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# Apple Bytes

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## Tiger is big and powerful.

Tiger proclaims over 200 new features. Can you find them all? A few of us had the pleasure of attending a presentation by David Pogue at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Auditorium this past month. His program lasted nearly two hours and covered about a dozen new features. "If" we were to try and cover 10 new features each meeting for the next 18 months, we would probably do the last 20 using the next release which will be called Leopard or Version 10.5. It is also possible that we will be using the Intel processors. And we won't even be finished with Tiger! What is wrong with this picture? Can we possibly expect to learn to use it all?

The next update or 10.4.3 is set for release in August. We shall see how that schedule works.

The David Pogue event was indeed an entertaining evening as usual. A great showman and presenter, he knows the system to the core. Don't ever miss a chance to see him.

Apple "updates" the Mini. A real non-event. The iBooks gain only a minor speed bump and video improvement. The 12" model continues to be a very good value.

That's all folks...

# Club Calendar for August

## Aug 2005

4... SLMUG General Meeting 7:30 pm  
San Leandro High School  
Room 507 (Shop 7 Graphics Lab)  
2200 Bancroft Ave.  
San Leandro (Info: 510 828-9314)  
SLMUG Board Meeting. Normally held after the general meeting at a nearby eating establishment.

18... SLMUG Mac SIG  
The Mac SIG meets on the third Thursday in Room 507, the Shop 7 Graphics Lab. Items for discussion are brought by you, the attendees. Discussions are specific to your problems and requests.  
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# Kline's Korner

Mac OS X

## New Releases

Apple Computer this week began asking its developers to test and report back to the company on the first external pre-release build of Mac OS X 10.4.3, a forthcoming maintenance release to the Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger operating system.

Like the previously released Mac OS X 10.4.2 Update, tipsters say that Mac OS X 10.4.3 continues to focus on improving the overall reliability and stability of the Tiger OS. 10.4.3 is targeted for release in September.

M\$S's next OS, Vista, formerly known as Longhorn, is trying this pre-release method, which they have not tried before. Interestingly, they are incorporating a permission-based approach. So, not only will the look and feel be familiar (read copied), but the step-up in security will be similar also. UNIX is both time-tested and ever new.

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## eMail Study

The study of 3,000 email users by peripherals firm i.Tech Dynamic has revealed the top five email gripes as:

- \* Overusing capitals
- \* Too many abbreviations
- \* Blank subject box
- \* Being copied on every email
- \* People being 'over friendly'.

"Email is such a massive part of our lives nowadays, and we do get set in our ways when it comes to things like fonts and the etiquette of writing at work," said a spokesman for i.Tech, which conducted the research as part of its development of a Bluetooth keyboard.

"People should be aware that some fonts are too elaborate for professional documents, not to mention hard to read. If you stick to the basic fonts and in a reasonable size and color, you should be pretty safe and not offend anyone."

An addition should be wallpaper with colored text that blends with the background.

Another bug-a-boo is eMail that tries to make you believe that you will die if you do not send this to every relative, friend and neighbor within 30 seconds of receiving it. This is a form of virus and nothing less.

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## iBooks

Xlr8yourmac has published some video benchmarks of the recently release iBooks. The new iBooks offer the Radeon 9550 graphics card that provides additional performance as well as support for Core Image and Core Video.

In a comparison between a 1.2GHz iBook / Radeon 9200 (old) and a 1.2GHz iBook / Radeon 9550 (new), the Radeon 9550 iBook delivered an 11% frame rate advantage in Quake 3 with sound on and a 22.9% advantage with sound off.

The actual shipping iBooks come in 12" 1.33GHz and 14" 1.42GHz models.

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## Spotlight

MacFixIt has reported that you need to be careful where you put your wild card, "\*", in your Spotlight search string. "Spotlight can find a single asterisk in a file name as long as it is not at the end of the name or a word in the name without an asterisk at the beginning of the name."

1. \*XXXXX
2. XXX \* XX
3. XXX\*XX
4. XXXXX \*
5. XXXXX\*
6. XXXXX\*\*

"Spotlight found (1), (2), (4), (6) and missed (3) and (5)."

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## iTunes

The iTunes Music Store features a way for you to give a gift that keeps on giving—it's called an iTunes Allowance. An iTunes Allowance allows you to send a monthly iTunes Music Store credit to a family member, friend, or colleague in an amount from \$10 to \$200.

How to set up this account:

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=302058>

This is a way to allow one to purchase music without a credit card. The other is a gift card.

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Four-point-five percent of the US market isn't enough to worry Redmond. But the fact that the iPod is allowing Apple to "go after" PC users thinking about a switch is enough to set the alarm bells ringing at Microsoft. This is the opinion of MS Windows honcho Will Poole, who was speaking to financial analysts recently, as noted in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

<http://blog.seattlepi.nwsourc.com/microsoft/archives/005384.html?wbfrom=rss>

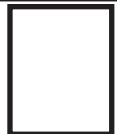
Enjoy!!

## August 4th meeting features...

This meeting, we will look at some of the lessons learned during the cloning evolution that has been happening right here in the lab. A vast project and, as usual, a valuable learning experience. Untold hours have been spent making it happen. Please note that the computers perform significantly faster and better now. Be sure to attend.



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Main Meeting - August 4th