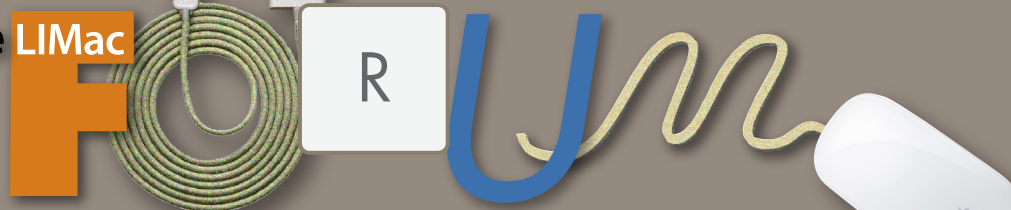


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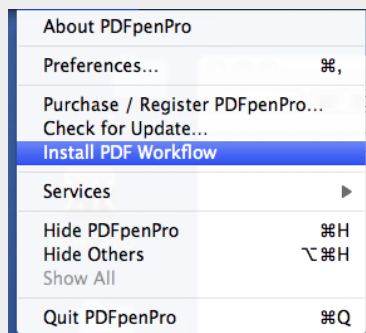
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July Meeting *Scott Randell*

For July's meeting (Friday 7/8/11) I did the presentation, which was on *PDFpen* and *PDFpenPro* (from Smile Software). During the presentation a great many people were asking questions, some of which took me a while to answer, and some I was not able to answer at the time. The result of this was I was not able to demonstrate all that I had planned. In this article I will give accurate answers to all of those questions, and give a description of the features I was not able to get to.

Most of you know how to create a PDF from another file. For example, in *Pages* you would use the File menu's Export or the Print command. You could then open that PDF in *PDFpen* by right or control-clicking or dragging over the *PDFpen* icon. To streamline this process, *PDFpen* provides a shortcut. First from the *PDFpen* menu select "Install PDF Workflow". (See Screen Shot-1.) Quit *PDFpen* and *Pages*, when you reopen *Pages*, select and open your document again. This time go to File --> Print (or command-P), click on the PDF button, and you will see the new choice of "Open with *PDFpen.sh*", (see Screen Shot-2) select it and the document will open directly in *PDFpen*.

Screen Shot-1



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August Meeting *Bradley Dichter*

LIMac is pleased to bring back Bradley, with a presentation on the hot topic of the month, *Mac OS X 10.7 Lion*. (Get it? August - hot topic!) You've probably been reading about the recent (July 21) availability of *Lion* as an upgrade from *Snow Leopard* 10.6.6 to 10.6.8 or the new MacBook Air and Mac mini models that come with the *Lion* pre-installed. Other Mac models today come with *Snow Leopard*, but the OS X Lion Up-To-Date Program offers the upgrade for free if you bought your Mac from June 6 or later. It's \$29.99 for the rest of us with not quite so new Macs. You get it via the *App Store* app you got when you upgraded to Mac OS 10.6.6 back in January. It's about a 4GB download, so anyone running a slow DSL connection is going to have to be patient. Anybody with a Intel based Mac with just 1GB of RAM or the first gen Intel models with Core Duo and not Core 2 Duo cannot get *Lion*, as are any of the older PowerPC based Macs as they couldn't even be running *Snow Leopard* in the first place. Some of the new *Lion* features like AirDrop require even newer models. See <http://www.apple.com/macosex/specs.html> for details. Generally you need a Apple ID to use the Mac App Store, but because of that, the *Lion* upgrade is good for all 5 of your home computers you can use that Apple ID with. Offices with more Macs need to check out Apple's Software Volume Licensing.

So why would anyone want a newer operating system in the first place? Apple likes to boast about it's 250 new features. How many do I care about? If you ask me, not many. If you use a laptop's TrackPad or the new wireless MagicTrackpad with a desk-

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top Mac, then there are some new gestures. I don't and the only gesture I do make use of is the scrolling one, so I don't count this as a big plus. In fact the scrolling is backwards from what we Mac users are used to. It's like the iOS way of doing things. I install the free *Scroll Reverser 1.3* to get things working like I've been used to for 27 years. Then Apple likes to highlight Full-Screen Apps. Another bad idea for me anyway. If an application takes over my whole 30" display, I can't keep an eye on other things and I can't drag and drop stuff from one to the other. It would kill my productivity. As I was writing this, a notification window popped up, which needed attention in 16 seconds, which I would have missed if *InDesign CS5* was taking over my whole screen. Now if I was constrained to using a 11" MacBook Air which only has 1366 x 768 or a 13" MacBook Pro which has 1280 x 800, and either with limited RAM, I probably would like full screen apps, as I could only work on one at a time and need every pixel at my disposal. Related to that is *Mission Control*, another waste of time. It's like the iPad screen, showing me my apps and *Dashboard* widgets. It's like *Exposé* and *Spaces* joined, neither of which I use, particularly as I have a big enough monitor or two and many programs would crash if I enabled Spaces. Similarly the iPad influence continues with *LaunchPad*, which ignores the Dock and *Finder* windows and gives me the iPad home screen. My Mac is not equipped with a touch screen, I don't want to join apps into little icons grouping things together like I'm forced to under iOS. I have a Mac, don't take it away from me and leave me with a 120 pound iPad.

So here we come to a few positive new

features: *Resume*, which opens programs back to the state you left them when you quit. Now some programs already do this and other programs will have to be rewritten to take advantage of this, so I don't really count this as a gift from Apple. Just Apple encouraging them to add this function. Probably not a good idea if my program closed because it crashed. Resuming would probably cause it to crash again, an infuriating loop I can't get out of, unless I kill the Resume function.

Then there is the new *Auto Save* and *Versions*. These can be handy way to extend the *Time Machine* concept. Instead of backing up your whole Mac every hour, Auto Save wants to back up your current work every 5 minutes so in case you screw up working on your document or you cheaped out and didn't buy a battery backup for your desktop Mac, you can use the companion *Versions* interface, very much like *Time Machine*'s, to restore your document to a previous state. I wonder how much this will slow down my computer and how much disk space it will use? Still probably a good thing. Good thing I just got a 3TB hard drive.

I don't have enough space here in the Forum, nor will I have time at the meeting to cover all the new features in *Lion*. Check them out here: <http://www.apple.com/mac/whats-new/features.html>

I did want to draw your attention to a few items, like Picture-in-picture zoom, *AirDrop* for making file sharing even easier, the new Day view in *iCal*, Lion Recovery partition of my hard drive, so I can recover with *Time Machine* when I can't find my DVD as *Lion* doesn't come with one. The new Conversations view in *Mail*, it may not be well done, but it works. Seems Apple

does copy a couple of things from Microsoft, in this case *Outlook*. And that includes supporting the year old *Microsoft Exchange 2010*. A little tidbit that's nice is the new *Preview* supports *iWork* files now too.

The new *Safari 5.1* which is also available for *Snow Leopard* adds some nice features. It also breaks a few old ones, but that's par for the course. The new Sandboxing function should make things more stable. It's that a terrible name? I really hate the new downloads function. I want my separate window back.

The new *Migration Assistant* now supports copying files from a networked Windows machine, so that should make switching over a lot easier. I also do like the new System Profiler.

OK, so what won't you like? While I can resize a window from any edge or corner, the Finder no longer offers the simplified view that allows me to open a new window with a folder's contents, so I can drag files around to where I need them to be.

The system also by default makes the home folder's Library folder hidden like several other folders. I needed to get in there to allow Mail to import my old messages without crashing. I used the go to Folder function but that's not intuitive, certainly not good for most non-technical users. I had to use a Terminal command to make it visible. I needed also to get in there to mess around with Preference Panes and Application Support folders. I have a pretty complex setup with hundreds of apps.

This brings me to the final caveat about Lion. They dropped *Rosetta*, that part of *Tiger*, *Leopard* and *Snow Leopard* that allowed the Intel processor to run PowerPC coded applications. Now that drops off the software designed for computers phased

out in 2006, but there are some popular programs we used to use before we installed *Lion*. Most noteworthy would be *AppleWorks 6.2.9* and *Quicken 2007r3*. Intuit offers *Quicken Essentials* which can import the data from *Quicken*. I'd set that up before you upgrade to *Lion*. The interface is different and there are far fewer features that some have gotten used to and need. If you own *iWork '09*, then *Pages* can open AppleWorks WP format files and *Numbers* can open AppleWorks SS format files. The problem is there is no way the Finder can show you which is which. They both should have a .cwk file name extension. *AppleWorks* still saves the files with the obsolete Finder metadata of TYPE and CREATOR codes. Type CWWP for word processing files and CWSS for spreadsheets. *Snow Leopard* has no way of searching for this information. I found that *HoudahSpot* still can, so you could drag all your WP files to one folder and your SS files to another. Then you can drag a batch of say the WP files onto Pages' icon, opening each in it's own window. You can then close each and save changes, creating a .pages file for each. I don't think *Pages* would care for opening more than a couple dozen files at once, so do this procedure in small batches. Another option is you could, in advance of installing *Lion*, open each *AppleWorks* file and save them in another format, like *Microsoft Word*'s older .doc format and *Microsoft Excel*'s .xls format, and then use *Microsoft Office 2011* under *Snow Leopard* and *Lion* to work on the documents in the future.

The older Office versions won't work right under Lion. Even then, *Office 2011* will probably need an update to work right

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Bradley's Tech Session



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► **I have a iMac and I'm having trouble printing to a Epson printer wired to a MacBook Pro? I get a message that the printer is not online. I power cycle the printer and it works again. My connection is via Airport. Lately it's been getting worse. Even if I power cycle the MacBook Pro it doesn't want to print. The wireless router is not near the iMac.**

■ I'd say you probably have two issues here. First off the MacBook Pro is going to sleep so the print queue offered by Printer Sharing goes offline. So change your Energy Saver System Preference panel to never allow the computer to sleep, but you can allow the display to sleep. Turn off the allow disks to sleep, turn on the wake for network access and never close the lid, which would put it to sleep. You can buy the \$9.50 *SleepLess* from ALXsoftware or the free *Caffeine* from Lighthouse Software or *InsomniaX* from semaja2 Gadgets to prevent it from sleeping even with the lid closed. The second maybe you different versions of the printer driver on the two machines. You may need to download the latest from the Epson web site and install it on both, double-check that printer sharing is on at the MacBook Pro, delete the old print queue and create a new one. Then do the same on the iMac, creating a new print queue for the shared printer. If you wireless signal is strong and steady, this should do it. On the other hand, it's possible the problem is with the printer or it's USB

connection. If so then the MacBook Pro would also experience problems printing. Somewhat related to that, if the printer was off and the MacBook Pro tried to print, it couldn't of course and the print queue would be stopped. Thus it and the MacBook Pro would not be able to print. Keep the print queue in the dock to keep an eye on it when trouble arises. Of course it would make more sense if the immobile printer was directly connected to the immobile iMac and let the portable printer rely on print sharing. If you bought a new printer, since the router is not near the iMac, a wired network printer would not work, but a wireless network printer should be OK, assuming it's within a strong signal. Then you don't have to rely on another computer to do the sharing. If you have a iPad or iPhone, then one of the HP wireless printers that support AirPrint would be a good choice. Some of them offer network fax too. With *PageSender* nor *FAXstf Pro X* not working in Lion, and network fax is all the more valuable.

► **What Mac program would you recommend to convert a .fla or .swf file to a .mov for use in iMovie? The Flash file was done on a PC.**

■ Scott Randell recommends using *Handbrake* 0.95 with the minor exception that it creates a .m4v file, but *iMovie* likes those. The .fla is a native Adobe Flash file, so I'd use *Flash Pro CS5.5* and export as a movie from the File menu. You could ask the person who created the file to export it to some video format for you and maybe just need *QuickTime Player 7* to convert

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President's Message



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This is just a brief note as to why you should attend our August 2011 general meeting on Friday, Aug 12th. It is not because it is a fabulous operating system that everyone is looking forward to, but because Brad will also tell you where there are issues and what older software and hardware will not work with Lion or not work very well with it. These will help you enjoy Lion and avoid the pit falls. Enjoy the summer!

Bill



for your Mac based use. For .flv and .swf files, try Macvide *FlashVideo Converter*. It's \$99.95 MacUpdate.com users don't give it much love. I would suggest instead *EasyWMV* from Patrice Bensoussan for the .flv an .swf to make a .mp4 file. It's more likely to work and only costs \$19.99. I used to use *VisualHub* 1.35 from Techspanion. That became *FilmRedux* from Confuzzled Software. If all else fails, if you can play the video, you can use a screen capture to video program.

► **How about removing watermarks from video?**

■ Not easy. I suppose you could overlay your own image without transparency over the watermark to sort of over-watermark the video. The cheap way would be just crop out the area, usually a lower corner. *iMovie '08* or newer has a crop tool, so this it's not hard to do, but has to stay in the proper aspect ratio. I did a quick Google search and found this video that shows you how to remove pretty well a watermark from video using *Adobe After Effects*. Yeah I know, not a cheap program. Perhaps you qualify for the \$449 Student and Teacher Edition of *Adobe Creative Suite 5.5 Production Premium* which includes *Flash Pro CS5.5*

► **Occasionally my Mac won't wake from sleep by moving my mouse nor pressing a key, only pressing the power button on the back. Is this something I have to live with or can it be resolved?**

■ It may not be easy to find. I have a similar problem on my Mac. First check out the easy things. If your keyboard and mouse are bluetooth wireless like modern

iMacs are, check your *System Preferences - Bluetooth* - click the Advanced... button and make sure the option for "Allow Bluetooth devices to wake this computer" is checked. Try a wired mouse, as bluetooth can be flaky and it powers down when the Mac goes to sleep, thus ignoring your wireless input devices. I found this resource regarding a couple of hacks to force bluetooth to power up after wake. <http://www.tonymacx86.com/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=7940> If your mouse/keyboard are wired, the problem could be what software you were running when you put the Mac to sleep. E-mail and web browsers often cause this problem as they are often doing something interactive all the time and they don't want to stop. As an experiment, try quitting these before you put the Mac to sleep and see if the problem goes away. Sometimes the problem lies in something else that's running all the time in the background, like a antivirus program, a scanner driver or some other drive protection program, maybe like *MacKeeper* or *CleanApp* or *TechTool Protection*. I've heard that the older version of *MagicPrefs* caused a problem like this, but that's for Apple's latest wireless mouse. *Windows Live Mesh for Mac* can cause sleep problems too. Try a safe boot and see if that resolves the problem. As the problem is not all the time, you may lose patience with this intrusive testing which could take hours with no results one way or the other. You could have some external USB or FireWire device causing the problem, or the driver for them, so try booting with nothing but the mouse and keyboard directly connected and see if that makes a difference. Also your keyboard and mouse should plug directly into

the Mac, not through a hub. It could lose the connection when your Mac's USB goes to sleep. You have to try to divide and conquer whether the problem is software or hardware. Try booting up with a test user account. That helps divide whether the software problem is user specific in a home folder or in the general /Library folder. Try running Repair Permissions and Verify Disk in *Disk Utility* to see if it can find anything wrong. You may give in and just get in the habit of shutting the machine off or just letting the display sleep, but the Mac never, via the Energy Saver System Preference panel. On some machines, the problem is the screen fails to wake up but the Mac does. You may try this: in advance, make sure the option in the Energy Saver System Preference panel for "Allow power button to put the computer to sleep" is checked. So when you want to wake up the computer and clicked the mouse or hit a key, the CPU woke up but not the display. So quickly press the power button to put the Mac back to sleep. Allow about 10 seconds for it to actually go to sleep, press a button on the keyboard and the computer and it's screen should come alive. Sometimes the iMac's firmware gets a bit funky, so I'd suggest resetting the SMC. You do that by shutting down, pulling the power cord, press the power button for five seconds, release, plug it back in. That should reset the SMC. You could also confirm the setting in your System Preferences - Startup Disk. Your hard drive should be highlighted.

► **Does the Migration Assistant bring with it all the problems you may be having with an old computer to the new computer?**

■ I wouldn't say it brings all the prob-

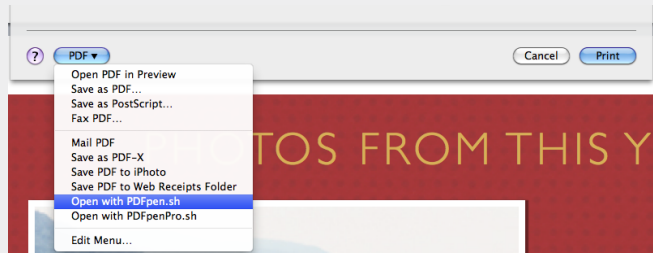
lems. It can surely bring some and introduce new ones you didn't have before. If your problems before were with hardware or a corrupted system software, then no. If the problems were with 3rd party extensions and applications and corrupted files then yes. In addition, if your extensions were OK, but running with say Mac OS 10.4.x or 10.5.x, and you now plopped them into the assorted sub-folders into the root and user Library folders of Mac OS 10.6.8 or 10.7 next month, they surely could screw things up that were OK before. The safest thing is not to migrate your apps and home folder and use FireWire Target Disk mode and manually copy your documents over, your music and photos and install new applications and extensions and leave behind all the garbage you've accumulated over the years. Yes, that's a real pain, but if you were not running the very latest of everything, your conversion to a new operating system will be a nightmare. You could kernel panic as the new Mac boots up. This also minimizes the problems of file permissions if you don't use the exact same long and short user name and password on the new machine as the old. I use *Migration Assistant* all the time for my steady clients as I move files from one machine to the other, because I keep them up to date. So generally there is less change from one computer to the other, except maybe more horsepower. If you like, color the copied files red so you know what is suspect.

► **I have a question about a cheap HD camcorder for use with Mac OS 10.4.11.**

■ That would be *iMovie '08 v7.1.4*, the last that worked with *Tiger* except I know you

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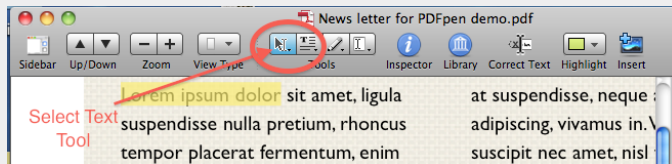


Once you have any PDF open in *PDFpen*, you can start to use its features and editing tools. The sidebar allows you to zoom, rearrange pages, and even drag pages in, from another open PDF. You can view your PDF as single pages or facing pages.

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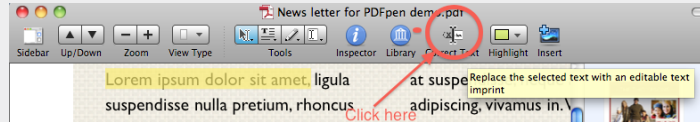
1. Use the text select tool and highlight the text you want to edit:

Screen Shot-3



2. Click on the Edit Text button in the Toolbar:

Screen Shot-4



3. The selected text is now editable.

The next thing I showed was editing images. You can select, edit, delete or replace any image in the PDF you are working on. Once you select the image, double-click on it, and image editing tools will appear. They should look familiar as they are very similar to those found in *iPhoto*. You can change exposure, contrast, brightness etc. You can delete the image, and insert one of your own. Once inserted you can resize and/or crop the image to fit the space you have. During the meeting I

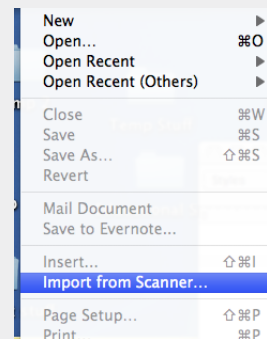
had some trouble managing the image. In experimenting at home, I found exporting the image to one of smaller size made it more manageable.

Next I demonstrated using *PDFpen*, to fill in non-interactive forms. You can do this in *PDFpen*, but not in *Adobe Reader*. You can also save the edited form. *PDFpenPro*, gives you the ability to create you own interactive fillable forms, these forms will be cross platform. You can include in your form:

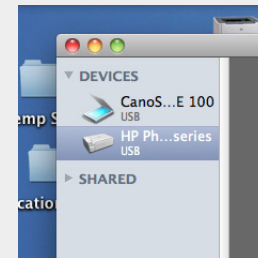
- text fields
- check boxes
- radio buttons
- and, pull down menus.

With *PDFpen* you can also perform Optical Character Recognition (OCR) on a scanned document. I didn't get a chance to show this at the meeting, but I can tell you, it works quite well. You can scan directly into *PDFpen*, or open a document that has been scanned and saved. The OCR is among the most accurate I have seen. Simply choose, File-->Import from Scanner (see Screen Shot-5) and a dialog box will appear allowing you to choose a connected scanner, or any shared scanner (see Screen Shot-6). You can also choose the file type for the imported document (see Screen Shot-7). If you already have a scanned document, you can simply open it in *PDFpen*. Most of the time *PDFpen* will ask you if you want to perform OCR on the document. If it doesn't just choose Edit-->OCR and it will begin. You might in some cases need to force the OCR, in that case, hold down the Command and Option keys together and then choose Edit-> OCR.

Screen Shot-5



Screen Shot-6



User Group Offers



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iPads are sleek, but this design also makes them difficult to hold. This has ended with the introduction of the Hand-e-holder which is 100% made in the U.S.A. This simple, yet innovative, design lets

you securely and comfortably hold your iPad; all while allowing for 360-degrees of rotation. There are also related hands-free options including stands, clamps and wall mounts. The Apple user group price for the Hand-e-holder is \$31.99, 20% below the regular price of \$39.99. A six-position mini-stand is included for free. The Hand-e-holder leg strap kit is also available for only \$39.99, well below the regular price \$49.99. Coupon Code: [REDACTED] Order online: www.handeholder.com This offer is valid through September 19, 2011.

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don't have a G5, just a G4, so you can't use that either. So *iMovie HD v6.0.3* is as good as it gets for you. It only supports direct HDV capture from a tape based unit via FireWire. If you have some other video camera, you would have to save the video from that to your hard drive, convert it to something *iMovie* likes and then edit from there. MPEG-4 files or HDV 720p or HDV 1080i would work. You could try the \$120 Sanyo Xacti VPC-CG10 which is a tiny thing that shoots a 720p MPEG-4 video file onto a SDHC card (up to 32GB or almost 8 hours) The HD-SHQ mode is 9Mbps (1280x720) It has a 5x optical zoom. The Canon VIXIA HV30 is an older miniDV HDV format camcorder that got good reviews that should also work well with *iMovie HD 6* but at \$825, a much higher priced alternative. Generally the modern camcorders store the video in AVCHD format that requires an Intel processor to handle. You could go the other way, buy a modern product and convert the files for editing in *iMovie HD*. You will need Shedworx's \$40 *VoltaicHD*. Then you could look at this list of AVCHD cameras. Which brings me to a final suggestion, don't buy a camcorder, but a camera that also does video. The Canon PowerShot SX200 IS saves its 720p movies in good old Apple's QuickTime .mov format, perfect for *iMovie HD 6* use. And you can shoot 12.1 megapixel still with it as well. I see it new for \$235 at buydig.com

► **Sometimes on my Intel iMac it says my wireless keyboard is not discoverable?**

■ Of course it's possible the batteries in the keyboard are weak. Sometimes the blue-

tooth settings get a little messed up. I'd go to the *System Preferences* - Keyboard and first check the battery life percentage, then click Show All button and then Bluetooth, highlight the keyboard, click the minus sign at the bottom and then the plus sign to re-add the keyboard. That brings up the *Bluetooth Setup Assistant*. You may have to press the button on the right side of the keyboard to wake it up and make it discoverable as indicated by the blinking LED on the top-right of the keyboard.

► **I recently updated the Java on my Mac and now the web site I use to upload pictures tells me that Java is not enabled but I can see it is, in Firefox's preferences? It works in Safari. Why?**

■ This sort of thing happens all the time. A web site looks for a resource of some discrete version and not some version or newer. Thus when there is a new version out there, the web site doesn't find the version it wants to see and assumes you don't have any Java or it's turned off. You can delete the new java from /System/Library/ and the receipt, download and install the previous java and go with that until they update their website. This is a little outdated, but may help: <http://www.servoymagazine.com/home/2010/06/tutorials-how-to-downgrade-java-on-a-mac.html> Time Machine backups are great for this kind of problem too. As for *Safari* versus *Firefox*, *Safari* uses the WebKit layout engine and *Firefox* does not. It uses Gecko. ↗

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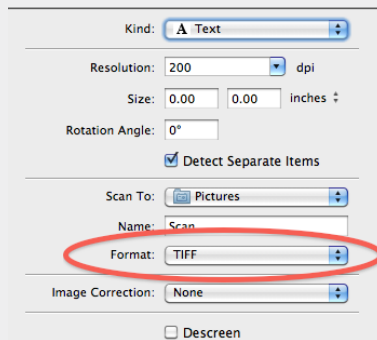
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“Smile” (formally called “Smile on My Mac”) is a supporter of LIMac, and I have found all of their products to be of high quality and very useful. You can buy *PDFpen* or *PDFpenPro* from their website (<http://smilesoftware.com/>) for \$59.95 and \$99.95 respectively. You can give them a try at no cost, by downloading the fully functional demo. This demo does not expire, but leaves a watermark on the pages. You can see for yourself if *PDFpen*’s features will fit your needs. Many thanks to “Smile” for their continued support of LIMac.



Software that’s Just Right.



under *Lion*. Same thing for many, many other programs. I’ve seen many updates for *Lion* compatibility, mostly the smaller programs we all love. The more complex will take longer. I’d strongly suggest looking at roaringapps.com and your various developer’s web sites for any *Lion* related news. The situation will get better in time as more updates come out. Of course if you buy a new Mac with *Lion* pre-installed, you could be out of luck. For example, there are problems with *Adobe Creative Suite* programs under *Lion*, most minor as long as *Crash Reporter* isn’t involved. See this support document from them: http://kb2.adobe.com/cps/905/cpsid_90508.html Besides applications not working in the 64-bit world of *Snow Leopard*, assorted plug-ins for other applications will stop working and will require an update. I use *Cosmopod* from Co-coamug software. It’s already broke under *Snow Leopard* because of *Safari 5.1*. On-One Software makes a popular suite of Photoshop plugin. You should read this before upgrading to *Lion*, including the user comments: <http://www.ononesoftware.com/blog/2011/07/13/read-this-before-you-upgrade-to-mac-os-x-lion/>

Another example, in a better situation, is *Letter Opener*, a handy plug-in (Bundle) for use in Apple’s *Mail*. It adds the ability to see the contents of winmail.dat archives from a *Windows’ Outlook* sent message. They just released a new paid version, version 4.0, that works in *Lion*’s new version of *Mail*. Still a \$15 upgrade fee, instead of a free patch, but at least they offer a solution.

Then there a problems I’ve been reading, like it needs more memory than *Snow Leopard*, 2GB becomes essentially unusable

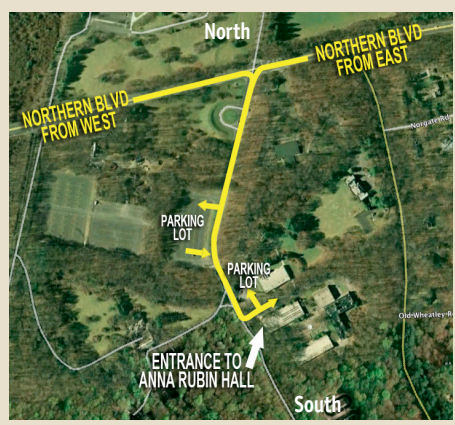
and 4 is the minimum, and it really wants 8GB. Which is a problem if your model can’t be upgraded beyond 2GB. As a side effect of this, your Mac with say 3GB which was fine before, now runs much slower than before. I’ve read where the Mac runs hot now. I’ve read reports from folks who can no longer scan, as their driver was PowerPC. They have to buy either a new scanner or use *VueScan Pro*, which is about as much money as a new scanner. *ABBYY FineReader Express Edition* doesn’t work with *Lion* even though it’s a Universal Binary application. FYI: *VelOCRaptor 1.2* nor *Readiris Pro 12* also don’t work yet. *TechTool Pro 6.0.2* doesn’t work, but most of *Drive Genius 3.1.1* does. I could go on, but there are lots of reports of problems. At the very least, make a list of your software and build up a check list of what needs an update and what should work. Eventually you’ll get to a point where only unimportant programs won’t work and you’ve converted your old *AppleWorks* files and you can finally upgrade to *Lion* if you still want to. For me, I wouldn’t suggest it until something really cool comes along that requires *Lion*, or something wrong with *Snow Leopard* or my Mac was resolved with an software update that was released for *Lion* exclusively. Meanwhile my job requires me to make the most of the computers purchased, so I have to deal with *Lion*’s problems on a daily basis. I have a partial solution: I got a copy of *Mac OS X 10.4.11* running under *VMware Fusion 3.1.3* and can run the old PowerPC programs there, as it has Rosetta.👉



In June LIMac's Vice President, George Canellis, attended the Consumer Electronics Association Line Show in New York City and the good people at the Mimoco booth were gracious enough to donate one of their 2GB Mimobot designer USB flash drives to LIMac. Mimoco manufactures USB flash drives in capacities up to 16GB in a variety of character designs; DC Comics, Star Wars, Hello Kitty and many others. And every Mimobot comes preloaded with exclusive content; desktop graphics, rich media, music, digital magazine and much more. An ideal gift idea for the geek in your life or get a few for the holidays as stocking stuffers or secret Santa gifts. Visit Mimoco's website to see their full product line. <http://www.mimoco.com/>



Photo of last month's winner of a 2GB Joker Mimobot USB flash drive.



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Building 300 (Anna Rubin Hall),
Old Westbury, Long Island.
For more detailed information about this location go to limac.org

Meetings start promptly at 7:00 P.M.
Bradley's Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.
MacBasics Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Beginner Q&A meetings
Photoshop SIG: After general meeting
On Vacation
Featured Presentation: 7:30 – 8:20 P.M.
followed by announcements and raffle drawings.

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