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Tiger 10.4.3 is here...

It is hot off the presses and contains literally hundreds of bug fixes. At first glance it appears to be working pretty well. A few reports are out indicating some problem areas, but workarounds seem to be working. "Mikey" sez he likes it, so that's good enough for me.

I admit, I have not installed .3 yet as I have been rather busy. Maybe I should just bite the bullet and go for it, right after I get this epistle out.

I have been re-reading the past few month's worth of magazines. It is amazing how much you simply gloss over and totally miss. An excellent review of Safari has been a big help to me. However, that may change with the new Tiger update. Let's plan on discussing it at the meeting for sure.

As a reminder, we need to talk about the annual election of officers. It is that time of year again.

That's all folks...

Club Calendar for November

Nov 2005

3.. 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.

17... 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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Mac OS X 10.4.3

Apple on Monday released Mac OS X 10.4.3 Update, which delivers overall improved reliability and compatibility for Mac OS X v10.4. It is recommended for all users. The fixit list is an arm's length and I can tell you right now, it is the most stable OS I have ever had the pleasure of running.

So far, the "bug" report(s) has been limited to fans running full blast. "Five" on the hair dryer dial. The workaround so far has been to shut down the Mac, unplug it and then reverse all of that. This Mac, of course, suffered no such happening.

If you have issues with Apple software (Mail.app etc.) think about any third party software to augment either the OS or Apple applications, such as plugins for Mail.app that will likely fail.

The first re-start may seem extraordinary long. I did not notice this as I probably left the room. No reason to watch the grass grow. We are talking 10 minutes or more. Go play with the kid. It will start up and any future re-boots will be normal.

Certain indications have lead me to believe there is a general speed-up. My pet peeve has been selecting a long list of files and right clicking with the intention of deleting this list. For every version from 10 beta and forward this has taken a long time. Now with 10.4.3 it happens in a blink. Telescoping windows is faster. Any listing seems to be snappier.

Highly recommended.

Enjoy!!

November 3rd meeting features...

Ed Matlock will review "Append Note." This was featured recently in MacWorld's Mac Gems column. Randy has promised to enlighten us on some of his recent observations. Certainly system 10.4.3 is available to be dissected as well as some of it's ramifications. Be sure to attend.



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