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So now you know you can turn that feature off.

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Heh. It helps illustrate the user change for those who don't have the intrinsic understanding you do. Dunno if you can disable that, it's never annoyed me so I haven't looked.

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Yep, those can all be open source: TBird, Firefox, OpenOffice/NeoOffice, and VLC are a few I use on OSX.

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- > For you they might be an image editor and a video editor.

Same as what you mentioned plus a variety of animation software.

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Yep, although OS snobs like us would find reasons to prefer one over another. And I have a variety of reasons to prefer OSX at this time.

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If you took away OSX or WiXP it would screw up a lot of people, too. But point taken about the growing importance of certain web sites.

OTOH, I like the concept of having local data rather than throwing my data out onto a network.

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Ok, Just because you don't know how to use the Dock, doesn't make the Dock stupid! Go to the top left hand corner and click on the apple icon. The fifth item down is the dock, turn magnification off. You will also find all of the Dock Preferences there.

Have too many short cut icons in the dock and want a short cut icon off the dock, drag it off the dock, release and it's gone. Or you can highlight an item in the dock, right mouse click, go "remove", and it's gone. Want to add a short cut to the dock, drag an icon on to the dock, it adds it.

That's just one of many ways to do it. You want the dock out of the way, go apple icon, Dock, go "Hide Dock". Want the Dock to appear again, put your curser in the area where the Dock would be and it reappears. You can set the timing on this in the preferences for how fast you want it back.

Move you curser off the Dock area, it disappears again. Or you can set up hot corners, where you can place the curser for a second or two in the corner of the screen and the dock appears. The Dock rocks, you just have to know how to use it. There are many things you can do with the Dock, I'm sure you could find ways to set it up so it would be workable.

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Some of the pioneering technologies came from Apple and the mac community.

Programs like Sherlock and Watson helped shape what is available today with their concepts.

As far as the college student, I could tell you some personal stories, but I'll save that, and just say that I know personally that a Mac can take a college student places;)

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Hey Jamie,
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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 04:52:10 GMT
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Subject: Re: Copycats;)
Posted by [emarenot](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 17:16:27 GMT
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Hey Jamie
I've been running Logic on an old (1998 I think) Mac clone. Recently a friend gave me a good deal on a G4 which I've been running Cubase on. Generally I record and mix on Paris in a PC. My Cubase projects have been really teeny to date, but I tried to get 16 tracks up last night -just audio, no effects -and it was starting to crackel. I'd love to be able to run a dual G5. I imagine I could get pretty much all my tracks going on a larger faster machine -synths, FX, tracks. I figure I'm gonna stick with my setup for another year or two and then sink some cash into something that will allow me to get it all done ITB, Being spread out over several computers I can only glimpse how effecient the creative process will be for me. Sounds like its been a real boost for you. I can't wait.
Cheers,
MR

"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:4580b48c@linux...

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> Hey Mike,

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> Systems that allow for both, I agree.

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> You're right that a lot of common tasks are fine on older boxes. Word
> processing, web browsing, email. Although some apps have bloated up to
> the point that they feel better on more recent computers.

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> Speaking of Atari, that takes me back. My old Ataris were great for
> MIDI. My old Amigas opened up a world of video production (live
> switching and deck control) and animation. The NeXT was an amazing
> graphics and development box. BeOS was on its way to greatness with
> media production when it was criminally run over and left to die.

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> Back to the present, the dual G5 is helpful and even necessary for some
> of the high bandwidth tasks that have found a home here, like complex
> synth/FX plugins, updated animation/graphics apps and hard drive based
> HiDef video editing. With all these CPU cycles handy, this box and its
> apps are doing the job it used to take several racks of gear to do, if
> it could be done at all, so it's saving me a bunch of money and
> expanding my capabilities.

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> The overall OSX foundation and GUI is fairly well thought out and
> usable. I wouldn't say it's perfect but it's better than the current
> alternatives for what I do.

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> Cheers,

> -Jamie

> www.JamieKruz.com

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> Mike R. wrote:

> > Hey Jamie,

> > I appreciated reading both your comments and TCB's. A couple of things
> came

> > to mind. I too struggle with local versus network based data. I think
> its

> > important to "have" systems that allow for both. To the second thought,
> I

> > find it kind of wierd that so many users (me too) buy into the latest
> and

> > greatest. Especially when so many of the most common computer based
> tasks

> > can still be accomplished on pre 21st century soft and hard ware. I not

> > trying in the slightest to dis any particular product or approach, and Lord
> > knows (though I doubt He cares) I DO run and enjoy some 2000-plus tech, but
> > I got 13 years of productive music making out of my Atari running at what
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> >> I haven't noticed apps I install appearing there unless I put them
> >> there, other than the apps that come pre-installed.
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> >> FYI you can simply drag off any that you don't want there.
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> >> You can specify whether dock items magnify or not. I prefer that they do
> >> because I've chosen to put a lot of stuff on the dock, and even on a 24"
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> >> So now you know you can turn that feature off.
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> >>> changes my life.
> >> Heh. It helps illustrate the user change for those who don't have the
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> >> and VLC are a few I use on OSX.
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>all of the Dock Preferences there.
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>dock, drag it off the dock, release and it's gone. Or you can highlight
>an item in the dock, right mouse click, go "remove", and it's gone. Want
>to add a short cut to the dock, drag an icon on to the dock, it adds it.
> That's just one of many ways to do it. You want the dock out of the way,
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>your curser in the area where the Dock would be and it reappears. You can
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>MS copied it for Windows Vista!

Now I have to learn something special to use a file browser as well? This is absurd, I've already used dozens of more or less good file browsers on different versions of Windows, Mac OS, Blackberries, PalmOS devices, and of course file cabinets themselves. But to use the OS X file browser I have to retrain myself. Why? It's just a way to get files.

And you miss my real point, which is that the OS doesn't matter anymore.

If one notices the OS that means something is wrong with it. Vista is the last gasp, one more shot for Microsoft to make a bunch of money, after that it's all about the network baby.

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Subject: Re: Copycats;)
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 20:04:38 GMT
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I, for one, welcome our uber geek overlords. But as a member of the uber geek overlords, you're overthinking this one.

Your OSX dock objections seem trivial given that your main hangup is something you could turn off easily.

"Learning" the dock takes about five seconds. I'll sign you up for classes if you like, they're on Tuesday from 1pm to 1:00:05pm... ;^)

BTW, from my experience on development projects, ubergeeks are very likely not the best UI designers for geek-challenged folks.

Which is not to say Apple's designers always do the right thing or that there aren't other ways to design a useful dock.

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