get done? Then at Two AM you go looking for it and you can't find it... Well Ical has a built in TASK list. Each task can be titled. In the notes of each task you can put in the details that support what you need to get done. Tasks can be set to also remind you a day or more ahead of time; and each task can be assigned to a particular calendar. If one task is more important than the other you can set a priority level, and push that task to the top of the list. I have met people that use their ICAL as a mini diary, and type in notes to each event. These notes are searchable. Say one day you need to find out what day you took your car to be serviced. There is a search box you can type in a keyword and every event that matches it will be before your eyes. No more flipping through the paper of your [FILOFAX](#). Go [HERE](#) for SHAREABLE calendars

WEBSITE OF THE BI-WEEK - TED.COM - [CLICK TO GO HERE](#)



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you can sit back and watch a grown man wax on and on with [such child like exuberance about building model rockets](#). The best part about this site the talks are short and polished. You will laugh, cry, and most of all you will think about something new, and most often in a new way. It's a great place to escape for a bit of enlightenment. Itunes lets you subscribe to TED talks as a podcast. Podcasts can sync to your Iphone and AppleTV. It is time to take a moment and enjoy a speech that doesn't make your brain yawn.

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