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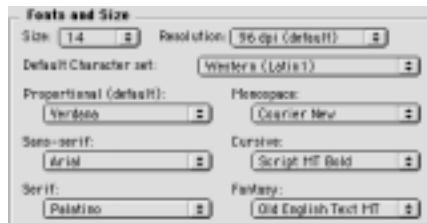
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## Microsoft Internet Explorer 5

*A quick look by Tim Smith*

After much waiting and speculation on the part of users, Microsoft has come out with version 5 of Internet Explorer. The Button Bar has a radically different look (see screen shot). I find both pluses and minuses here: on the positive side, you can choose from any of nine color schemes for the browser and you can quickly and easily change the functionality of the browser by adding or deleting buttons in the Customize Toolbars option under the View menu. On the downside, though, there is a certain sameness to them—they're not terribly distinctive—and being too big for my taste, they waste a lot of screen space.

OK, aside from being picky over appearances, how well does the new browser work? Pretty well, overall, in my estimation. For some time now I've been favoring Explorer over Netscape because, even at version 4.x levels, Explorer has been more compliant with HTML and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) standards



Windows standard 96dpi instead of the Macintosh norm of 72 dots per inch. The idea is that the text on web pages should appear the same across platforms. I'm sure you've seen pages that look fine in Windows, but have some teeny tiny font sizes when viewed on a Mac. That's what this whole screen resolution thing is supposed to address. From what I gather, this may particularly affect pages that use CSS cascading style sheets and which were created on Macs. For myself, I've not yet had a chance to explore the niceties of all this, but I do find that I use the Larger and Smaller buttons on the button bar more frequently than I did with

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Next AAMUG Meeting:

7:00pm  
Wednesday  
April 19th

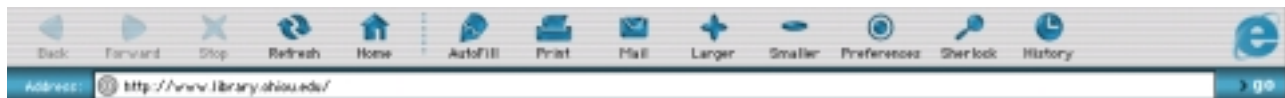
in the  
AAC Lab  
101 Alden Library

Scheduled Topics:

**AppleWorks 6  
Demo**

**Internet Explorer  
5.0 Demo**

**Sharing and  
Troubleshooting  
Tips**



than Netscape. This new version of Explorer claims full compliance with HTML 4.0, CSS 1.0, and XML 1.0 and at least partial compliance with other standards. It does seem pretty fast, and I've not had significant problems with it crashing.

My biggest problem to date has to do with Microsoft's controversial decision to make this browser more Windows-like (surprise!) in how it handles screen resolution. The default screen resolution (which is configurable in Preferences) now matches the

earlier versions of Explorer. As I said, the Preferences section does allow you to change both font size and screen resolution, and I may not have hit on the best combination yet. Note, too, [see screen shot] that you have more latitude in defining default fonts than previously. All of this constitutes a learning curve on which I still have some climbing to do.

One of the other new features is an Auction Manager, which other folks will have to address since I have no experience with online auctions, and the Scrapbook. The Scrapbook allows you to save

entire web pages—not just links to them—for later use. This could be very handy for keeping database search results which might be hard to reconstruct later or perhaps confirmation pages from online or-

dering. I suppose, though, doing a lot of this could quickly fill up one's hard disk. Anyway, it's another new feature which I'm sure I'll continue to experiment with.

Finally, if you want to be able to run version 5 along with other browsers, here's a note about installing Explorer that I've excerpted from Tidbits:

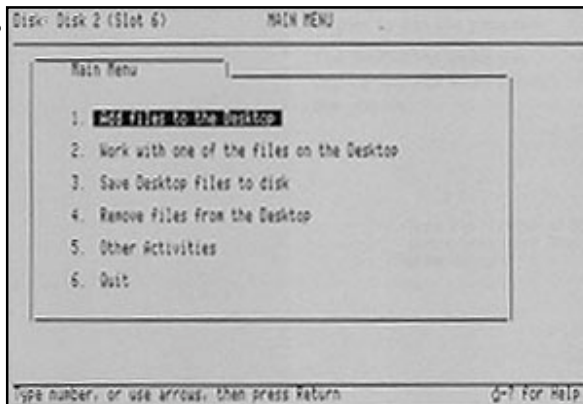
Installation is as easy as before - just double-click the self-mounting disk image, and drag the Internet Explorer folder to your hard disk before launching.

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See "[Internet Explorer](#)"



### AppleWorks 1987:

Back in the 1980's there was AppleWorks and this is what it looked like. It was simple, it was useful, and I was enamoured by it. It was such a contrast to the MS-DOS command line. It showed me that computers could be easy to use and could empower me to produce more and of better quality.



tion in html or jpeg format. You can however, import your presentation into another part of AW6, such as the Painting program, where you can save in jpeg format. The slides you create will have to be viewed by the AW6 application.

AW6 provides a new cool interface with lots of nicely designed easy to understand buttons and tabs. AW6 makes things easier by placing palettes all over the screen for

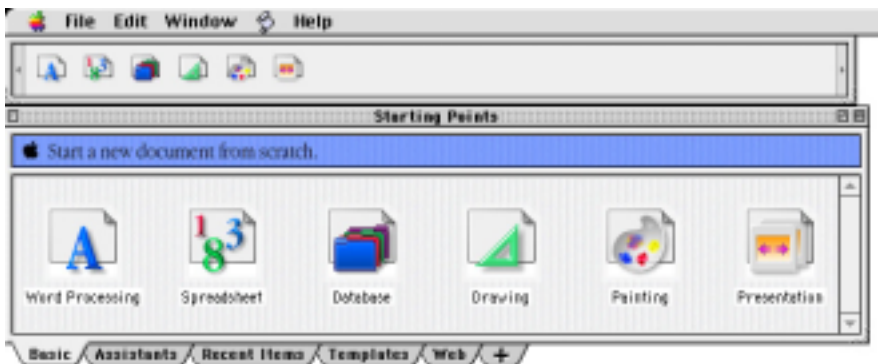
### AppleWorks 2000!

AppleWorks has come a long way but has retained its ease of use and cutting edge design. The jump from AppleWorks 5 is almost as impressive a jump from the 80's version.

I've been a user of Apple/ClarisWorks 5 for quite some time. When I first started using AW6 (AppleWorks 6.0) I was thinking, "Hmmm, now this is different...how do I do this and that..."

After a few minutes and with a little help from the AppleWorks' Help Menu, I was getting excited. I was creating some really cool stuff. I was doing things that I probably could've done on the older version or with Microsoft Office, but couldn't figure out how.

AW6 threw information right in my face from the moment I first launched the program and showed me how to



create really cool stuff.

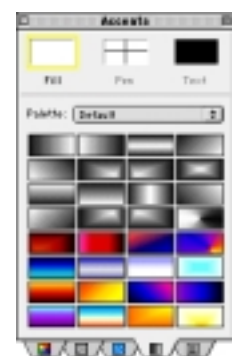
Not only can I create really cool graphics and quickly produce a nice word processing document, but I can also create a slide presentation similar to Microsoft PowerPoint.

Although PowerPoint provides more templates, AW6 gives easier control to personalize a presentation. I was able to easily create my own template with colored background using the drawing/painting features that are built into AW6.

If you like to publish your presentation slides on the internet, note that you cannot directly save an AW6 presenta-

quick reference, but they quickly eat away at screen real estate. Not a problem for folks who are used to using Adobe Photoshop or who have a nice sized monitor, but those with the 12" screen on an iBook may feel a bit cramped. This can be remedied by just getting rid of rarely used palettes until they are needed, but it is a minor annoyance.

To save hard drive space, AW6 provides additional clip art





and photographs on its web site. Since all these images on one's hard drive tend to become just storage hogs that are rarely used, this is a great idea. You don't even have to open a browser to access them. AW6 will go out onto the web all by itself and find the files you are looking for.

To perform a search for clip art either on your hard drive or on the AW6 internet site, in the clippings window, type in what you are looking for and AW6 will search for related files.

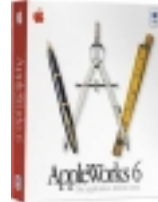
Then you can insert them into your document with a simple drag and drop. A note of caution though, when searching the internet for files, depending on how many files it finds, it can take a while to download all these files.

Strangely enough, when I entered the word "computer" it came up with 97 different pictures but only one of them was clearly a Macintosh -- an old Mac SE model from the 1980's. One would think that Apple would stick an iMac picture in there somewhere. Maybe they wouldn't give themselves permission to use it. :)

Not only does this program not take up much RAM or hard drive space, but it doesn't take much money either. The price for this powerful office suite is incredible. The retail price of AW6 is about \$80 (compared to \$448 for MS Office) and the

Educational price is half of that!

For educators, \$39 provides a completely new and powerful computing experience that frees up your RAM and hard drive space that MS Office demands.



You can actually try out this software yourself at the next AAMUG Meeting on April 19th at 7pm in the Academic Advancement Center's Computer Lab in 101 Alden Library on Ohio University's Athens Campus.

Just like any new piece of software, AW6 is not without problems. It does take longer to load, has some file translation problems, and has some software conflicts. To learn more about these issues and to get help coping with them, be sure to check out these web sites with information from actual users:

<http://www.macfixit.com/reports/appleworks6.shtml>

<http://www.macintouch.com/appleworks6.html>

## Enhance the Power of AppleWorks!

There is an "Enhancement Pack" from the folks at [www.tandb.com.au/appleworks/aw6cd/](http://www.tandb.com.au/appleworks/aw6cd/) that can help you do even more cool things with AppleWorks. This Enhancement Pack adds 40 new features to AppleWorks that can be accessed through the new AppleScript menu within AW6.

With the word processing scripts, you can compare revisions of a document to locate the changes, extract a chosen phrase, find repeated words, build an Index of important words, wwap labels/text on numbered paragraphs, make a table of contents, web publish your document with cleaner HTML and META keyword and description tags.

Text scripts can format the selected text as lowercase, UPPERCASE, Word Caps, Title Caps, or Small Caps. You can make a simple Fraction, Unwrap Lines after copying from an email or web page, or Paste Plain text to remove formatting from AppleWorks or another styled text program.

Spreadsheet scripts allow you to draw cell borders so you can make them thicker or patterned, and make negative cells red. Function scripts add new formula possibilities.

Drawing scripts allow you to compare text frames, draw a dashed line, join prism corners, place text along arcs.

With the extra Database features, you can: compare independently edited databases, duplicate a record multiple times, replace all fields with a selected value, web publish your database for searching over the Internet.



## IDC Confirms Apple Still Tops in Education

CUPERTINO, California— March 9, 2000—Leading market research firm International Data Corp. (IDC) today reconfirmed Apple’s number one position in sales to the U.S. education market. IDC’s Q4CY ’99 Education Market Report shows Apple® leading in overall U.S. education sales with a 30.6 percent market share, double its closest competitor.

“Apple’s roots are in providing great personal computers to educators and students,” said Mitch Mandich, senior vice president of Worldwide Sales. “Nothing pleases us more than to see educators continuing to choose

Apple’s products, like the best selling iMac and iBook, above all other education computer systems.”

In addition to IDC’s Q4CY ’99 Education Market Report, IDC also released education market share numbers for the entire year of 1999—also placing Apple on top with 23.6 percent market share—maintaining a strong lead over the next competitor.

The difference between IDC’s fourth quarter and annual numbers show Apple’s widening education lead and is simultaneous to Apple’s introduction of breakthrough products such as iBook™, AirPort™, iMac™ DV and iMovie™.

## **SOMETHING LOOKS MIGHTY FAMILIAR HERE**



Mac OS X



Xerox

Wait a minute. Is Apple stealing from Xerox again. The new logo for Mac OS X looks amazing like the big red X logo that Xerox uses.

I wonder if the new “X-Men” movie is about Steve Jobs’ return to Apple? ☺

Hmmm, I wonder when Microsoft will come out with an X logo?

## Benefits of AAMUG Membership!

### MUG Store Specials: Discounted iBooks, iMacs & More

If you are an AAMUG member, you are eligible to purchase discounted merchandise.

The Apple MUG Store has refurbished iBooks in stock for only \$1178. Both colors are available.

Going fast are the refurbished 233, 266 and 333 MHz iMac models. These have been on short supply and generally sell out within a few days. Get the word out to your members quickly for these very inexpensive iMac deals. Also, save \$180 off the usual selling price of



a new 350 MHz iMac with the refurbished model from The Apple MUG Store.

If you’re in the mood for some accessories, The MUG Store has great deals on Altec Lansing iMac speakers and OG 3 piece speaker systems, as well as serial Quick Cams, Epson printers, NEC displays and more.

To find out how to make a purchase or to become a member, contact one of the AAMUG officers listed at the end of the newsletter. Or



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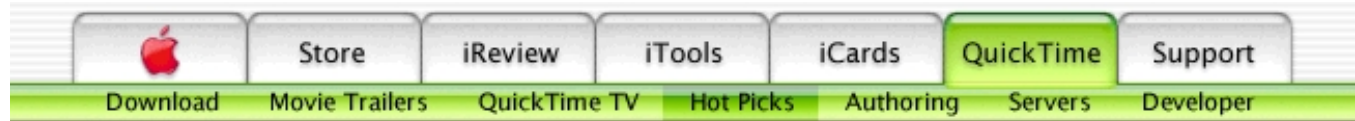
you can e-mail us at: [aamug@seorf.ohiou.edu](mailto:aamug@seorf.ohiou.edu) . Remember, you must first be a member. If you have let your membership lapse or have not yet committed to AAMUG, then contact us today!



# Improvements with the new Mac OS 9.04 Update

Mac OS 9.04 update has been released and has improved performance with Firewire and USB including booting up with a USB floppy drive attached. Apple also claims that it enhances networking and power management, and improves audio, video and graphics functionality.

You can quickly update to Mac OS 9.0.4. Go to the Software Update Control Panel in Mac OS 9 and click the "Update Now" button. Or you can download Mac OS 9.0.4 Update and install it yourself at <http://asu.info.apple.com/>



With the introduction of ZDTV and the Video Music Network this month, Quicktime now has 40 Streaming TV Channels.

This is in addition to features like Pink

Floyd's concert in London, Pearl Jam's latest release and movie trailers of such upcoming blockbusters as The Lord of the Rings, and Mission Impossible 2.



## Are you an AAMUG member yet??

### BENEFITS!

*•Sharing of Mac tips and problemsolving techniques with fellow Mac users.*

*•Obtain discounted hardware and software from the User Group Store.*

*•One year subscription to the AAMUG Newsletter.*

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**Apple Turned  
24 years old  
on April 1st.  
That's right,  
Apple was founded on  
April 1st 1976 and  
that's no "foolin"**

## Internet Explorer 5.0

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If you want to keep both Internet Explorer 4.5 and 5.0 on your Mac for testing Web pages, do the following before installing Internet Explorer 5.0 to avoid possible crashes. First, from your Extensions folder, copy Microsoft Component Library and MS Font Embed Library (PPC), plus the entire contents (not the folder itself) of the MS Library Folder to the folder that contains the Internet Explorer 4.5 application. Then launch Internet Explorer 5.0 for the first time. Both versions cannot be active at the same time.

To revert back to Internet Explorer 4.5, delete Microsoft Component Library, Microsoft Framework, Microsoft Internet Library, and MS Font Embed Library (PPC) from your Extensions folder, then launch Internet Explorer 4.5 again to have it reinstall the libraries it needs.

If you're currently using Netscape Communicator, the still-beta iCab, or another Web browser, the most Internet Explorer 5.0 will do is try to make itself your default browser in Internet Config, which is easily avoided or reverted.

The bottom line for me is that I do like the new version of MSIE.

You can download this software at: [www.microsoft.com/mac](http://www.microsoft.com/mac)

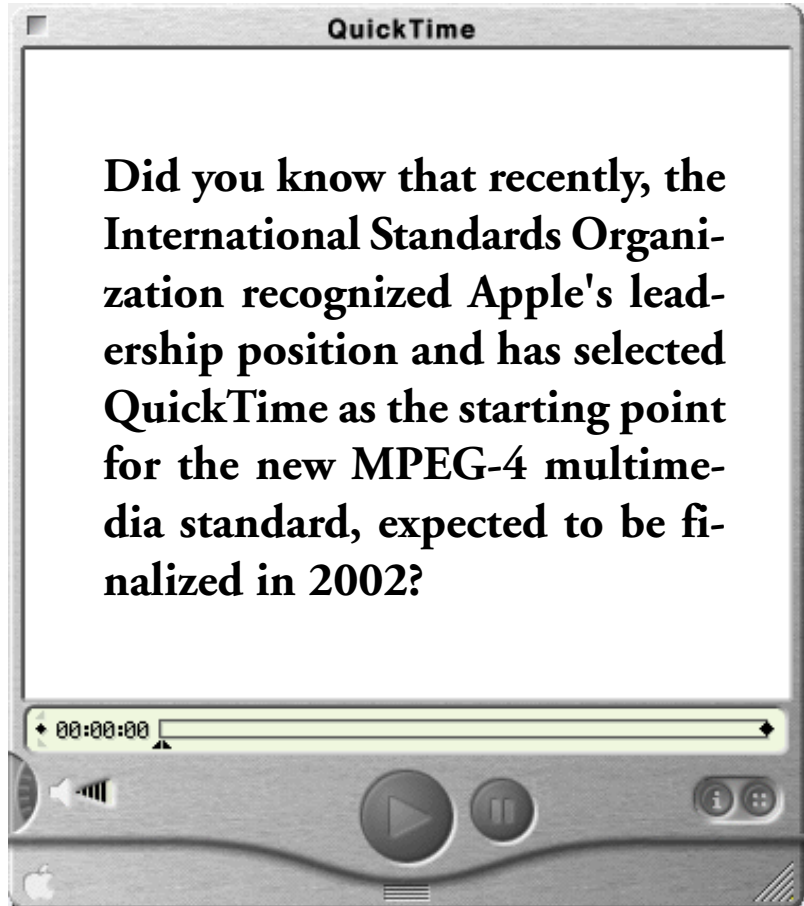
## Cool Web Site of the Month:

Want to customize your computing environment? Don't want to spend much money on it either? Then head on over to <http://themes.hellyeah.com>. There you will find different accessories that will work on Mac OS 8.5 or later. You can make your windows look like the one here. You can even make your computer make sounds like the HAL 9000 computer from 2001 a Space Odyssey or even Beavis and Butthead.



Check out their desktop themes and Soundsets have some fun! They even help you create your own themes and soundsets.

<http://themes.hellyeah.com/>



**Did you know that recently, the International Standards Organization recognized Apple's leadership position and has selected QuickTime as the starting point for the new MPEG-4 multimedia standard, expected to be finalized in 2002?**

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## Next AAMUG Meeting 7:00pm April 19th

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Anyone and Everyone  
is Welcome!



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