

Apple Bytes

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August Meeting

General meeting is at Lynchburg College, Thursday, August 18, 7:00 PM.

The regular meeting at **Lynchburg College, Hopwood Hall** will begin with a general discussion and Q&A session at 7:00 p.m. Among other things, we will talk about backups and hard drive maintenance, and the benefits of having a second hard drive. We will also try to answer those questions that you have about Panther and Tiger and the “iApps.” Be prepared to ask questions!

The featured presentation will be from Jim Heid’s book “The Macintosh iLife ‘05” on iMovie and iDVD. Jim will show some of his secrets of how you can turn your digital movies and pictures into shows you can be proud of and that you can share them with family and friends even if they don’t have Macs or don’t even have a computer.

What’s new in iMovie HD?

The new name gives it away. Leading the HD revolution by bringing the HD standard to home video editing, iMovie HD now supports HDV, the new high-definition video standard. But that’s not all. In addition to dramatic performance improvements, iMovie HD lets you create movies automatically, offers easier and more powerful editing features and comes with an assortment of new audio and video effects and transitions.

Edit High-Definition Video

Want to shoot with state-of-the-art video cameras? The newest camcorders let you capture wide screen (16:9) high-definition (HDV 720p and 1080i) video, and iMovie HD lets you import it and edit it just like you do with DV. In fact, iMovie HD makes it easy to work with HDV. Edit and trim it. Add transitions and effects to it. Burn a high-quality DVD and show it on your wide screen home theater, watch it on your Mac, even post it on your .Mac home page for everyone to see.

Supports More Formats

In addition to HDV, iMovie HD supports the new flash media video cameras. Small in stature, these video cameras capture MPEG-4 video, which provides high quality while requiring less storage capacity. iMovie HD lets you import and edit the MPEG-4 video. It also can import live video from your iSight video camera — without the need for transcoding. And of course, iMovie HD continues to support DV and adds support for the DV wide screen, 16:9 aspect ratio, offering you lots of new options.

Create Movies Automatically

Pressed for time? Now you can connect your FireWire video camera to your Mac and take advantage of a new iMovie HD feature. Called “Magic iMovie” for good reason, it can import your video, place your clips on the Timeline (complete with scene breaks), insert transitions, include titles, add chapter markers, introduce a soundtrack, even send the completed project to iDVD — all automatically. Ideal for both novices and experienced editors, Magic iMovie can get your next project off to a very fast start.

Dramatic Overall Performance

You'll notice it the first time you use iMovie HD. From launching to editing to scrubbing to saving, iMovie HD offers noticeably improved performance. As a result, iMovie HD lets you tackle even the most advanced movie projects quickly and easily.

Easier and More Powerful Editing

You'll enjoy both the powerful new tools and the improvements made to familiar tools in iMovie HD. Now you can do all of your editing, including rearranging clips, right in the Timeline. From the Timeline, you can also drag and drop clips to and from the Clip Viewer, to and from other iMovie HD projects, to iDVD drop zones, to other applications or to a folder on your hard drive. iMovie HD also offers better clip management, nondestructive video and audio editing, new Save As and Revert to Saved features to safeguard your project as you work and give you more creative freedom.

More Effects and Transitions

Add more style to your movies. iMovie HD includes 10 new video effects, three new transitions and 12 new Skywalker Sound audio effects. To learn more about iMovie, go to <http://www.apple.com/ilife/imovie/>.

What's new in iDVD?

Thanks to increased performance, you'll find iDVD 5 more responsive, making it easier than ever to create and edit your DVD projects. But it's the new themes and their animated drop zones that really steal the scene in this production. Customized with your photos and video, they move across the TV screen, offering you new opportunities for creative expression. You'll also find exciting new options for editing your DVD projects, including a new editable DVD Map, a new Drop Zone Editor and Scrubber, and even more drag-and-drop ease than before.

New Themes Featuring Animated Drop Zones

Take your next DVD project to the highest creative level. Innovative and exciting, the 15 new, Apple-designed themes in iDVD 5 will amaze and entertain anyone who sees your DVDs. Exquisite in design, they include "animated drop zones" that move across the TV screen while displaying your still images and playing your movie clips, slideshows and, of course, the music you select from iTunes. You'll also really enjoy the new drop zone editor and scrubber: they make it much easier to add media to and reorganize the media already in multiple drop zones.

OneStep DVD

Can't wait to see the latest footage you shot? With "OneStep DVD," you simply need to connect your video camera to your Mac, and iDVD will quickly transfer your video onto a DVD. In fact, iDVD not only provides a one-click tape-to-DVD solution, it also rewinds the tape for you and automatically creates an auto-play movie on DVD. So all you have to do is pop the DVD into a DVD player.

Burn Projects onto New DVD Media Formats

When you're done with a DVD project, it makes sense to archive it. And with its support for a wide variety of DVD media formats — including DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD+R, and DVD+RW — iDVD 5 teams up with a compatible SuperDrive to offer you more media options than ever. In fact, iDVD 5 even lets you archive projects as Disc Images. Saved this way, your projects are extremely portable, take up less space and are read-only, as well. What's more, they're also already encoded, so you can quickly burn them to DVD.

Support for HDV and Wide screen Video

You're using the newest video cameras. Shooting the latest video formats. And importing it all in iMovie HD. So it's only natural that iDVD would also let you import the high-definition video (HDV) and 16:9 wide screen formats

(both HDV and SDV) you can edit in iMovie HD. iDVD, in fact, quickly and easily converts them to a standard definition DVD format, letting you create DVD projects of stunning quality.

Improved, Editable Map

If you liked it before, you're really going to enjoy the new, enhanced and editable DVD Map. In addition to offering more options for viewing your project, Map View lets you edit — even batch edit — your project. For example, you can change themes, menu and button settings, and transitions between menus or for slideshows without leaving Map View. Like to add media to your project? Just drag it in. You can drag music directly into a navigation menu or a slideshow. And if, for example, you drag a video or slideshow into Map View, iDVD will automatically create navigation buttons for them. To learn more about iCVC go to <http://www.apple.com/ilife/idvd/>

September Meeting:

Lynchburg College, Hopwood Hall - Thursday September 15, - 7:00 PM

Protecting your computer privacy

Mac OS X Class at CVCC September 30, October 1, 7, and 8

This class will will feature Mac OS X 10.4 *Tiger!*

The Lynchburg Apple Core is sponsoring a 1-credit college class on Mac OS X, covering both Version 10.4 Tiger and Version 10.3 Panther. This class is intended both for Mac users who are new to OS X and those who have been using it for some time but who want to gain a better understanding and become more proficient in the use of their Macs. The class will be relatively small and will be geared for a lot of personal attention, questions and answers. It will include coverage of iPhoto, iTunes, iMovie, iDVD, GarageBand, Safari, Mail, and AppleWorks. Gordon Mattox is the instructor.

This is a weekend class, September 30, October 1, 7, and 8. Two Friday nights from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM, and the two Saturdays from 8:00 AM to Noon, to minimize disruption of your normal schedules.

It is listed as Business 195-01MD, "Macintosh Operations - Mac OS X". Sign up through the CVCC Admissions Office on campus, or if you have been registered before, call 832-7633. Or call Gordon at 401-0163 for more specific info.

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