



February 2006 Double Click Main Meeting Report

by Jim Macak

The February 19th Double Click meeting was opened by Double Click President Jim Macak who introduced Steve Parker and his "Beginners SIG" demonstration. Steve talked about the OS X utility *Font Book* that resides in the "Applications" folder. *Font Book* can be used to display all the fonts available on your Macintosh and to turn fonts off and on, thereby customizing the Font menu in applications.

Jim then led an announcement and Question and Answer session. He noted that some security/malware concerns had been raised over the past week for OS X and that, although these were not currently "real world" problems, Mac OS X users should not be complacent and still need to be wary of potential viruses and other malware affecting their Macs.

Jim also noted that an update for OS X 10.4 "Tiger" had just been released and all Tiger users were encouraged to perform the update to version 10.4.5. As usual, it was recommended that users remove attached Firewire devices prior to performing the update and also perform "Repair Permissions" of their hard disk volume after installing the update, using *Disk Utility*.

One Double Click member asked about DSL Internet Service Providers (ISPs). She currently has a DSL ISP but it was felt by the meeting attendees that she was being charged more than usual for her service and she was encouraged to seek a better monthly rate.



Jim showed a “flashback” freeware game download that he recently came across while surfing the web: PacMan!

Pac the Man X is a clone of the arcade classic PacMan. It features improved graphics, gameplay and sound effects and 50 unique levels. It is a major upgrade of the popular Pac the Man 2.

1 player or 2 simultaneous players

4 difficulty levels; Level editor

25 new challenging levels; Practice on any level

New OpenGL engine with updated graphics and animations

15 stereo sound effects and 5 music themes

Freeware; OS X 10.3.9 or later; Ready for Intel-based Macs!

<http://www.mcsebi.de/pacx.php>



Main Demo

After the break, Gene Braun, Double Click's Vice President (and an Apple Store – Mayfair employee), proceeded with the main demonstration for the meeting, Apple's *Pages* software. (The second component of Apple's iWork package, *Keynote*, was not included in Gene's demo as originally planned as he was unable to master it because he was ill during the preceding week and he found that *Pages* required more presentation time than we originally expected.)



Apple's *Pages* was significantly updated for iWork '06. Gene presented a comprehensive demonstration of the features of *Pages* and concluded that, although it is not a "mega-featured" word processor, it nevertheless is a user-friendly and worthwhile software product and many of us could find it to be of great benefit.

Double Click

The next Double Click main meeting will be Sunday, March 19th.

The main presentation will feature Bob Stone, one of Double Click's Directors demonstrating Apple's *iPhoto* from a photographer's perspective.

Our March meeting will also include the nomination process for our annual April meeting Double Click officer elections. Please consider serving as a Double Click officer. (Contact any current officer for more information.)

Double Click will be having another "Super Raffle" at the March meeting. The special prize for the additional raffle will be an Epson PictureMate - Deluxe Viewer Edition photo printer! Members in attendance will receive one free raffle ticket. Additional tickets will be available for \$2.00 each.



Check the Double Click website for more meeting information:

<http://double-click.org/>