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for CCC Members

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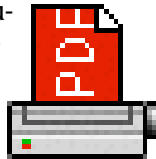
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speak
Geek,
so you
don't
have to.

Useful Utilities

Here are tools that will add to your Mac experience with extra efficiency and fun.

Mac OS 8-9:

PrintToPDF. Mac OS X has a great new feature that allows you to make PDF files. PDF files allow you to exchange documents with any other computer user without compatibility problems (they must have the free *Adobe Acrobat Reader* application). *PrintToPDF* brings this capability to Mac OS 7-9. Shareware \$20.00 from: <http://www.jwwalker.com/pages/pdf.html>



ATM Light (Adobe Type Manager) is essential to Macs running Mac OS 7-9. *ATM Light* makes sure that your type fonts look good on screen and print properly. *ATM Light* is included for free with all older Macs, so check your Control Panels folder (where it will be listed as ~ATM) and if you don't find it, download it for free from: <http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/product.jsp?product=15&platform=Macintosh>



DiskTracker. Archiving files for backup is great! But, how do you easily find out which files are on which backup disk? *DiskTracker* catalogs your backup disks (CD, Zip or floppy) so that you can always find your archived files. Shareware \$30.00. <http://www.disktracker.com/download.shtml>



LockOut is an easy to use security system for your Mac. *LockOut* lets you password protect your Mac from prying eyes and unauthorized users. *LockOut* will automatically protect your Mac when you leave it and will deliver a message, in your voice, to persons attempting to break in (Ha!). *LockOut* is shareware \$15.00 available from: <http://www.mauisoftware.com>



Mac OS X:

Watson is a companion to *Sherlock 2*, of course. Like *Sherlock 2*, *Watson* helps you search the internet, but with a twist. *Watson* searches for things like movie showings, baseball scores and recipes. You can enter a movie title and your zip code and *Watson* will bring you the showtimes at your local multiplex and, if you like, a review and the preview for the movie! *Watson* is shareware \$29.00 from: <http://www.karelia.com/watson>



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MacJanitor. OS X assumes that your Mac is on 24/7 and so leaves certain self-maintenance tasks to the wee, small hours of the morning. If you shut down your Mac at night, you can use *MacJanitor* to do those necessary cleaning tasks whenever you like. *MacJanitor* is free from: http://personalpages.tds.net/~brian_hill/macjanitor.html



VueScan. A major deficit in Mac OS X is OS X native scan software. *VueScan* is OS X native, works great and supports most major brand (and many obscure) scanners. *VueScan* is shareware \$40.00 and is available for download at: <http://www.hamrick.com/vsm.html>



CCC Price Increase

The costs of business increase. Gas, shipping, insurance, taxes and even lunch cost more than they did a year ago. Reluctantly, I must increase the prices of CCC services.

Below is a listing of prices old and new. Member benefits will not change. You still get the first half hour free on

every Service Call, at least 10% off on all regular services, 30 minutes of free phone calls each month and unlimited free email help. Also, as members you save money by not having to pay full hour minimums, as non-members do. Instead, you are billed for the actual time on site (rounded to the nearest tenth of an hour). Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Membership fee

CCC membership has been \$100.00 per year for over 5 years. Beginning August 1, 2002, membership will be \$150.00 per year. The early renewal bonus will increase from \$25.00 off to \$50.00 off making early renewals a better value. Please watch for your early renewal notices. Thank you all very much for your continued support.

California Computer Care Services and Pricing (per hour)

New Prices Effective October 1, 2002

Service	CCC Member Rates	
	Old Price	New Price
On-site Consulting, Repair, Installation, Upgrades*	\$58.50	\$63.00
Phone and Email support*	\$58.50	\$63.00
• Members receive ½ hour free phone support and unlimited free email support each month.		
BackUp Basic per visit, media extra	new	\$35.00
Scheduled per visit, media extra	new	\$30.00
Off-site storage per year	new	\$25.00
MacCleaning—flat rate (non-members \$350.00)	\$295.00	\$299.00
On-site Training*	\$50.00	\$55.00
Research*	\$35.00	\$40.00
Purchase assistance*	\$35.00	\$40.00
Equipment transport*	FREE	FREE
Travel (outside of Sonoma and Marin Counties) mileage computed from CCC office in Santa Rosa	70¢/mi	75¢/mi

* New non-Member rate \$70.00 per hour

August Tip—

Icons everywhere! Strewn about and such a mess. Clean up those messy icons with the View menu:

Mac OS 8–9: Click on the Desktop or the window that you want to clean up. Next, choose View Options... from the View menu. Click your choice of icon arrangement (Grid? By name? By date?) and click OK. Your icons will re-arrange themselves to your specifications and, best of all, stay that way.

Mac OS X: Same as Mac OS 8–9 except the command is called Show View Options. OS X folks also get a bonus; you can choose the size of your icons by sliding the Icon Size: control left and right. My old eyes like icons pretty big these days.

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