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Chapter 1

2004

1.1 September

1.1.1 First Journal Entry (2004-09-19 14:03) - announce - public

I signed up for this [1]Live Journal service to see what it has to offer. The older I get, the less interested I am in maintaining a whole web site. Although I *do* host a web site on my personal computer at [2]iDuprey.com, I find that keeping it secure and up-to-date less is less interesting. For the sake of my [3]personal photo's, I plan to keep the site running indefinitely. However, if my blogs can be hosted elsewhere, great!

I purchased a 2 month subscription to the service to see if it is worth it.

1. <http://www.livejournal.com/>
2. <http://www.iDuprey.com/>
3. <http://www.iDuprey.com/gallery>

1.1.2 XJournal Client Test (2004-09-19 14:29) - lazy - geek - public

I prefer a rich client rather than the austere HTML page provided by Live Journal. [1]XJournal is an OS-X client. I will also take a look at a [2]Mozilla Firefox client [3]Deepest Sender which *sounds* pretty odd...

[4]  [5]Dashboard Confessional - [6]A Mark, a Mission, a Brand, a Scar - [7]Several Ways to Die Trying


1. <http://www.speirs.org/xjournal/>
2. <http://www.mozilla.org/products/firefox/>
3. <http://deepestsender.mozdev.org/>
4. <http://www.itunes.com/>
5. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=DashboardConfessional>
6. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=AMark,aMission,aBrand,aScar>
7. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=SeveralWaystoDieTrying>

1.1.3 I've Become an Open Source Developer (2004-09-21 01:09) - tired - geek - public

Its hard to believe that after all these years of working with and promoting open source software, that I've finally become an open source developer. I started a project called [1]Kamikaze-QSCM on [2]tigris.org's site.

Kamikaze is a source control query tool similar to [3]Mozilla's bonsai. The [4]0.1 release is pretty basic. It only works with [5]Subversion and requires a [6]MySQL database. Future versions will support other SCM's like CVS and will, hopefully, be DB agnostic.

It ain't easy holding down a 40+ hour job and contributing to open source, but hopefully it will be rewarding. I've enjoyed working on this project and have learned a lot. I have lots of software ideas I'd like to implement not related to this project - all in good time.? Perhaps I'll write more on this later, but now I must sleep. 8-) ZZzzzzzz...

[7]  [8]Norah Jones - [9]House Of Blues - Los Angeles, - [10]Cold Cold Heart

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1. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/
2. http://www.tigris.org/
3. http://www.mozilla.org/bonsai.html
4. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/servlets/NewsItemView?newsItemID=901
5. http://subversion.tigris.org/
6. http://www.mysql.com/
7. http://www.itunes.com/
8. itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=NorahJones
9. itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=HouseOfBlues-LosAngeles,
10. itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=ColdColdHeart
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1.1.4 Visual SlickEdit for OS-X (2004-09-23 00:33) - happy - geek - public

The people at [1]SlickEdit have released [2]Visual SlickEdit for OS-X. I've used SlickEdit for many years on Solaris and Linux. Its the best C++ IDE I've found for 'NIX platforms. It has features similar to [3]Microsoft's Visual Studio. It really excels in its contextual parser (tagger) which provides contextual hints while you are coding and makes it easy to jump to the right spot in your code. If you work on large projects and don't have a photographic memory, this is a very useful feature.

The Mac version looks identical to the Solaris and Linux versions. That's because its still an X-Window application. I was somewhat disappointed to hear this. I was drooling at the thought of a [4]Carbon/Cocoa SlickEdit with all its candy-coated goodness. Still, better to have an X-Window version now, than wait even longer for a full-on Mac version.

For those Mac users out there that code, I recommend you try it out. You'll have to RTFM because there are a lot of features you'll miss otherwise. Most features are configurable. I particularly like the code beautifier which is pretty customizable.

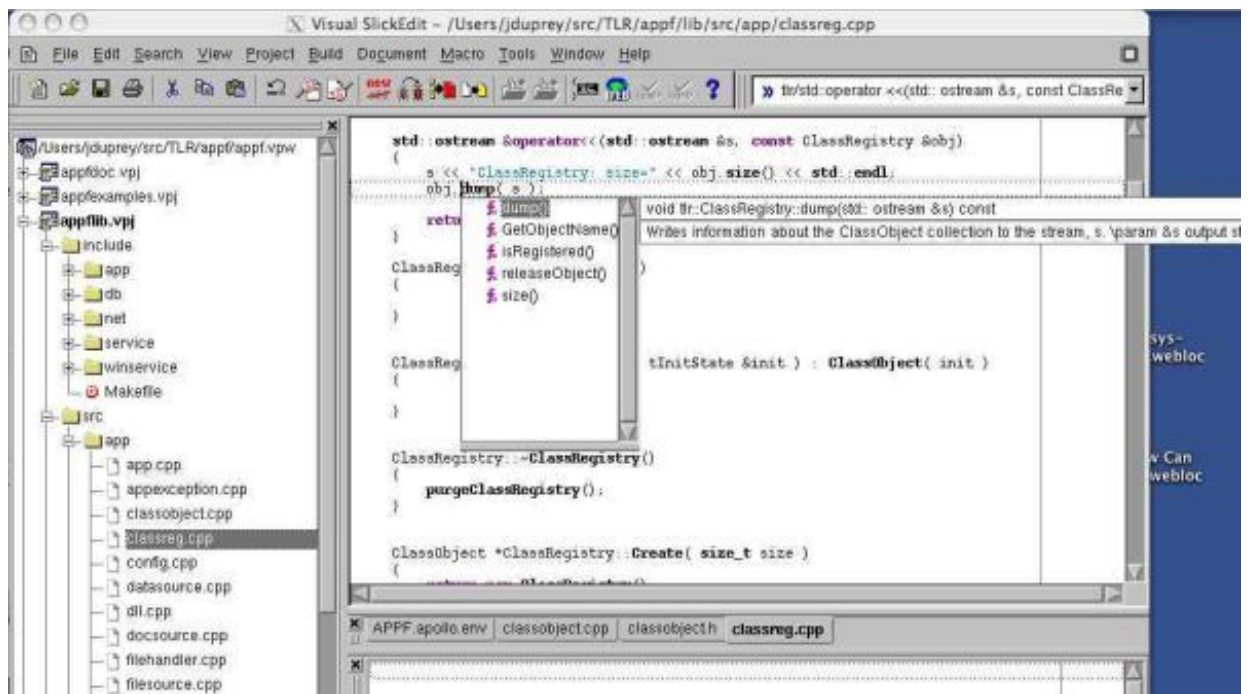
The down side is the price. Its \$270.00 (US) + \$60.00 (US) per year of maintenance. That's pretty steep if you aren't a commercial developer. I forked over the dough for the Linux version several years ago but I'm not so sure I'll do it for this Mac version. I plan to give [5]XCode one last go, but I'm not crazy about its editing power or its code completion. The up side to SlickEdit's price tag is that the \$60/year gets you all upgrades/fixes/support for the year.

SlickEdit also runs on Windows. I personally think they should switch their GUI to [6]TrollTech's [7]QT. QT is used by [8]KDE and many [9]cross-platform apps. Right now, it looks like they are using Motif or perhaps their own GUI lib.

Has anyone found a better cross-platform (or at least 'NIX-based) complete IDE for C++? If you're a Java developer, [10]Eclipse is one of the best IDE's around - followed by [11]NetBeans. No?

Here are some screen shots of the Mac version of SlickEdit:

[12]



1. <http://slickedit.com/>
2. <http://www.slickedit.com/mac/>
3. <http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/>
4. <http://developer.apple.com/macosx/architecture/index.html>
5. <http://www.apple.com/macosx/features/xcode/>
6. <http://www.trolltech.com/>
7. <http://www.trolltech.com/products/qt/index.html>
8. <http://www.kde.org/>
9. <http://www.thekompany.com/home/>
10. <http://eclipse.org/>
11. <http://www.netbeans.org/>
12. <http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/SlickEditForOSX>

1.1.5 Kamikaze-QSCM Version 0.2 Released (2004-09-24 00:59) - kamikaze - public

[1]<http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/>

A number of bugs were revealed when I tested this at work. At work we had several large CVS repositories that were imported into Subversion. I also changed the web page to only show the query form or the results - not both. I added a "Modify" option which allows you to edit the query from the results page.

The bugs fixed since .1:

- [2]3
- [3]4
- [4]5
- [5]6
- [6]8
- [7]9

- [8]10
- [9]11
- [10]12
- [11]13

You can read the release notes [12]here.

You can download the tarball here: [13]Kamikaze-QSCM 0.2

Alternatively, you can get this release via CVS - tagged: [14]tKAMIKAZE-QSCM_0_2

Be sure to read the README.txt for installation instructions. You can view the README [15]here.

As always, I'd appreciate your feedback. Did it work for you? What features (existing or new) interest you?

Thanks!

-John

1. <http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/>
2. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=3
3. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=4
4. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=5
5. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=6
6. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=8
7. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=9
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9. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=11
10. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=12
11. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/issues/show_bug.cgi?id=13
12. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/source/browse/kamikaze-qscm/src/kamikaze-qscm/RELNOTES.txt?rev=1.2&only_with_tag=tKAMIKAZE-QSCM_0_2&content-type=text/vnd.viewcvs-markup
13. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/files/documents/2030/17053/kamikaze.v0_2.tgz
14. http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/source/browse/kamikaze-qscm/src/kamikaze-qscm/?only_with_tag=tKAMIKAZE-QSCM_0_2
15. <http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/source/browse/kamikaze-qscm/src/kamikaze-qscm/README.txt?rev=1.1&content-type=text/vnd.viewcvs-markup>

1.1.6 NX Technology To Speed Remote Desktop Connections (2004-09-25 00:08) - pessimistic - geek - public

Music: crickets

If you've ever displayed a remote X-Window application on another desktop, connected to a [1]Windows Remote Desktop, or used [2]VNC to connect to another computer, then you are familiar with the kind of remote access technology available today. I've used all three methods mentioned and have been particularly impressed with Windows Remote Desktop. Over a LAN or even a broad-band (VPN) connection it is very fast. VNC is basically the X-Window remote protocol, with compression algorithms and packaged for cross-platform usage. It is tolerable over slower networks, but I've always found its refresh and display quality to be poor. Raw X-Windows remote usage is the hardest on network bandwidth.

A company called [3]NOMACHINE has been developing open source technology that promises to *greatly* improve

remote application access. NX is basically new compression algorithms along with intelligent caching on both sides - client and server. It is based on the X11 remote protocol and makes use of slightly modified VNC technology. This article from gnome.org identifies some of the key technology:

"[4]A Brief Look At NoMachine NX". NOMACHINE also provides this article: "[5]A brief introduction to NX motivation and technology"

Both the [6]Gnome and [7]KDE desktops are working to incorporate NX client and server technology into their free desktop environments. The day of the big servers and thin clients may be upon us again! Technology trends tend to become popular in a cyclic fashion. Here's a Wiki on KDE/FreeNX integration into KDE:[8] NX/FreeNX integration into KDE.

1. <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/mobility/default.aspx>
2. <http://www.realvnc.com/>
3. <http://www.nomachine.com/>
4. <http://www.gnome.org/%7Emarkmc/a-look-at-nomachine-nx.html>
5. <http://www.nomachine.com/documentation/intr-technology.php>
6. <http://gnome.org/>
7. <http://kde.org/>
8. <http://wiki.kde.org/tiki-index.php?page=NX%2FFreeNX+integration+into+KDE>

1.1.7 "The man in black fled across the desert, and the gunslinger followed." (2004-09-25 23:53) - excited - public

Music: sweet silence

"The man in black fled across the desert, and the gunslinger followed." This was the opening sentence of the first book in Dark Tower / Gunslinger series by Stephen King. The books intensity and pace did not waver from start to finish. I read it as a teenager, 1988'ish, and it really captured my imagination.

In short, the story is about one man's quest, the gunslinger, to catch the "man in black" and save the "Dark Tower." The Dark Tower is some sort of nexus of power for all that exists. The tower is falling and, with it, existence. Roland Deschain is the last gunslinger, a kind of Arthurian knight, who has vowed to save the tower or die trying. He has vowed to "...remember the face of his father well."

His singular purpose makes him a ruthless and relentless enemy. The gunslinger always reminded me of a more human [1]Terminator and his confusingly anachronistic world always left me wondering. I hungrily read "The Dark Tower II: The Drawing of the Three," but that was it for me and the gunslinger for a long while. I started college in '91 and forgot about the quest. This year, I picked up the series again, re-reading the first two books along with the five I hadn't read.

In the books some of Kings other characters have made guest appearances - including those from the [2]The Stand and [3]Salem's Lot. Stephen King even wrote himself into book 6 ("Song of Susannah"). Some may find that to be vain, but I found it rather charming and it gave the author a chance to draw a picture of his younger self. I suspect there may have been some self-help therapy going on in those pages.

King started the series in 1970, but the gunslinger story sat collecting dust for many years. He had intended the series to be HIS epic adventure - akin to Lord of the Rings. He started the story when he was young and very ambitious - even before the likes of [4]Carrie and [5]The Stand.

Stephen King's final book in the series, "Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower," was released this week - Tuesday, Sept. 21. I purchased it tonight and can't wait to start it.

You can learn more about the books from [6]The Official Dark Tower Site. You can learn even more about the stories and get into the world of Roland by visiting the [7]Dark Tower fan site.

USA Today has covered the Dark Tower series a couple of times [8]here and [9]here.

"There they stood, ranged along the hillsides, met
To view the last of me, a living frame
For one more picture! In a sheet of flame
I saw them and I knew them all. And yet
Dauntless the slug-horn to my lips I set,
And blew. 'Childe Roland to the Dark Tower came.'"
-Child Roland, Robert Browning, 1855

1. <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0088247/>
2. <http://www.stephenking.com/pages/works/stand/>
3. http://www.stephenking.com/pages/works/salems_lot
4. <http://www.stephenking.com/pages/works/Carrie/>
5. <http://www.stephenking.com/pages/works/stand/>
6. <http://www.stephenking.com/DarkTower/>
7. <http://www.thedarktower.net/>
8. http://www.usatoday.com/life/books/news/2003-06-18-king_x.htm
9. http://www.usatoday.com/life/books/news/2004-09-22-dark-tower-main_x.htm

1.1.8 Anything But Last... How About First? (2004-09-27 01:00) - guilty - public

Music: sweet silence

Our volleyball team, "Anything But Last," won the rec. league playoffs. As you can guess by the name, our team has NOT been very good in past seasons. It seems we have started to settle into a real team though. In all fairness, there weren't too many teams this season so we were pretty much guaranteed a shot in the playoffs. The amazing thing is that we beat some of the toughest teams - teams that, in the past, have punished us horribly. We played 3 sets, 7 individual games, over the span of five hours and I'm sore as heck! I may not be able to walk tomorrow! :)

We play at [1]Hot Shots. Our name will likely suit us again next season because we are moving up to the intermediate league. No. Success hasn't gone to our heads already, we just waited too long to sign up for the rec. league. All the spots were filled. The level of play at the intermediate level will be considerably tougher and I wouldn't be surprised if we **are** last. That's OK though. It'll be a good time to develop skills.

They took our picture. I suspect it'll be posted [2]here eventually. (Actually they put the picture in a location that isn't easily linkable. See pic below.) I'll be the guy that looks like he just jumped in the pool. I am a sweaty, disgusting man. I have a volleyball page [3]here, but it is very much out of date. You may find the links useful though.



[4]

Hurray!

1. <http://www.hotshotsvball.com/welcome.cfm>
2. <http://www.hotshotsvball.com/gallery.cfm>
3. <http://www.iDuprey.com/vball>
4. http://www.hotshotsvball.com/playoff_pics/652%2Ejpg

1.2 October

1.2.1 Linux Only Searching (2004-10-03 00:26) - full - linux - public

Music: sweet silence

Looking for information specific to Linux on the web. Maybe this [1]Linux-only search site will help:
[2]<http://www.objectssearch.com/linux>.

1. <http://www.objectssearch.com/linux/index.html>
2. <http://www.objectssearch.com/linux/index.html>

1.2.2 Powerbook Fixit Guide (2004-10-03 00:31) - full - mac - public

Music: sweet silence

Looking to install a new hard drive or more RAM into your powerbook G3 or G4. This [1]site provides really good instructions for breaking down your powerbook and doing all sorts of upgrades and fixes.

[2]<http://pbfixit.com/Guide/>

1. <http://pbfixit.com/Guide/>
2. <http://pbfixit.com/Guide/>

1.2.3 Movie: "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (2004-10-04 00:21) - thoughtful - public

Music: sweet silence



I finally got around to seeing "[1]Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind." I would never be so bold to review or analyze a film like this one. There are those who "know" film and art and would be more than happy to tell me how wrong I am. You can [2]google for these reviews until your heart's content.

I will risk giving my feelings about the movie. This is my journal after all.

In a nutshell the movie is about a couple who break up. The pain of which is so great that they both have the memories of their relationship erased. (Its not a sci-fi flick.) The writer, [3]Charlie Kaufman, always seems to find an interesting way of telling a story that really makes your mind, okay my mind, work over time. The movie starts at the end of the relationship and then takes you back to the beginning. While Joel, the main character, is having his memories of Clementine erased, he remembers not only the bad but the good. He remembers the reason(s) that he fell in love with her.

!!SPOILER ALERT!!

My initial understanding of the movie was that this was a love story in reverse. We get to see two people at the end of a relationship and then walk backward in Joel's memories and see how he came to love her. It wasn't until the very end of the movie, time shift to the present again, when the two are reunited. They listen to Joel's tape of why he wanted Clementine erased from his memory. Joel stops Clementine from leaving saying that he can't imagine ever feeling that way about her. Joel thinks she seems so "nice." Clementine insists that she is who she is and eventually he would feel that way about her. Eventually she would "push him away." Joel replies simply, "Okay." They smile and presumably get back together. The end.

So while my heart is singing the praises of the power of love, my mind is slowly realizing that Clementine's appraisal of the situation is very true. They will break up again, and this time for good. My heart says fine, better to have loved and lost... insert your own darn cliché here. The [4]IMDB trivia fact confirms my hunch: "The original script featured a cut beginning and ending sequence that took place in the future. In the end, an older Clementine comes in to have the procedure done and a look at her screen shows that she's had the procedure done multiple times and all of them involved Joel. "

So the film and movie critics can praise or shun this movie for being original and timeless or being hackneyed and unimaginative. I don't care. The movie made me feel good. I've been in a relationship for eleven (11) plus years. Like Joel and Clementine we are two very different people. I'm the nervous, driven sort and Abby is "moody" and content to drift through life without a plan. Our personalities often clash and its easy to forget why it is we fell in love or why it is we've managed to stay together for so long. (We certainly have had our breaking points along the way. Both of us are far from perfect beings.) Even if the relationship were to break for the last time, I could never erase her memories from my own. I'd have to live with the pain of love lost. Abby is too much a part of me. A memory wipe would be equivalent to a lobotomy.

Well, anyway, here's to love and a good movie, "[5]Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind."

The title is based on an [6]Alexander Pope poem which you can read [7]here. You may be able to find more of

[8]Pope's work at [9]Project Gutenberg.

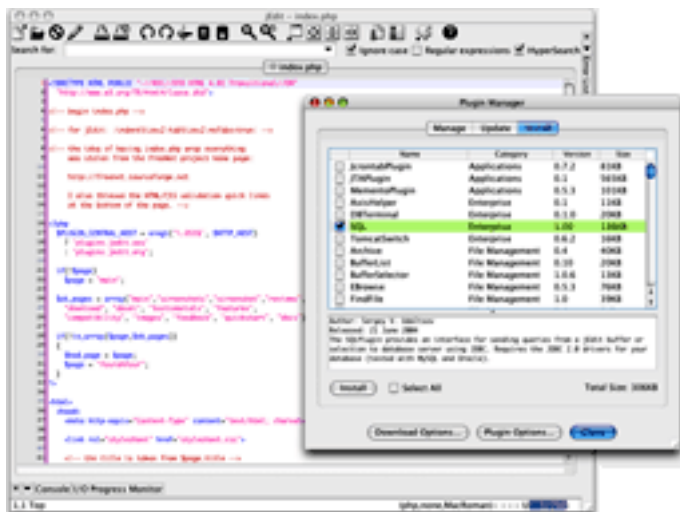
1. <http://imdb.com/title/tt0338013/>
2. <http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&ie=UTF-8&q=Eternal+Sunshine+of+the+Spotless+Mind&btnG=Google+Search>
3. <http://imdb.com/name/nm0442109/#writer>
4. <http://imdb.com/>
5. <http://imdb.com/title/tt0338013/>
6. <http://eir.library.utoronto.ca/rpo/display/poet263.html>
7. <http://eir.library.utoronto.ca/rpo/display/poem1630.html>
8. <http://www.gutenberg.net/browse/authors/p#a907>
9. <http://www.gutenberg.net/>

1.2.4 Caught in the Web of Technology: Technology and Software Report (2004-10-09 14:19) - quixotic - geek - public

I've spent the last week or two spending way too much time surfing the web for useful software development technology. The web is a hell of a tool, but if you have a short attention span (like me) you easily find yourself all over the place. The goal of this post is to just touch upon some neat things I've stumbled across. Most of them deal with software development, but not all.

You'll see in an [1]earlier post, I reported on Visual SlickEdit for Mac OS X. This is a great 'NIX-based IDE, but for \$300.00, I'll pass for now thank you. Even with the existing customer discount of 25 % off, \$284 + tax, I'll pass. The kind of things I do on my Mac don't require SlickEdit. I've been doing quite a bit of PHP and PERL at home, and am considering learning python. I've found a couple of alternative editors that will handle these languages. What I look for in an editor is contextual hints, API help, and sensible editing functionality - like smart indent, [home] and [end] and other special keys behave etc.

jEdit (<http://www.jEdit.org>)



[2] jEdit is a java-based text editor on steroids. It has a powerful plug-in architecture that can introduce features that bring it close to IDE-level functionality. In spite of jEdit being a java-based app, it is fairly quick to load, and doesn't eat up large amounts of RAM. jEdit is free software, but I'd encourage you to donate money to ensure its further development. Look for the "Donate" section on the front page of jEdit.org.

Eclipse (<http://www.eclipse.org>)



At the other extreme is the Eclipse IDE. Eclipse is feature-rich java-base IDE. Yes another java app. Eclipse is both an IDE and a platform for building other applications. The IDE is primarily targeted for java projects, but a number of sub-projects have created support for a number of other languages including [3]C/C++, [4]PHP, [5]Python, etc. You can find a number of projects meant to extend the IDE in the [6]tools section.

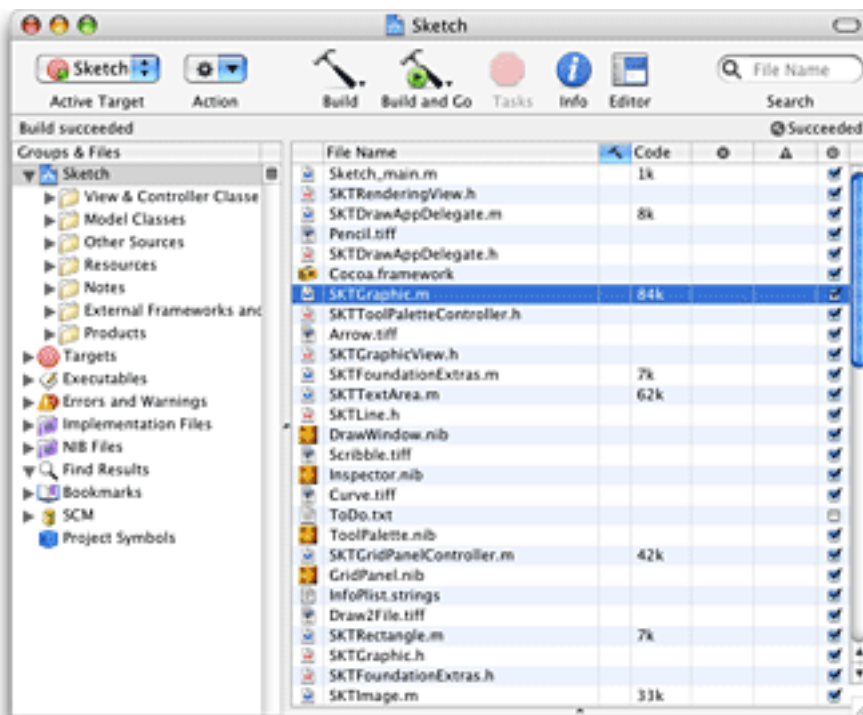
Anyways, I tried the [7]C/C++ extensions 6 -12 months ago and found it to be too slow and buggy. It should be noted that SlickEdit also has an eclipse plugin that is supposed to the same kind of thing. You can find more info. about it [8]here. Both only work with a full compliment of GNU-based utilities. I'm not so sure if it would work at all on Windows with [9]Cygwin. It may be time to give [10]CDT 2.0.2 with eclipse 3.0.1.

```
41 function display_workers ()
42 {
43     global $array;
44     $numb = cou
45     int count(mixed var, int mode)
46     Count the number of elements
47     in a variable (usually an array)
48 }
```

[11] PHP and Python both have a number of free IDE's. I chose to try an eclipsed-based IDE, to avoid the number of interfaces I had learn. I found two IDE's for PHP, but the one that stood out also supported Python - [12]TruStudio by [13]Xored Software.

NOTE: There is another PHP-eclipse IDE plugin called [14]PHPEclipse.

Eclipse supports my favorite version control system - subversion. You can get the eclipse plugin for subversion [15]here.



[16] What about XCode? I don't know, every time that I've tried it, I've found it to be seriously lacking. Perhaps because I'm not a true Mac user, I don't like the key bindings. I find its contextual tagging to be inconsistent. It doesn't work well with external Makefiles. Apple recently released a minor update that supports subversion. I may give it another try.

PHP for Mac OS X

Once I got an IDE for my PHP projects, I decided to get the latest and greatest PHP (5.x) for my Mac. I found these resources that other Mac users may find useful:

- [17]Entropy's PHP 5.x Apache module for Mac OS X
- [18]PHP with Apple's Developer Tools
- [19]PHP on Mac OS X

[20]SQLite

OK. Change in topics. [21]Linux Journal recently had a couple of articles on a C/C++ library called [22]SQLite which is a file-based embedded SQL database. Where I work, we created our own flat-file database implementation. We were keen to use [23]Sleepy Cat's Berkley DB (BDB) but were hesitant to throw out up \$20,000 for its licensing. BDB is free to use for open source projects. SQLite is public domain and free to use by anyone. On top of that it implements the structured query language (SQL) used by all popular relational databases today. I will be interested in trying it out myself. It could find its way into my code at work. Here are the LJ articles:

- [24]Linux Review: SQLite 3.0.7
- [25]The Lack of a Small Unified Database

Mozilla Firefox Extensions and Add-on Applications


In my travels I found a couple of useful Firefox extensions:

- [26]Spellbound - spell checker for firefox. It doesn't yet work with [27]Deepest Sender :(.
- [28]Chatzilla - IRC client

Perhaps the more interesting story here is that Mozilla/Firefox is a complete application framework in itself. Applications can be built on top of the Mozilla platform using XML (XUL) and javascript. I have not even scratched the surface of what could be done here. Here are some links for more information:

- [29]XUL PPlanet
- [30]Creating Applications with Mozilla
- [31]Creating Firefox extensions

Well then, thats enough for now. I spend way too much time surfing rather than digging into this cool technology. :(

[32]  [33]Frou Frou - [34]Shrek 2 - [35]Holding Out for a Hero

1. <http://www.livejournal.com/users/jduprey/1278.html?mode=reply>
2. <http://www.jedit.org/>
3. <http://www.eclipse.org/cdt>
4. <http://php.net/>
5. <http://python.org/>
6. <http://eclipse.org/tools/index.html>
7. <http://www.eclipse.org/cdt>
8. http://www.slickedit.com/products/pr_eclipse_plugin.php
9. <http://sources.redhat.com/cygwin/>
10. <http://www.eclipse.org/cdt/>
11. http://www.xored.com/trustudio/features/edit_new
12. <http://www.xored.com/trustudio>
13. <http://www.xored.com/>
14. <http://www.phpeclipse.de/>
15. http://subversion.tigris.org/project_links.html
16. <http://www.apple.com/macosx/features/xcode/>
17. <http://www.entropy.ch/software/macosx/php/>
18. <http://developer.apple.com/internet/scripting/phpappledevtools.html>
19. <http://developer.apple.com/internet/opensource/php.html>
20. <http://www.sqlite.org/>
21. <http://linuxjournal.com/>
22. <http://www.sqlite.org/>
23. <http://sleepycat.com/>
24. <http://www.linuxjournal.com/article.php?sid=7803>
25. <http://www.linuxjournal.com/article.php?sid=7800>
26. <http://spellbound.sourceforge.net/>
27. <http://deepestsender.mozdev.org/>
28. <http://www.mozilla.org/projects/rt-messaging/chatzilla/>
29. <http://www.xulplanet.com/>
30. <http://books.mozdev.org/>
31. <http://extensions.roachfiend.com/howto.php>
32. <http://www.itunes.com/>
33. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=FrouFrou>
34. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=Shrek2>
35. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=HoldingOutforaHero>

1.2.5 Slashdot | Jon Stewart on CNN's Crossfire (2004-10-16 13:37) - jealous - politics - public

Music: sweet silence

[1]This article on [2]slashdot.org reports that Jon Stewart was on CNN's Crossfire. John Stewart is the host of "[3]The Daily Show." Even though Stewart's show is a fake news show on the [4]Comedy channel, I still find it informative. *Sometimes* it seems his show does more fact checking than *real* news shows. Stewart appeared on the show to beg the news media to act as something more than free advertisement for the different political parties.

In my opinion, ever since the [5]9/11 attacks, much of the mainstream media has really fallen down the slippery slope of biased news coverage. However, this may have been true long before 9/11, but I cared less about it then. These days I rely on [6]National Public Radio and the [7]BBC for news.. when I crawl out of my hole to actually read news.

"Jon Stewart on CNN's Crossfire"

Posted by michael on Saturday October 16, @10:09AM
from the emperor-has-no-clothes dept.

BoldAC writes "Instead of plugging his new book, Jon Stewart tonight on CNN's Crossfire used his time to slam the media's coverage of the election. Although Stewart leans left, he attacked..."

[8]<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=04/10/16/0351247>

Update: You can view the streaming video [9]here.

Update: This story is now covered every where. Even arstechnica has [10]covered it.

Update: [11]America the Book - "American-style democracy is the world's most beloved form of government, which explains why so many other nations are eager for us to impose it on them. But what is American democracy? In AMERICA (THE BOOK), Jon Stewart and The Daily Show writing staff offer their insights into our unique system of government, dissecting its institutions, explaining its history and processes, and exploring the reasons why concepts like one man, one vote, government by the people, and every vote counts have become such popular urban myths. Topics include: Ancient Rome: The First Republicans; The Founding Fathers: Young, Gifted, and White; The Media: Can it Be Stopped?; and more! "

1. <http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=04/10/16/0351247>

2. <http://slashdot.org/>

3. http://www.comedycentral.com/tv_shows/thedailyshowwithjonstewart/

4. <http://www.comedycentral.com/>

5. http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/9_11_2001_USAttacked

6. <http://www.npr.org/>

7. <http://www.bbcamerica.com/genre/news/news.jsp>

8. <http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=04/10/16/0351247>

9. <http://www.ifilm.com/filmdetail?ifilmid=2652831>

10. <http://arstechnica.com/news.ars/post/20041016-4316.html>

11. http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446532681/qid=1098100642/sr=2-1/ref=pd_ka_b_2_1/102-2170423-1660159

jduprey (2004-10-22 05:35:32) JWZ comments..

[1]<http://www.livejournal.com/users/jwz/396331.html>

1. <http://www.livejournal.com/users/jwz/396331.html>

jduprey (2004-10-27 03:38:01) Aaron Swartz on Stewart
<http://www.aaronsw.com/weblog/001438>

1.2.6 Kamikaze-QSCM Community Created (2004-10-20 00:41) - nerdy - kamikaze - public

I've created a Live Journal [1]Kamikaze-QSCM community for those adverse to mailing lists. It does NOT require yet another user/password, e-mail address etc. Anonymous posts are allowed, although I would encourage anyone to get

a free [2]LiveJournal account who wishes to participate regularly.

[3]http://www.livejournal.com/community/kamikaze_qscm

1. <http://kamikaze-qscm.tigris.org/>

2. <http://livejournal.com/>

3. http://www.livejournal.com/community/kamikaze_qscm

1.2.7 Witnessing the Demise of C++ or Its Second Wind (2004-10-20 23:43) - uncomfortable - geek - public

Music: sweet silence

I'm a software engineer who develops most applications using C++. I develop server-based applications on 'NIX and Windows platforms. When I graduated college in '95, C++ was really heating up. It has been *the* language for [1]object oriented programming (OOP) of high performance applications for many years. Even the open source hackers who once scoffed at the idea of C++ over plain old lean and mean C have made the switch at some point.. mostly.

So what's with the title? Why do I wonder if C++ is at the end of its rope?

New languages have cropped up left and right. A few have stuck. [2]Java and, sadly, Microsoft Window's [3]C # [4].NET come to mind.

In fact, it seems that whenever I present my last work-related project (written in C++), I invariably get the question, "Why didn't you write it in Java?" This is disheartening on a number of levels. This question is really indicative of someone who, in my opinion, isn't thinking like a good developer. A good developer uses the best tool(s) for the job. A good developer doesn't succumb to the buzz words of the fiscal year. Anyway... there are a lot of good reasons to use the java platform for creating software. I would still prefer to hear the same question phrased more appropriately like "What aspects of the project, requirement/design priorities etc., made you decide to use C++.." and then if they like, "... instead of Java?"

Regardless, I roll my eyes and identify the 3 main reasons:

1. Performance (speed of execution) - a design requirement.
2. Total control of resource management - a design requirement.
3. Developer expertise. At the start of the project (2001) the group's core skills centered around C/C++.

Times are changing. It took forever for the C++ standard library to solidify and even longer for vendors, GNU C++ included, to become compliant. Changes and improvements to C++ continue to be slow. In contrast, the Java and C # languages are extremely feature rich. Depending on your application, most of what you need is part of the standard language API.

Java, in particular, may be more and more attractive for application development, but I'm beginning to believe that C++ will continue to be a dominant language for some time to come. It may even be getting its second wind. I believe this will be the case for the same reasons we chose C++ in 2001 - performance and developer control of memory management.

I've stumbled on a number of C++ related links that you may find interesting:

- [5]<http://boost.org/> - Portable C++ libraries based on the standard library. The Boost site has a lot of good links - the more interesting of which are listed here.
- [6]C++ standards committee
- [7]The C++ Source - a lot of good articles and HOW-TO's here.
- [8]Adaptive Communication Environment

- [9]OSE

Its clear that its time for me to become fully versed in the Java platform. Its become an obvious choice for many applications. (A good developer strives to ever increase his/her repertoire of tools.) However, I wonder if I'm witnessing the very slow demise of C++ or merely its second wind.?

1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Object-oriented_programming
2. <http://java.sun.com/>
3. <http://www.mono-project.com/about/index.html>
4. <http://www.mono-project.com/about/index.html>
5. <http://boost.org/>
6. <http://www.open-std.org/jtc1/sc22/wg21/>
7. <http://www.artima.com/cppsource/index.jsp>
8. <http://www.cs.wustl.edu/~schmidt/ACE.html>
9. <http://ose.sf.net/>

1.2.8 SafariSpeed Makes OS X's Safari Web Browser Even Faster (2004-10-21 00:06) - rushed - mac - public

Music: sweet silence

This [1]Safari mod makes page loading faster in [2]OS X's [3]Safari web browser.

1. <http://freshmeat.net/projects/safarispeed/>
2. <http://www.apple.com/macosx/>
3. <http://www.apple.com/safari/>

jduprey (2004-10-21 04:15:10)


Read these user reviews to see how its done: [1]<http://www.macupdate.com/reviews.php?id=15704>

1. <http://www.macupdate.com/reviews.php?id=15704>

1.2.9 American Citizens, Make Informed Decisions (2004-10-22 00:34) - anxious - politics - public

Many mainstream news outlets are simply sounding boards for partisan talking points. Make informed decisions. Here are some sites that might help.

- [1]<http://www.factcheck.org>
- [2]<http://www.rockthevote.com>
- [3]<http://www.vote-smart.org>
- [4]<http://www.declareyourself.com>
- [5]<http://www.publicagenda.org>

- [6]  [7]Midtown - [8]Spider-Man 2 - [9]Give It Up

1. <http://www.factcheck.org/>
2. <http://www.rockthevote.com/>
3. <http://www.vote-smart.org/>
4. <http://www.declareyourself.com/>
5. <http://www.publicagenda.org/>
6. <http://www.itunes.com/>
7. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.wa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=Midtown>
8. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.wa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=Spider-Man2>
9. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.wa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=GiveItUp>

1.2.10 "It can't happen here". Oh yeah? (2004-10-22 01:10) - lethargic - politics - public

Here are the lyrics to one of my favorite songs.

Pop Will Eat Itself - Dos Dedos Mis Amigos - Ich Bin Ein Auslander

"Listen to the victim, abused by the system
The basis is racist, you know that we must face this.
"It can't happen here". Oh yeah?
"Take a look around at the cities and the towns."

See them hunting, creeping, sneaking,
Breeding fear and loathing with the lies they're speaking.
The knife, the gun, broken bottle, petrol bomb:
There is no future when the past soon come.

And when they come to ethnically cleanse me,
Will you speak out? Will you defend me?
Or laugh through a glass eye as they rape our lives,
Trampled underfoot by the right on the rise.

Ich Bin Ein Auslander.

Welcome to a state where the politics of hate
Shout loud in the crowd "Watch them beat us all down"
There's a rising tide in the rivers of blood
But if the answer isn't violence, neither is your silence.

If they come to ethnically cleanse me,
will you speak out? Will you defend me?
Freedom of expression doesn't make it alright
Trampled underfoot by the rise of the right. "

"Ich Bin Ein Auslander" - I am an outsider?

While I'm pretty sure they had [1]nazism (or [2]fascism) in mind when they wrote the song, it has always conjured visions of an America that has forgotten the "high ideals" of the [3]constitution. Can anyone identify the signs? Suspension of due process? [4]McCarthyism or Terrorist witch hunts? Misguided aggression towards unfriendly foreign nations?

[5]Lost Rights by [6]James Bovard - a book so depressing I never got past chapter 3.

[7]  [8]Pop Will Eat Itself - [9]Dos Dedos Mis Amigos - [10]Ich Bin Ein Auslander

1. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazism>
2. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fascism>
3. <http://www.house.gov/Constitution/Constitution.html>
4. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McCarthyism>
5. http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0312123337/ref=ase_thefutureoffreed/102-2170423-1660159?v=glance&s=books
6. <http://www.fff.org/aboutUs/bios/jxb.asp>
7. <http://www.itunes.com/>
8. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=PopWillEatItself>
9. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=DosDedosMisAmigos>
10. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=IchBinEinAuslander>

1.2.11 Bill Clinton - 2004 DNC: Former President Bill Clinton (7/26/04) - 2004 DNC: Former President Bill C (2004-10-23 03:31) - hopeful - politics - public

Bill Clinton's speech at the Democratic presidential convention is available for free on iTunes. Download it. Listen. I wish Kerry had a little more Clinton in him.

[1]  [2] Bill Clinton - [3] 2004 DNC: Former President Bill Clinton (7/26/04) - [4] 2004 DNC: Former President Bill Clinton (7/26/04)

1. <http://www.itunes.com/>
2. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=BillClinton>
3. [itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=2004DNC:FormerPresidentBillClinton\(7/26/04\)](itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=2004DNC:FormerPresidentBillClinton(7/26/04))
4. [itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=2004DNC:FormerPresidentBillClinton\(7/26/04\)](itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=2004DNC:FormerPresidentBillClinton(7/26/04))

1.2.12 NY Times: After Terror, a Secret Rewriting of Military Law (2004-10-24 14:52) - discontent - politics - public

Music: sweet silence

New York Times: [1] After Terror, a Secret Rewriting of Military Law

The Times has an article on Guantanamo prison/interrogation center and how laws were re-written and legal boundaries pushed to the extreme. Its a long article and, sadly, it requires a free account to the Times to read it online. Below are a few snippets, with my dumb American comments thrown in for good measure. (The article was too long to capture all the good bits here.. read it yourself.)

"Everybody who was involved in this process had, in my mind, a white hat on," Timothy E. Flanigan, the former deputy White House counsel, said in an interview. "They were not out to be cowboys or create a radical new legal regime. What they wanted to do was to use existing legal models to assist in the process of saving lives, to get information. And the war on terror is all about information."

[JWD: Well nobody *thinks* they're the bad guy. If they did, they probably wouldn't be doing what they were doing. Sorry, but the whole thing wreaks of the good 'Ol boy network - a bunch of cowboys sitting saying "Ya know what. Its dem gosh darn left wing liberals with their liberal laws and due process that let these terrorists get away with this, I reckon. Lets burn dem sections of the constitution, the parts about life and liberty.. and due process. While were at, lets burn a few other books dat makes me feel all funny in side. Uh huh."]

"What several of us were concerned about was due process," said John A. Gordon, a retired Air Force general and former deputy C.I.A. director who served as both the senior counterterrorism official and homeland security adviser on President Bush's National Security Council staff. "There was great concern that we were setting up a process that was contrary to our own ideals."

[JWD: Yeah sure sounds like it, doesn't it. I was as appalled by the 9/11 attacks as anyone who didn't have a relative in one of the towers. I, to this day, want Osama's severed head on a pike at "ground zero." Thank god I'm not in power, right? In times of crisis, I will even support police action in which my civil liberties are temporarily suspended. However, the "war" on terror is such an unconventional war that it can never be truly won. We will never be able to eliminate terrorist elements. In fact, the harder we squeeze, the more terrorist recruits we make. Guantanamo could last forever and many innocents could be punished. OK The detainees are not American citizens, at least this is what we are told, but so what. I believe that we should be forced to live up to our own ideals regardless. Its a slippery slope. If left unchecked, these military laws could be turned on us - don't think it can't happen!

I'm not a coward. I'm not a "terrorist lover." I want justice for the crimes committed against us and safety for my family as much as anyone. I just think you are living in a B movie if you think the solution is as simple as slapping around a few hundred, or thousand, or .., Arabs in a holding cell. You are seriously f'ing delusional if you think

unilateral regime building (as we are trying to do in Iraq) is the solution to terrorism.

Two wrongs don't make a right. In America's case, we can't afford to make too many more wrong turns. We can't keep walking over other people and not expect some seriously bad karma. Remember our history America and try to learn from it. In the span of 200+ years we committed genocide on the Native American Indians, participated in slave trade, dropped nuclear bombs on Japan, and during that same time period put American citizens of Japanese decent into camps.. sound familiar? The list could go on, but America has got to stop. I love America, and I want my unborn child to be able to grow up in a place she can be safe and unashamed.]

1. <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/10/24/international/worldspecial2/24gitmo.html?pagewanted=1&th&oref=login>

1.2.13 Smarty Template Engine [PHP] (2004-10-25 01:03) - guilty - geek - public

Music: sweet silence

I started using the [1]Smarty Template Engine for [LJ User: Kamikaze-QSCM]. It is a PHP-based template system that allows you to separate the UI from the rest of your application. It seems to work very well.

[2]



1. <http://smarty.php.net/>

2. <http://smarty.php.net/>

1.2.14 The Flaw in Electronic Voting (2004-10-26 23:22) - annoyed - politics - public


A call to open source electronic voting.



[1] ©2004 selenaderaps

[2] The Battle Over Voting Technology [PBS, 2003]

[3] Paper trail should be required for electronic votes [CNN, 2004]

[4]  [5] John Coltrane - [6] Coltrane Time - [7] Shifting Down

1. <http://homepage.mac.com/rcareaga/diebold/adworks.htm>

2. http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2004/primaries/sr_technology_debate.html

3. <http://www.cnn.com/2004/LAW/09/28/ramasastry.votingmachines/index.html>

4. <http://www.itunes.com/>

5. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JohnColtrane>


6. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=ColtraneTime>

7. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=ShiftingDown>

1.2.15 DMCA dealt serious blow by Sixth Circuit Appeals Court (2004-10-26 23:31) - geek - public

"Today the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued a powerful ruling against Lexmark and offered future guidance relating to the use of the DMCA."

<http://arstechnica.com/news.ars/post/20041026-4352.html>

[1]  [2]John Coltrane - [3]John Coltrane Quartet Live at - [4]Brasilia


1. <http://www.itunes.com/>
2. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JohnColtrane>
3. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JohnColtraneQuartetLiveat>
4. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=Brasilia>

1.2.16 My Political Compass (2004-10-26 23:51) - amused - politics - public

Although I've recently griped quite a bit about political issues in my journal, I'm not really political. I'm a tech-geek. My knowledge of world culture and history is poor, and I have no stomach for the rhetoric of the American political system. I am still a human being though and the events of the past several years has really bothered me. Anyway, I took a test to see where my political mindset is:

[1]My Political Compass:
Economic Left/Right: -6.12
Social Libertarian/Authoritarian: -4.62

[2]This site has a lot of [3]interesting facts about famous people. You should take the test. Does it jibe with your own mind's eye of your political slant?

[4]  [5]John Coltrane - [6]John Coltrane Quartet Live at - [7]Brasilia

1. http://www.digitalronin.f2s.com/politicalcompass/questionnaire.pl?page=printable_graph&X=-6.12&Y=-4.62
2. <http://www.digitalronin.f2s.com/politicalcompass/>
3. <http://www.digitalronin.f2s.com/politicalcompass/iconochasms.html>
4. <http://www.itunes.com/>
5. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JohnColtrane>
6. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JohnColtraneQuartetLiveat>
7. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=Brasilia>

1.2.17 Podcasting? (2004-10-30 00:00) - interested - geek - public

[1]Wikipedia describes an extreme form of RSS, called [2]podcasting, in which media content can be linked and automatically downloaded. It wasn't until this year that I, myself, have found the utility of RSS. Now it seems like the only way to keep up to date on all my favorite spots on the web. "[3]Get off your RSS"

1. <http://en.wikipedia.org/>
2. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Podcasting>
3. <http://www.sitepoint.com/article/get-off-your-rss>

1.2.18 Flickr (2004-10-30 23:07) - public

This is a test post from [1] , a fancy photo sharing thing.

1. <http://www.flickr.com/r/testpost>

1.2.19 First Flickr Post (2004-10-31 00:18) - public




[1] 
[2] First Flickr Post,
originally uploaded by [3]jduprey.

This is another test from Flickr.

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1153766/>
2. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1153766/>
3. <http://www.flickr.com/people/jduprey/>

1.2.20 Our Baby's First (Only) In-Utero Halloween (2004-10-31 15:45) - flirty - kidding - public



[1] 
[2] 18 Weeks,
originally uploaded by [3]jduprey.

This picture of our baby is sufficiently scary for Halloween don't think. That's my girl!

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1168029/>
2. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1168029/>
3. <http://www.flickr.com/people/jduprey/>

1.2.21 Oh. Did I Mention We Are Having a Baby? (2004-10-31 16:10) - happy - public



[1] 
[2] 18 Weeks - The Thinker,
originally uploaded by [3]jduprey.

I've mentioned it a number of times in passing, but it has been official for quite some time now. Abby is in her second trimester. We are having a girl due March 11.

Names? We need to come up with some names. Abby seems to have a problem with the "Duprey" surname. Apparently nothing "flows" with "Duprey" .. and we all know how important that is. I'm partial to traditional names like Elizabeth, Sarah, Rachel, Erin. This site lists some popular names and their origin: [4]Most Popular Baby Names [according to about.com] We don't want to pick a name that is too common, but I feel strongly about sticking to traditional christian/western names.

Of course there's a million things to be done around the house. I'll be taking some vacation time to try to get some of that done.

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1168027/>
2. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1168027/>
3. <http://www.flickr.com/people/jduprey/>
4. <http://babyparenting.about.com/cs/gettingready/a/babynames.htm>

1.2.22 iPhoto Export Plug-ins: iPhotoToGallery and Flickr Export (2004-10-31 23:12) - tired - geek - public

Flickr Export: <http://www.speirs.org/flickrexport/>

iPhotoToGallery: <http://zwily.com/iphoto/>

1.3 November

1.3.1 Halloween 2004 (2004-11-01 00:00) - happy - public



[1]

[2]Halloween 2004,

originally uploaded by [3]jduprey. As usual, Abby and I carved pumpkins for Halloween. My, very scary pumpkin, is on the left, Abby's ghoulish pumpkin is on the right.

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1179993/>

2. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1179993/>

3. <http://www.flickr.com/people/jduprey/>

1.3.2 A Prayer for Kerry (2004-11-02 22:34) - scared - politics - public

Music: Sweet Singing of Angelic Choirs

Lord Ooooh Lord, good and gracious Lord,

Its been a long time since you and I have chatted. Ummm.. How's Jesus?.. or are *you* Jesus? I get **SO** confused!! Well lets not split hairs... Lets start again..

Dear Father, Son, Holy Spirit,

I pray for the man called Kerry. May he win our tribal election. He can do no worse than our current tribal leader, and he might even stop the killing of little Arab children. He might find other ways for the simple-minded, and Nascar moms, to feel safe in such scary times. He might even extract the "eye" from the terrorists who have done us harm, without dooming our children's future. He might honor the ideals of our constitution for all people - citizen or not.

...I think we know what the other candidate will do and in your name. I think... Uh what's that? Shut up?! Oh sorry.

[Thunderous Boom]

"My kingdom is not of this world,..."

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

"Oh yeah... John, you're a political and social idiot. Hug your wife and go to bed."

[/Thunderous Boom]

Humbled again by the maker.

1.3.3 Minnesota Visit (2004-11-04 04:02) - tired - mac - public

I was in Minnesota the last couple of days on business. If I never see another power point presentation again it'll be too soon. I didn't have much time to explore the [1]Twin Cities, but I did get to see the [2]Mall of America. Well... its a BIG mall.



[3]
...with an in door amusement park



[4]
...and an [5]Apple Store of course.

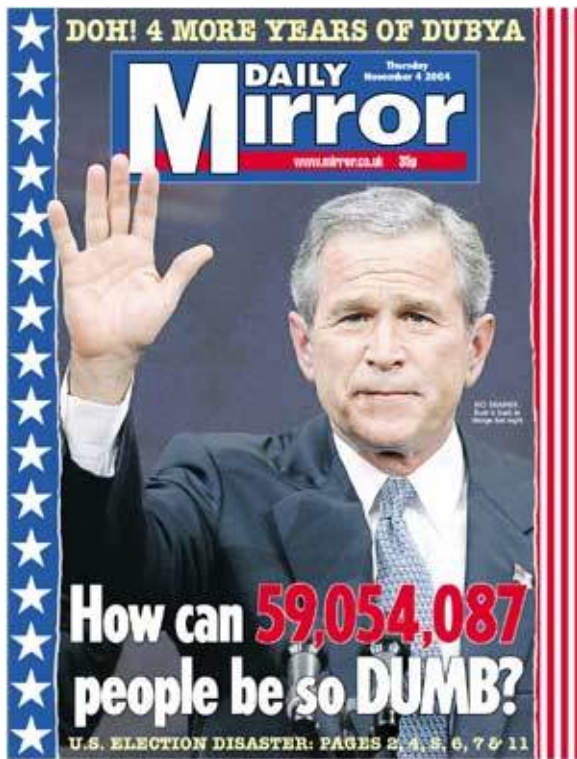


[6]
The Apple store wasn't any different from our [7]"local" Buffalo, NY store.. except maybe bigger.

1. <http://www.twincities.com/>
2. <http://www.mallofamerica.com/>
3. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1252154/>
4. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1252076/>
5. <http://www.apple.com/retail/mallofamerica/week1.html>
6. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jduprey/1252108/>
7. <http://www.apple.com/retail/walden>

1.3.4 How can 59,054,087 people be so DUMB? (2004-11-05 01:55) - ashamed - republican - public

Music: Hail to the F'n Chief



[1]

1. <http://www.mirror.co.uk/frontpages/>

jduprey (2004-11-07 03:54:38) I expected voter scandal at the very least, NOT a clear victory!

The popular vote was 59,651,290 (51 %) for Bush, 56,158,908 (49 %) Kerry. (According to the NY Times.) Popular vote aside Bush won the electorate 286 to 252. (<http://www.cnn.com/2004/ALLPOLITICS/11/01/eletoral.college.tm/>) In many ways it wasn't close - in comparision to past elections.

jduprey (2004-11-07 04:01:38) Maps by Population

<http://geomblog.blogspot.com/2004/11/purple-haze-revisited.html> <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~mejn/election/>

1.3.5 Another Sunny Day 12/25 (2004-11-06 12:23) - somber - politics - public

John Mellencamp - Dance Naked - "Another Sunny Day 12/25"

Lyrics



[1]

We see it on TV, we get calls on the phone
By the prophets of doom, they won't leave us alone.
The planet is dying and there's no time to spare.
They spend all our days sowing seeds of despair.
We get enough bad news to harden our hearts.
This fear that we feed on is what's keeping us apart.

To say that we're doomed is just an obvious remark.
And it don't make you right, it just keeps you in the dark.



[2]

I don't want to live angry, I don't want to live scared.
I don't need no more prophets crying "brother beware."
just put some work in my hands and give me a dollar to spare.
And don't let me sow those seeds of despair.



[3]

Well, this earth is a graveyard, it will swallow our bones.
It was here long before us, It will be here when we're gone.
And it's a vain generation that looks for a sign.
Don't you think we could make better use of our time.
Yeah, the air could be cleaner and the water could too.
But what we do to each other are the worst things that we do.
And we can treasure our freedom behind our locked doors.
But God speed the day when we're lonely no more.



[4]

I don't want to live angry, I don't want to live scared.
I don't need no more prophets crying "brother beware."
just put some work in my hands and give me a dollar to spare.
And don't let me sow those seeds of despair.

[5]



[6]John Mellencamp - [7]Dance Naked - [8]Another Sunny Day 12/25

1. http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/9_11_2001_USAttacked?page=3
2. http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/9_11_2001_USAttacked?page=3
3. http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/9_11_2001_USAttacked?page=3
4. http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/911_HighResolutionImages?page=3%C3%82%C2%B4
5. <http://www.itunes.com/>

6. <https://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JohnMellencamp>
 7. <https://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=DanceNaked>
 8. <https://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=AnotherSunnyDay12/>
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1.3.6 The Gadsten Flag (2004-11-06 23:23) - geeky - politics - public



[1]

"She never begins an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrenders: She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage. ... she never wounds 'till she has generously given notice, even to her enemy, and cautioned him against the danger of treading on her."

"I confess I was wholly at a loss what to make of the rattles, 'till I went back and counted them and found them just thirteen, exactly the number of the Colonies united in America; and I recollected too that this was the only part of the Snake which increased in numbers. ..."

"'Tis curious and amazing to observe how distinct and independent of each other the rattles of this animal are, and yet how firmly they are united together, so as never to be separated but by breaking them to pieces. One of those rattles singly, is incapable of producing sound, but the ringing of thirteen together, is sufficient to alarm the boldest man living."

These words are believed to have come from Benjamin Franklin. I've often thought this flag is better suited for our nation as well. I've made this emblem my user icon for politics. You can read more about the origins [2]here.

1. <http://www.foundingfathers.info/stories/gadsden.html>
2. <http://www.foundingfathers.info/stories/gadsden.html>

1.3.7 Speaking of Ben.. (2004-11-07 23:53) - amused - kidding - public

According to [LJ User: sheilagh]

"Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote." –Benjamin Franklin

It sounds like his kind of humor so I won't bother to fact check. :)

sheilagh (2004-11-11 03:15:27)

He had other really good things to say on "liberty" as well. The sort of concepts that make zombie-like Red State voters twitch, particularly when *his* name is given with the quote. "benjamin franklin quotes" is a great search term!

jduprey (2004-11-11 04:45:58) My Reply

Meant to reply to here.. [1]<http://www.livejournal.com/users/jduprey/10050.html?thread=1858#t1858>

1. <http://www.livejournal.com/users/jduprey/10050.html?thread=1858#t1858>

jduprey (2004-11-11 04:09:33) Yes. A very wise man.

Liberty sure. But what about his wisdom on such things as the gout. I have been afflicted myself and can appreciate such wisdom. From [1]Quotable Franklin: *"Be temperate in wine, in eating, girls, and cloth, or the Gout will seize you and plague you both," Franklin wrote.*" :) The gout is a terrible thing and nothing to ever laugh at. OK. Seriously though, here's an excellent one: *"[2]They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."* Echos of truth in our own time, no?

1. <http://www.ushistory.org/franklin/quotable/>

2. <http://www.ushistory.org/franklin/quotable/quote04.htm>

sheilagh (2004-11-18 05:10:03) Re: Yes. A very wise man.

I've seen a few variants of that, including "those who sacrifice a little liberty to gain a little security deserve neither and will lose both" .. which was also attributed to Ben. Here's a guy whom I think Ben would dig: <http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/features/2004/0412.sirota.html>

1.3.8 First Snow of The Year (2004-11-09 21:22) - happy - public

We had our first snow of the year and it actually "stuck" ... kinda. While I still find myself wondering what happened to summer, autumn has all but passed and we are staring down winter. We had our first snow yesterday. It came down light and fluffy, think snow globe, and some of it actually stuck to the ground for a while. The last couple of weekends I've enjoyed the smell of dry, brightly colored leaves. Winter, it seems, is on its way.

1.3.9 Times Article: Biased "History" On The Internet (2004-11-11 00:06) - annoyed - geek - public

Times article "[1]Mudslinging Weasels Into Online History" reports on the difficulties [2]Wikipedia had with keeping the [3]Bush and [4]Kerry pages neutral and accurate. This has always been a serious issue with [5]Wiki-based sites in my opinion. They allow anyone to edit the pages. It relies on the honor system in a dishonorable world.

"A common defense against persistent "vandals" is to simply let them deface as many pages as they wish, knowing that they can easily be tracked and reverted after the vandal has left. This policy can quickly become impractical, however, in the face of systematic defacements born out of anger or frustration." - [6]link

1. <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/11/10/arts/10wiki.html?oref=login&th>

2. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

3. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush

4. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Kerry

5. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki>

6. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki#Controlling_users

1.3.10 Times Article (Op/Ed): "Our Not-So-Free Press" (2004-11-11 19:02) - angry - politics - public

"[1]Our Not-So-Free Press." We've been critical of the press, but it seems those that are actually doing their job are being fined, jailed, or otherwise persecuted.

From the editorial: "Then there's Patrick Fitzgerald, the overzealous special prosecutor who is the Inspector Javert of

our age. Mr. Fitzgerald hasn't made any progress in punishing the White House officials believed to have leaked the identity of the C.I.A. officer Valerie Plame to Robert Novak. But Mr. Fitzgerald seems determined to imprison two reporters who committed no crime, Judith Miller of The New York Times and Matthew Cooper of Time, because they won't blab about confidential sources."

1. <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/11/10/opinion/10kris.html?th>

1.3.11 Test Post from Ecto Client (2004-11-12 23:16) - curious - public

This is a test post from the [1]Ecto blog client. It supports many blog formats, but doesn't look like it has much unique support for [2]Live Journal.

1. <http://ecto.kung-foo.tv/>
2. <http://www.livejournal.com/>

1.3.12 Rochester, NY (2004-11-14 15:14) - full - rochester - public

I added a new user icon for Rochester, NY posts. For those who know me, I hale from Rochester. The user icon is the [1]city symbol that I scarfed from [2]<http://www.ci.rochester.ny.us/>.



[3]
[5]<http://www.visitrochester.com/>

According to this site: "We [the city of Rochester] are the third largest urban area in New York State, and, in 1990 we were one of ten communities in the nation to receive the All-American-City award as a great place to live." In the past 15 years corporate juggernauts like [6]Kodak, [7]Xerox, and [8]Bausch and Lomb have diminished in the area. Their buildings still scrape our skyline and leave hope that they will learn to compete in a global market place. Kodak, the largest corporate entity in Rochester, has cut thousands of jobs here leaving a LOT of people unemployed. Still, I like the area. Its not so big that we have bumper to bumper traffic every morning, but it is big enough to bring commercial and cultural interests to town.

You can find out more about the history of Rochester [9]here.

You can find some of my own pictures of Rochester [10]here.



[11]

[12]  [13]Johnny Cash - [14]American IV - The Man Comes Around - [15]Hurt


1. <http://www.ci.rochester.ny.us/apps/CitySite.nsf/a024191c67aca3e28525656c006594d4/d9cc3b1a273abb288525656d0000c043?OpenDocument>
2. <http://www.ci.rochester.ny.us/>
3. <http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us:2080/cgi-bin/cw.cgi?fullImage+23112+2390+716>
4. <http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us:2080/cgi-bin/cw.cgi?fullImage+23112+1378+716>
5. <http://www.visitrochester.com/>
6. <http://www.kodak.com/>
7. <http://www.xerox.com/>
8. <http://www.bausch.com/>
9. <http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/~rochhist/>
10. <http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/AroundRochester>
11. http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/BroadStreet_Rochester_Sept2001/aah
12. <http://www.itunes.com/>
13. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JohnnyCash>
14. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=AmericanIV-TheManComesAround>
15. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=Hurt>

1.3.13 Know Your Enemy - Rage Against the Machine (2004-11-18 01:08) - discontent - politics - public

"Know Your Enemy - [1]Rage Against the Machine"



Yes I know my enemies
 They are the teachers who taught me
 Compromise, conformity, assimilation, submission
 Ignorance, hypocrisy, brutality, the elite
 All of which are American dreams..

[2]  [3]Rage Against The Machine - [4]Rage Against The Machine - [5]Know Your Enemy

1. <http://www.ratm.com/>
2. <http://www.itunes.com/>
3. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=RageAgainstTheMachine>
4. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=RageAgainstTheMachine>
5. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=KnowYourEnemy>

1.3.14 (2004-11-19 00:14) - flirty - kidding - public

[1]<http://www.urbandictionary.com/>

1. <http://www.urbandictionary.com/>

1.3.15 Shipwreck dating to 1873 discovered off Sodus Point (2004-11-19 23:43) - refreshed - rochester - public

[1]Democrat & Chronicle:

"The Etta Belle, found by two Rochester divers who specialize in hunting Lake Ontario shipwrecks, is the oldest cargo-carrying schooner found on the southern shore of the lake."

1. <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20041118/NEWS01/411180363>

1.3.16 Rochester drops in economic rank (2004-11-19 23:58) - curious - rochester - public

[1]Democrat & Chronicle:

"(November 17, 2004) â The Rochester metropolitan area has fallen for a fourth straight year on a national list that tracks economic performance."

Poor Rochester. [2]Hair-brained schemes won't fix things either.

Thanks to [LJ User: hypostatization] for posting this news and more [3]here.

1. <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20041117/BUSINESS/411180315/-1/ARCHIVES>

2. <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20041118/NEWS01/411180352/1002/NEWS>

3. http://www.livejournal.com/community/roch_ny/36660.html?style=mime

1.3.17 Introduction to Developing Cocoa Object-C Applications (2004-11-21 00:55) - uncomfortable - geek - public

I read an introductory article about developing Mac applications for OS-X:

[1]Introduction to Developing Cocoa Object-C Applications

The article covered the use of Cocoa, an object oriented application environment, for creating Mac applications with the OS X [2]Aqua look and feel. You'll forgive me if I'm abusing the terminology. I'm still new to the Mac-world of software development. Cocoa primarily uses the Objective-C language, but it also has Java bindings. A parallel tutorial, [3]Developing Cocoa Java Applications: A Tutorial, describes how to use java with Cocoa.

The Objective-C language is a superset of C that incorporates some object oriented (OO) concepts from Smalltalk. Objective-C allows you to mix C/C++ syntax with the Objective-C syntax.

You can read all about Cocoa and Objective-C on the Apple Developer Connection documentation for Cocoa: [4]<http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Cocoa/Cocoa.html>

In particular, this "[5]Getting Started with Cocoa" guide looks very useful.

Overall it didn't seem that difficult to piece together a graphical application. I'm not sure I fully understood the bits on "outlets", "targets", and "actions". I will need to play with it some more before I'm sure I have those concepts.

I found the graphical Interface Builder straightforward, but I'm still not all that impressed with X-Code itself. I've used a lot nicer IDE's in my day.

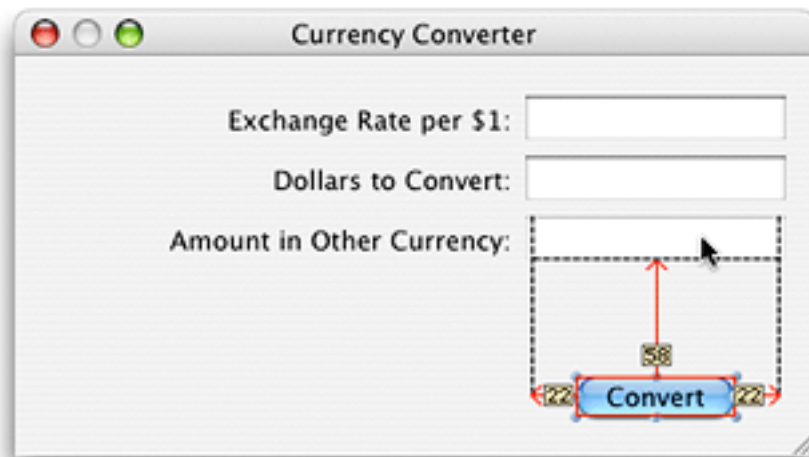


Image of interface builder aligning a button to a text field.

You can find my notes on the tutorials [6]here.

1. <http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Cocoa/Conceptual/ObjCTutorial/index.html>
2. <http://developer.apple.com/macosx/architecture/index.html>
3. <http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Cocoa/Conceptual/JavaTutorial/index.html>
4. <http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Cocoa/Cocoa.html>
5. http://developer.apple.com/referencelibrary/GettingStarted/GS_Cocoa/index.html
6. <http://www.iduprey.com/dev/OSXDev.ntweb>

1.3.18 The Future Look of the WRX STi (2004-11-22 16:29) - wrx - public



[1]Car and Driver Magazine : New STi and Skyline GT-R Due Soon : November 2004

"The illustration above, purloined by our man in Japan, is an insider's estimation of what the next Impreza WRX STi will look like. Although many of the characteristic features of the current car are carried overâ hood scoop, aggressive fender flares, enormous wingâ the rest of the car shares some styling elements with Subaru's new corporate face, exemplified by the B9 Scrambler concept car designed by Andreas Zapatinas and displayed on a pedestal at the 2003 Tokyo show. The front-end styling of the concept is shown here and is reportedly the face of future Subarus. A new Impreza WRX STi should hit Japanese roads in 2007 and ours soon after."

It looks like the STi is evolving away from its rally car heritage. Still, I like the new look. Gee my STi will almost be paid for by 2008. Just in time to buy a new model with a new look? (Hope the wife doesn't read this *evil-grin*)



[2]

1. http://www.caranddriver.com/article.asp?section_id=29&article_id=8707&page_number=1
2. <http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/MySTi/DSC00379>

1.3.19 Ballmer Threatens (Litigation?) Over the Use of Linux (2004-11-23 14:31) - winblows - public

[1]Panasonic braves Linux-inspired wrath of Ballmer | The Register

"Was this what Microsoft (Steve Ballmer) was growling and threatening about, when he told Asian countries: "nice little Linux OS you have here. Be a pity if someone sued you..." yesterday? Is it this mass market 3G Linux phone range for Japan, from Panasonic and NEC...?"

1. http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/11/22/panasonic_goes_linux_with_nec/

1.4 December

1.4.1 Damn Dirty B*st*rds! (2004-12-01 00:26) - angry - wrx - public

Several weeks ago, my STi badges were ripped off my car! I'm not sure exactly when it happened. I suspect it happened in the downtown Rochester garage where I park.

Before:



[1]

After:



[2]

They tried to rip the front badge off the grill and failed. It broke. They left what was left attached to the grill.

Its just a piece of plastic but it pisses me off. Some dick is probably wearing it around their neck right now. At least they didn't dig into the paint.

1. <http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/MySTi/DSC00388>
2. <http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/MySTi/DSC00692>

wait2dominate (2004-12-01 05:38:51)

Damn.....that's rough. I'd be kickin some serious ass. Look for a honda with a STi badge around now....lol

jduprey (2004-12-01 05:43:36) Exactly.

I've been scanning the WRX's and Hondas in the garage.. but I can only be 90 % sure that's when it happened.

lancelot10 (2004-12-01 05:49:18)

wipe them out all of them...

meanjunglist (2004-12-01 06:45:11)

That is such a sin. Damn them to hell.

clipperz (2004-12-16 00:35:37)

I've heard about that happening. Sucks royally! I'll probably take mine off in advance when I step up to a STi this spring.

1.4.2 OmniWeb - A Much Better Safari (2004-12-01 01:34) - guilty - mac - public

[1]OmniWeb displays tabs as thumbnails of the actual page. I've read many good things about the [2]OmniWeb web browser, but [3]Safari and [4]Firefox are great and free. Lately Safari's been having these "pauses" in which the little spinning beach ball shows up and I can do NOTHING with it for several seconds. Firefox is great, but it doesn't quite integrate with the Mac as tightly as I'd like. So I finally tried OmniWeb on a whim and I'm finding that I really like it. OmniWeb 5.0 is a commercial application and uses the same [5]open source rendering engine as Safari via Apple's WebCore. (The rendering engine, KHTML, comes from [6]konqueror - a KDE-based file/web browser.) So far, there are two main features that I really like:

- * Thumbnails instead of tabs. See the picture to the left.
- * Workspaces. OmniWeb remembers all your opened web pages and you can even create different workspaces for different sets of web pages. I know you can simulate this in FireFox, but with OmniWeb its seamless.

There are plenty of other features, but these two make it almost worth the \$30 (US). Other notable features include an RSS reader which I would consider using, but it doesn't display the full HTML summary. I'll stick with [7]NetNewsWire for now. Read this [8]Daring Fireball [9]article on the beta version of OmniWeb 5. It is now considered stable at 5.0.1. [LJ User: fraserspeirs] has also [10]praised OmniWeb.

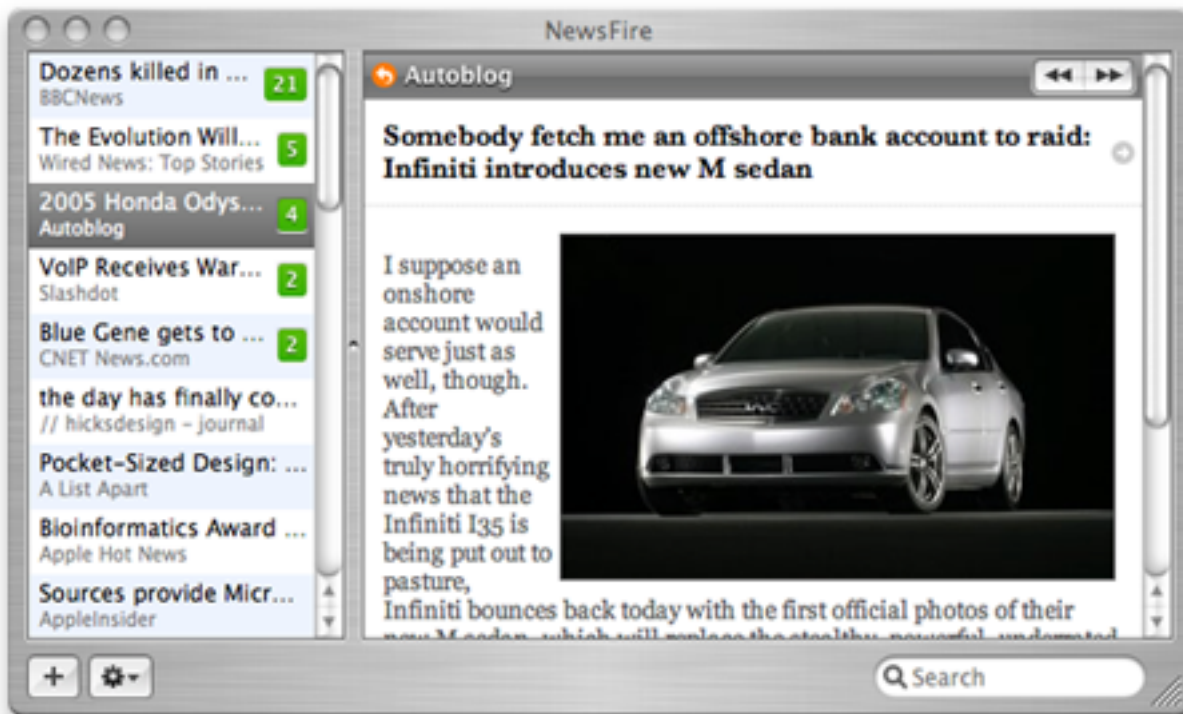
1. http://daringfireball.net/2004/02/omniweb_5_public_beta
2. <http://www.omnigroup.com/applications/omniweb/>
3. <http://www.apple.com/safari/>
4. <http://www.mozilla.org/products/firefox/>

5. <http://www.omnigroup.com/applications/omniweb/developer/>
6. <http://www.konqueror.org/>
7. <http://ranchero.com/netnewswire/>
8. <http://daringfireball.net/>
9. http://daringfireball.net/2004/02/omniweb_5_public_beta
10. <http://www.livejournal.com/users/fraserspeirs/788921.html?mode=reply&style=mine>

1.4.3 NewsFire RSS Reader (2004-12-02 20:41) - predatory - geek - public

I purchased [1]NetNewsWire for my RSS news aggregation this fall. Yesterday I stumbled on [2]NewsFire RSS and think it is really slick. The NewsFire web site indicates that the beta is free, but it will eventually be a shareware app. I may have invested in NetNewsWire prematurely.?

NetNewsWire may have more features, but NewsFire is fast, aqua beautiful, and very keyboard friendly. Its pictured below.



[3]

1. <http://ranchero.com/netnewswire/>
2. <http://www.newsfirerss.com/>
3. <http://www.newsfirerss.com/>

1.4.4 Mozilla Composer Extracted From Suite - Nvu (2004-12-02 22:02) - guilty - geek - public

[1]Linspire has sponsored a project to create a mature WYSIWYG HTML editor based on the [2]Mozilla Suite's composer. [3]Nvu is the project name and it is available for Windows, Linux, and OS X. This is interesting because I think it could be used as a rich editing component for blogs. The [4]DeepestSender LiveJournal client already uses the composer module, I believe.

1. <http://www.linspire.com/>
2. <http://www.mozilla.org/products/mozilla1.x/>
3. <http://nvu.com/>
4. <http://deepestsender.mozdev.org/>

1.4.5 The Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense founded on the Christian relig (2004-12-03 18:22) - thoughtful - politics - public

[1]The Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense founded on the Christian religion

by Jim Walker

"Many Religious Right activists have attempted to rewrite history by asserting that the United States government derived from Christian foundations, that our Founding Fathers originally aimed for a Christian nation. This idea simply does not hold to the historical evidence.

Of course many Americans did practice Christianity, but so also did many believe in deistic philosophy. Indeed, most of our influential Founding Fathers, although they respected the rights of other religionists, held to deism and Freemasonry beliefs rather than to Christianity."

-courtesy of [LJ User: contentlove]'s [2]article by way of [LJ User: sheilagh].

See also:

- [3]Founding Fathers Beliefs
- [4]Abraham Lincoln and [5]here

1. <http://www.nobeliefs.com/Tripoli.htm>
2. <http://www.livejournal.com/users/contentlove/473413.html>
3. <http://www.dimensional.com/~randl/founders.htm>
4. <http://www.positiveatheism.org/hist/quotes/lincoln.htm>
5. <http://www.positiveatheism.org/hist/ingerlinc.htm#SEIP>

1.4.6 Using RSS and BitTorrent to Get Your TV Viewing Fix (2004-12-05 02:10) - mellow - tivo - public

This [1]article on [2]engadget describes how to use [3]RSS and [4]BitTorrent to download television shows and other video.

"[5]How-To: BroadCatching using RSS + BitTorrent to automatically download TV shows"

Most broadcast television comes with the disclaimer that personal recording is OK, but it cannot be redistributed, so anyone uploading this content is probably breaking the law. Cable channels like HBO and Showtime also have clauses about redistributing their content. The exception might be public television - like PBS.?

While I can respect the media company's right to make money, I think its time to embrace this new technology rather than try to litigate it to death. Seriously, its time for new business models. I don't think its a battle they can win in the long run. Already I think there is rift between the consumer and the producer - adversarial almost.

Letter of the law aside, I followed the HOWTO and can see an episode of [6]The Daily Show with John Stewart streaming in. Will I go to hell or just be sued to the point of wishing I **were** in hell?

1. <http://engadget.com/entry/1234000167021291/>
2. <http://www.engadget.com/>
3. <http://www.xml.com/pub/a/2002/12/18/dive-into-xml.html>
4. <http://bittorrent.com/introduction.html>
5. <http://engadget.com/entry/1234000167021291/>
6. http://www.comedycentral.com/tv_shows/thedailyshowwithjonstewart/

1.4.7 Its Really Windy Here (2004-12-07 23:58) - apprehensive - lurker - public

Its really windy here... power has browned out for a second... losing.. inter..n.e.t co.n.nect...

1.4.8 Oh the Arrogance! (2004-12-08 19:03) - hot - neo conservative - public

OK. I enjoy poking fun at Canada from time to time. My grandma was Canadian. I laugh at South Park's silly portrayal of Canadians. I even joke about Canada being the 51'st state of America. I even made up a little jingle to go along with that thought. :) However, its done with the lightest of heart and amongst friends who know this. [LJ User: mathaeis] in the [LJ User: not _my _jesus] community posted this [1]link to video snippets of right wingers on TV bashing Canada. Is there any question why we are reviled throughout the world? I hate Fox.

1. http://www.hugi.is/hahradi/bigboxes.php?box_id=51208&f_id=1211

1.4.9 Ragged Old Flag (2004-12-19 01:25) - hopeful - politics - public



I walked through a county courthouse square
On a park bench, an old man was sittin' there.
I said, "Your old court house is kinda run down,
He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town".
I said, "Your old flag pole is leaned a little bit,
And thatâs a ragged old flag you got hangin' on it".
He said, "Have a seat", and I sat down,
"Is this the first time you've been to our little town"
I said, "I think it is"
He said "I donât like to brag, but weâre kinda proud of
That Ragged Old Flag

"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there,
When Washington took it across the Delaware.

and It got powder burned the night Francis Scott Key sat watching it,
 writing "Say Can You See"
 It got a rip in New Orleans, with Packingham & Jackson
 tugging at its seams.
 and It almost fell at the Alamo
 beside the Texas flag,
 But she waved on though.
 She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville,
 And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.
 There was Robert E. Lee and Beauregard and Bragg,
 And the south wind blew hard on
 That Ragged Old Flag

"On Flanders Field in World War I,
 She got a big hole from a Bertha Gun,
 She turned blood red in World War II
 She hung limp, and low, a time or two,
 She was in Korea, Vietnam, She went where she was sent
 by her Uncle Sam.
 She waved from our ships upon the briny foam
 and now they've about quit wavin' back here at home
 in her own good land here She's been abused,
 She's been burned, dishonored, denied an' refused,
 And the government for which she stands
 Has been scandalized throughout out the land.
 And she's getting thread bare, and she's wearin' thin,
 But she's in good shape, for the shape she's in.
 Cause she's been through the fire before
 and i believe she can take a whole lot more.

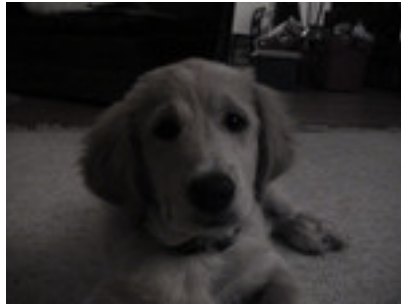
"So we raise her up every morning
 And we bring her down slow every night,
 We don't let her touch the ground,
 And we fold her up right.
 On second thought
 I *do* like to brag
 Cause Iâ m mighty proud of
 That Ragged Old Flag"

[1]  [2]Johnny Cash - [3]Life - [4]Ragged Old Flag

1. <http://www.itunes.com/>
2. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JohnnyCash>
3. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=Life>
4. <itms://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=RaggedOldFlag>

1.4.10 Mason the Pup (2004-12-20 22:00) - amused - public

[1]



December 9'th we got Mason from [2]Lollypop Farm in Fairport. He's a retriever mix born August 29, 2004 so he's 3.5 months old. He isn't quite house broken yet, but so far his messes have been manageable and he hasn't chewed up anything too expensive. So far he's chewed through:

- [3]Mr. Fritz's (may he rest in peace) old harness
- His first leash
- One of my home theater speaker wires

He got hold of the Tivo remote, but I preempted that disaster. Mason is very cuddly. He likes to curl up in your lap and go to sleep if you sit on the floor. It seems that Mason has 3 basic modes of operation: play mode where EVERYTHING is a toy to be chewed, sleep mode where EVERYTHING is to be ignored, pee mode where EVERYTHING is a potential target for dog urine. He likes to chew on hands and jump up on you. Basically the only thing he has going for himself is that he is so darned cute! We have signed him up for dog training classes. Many people think we're crazy to get a puppy 3 months before our first baby. Well, yeah, we probably are, but since Fritz died, I've really missed having a pet. Abby has wanted a dog for years, and after many recent "thumbs down" from me on other candidates, I decided Mason was a good one. Mason has given Abby motivation to get up and out in the morning which I think is good for her physically and mentally. I've enjoyed his company too. Hopefully the baby and dog combo won't be quite the mistake others have proclaimed.

1. <http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/Mason>
2. <http://www.lollypop.org/>
3. http://www.iduprey.com/gallery/MrFritz_2000

1.4.11 Got a Tivo for Christmas? (2004-12-27 00:35) - full - tivo - public

If you got a [1]Tivo for Christmas, you should check out this Tivo Live Journal community: [LJ User: tivolovers] ([2]info)

[LJ User: pvrblog] also has an entry "[3]So you got a PVR for Christmas" with lots of useful info on various PVR's including Tivo.

1. <http://www.tivo.com/>
2. <http://www.livejournal.com/userinfo.bml?user=tivolovers>
3. <http://www.livejournal.com/users/pvrblog/77708.html>

1.4.12 Mary Poppins: Chim Chim Cher-ee (2004-12-29 01:39) - haunted - lurker - public

Bert:

Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey

Chim chim cher-ee!

A sweep is as lucky, as lucky can be

Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey

Chim chim cher-oo!

Good luck will rub off when I shakes 'ands with you

Or blow me a kiss and that's lucky too


Now, as the ladder of life 'as been strung
You might think a sweep's on the bottommost rung
Though I spends me time in the ashes and smoke
In this 'ole wide world there's no 'appier bloke

Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey
Chim chim cher-ee!
A sweep is as lucky, as lucky can be
Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey
Chim chim cher-oo!
Good luck will rub off when I shakes 'ands with you

All:
Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey
Chim chim cher-ee!
A sweep is as lucky, as lucky can be
Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey
Chim chim cher-oo!
Good luck will rub off when I shakes 'ands with you

Bert:
I choose me bristles with pride, yes, I do
A broom for the shaft and a brush for the flute
Up where the smoke is all billered and curled
'Tween pavement and stars is the chimney sweep world
When there's 'ardly no day nor 'ardly no night
There's things 'alf in shadow and 'alfway in light
On the rooftops of London coo, what a sight!

Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey
Chim chim cher-ee!
When you're with a sweep you're in glad company
Nowhere is there a more 'appier crew
Than them wot sings, "Chim chim cher-ee, chim cher-oo!"
On the
Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim cher-ee, chim cher-oo!

[1]  [2] Julie Andrews & Dick Van Dyke - [3] Mary Poppins (Soundtrack from the Motion Picture)
[Remastered] - [4] Chim Chim Cher-ee

1. <http://www.itunes.com/>
2. <http://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=JulieAndrews&DickVanDyke>
3. [http://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=MaryPoppins\(SoundtrackfromtheMotionPicture\)\[Remastered\]](http://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=MaryPoppins(SoundtrackfromtheMotionPicture)[Remastered])
4. <http://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZSearch.woa/wa/com.apple.jingle.search.DirectAction/search?term=ChimChimCher-ee>


1.4.13 Mary Poppins: Pavement Artist (2004-12-29 01:41) - haunted - lurker - public

Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey
Chim chim cher-oo!
I does what I likes and I likes what I do

Today I'm a screever and as you can see
A screever's an artist of 'ighest degree
And it's all me own work
From me own memory

Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey
Chim chim cher-oo!
I draws what I likes and I likes what I drew
No remuneration do I ask of you
But me cap would be glad of a copper or two

Chim chim-in-ey, chim chim-in-ey
Chim chim cher-oo!
La dum, de da dum
da da da da dum
Mmm hmm...

[1]  [2]Dick Van Dyke - [3]Mary Poppins (Soundtrack from the Motion Picture) [Remastered] -
[4]Pavement Artist

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