DOUBLE CLICK

A Monthly Publication of Macintosh Users East (MaUsE)

MaUsE
April Meeting
Wednesday 24th

Our program will include:

Simple Networking

Programs Chairman Justin Derrick will demonstrate simple networking. How to connect your AppleTalk printers, extra Macs or PowerBooks or your Newton, and how to share your stuff.

QuickTax by Intuit

It's Income Tax time! We will have a demo of QuickTax by Intuit. There will be a draw for at least 1 copy. That'll give you just enough time to get it done before the end of the month.

Make sure to...
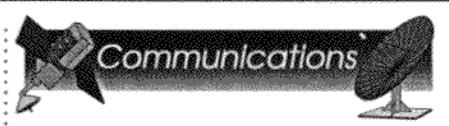### "Stump the Chump"

If there's any time left, be ready to Stump the Chump with your hardware and software problems & questions.

Doors open at 7:00 pm
Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Place: Henry Street High School
Whitby - Lecture Theatre

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See you there!

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MultiMedia '96

The MultiMedia Show is on May 23rd to 25th. We will have about 30 complimentary passes. See Jim or Bruce for yours.

MacWorld Boston

MacWorld Boston is August 7th to 10th. We are organizing a carload for the show. See Bruce or Jim to get more details.

Software Demo

Do your children of the female persuasion dislike the usual shoot-em-up computer games? We are working with "her Interactive software" to put on a demo of McKenzie & Co., a CD-ROM game aimed specifically at girls in their early teens. It will be held on a different night and place than the general meeting. There should be more details available at the meeting on the 24th.

System 7.5, Update 2.0

The update CD is now available FREE from Apple! The phone number is 1-800-293-6617. Expect it to take about 4-6 weeks. If you can't wait, we have disk sets for $20.

Double Click Committee On Board

It's official! Double Click now has an Editorial and Layout Committee organized to get the newsletter out and share the workload. Hugh Amos as Editor is responsible for editorial content, with Cathie McCabe, Ian Hopkins and Gayle Sutherland alternating the layout job. Doug Kettle will continue with duplication and mailing. Double Click still needs a volunteer to work on selling advertising for the newsletter.

In Case You Missed Us...

MaUsE Membership Meeting Minutes, Wednesday March 27th
Excerpts from minutes taken by MaUsE Secretary Arie Spierling

Club Reports:

Membership: Doug Kettle indicated that currently there are 103 members to the end of March 1996. We have exceeded the 100 mark!

Library: Bruce Cameron has received some special software deals available to all MaUsE members. Brochures on "specials" can be obtained at the monthly meetings.

B.B.S.: Jim Foster has received more 2400 baud modems for members who wish to try our B.B.S. "The Source" before they buy. Jim would like all members currently on The Source to fill in a resume. This will give new people an opportunity to connect with someone who may have similar interests.

Education: Mike Gilhooly is pushing to get info into schools re Macs and MaUsE.

Exec-at-Large John Field is working on getting used hardware donated to our user group for the club's use, and for the club to use in public areas.

Feature Presentation: Mark James, a system engineer from Adobe, was our guest and WOW... what an informed and engaging speaker! Mark quickly covered both *Adobe Acrobat Reader*, which a user can obtain free of charge, as well as *Adobe Acrobat Distiller*, the program that converts files into Adobe Acrobat format. The files in Acrobat format can be read in their original form even though the user may not have the fonts, etc. Mark then demonstrated Adobe's entries into Web Home Page design and construction. *Adobe PageMill* is an ideal entry-level program for creating and maintaining Web pages. It's fast, easy to use and works like a word processor rather than the HTML script language. *Adobe SiteMill* is software that maintains large Web sites and ensures their error-free operation by managing link integrity across pages.

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New Apple Color OneScanner Offers Breakthrough Software for Effortless Color Image Management

Affordability, Flexibility Mark New 27 Bit Color Scanner

CUPERTINO, California—March 14, 1996—Fulfilling its commitment to helping users easily incorporate color images into documents, Apple Computer, Inc., today announced immediate world-wide availability of the Color OneScanner 600/27. The new color desktop scanner offers a wide range of image and document management capabilities at an affordable price to Macintosh users in education, the home and small businesses.

"Apple is leading the color revolution with continuous breakthroughs in digital technology," said Ron Vitale, director of product marketing for Apple's Imaging Peripherals Systems group. "Today, users in small business, home and K-12 education are producing documents that require the use of color digital images. It's no longer just a requirement of the graphics professional. The new scanner offers ease-of-use, quality scanning, and versatility to these customers at an affordable price."

Pivotal to the Color OneScanner 600/27 is a breakthrough software component called the OneScanner Dispatcher. The OneScanner Dispatcher software allows effortless scanning, editing, printing, faxing, copying, archival of images and documents, and Optical Character Recognition (OCR). OneScanner Dispatcher integrates seamlessly with the user's other office products, turning the scanner, any MacOS compatible computer, monitor, printer, and fax/modem setup into a

"power office" by allowing the user to control all functions from a memory-efficient central interface. In addition, the new scanner comes with the award-winning TextBridge 3.0 OCR software from Xerox. With TextBridge 3.0 OCR, mainstream users can accurately and easily turn documents into editable, formatable text for further word processing or desktop publishing without retyping. The scanner also comes with a Photoshop-compatible plug-in scan module to provide scanning from within Photoshop, and supports a wide range of file formats, including PICT, TIFF, JPEG, EPS and Windows BMP.

"Scanner-based multifunction products can be a boon to many users," said Barry Tepper, senior industry analyst with Giga Information Group of Cambridge, Massachusetts, "because they add value to users existing equipment by providing additional capabilities. Add the Apple Color OneScanner 600/27 to a Mac OS computer with a fax modem and printer, and you have a complete small office setup, with plain paper fax machine and photocopier, along with the benefits of having a scanner. This is the first multifunction product aimed at the large installed base of Mac users."

The new 27 bit scanner recognizes up to 134 million colors, making it capable of sending a broader gamut of color information to the computer and resulting in more detailed images. It offers 300 by 600

optical resolution and 2400 by 2400 interpolative resolution—ensuring superior image quality and accuracy. Other key features include a space saving design and a speedy single pass scanning process to increase user productivity. In addition to protecting originals from heat damage, cool Xenon bulb illumination offers an accurate daylight balanced light source for better image quality. Apple's ColorSync 2.0 color matching system is included at no charge to ensure the closest possible match between the color in the scanned image, the image that appears on the monitor, and final printout.

Automatic Document Feeder Option
Customers purchasing the Color OneScanner 600/27 also have the option of adding an automatic document feeder. With this option, the unit's lid is removed and the feeder easily snaps into place. The feeder is capable of bulk loading up to 20 pages and can scan 8 1/2 by 14 legal size documents. Cost is just $350 U.S.

Availability and Price
The Color OneScanner 600/27 is available immediately through Apple authorized resellers worldwide and is expected to sell in the U.S. for less than $600. The new scanner replaces Apple's previous offering, the Apple Color OneScanner. For the location of the nearest reseller, customers in the U.S. can call 800-538-9696, ext. 525. Customers outside the United States should contact their local Apple representatives for information.

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April 1996 User Group Connection Special Offers Summary

MUG-Member Mailing List Broadcast
FOR MEMBERS OF APPLE AUTHORIZED USER GROUPS ONLY

UGC

Vendors with special offers in the April UGC Mac Mailing

Activision
Addison-Wesley Developers Press
Adobe Systems Incorporated
Apple
MacPlay
MacSoft

Details on what each of them is offering are included below.
This information is available on the Web at: <URL:http://www.ugconnection.com/users/MUGdeals.html>

Details on Offers in the April Mac UG Mailing

Note to Members: If you would like more product information, or order forms for products listed, please obtain a copy of the handout at the general meeting. Some prices do not include shipping or tax. When you call to ask for information, or to order a product, identify yourself as a User Group member. Information is supplied by the vendors, not UGC; we can't verify the accuracy of their claims.

Activision

We are offering our newest release, Zork Nemesis game, for only $49.95 plus a Zork Nemesis T-shirt — a $69.95 retail value! Featuring cinematic production values, stunning surround-sound, gorgeously rendered 3-D worlds, and challenging puzzles, Activision's Zork Nemesis brings all the intrigue and challenge of the legendary, best-selling Zork series to a new level! Plus, enter the world of Activision at <URL:http: www.activision.com/> to find out more about products and services and enter "Zork: Master of the Elements" online game coming March 28th!

Addison-Wesley Developers Press

From now until June 1, 1996, don't miss the exciting opportunity to receive a 40% User Group discount when your UG orders any combination of the following

Addison-Wesley books totaling 11 or more copies: *Learn C on the Macintosh,* Second Edition by Dave Mark; *Planning and Managing Web Sites on the Macintosh* by Jon Wiederspan and Chuck Shotton; *Sad Macs, Bombs, and Other Disasters,* Second Edition by Ted Landau; *Sex, Lies and Video Games* by Bill Hensler; and *Learning Lingo* by Michael Callery. To order, simply call 1-800-822-6339 or fax 1-800-367-7198 and mention key-code 51002 to receive 40% off the list price. The discounted prices for all five books are under $24.00! For more information on any Addison-Wesley Developers Press Titles, please visit our Web site at <URL: http://www.aw.com/devpress/>.

Adobe Systems Incorporated

Adobe presents the new Adobe On-Line Store Catalog "Virtually something for everyone!" Contains ideal gifts — from hats, jackets, and shirts to key tags, mugs, and travels bags — for your business colleagues and friends, along with a full line of professional studio publications for all Adobe design essentials. See the Adobe envelope in the April User Group mailing for materials and full details.

Apple

StartingLine Apple Merchandising catalog supplement (2 pages): promotional items.

MacPlay

MacPlay Presents the Spring Games Decathlon Promotion!

MacPlay is getting Spring off to a running start with the release of 5 new CD-ROM titles: Beat The House; Star Trek: Judgment Rites, special CD-ROM edition; Castles: Siege & Conquest; Kingdom: The Far Reaches; and The Classic 5. Each of these titles comes with a FREE EXCLUSIVE SAMPLER with previews of MacPlay's hottest titles including sneak peeks at Pete Townsend Presents Tommy: The Interactive Adventure, and Alone In The Dark: The Trilogy. Also included is a $10 mail-in rebate coupon when you purchase one of the five specially marked titles AND the full version of one of the titles on the free sampler. That's a $25 value that you don't want to miss! For more information call 714-553-3530 or visit the Web site at <URL: http:/www.macplay.com/>.

MacSoft

The April 1996 User Group Connection mailing includes a demo CD ("cool demos") with samples of nine MacSoft games and productivity applications. Also included are two flyers with special offers for User Group members to purchase Odyssey : The Legend of Nemesis for $25.00, and Diamonds 3D for $15.00 (and free evaluation copies for the User Group). Odyssey is a brand-new fantasy role-playing game written specifically for the Macintosh. Diamonds 3D is a new arcade game that plays like a three-dimensional breakout. For more information visit our Web site at <URL: http://www.wizworks.com/>.

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Apple Sells Software on World Wide Web

"The timing is right for our growing Internet-savvy customer base to have access to our products via the World Wide Web"

CUPERTINO, California—March 19, 1996—Apple Computer, Inc., today announced a new World Wide Web site geared toward selling product on the Internet. QuickTime Conferencing, Apple's family of videoconferencing and collaboration products for the Internet, ISDN and LANs, now has its own Web site (http://qtc.quicktime.apple.com) with product information, free trial software, online demonstrations, and QuickTime Conferencing software for purchase via the First Virtual Internet Payment System.

"Apple's customers have always been on the leading edge of technological innovation. The timing is right for our growing Internet-savvy customer base to have access to our products via the World Wide Web," said Satjiv Chahil, senior vice president of corporate marketing, whose responsibilities include entertainment, new media and Internet at Apple. "We see the QuickTime Conferencing site as the first piece of what we expect will become a large, fully-developed distribution channel for Apple."

Apple Videoconferencing Products Available for Purchase Online

Apple is offering its award-winning, full-featured QuickTime Conferencing software, which gives Apple Power Macintosh AV users multi-party videoconferencing, shared whiteboard collaboration capabilities, additional broadcast features, an interactive help guide, and Apple customer support, for

purchase at the QuickTime Conferencing Web site for an introductory price of U.S.$59.95. Customers can complete the purchase transaction online, using First Virtual Holdings' secure Internet Payment System.

"We are very excited that Apple has chosen First Virtual as their secure Internet payment system," said Lee Stein, chairman and CEO of First Virtual Holdings Incorporated. "The Apple-First Virtual relationship will enable the Internet commerce industry to explode with a variety of products and services never before imagined. Apple is the leader in technological innovations and First Virtual, with our Virtual PIN, is the leader in easy, secure Internet commerce. Being at the forefront of this new world is where Apple and First Virtual belong and we're happy to be here."

Free Trial Videoconferencing and Webcast-Viewer Software

A trial version of Apple's QuickTime Conferencing software is also available for download from the new site. The feature-limited software allows Power Macintosh users to try out videoconferencing on local area networks and over the Internet with 112K or greater bandwidth capability. QuickTime TV, Apple's recently announced Internet broadcast-viewing software, is also available for downloading free of charge from the site, to use for watching live online webcasts. QuickTime TV technol-

ogy was most recently used in the Apple QuickTime Live! webcast of the 32nd Annual GRAMMY Awards.

"Beginning with initiatives such as the QuickTime Conferencing online software sale and free downloadable trial software offer, Apple's Interactive Media Group is underscoring the company's overall commitment to the World Wide Web," said Carlos Montalvo, director, Apple Interactive Media Group. "In the future users can expect to see many more Apple technologies demonstrated, tested, and distributed in creative new ways on the Internet."

QuickTime Conferencing World Wide Web Site

The QuickTime Conferencing World Wide Web site also provides customers with an easy-to-access "online one-stop shop" for information on Apple's videoconferencing product line. Customers browsing the site can learn about Apple's videoconferencing technologies, evaluate new software as it becomes available, download sample demo files, and access technical support documentation.

This Web site is the newest addition in Apple's growing portfolio of Web sites targeted toward people in Apple's key markets, such as education, the music industry and multimedia. The QuickTime Conferencing site joins Apple's collection of sites in the multimedia market, such as:

—Apple Multimedia Program (http://www.amp.apple.com/)
—Apple Publishing and New Media (http://www.media.apple.com/)
—QuickTime Live! (http://live.apple.com) and QuickTime VR (http://qtvr.quicktime.apple.com/).

How Online Commerce Works

The First Virtual Internet Payment System, the world's first, provides each subscriber with a unique Virtual PIN, eliminating the need for encryption,

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Kids & Teens Build A Place They Can Call Their Own in Cyberspace

Apple Computer helps launch Youth Central, a New Web Site Created By Kids—For Kids

SANTA MONICA, California—March 21, 1996—From the Kids & Interactive Media Conference in Santa Monica, Calif., Apple Computer, Inc. helped cut the virtual ribbon on the most promising electronic clubhouse for kids and teens on the 'Net today—Youth Central. The Youth Central Web site, expected to go live on Monday, is making new strides for the youth market on the World Wide Web, with its highly participatory nature, original kid-produced content and colorful, tight-knit community. The brainchild of 14-year-old Alex Hempton of San Diego, Calif., Youth Central distinguishes itself as a kid created, kid approved and kid run clubhouse on the 'Net (http://www.youthcentral.apple.com)

Youth Central goes beyond the "vanity" pages (Web sites focusing on a person's photograph and biography) or the product marketing sites generated by large corporations, that heavily populate the youth Web arena to date. With its interactive chat rooms, message boards and surveys, Youth Central is designed to take uncommon advantage of the participatory communication possibilities on the Web. Youth Central also anticipates "wowing" kids from around the world with its artfully designed neighborhood interface, fun databases and special contests.

Youth Central offers a special community for young people, generally aged 10-17, with lots of ways for them to stay in touch, learn from each other and be heard. The "Birthday Calendar" is one way the site achieves a tight community—making it a snap to send electronic wishes on someone's special day. The "Centralian Directory" also inspires friendships; entries include kids' names, locations, favorite books, foods, sports, and dreams. The calendar and directory are expected to be available in the coming weeks. Kids can also visit one of the numerous message boards where pen pals can be found and popular topics are discussed, like: Alanis Morissette, The Simpsons, Shakespeare, basketball or even Jonathan Taylor Thomas. Here, and in the chat rooms, kids help other kids tackle life's tricks and treasures, ranging from: "why do guys act weird on the phone?" to "should I feel okay about getting paid for my poetry?".

"I have been online since I was 12 and I never imagined I could one day help create something as awesome as Youth Central on the Internet," said Hempton. "Today when my friends and I open the site to the world that we've worked so hard on and kids from everywhere come to visit, it will be like a total dream to me. It feels incredible having our own place where people are cool and fun to be with."

Youth Central joins SALON, an acclaimed literary and modern culture Web page, as sites sponsored by Apple (http://www.salon1999.com). This represents

Apple's commitment toward working with third-party talent to bring quality sites to the Web, in markets where Apple does best, such as home, education and multimedia. "The Internet just became a better place for young people to hang out," said Steve Franzese, senior director of new media, entertainment and Internet for Apple Computer. "Alex and his colleagues inspire us all with their creativity and fresh way of looking at the Internet. We're thrilled to help make the Internet a more comfortable and meaningful place for kids far and near."

Youth Central is a collaborative effort by kids and teens who not only like to surf the 'Net, but also indulge in various off-line activities like: rollerblading, running, Kung Fu, listening to music, playing soccer, making jewelry and speaking Spanish. Beyond Hempton, the volunteer staff includes: Brian Dunaway, 15, of Texas; Jonathan Edwards, 15, of Washington; Colin Larson, 12, of Illinois; Seth Mattinen, 15, of Nevada; Kris Nyberg, 18, of California; Billy Davis, 13, of Pennsylvania; Vicki Winter, 14, of Missouri; Kate Baker, 13, of New Jersey; and Sean McKnew, 13, of California. Most of these teens met on Apple's online service eWorld where an earlier incarnation of the Youth Central site was born in 1994. To access Youth Central on the Web, point your browser to http://www.youthcentral.apple.com.

MaUsE Meeting Location

Members of the general public, guests of MaUsE members, and all regular MaUsE members are invited to attend any of MaUsE's Membership or Executive meetings. It is NOT necessary to bring your Macintosh with you (!)...all that's required is an interest in Macintosh computing.

Membership meetings are generally held in the Lecture Theatre at Henry St. High School in Whitby starting at 7:30 pm. Shareware disk sales begin at 7:00 pm. Executive meeting locations vary...call ahead to confirm exact locations/times.

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Powerful New Apple Speech Technology Software Included with New Power Macintosh Systems

New and Improved Utilities Give Power Mac Users Command and Control with Speech, New Spanish Voices for Text-to-Speech

BOSTON, Massachusetts—August 7, 1995—Apple Computer, Inc. today announced that the new version of Apple's advanced speech technologies software, PlainTalk, will be included with the newly announced Power Macintosh 7500s and 8500s, and comes complete with a PlainTalk microphone. PlainTalk 1.4 has significant new abilities, and makes the new Power Macintosh systems the most speech-capable of all the desktop systems on the market today.

PlainTalk is a collection of software from Apple that enables Macintosh computers to speak written text and respond to spoken commands. There are three components to PlainTalk 1.4: English Speech Recognition, English Text-to-Speech, and Mexican-Spanish Text-to-Speech. The software will also be available on the Internet, eWorld, AppleLink, and on the new System 7.5.2 release CD.

New Speakable Items

English Speech Recognition includes an all-new productivity utility called Speakable Items, which gives the user "command and control" of the computer, via speech. Any item stored on the computer can be made "speakable" by placing it in the Speakable Items folder; speaking the name is like a double-click — it opens or launches the spoken item. This allows quick and easy access to stored information: documents, applications, etc. The item can reside anywhere on a hard drive or server, buried in the hierarchy of folders, and the user can open it simply by speaking its name. For example, a user wanting to check her stock portfolio without opening four files and launching an application, would just say "check stocks," and the Macintosh would do the rest.

"We believe we have provided a set of speech tools which will act as an intuitive extension to the graphical user interface," said Dr. Kai-Fu Lee, director of Apple Interactive Media group. "The new Speakable Items utility is so effective and easy to use — we expect users to be hooked on this great productivity boost in no time."

Apple has incorporated new features into Speakable Items which make speech recognition easy to use and extremely reliable. PlainTalk is able to recognize virtually any English-speaking voice, even those with an accent. Misfires, a problem common to most voice-recognition systems, have been virtually eliminated with a new feature called "Push-to-Talk." Misfires result when a computer picks up on a sound and executes a command, when in fact that sound was not meant to be a command. With Speakable Items, the user speaks the computer's name (assigned by the user) before speaking the command, or uses the "Push to Talk" feature. He or she simply pushes a key which has been preselected by the user, thereby notifying the computer that the next spoken words will be a command. This is ideal for those who have put off using this type of technology due to a noisy environment or difficult acoustics. Users may develop their own commands using AppleScript, and example scripts are provided with the software.

The Mac Speaks Back

Apple's text-to-speech technology is one of the most sophisticated available, and offers a variety of voices that range from the best quality in the industry, to the most efficient in size and speed, to the most fun and entertaining. There are 22 different voices in all, and all are created via synthesis. True speech synthesis means there are no recorded sound bytes to take up valuable disk space and RAM. Game developers, educational software developers, and CD-ROM developers can have

any amount of text read aloud from their applications using Apple's text-to-speech, with a small, fixed amount of space taken up on the CD.

An example of the synthesis advantage is Scholastic's Wiggleworks for the Macintosh, a consumer education title which reads stories to children while the text and images are up on the screen, and allows the children to add their own text, which the program will also read aloud. Without Apple's text-to-speech synthesis, such a function would be impossible. The range of things a child can enter into a keyboard is enormous, and many words would not likely be stored in a recorded dictionary, making text-to-speech synthesis the only technology capable of providing such interactive ability.

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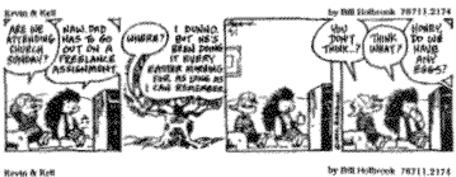
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special software, or sending credit card numbers over the Internet. Customers register with First Virtual to make online purchases or sell electronic goods. The one-time cost to register with First Virtual and obtain a Virtual PIN is U.S.$2 for consumers and U.S.$10 for merchants. For each transaction, sellers pay a 29 cent fee and 2 percent of the transaction price. First Virtual has created the launching pad for what will someday be the world's largest and fastest growing industry: the buying and selling of information on the Internet.

First Virtual Holdings Incorporated is a financial and marketing company created specifically to enable safe, global electronic commerce by anyone with access to the Internet. Founded in October 1994, First Virtual's headquarters are located in San Diego, California. To learn more about First Virtual, please call (619) 793-2700, World Wide Web -http://www.fv.com.

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