

Cool Stuff (for your Mac and iDevice) Found!

with Dave Hamilton

Who are we?

- Dave says: I'll go first
 - Mac Observer - Over 11 years
 - Mac Geek Gab Podcast - over 5 years
 - Geek... forever!

Who are we?

- Your turn
 - Mac owners?
 - iPhone Owners?
 - iPad Owners?
 - Consider yourself a geek?
 - Geek in Training?

What you'll learn

- Cool Stuff Found: Some of Dave's favorite apps he uses to keep his Macs running smooth
- Q&A: Happy to answer related or unrelated questions. I'm a lifetime Mac and Apple (and even Windows!) geek, so feel free to pick my brain.

Preference Panes

iStat Menus

- At-a-glance access to System State/health
- Memory, Network, Disk, CPU Usage, Temperature in the menu bar
- \$16 at <http://www.islayer.com/apps/istatmenus/>

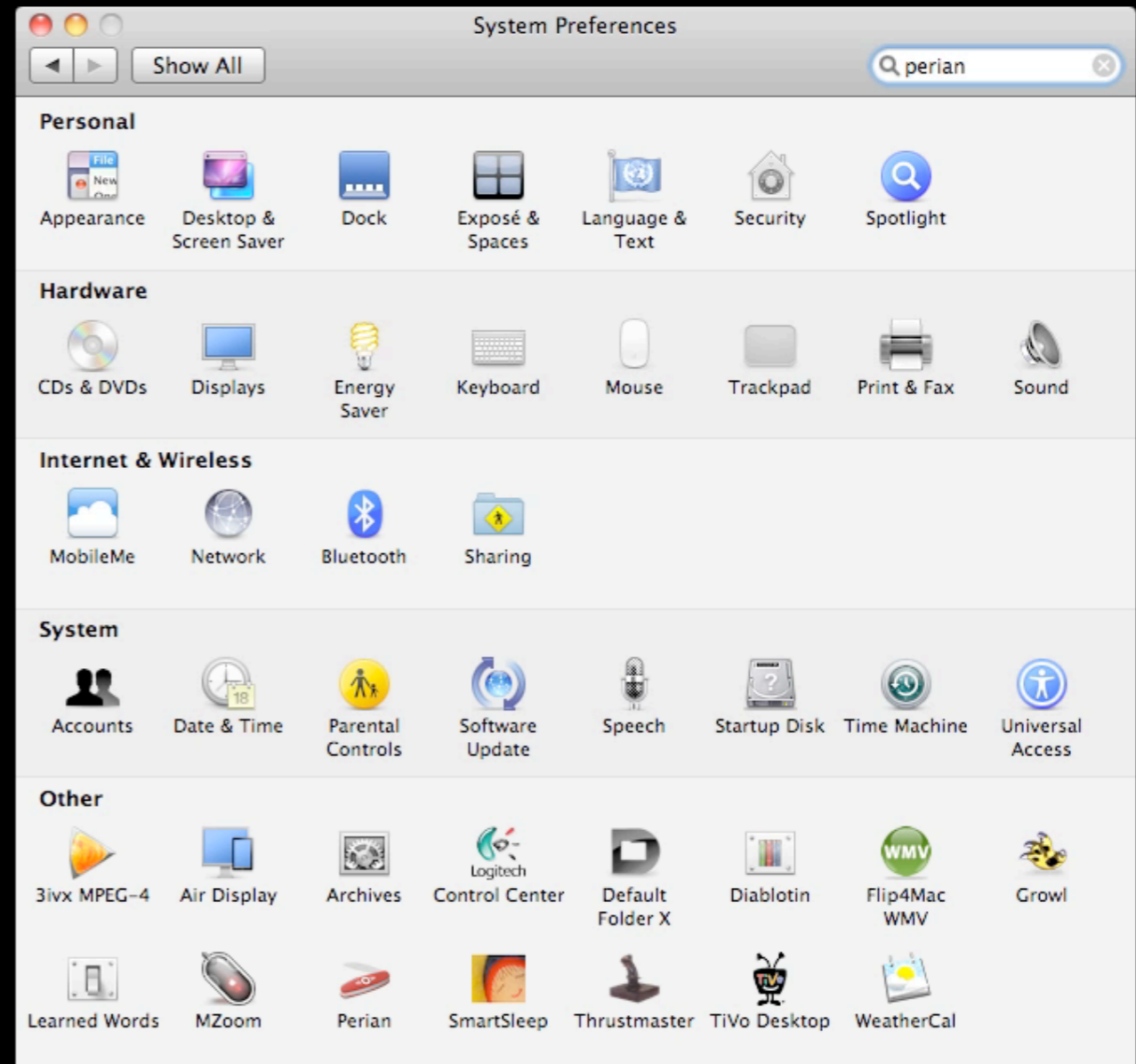


Perian



Perian
The swiss-army knife for QuickTime™

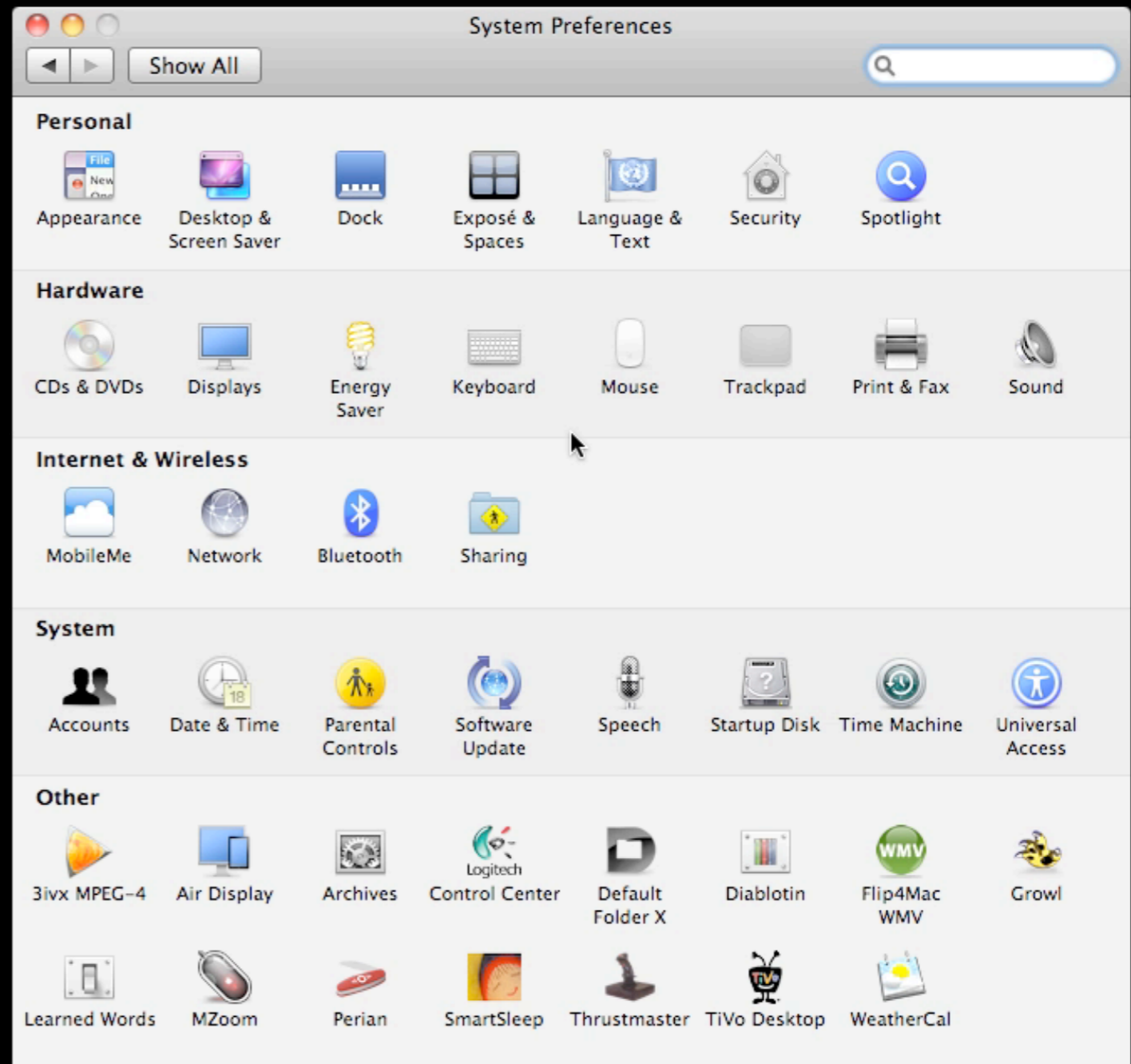
- Called the “swiss-army knife for QuickTime”
- Adds formats like DivX, Flash Video, 3ivx MSMPEG4 v1 & v2, Indeo, Windows Media formats, more
- Free at <http://perian.org>
- PrefPane->



Flip4Mac



- Windows Media Components for QuickTime.
- Free!
- <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/player/wmcomponents.mspx>
- Pro version adds some editing and move-to-iDevice functionality



Hazel



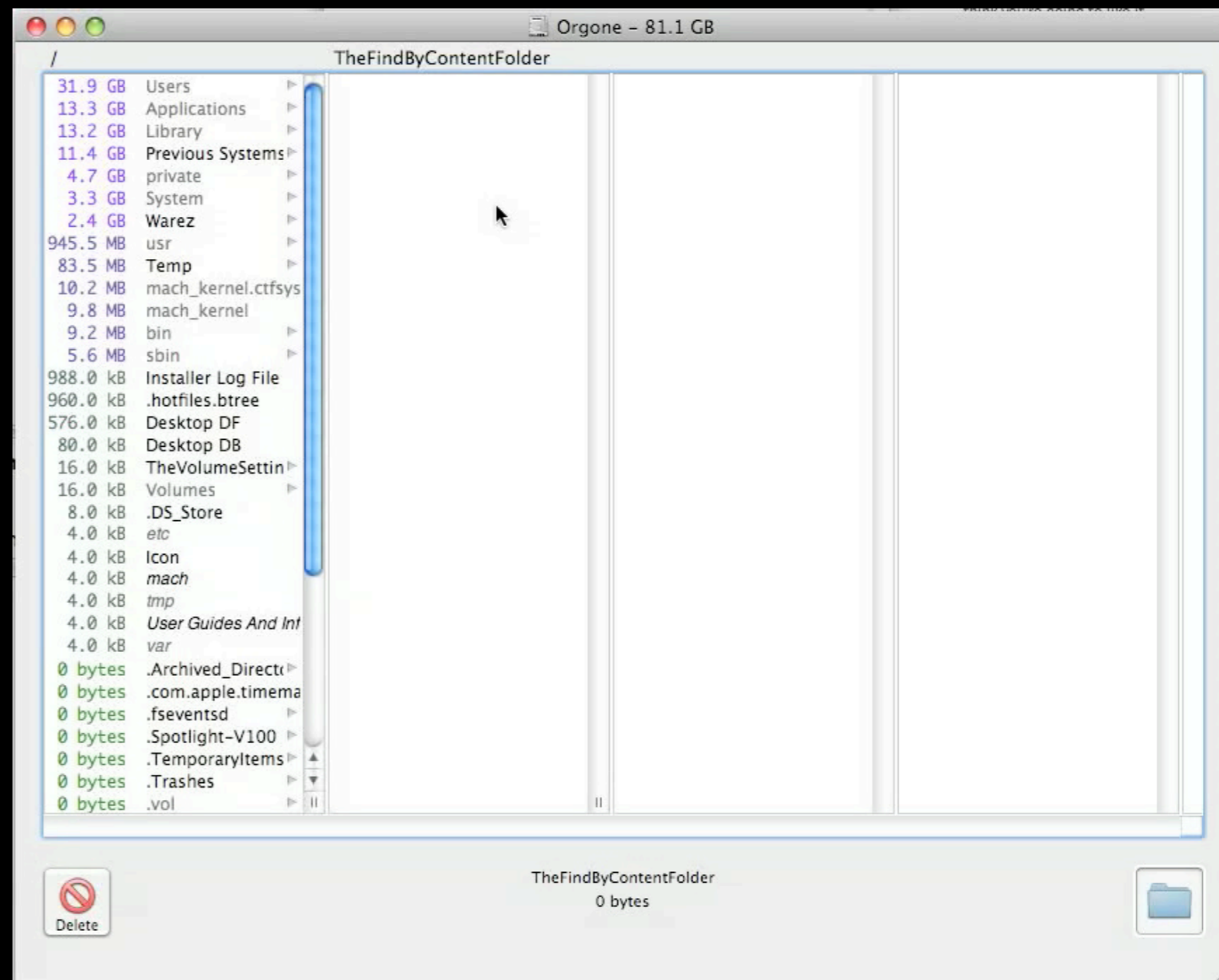
- Automated Organization for your Mac
- Watches your files and folders so you don't have to
- Auto-sort downloads
- Delete support files along with apps
- Auto-empty trash on schedule
- \$21.95 from Noodlesoft.com
- Demo(s)! ->

Maintaining Your Mac

OmniDiskSweeper

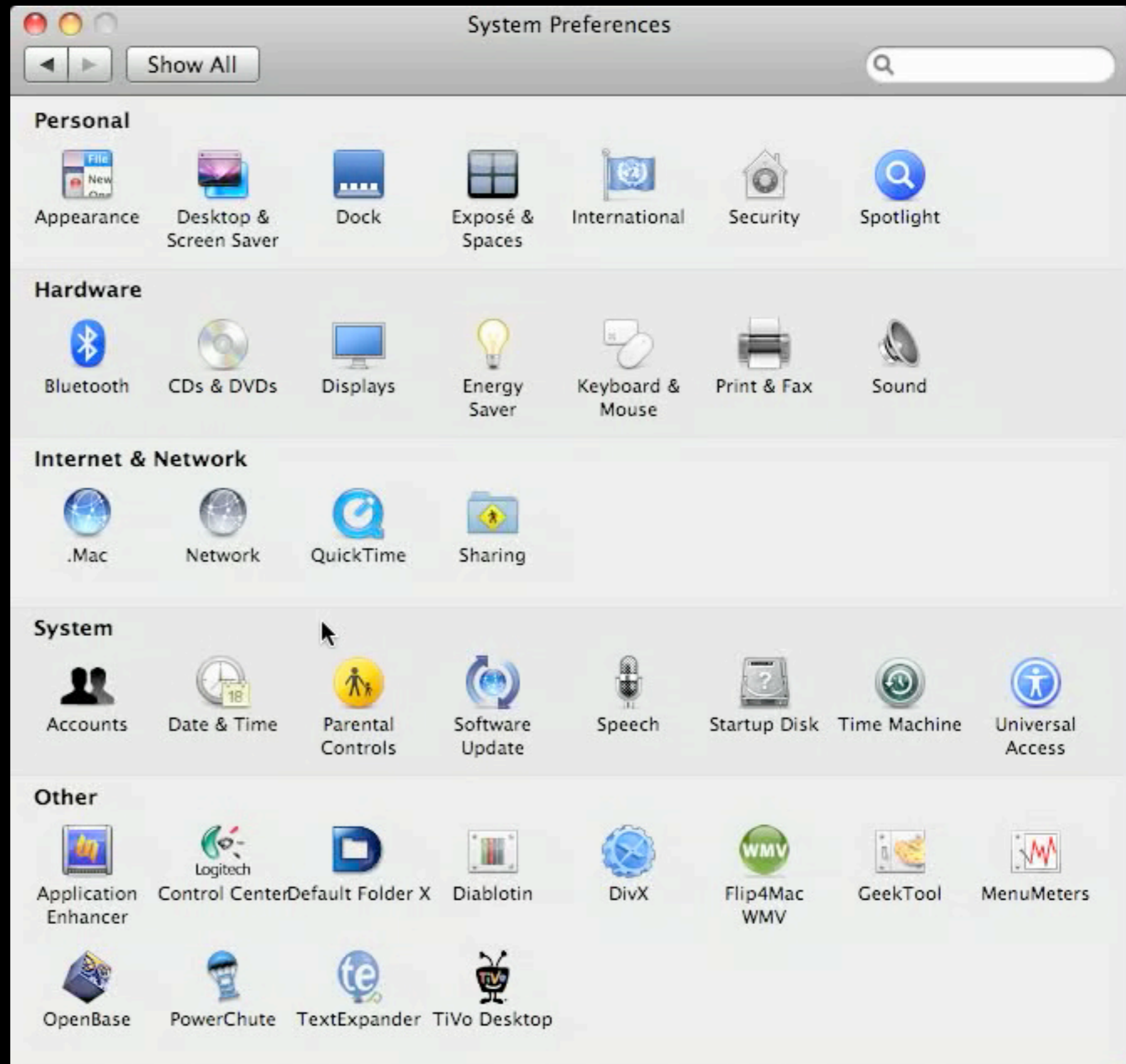


- Finds sizes of everything on your drive
- Free at www.omnigroup.com
- Demo->



Diablotin

- Lets you edit Startup Items *and* Plug-ins, including QuickTime, Internet, Sounds, Fonts
- You can Disable and Re-Enable
- Free! <http://s.sudre.free.fr/Software/Diablotin.html>
- Demo->



Onyx

File/Cache Cleanup



- OnyX - <http://www.titanium.free.fr/>
- Delete caches automatically
- Run System Scripts



AppleJack

- Command-line Only utility.
- Meant to fix major problems.
- Install NOW -- *before* disaster strikes!
- <http://applejack.sourceforge.net/>

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Enter the associated number or letter to choose your maintenance task.  
It is strongly recommended you do them in the order listed!  
  
[a] auto pilot. Script will do all tasks sequentially.  
  
[1] repair disks  
[2] repair permissions  
[3] cleanup cache files  
[4] validate preference files  
[5] remove swap files  
  
[q] : Just quit, thank you very much.  
  
Your choice: █
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Increasing Productivity

Default Folder

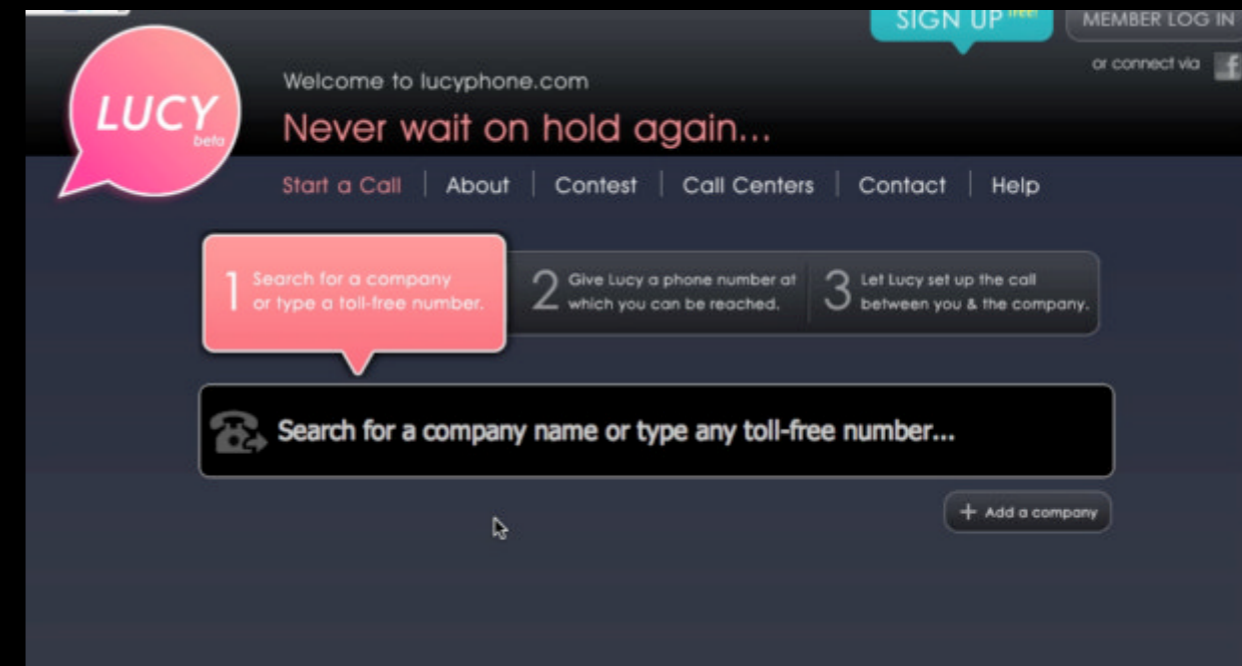


- Major enhancements to standard Open/Save dialogs in all Mac apps
- Set default folder per application
- Set Favorite folders
- Choose Finder folders
- \$34.95 from StClairSoft.com
- Demo(s) ->

LucyPhone



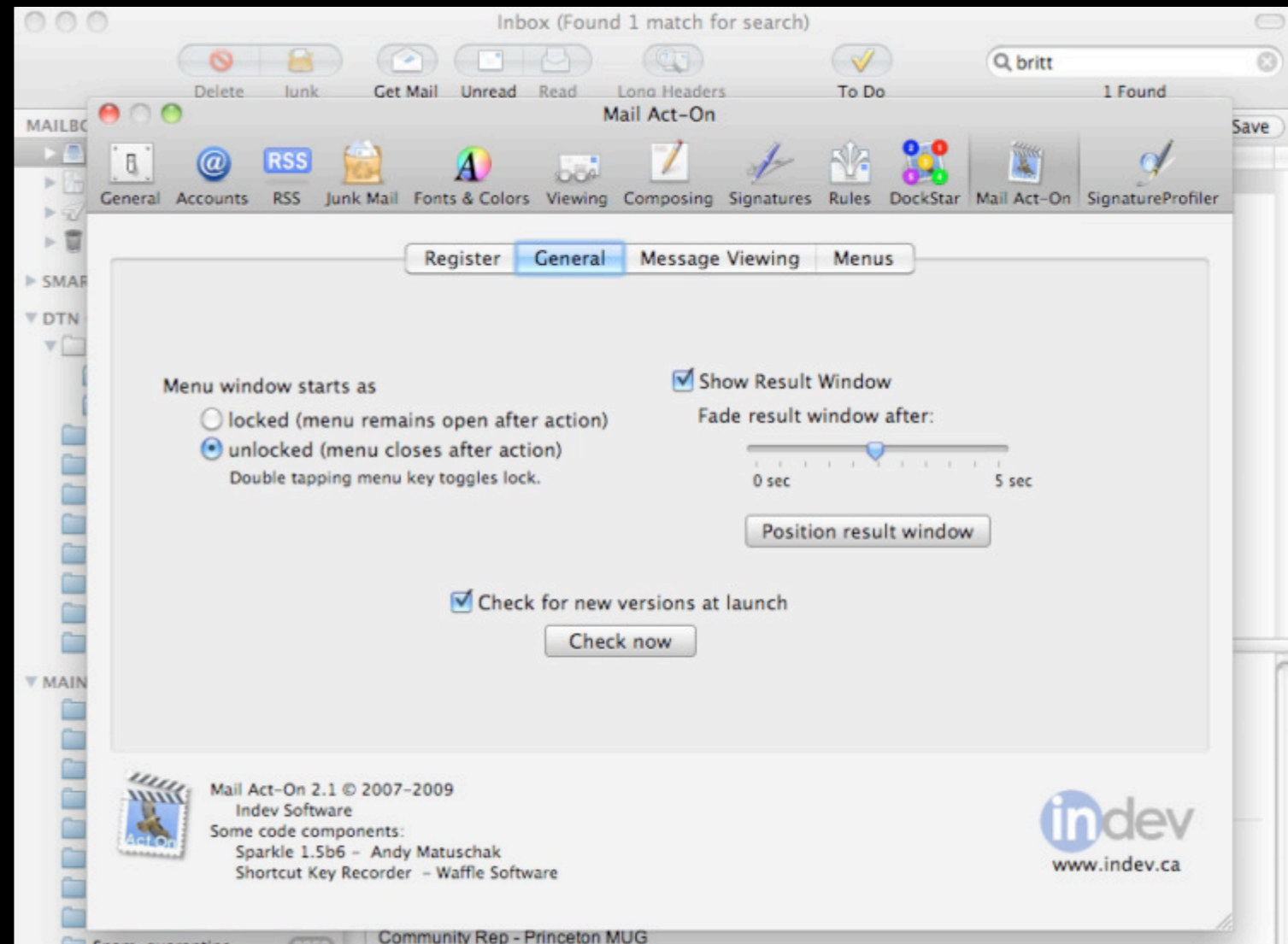
- Waits on hold so you don't have to.
- Calls you back when you're needed.
- Free!
- From your Mac (lucyphone.com) or iDevice (dedicated app)
- Demo->



Mail Act-On



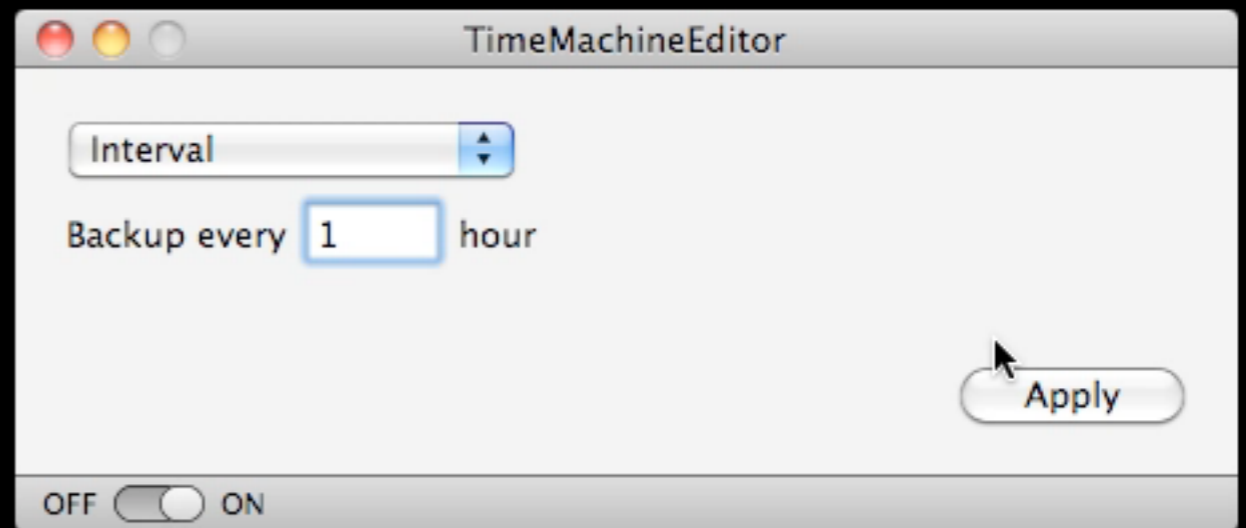
- Allows you to apply rules to email messages based on keystrokes
- Quick filtering, quick forwarding
- \$ from indev.ca
- Demo->



TimeMachineEditor



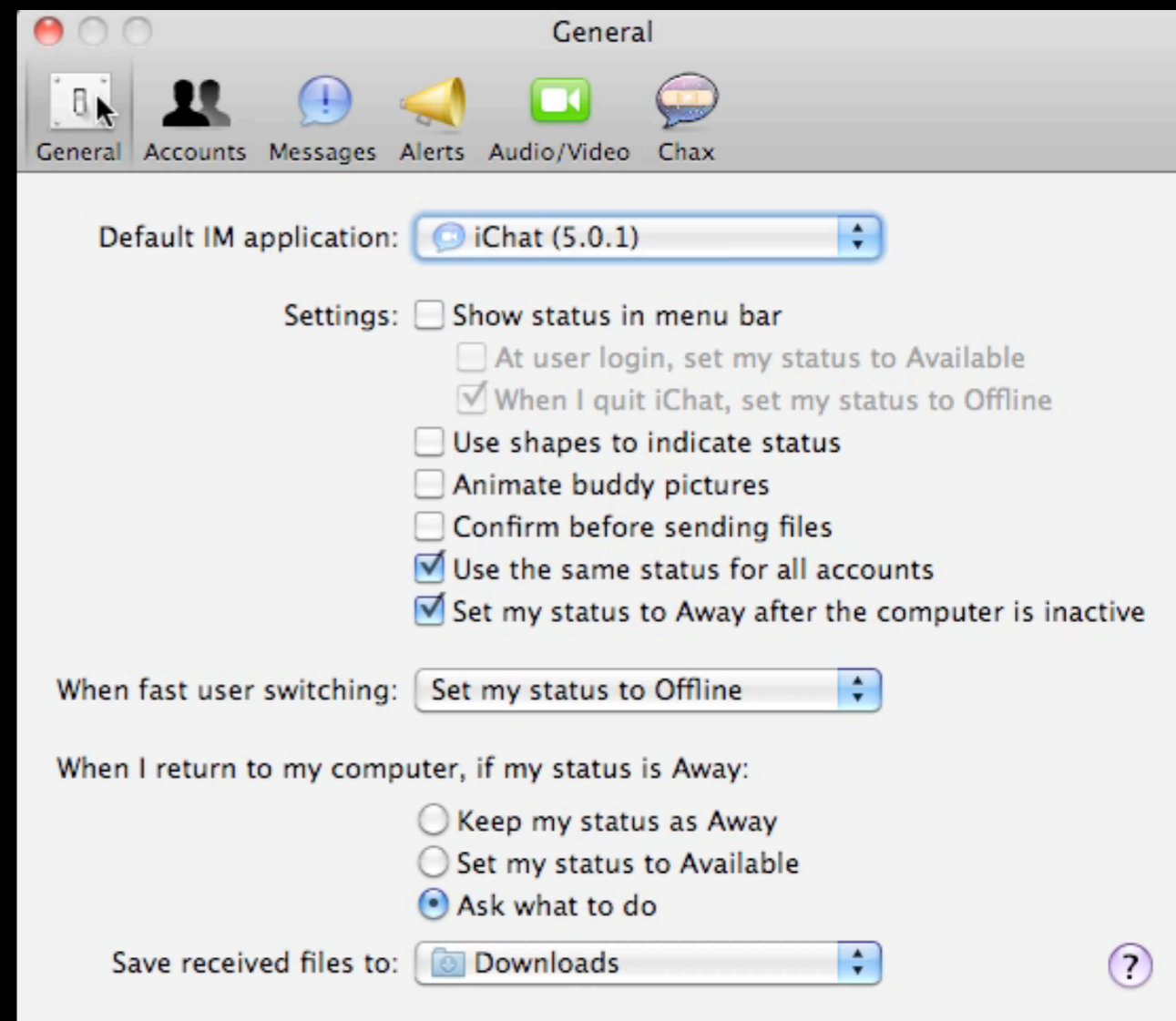
- Time Machine Backs Up Every Hour
- Can slow down your machine
- <http://timesoftware.free.fr/timemachineeditor/>
- Must Turn Time Machine Off
- Demo->



Chax



- Download Chax
- Free from ksuther.com
- Straight to the DEMO!



Drop Box



- Syncs a Folder on Your Mac with “Cloud”
- Cross-platform, iPhone app
- Share DropBox with Your Other Machines
- Share Folders with Other People
- Free at <http://dropbox.com/> ... but!
- <http://bit.ly/bonusdb> - Gets you extra 250MB (also free!)

Air Display



- Like to use your Mac with an extra screen
- Don't have (or don't travel with) extra monitor, but...
- Do have an iPad (or iPhone, even)
- Air Display to the rescue!
 - \$9.99 for iPad and/or iPhone, Mac App free (need both)

Travel Stuff

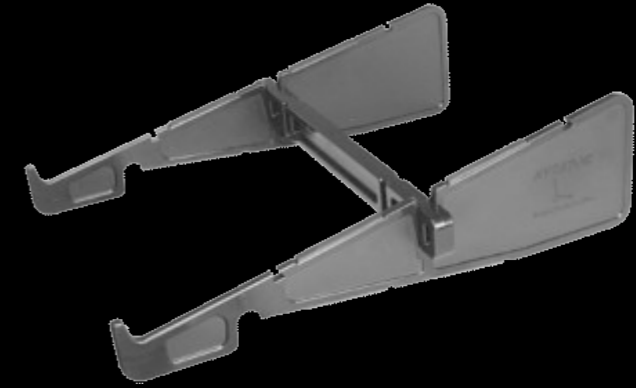
Novatel MiFi

- Your own personal MiFi Hotspot
- Gets its Internet from Cell provider
- Verizon - \$269.00 - \$19.99
 - 250MB = \$39.99; 5GB = \$59.99
- Virgin - \$149.99
 - \$10 = 10 days, 100MB
 - \$20 = 30 days, 300MB
 - \$40 = 30 days, 1GB
 - \$60 = 30 days, 5GB

ChargePod

- Multi-device charger
- Unique design allows 6 devices to charge at once
- Plenty of juice for 2 iPhones, an iPad, and a MiFi
- \$19.99 from Amazon, more from callpod.com
 - check for coupon for add'l adapters
- Demo->

Aviator Laptop Stand



- Stores Flat
- Assembles quickly
- Great for plane or hotel room
- \$29.99 from Keynamics.com
- Demo->

KneeDefender



- If you don't have Aviator stand, you might need this
- \$14.95/pair from <http://www.gadgetduck.com/goods/kneedefender.html>

BookGem iPad Stand

- Folds flat for travel
- Clips hold iPad in place
- \$14.95 - BookGem.com
- Demo->



Hardware for your
Home & Office

AT&T 3G MicroCell

- Your Own 3G Tower in Your House
- Up to 10 phones authorized
- Up to 4 simultaneous calls
- Connects to your router
- \$20/month adds unlimited calling
- \$150 for unit, with \$100 rebate if unlimited calling
- <http://att.com/3gmicrocell> but have to buy in-store.



PowerLine Networking

- Use your electrical system to transmit Ethernet signals
- Get PowerLine AV, not previous models
- 200Mbps max, usually about 100Mbps
- Can span circuits now
- Connect two WiFi Access Points Together
- \$120/pair for NetGear PowerLine AV 200 2-pack at Amazon.com
- Demo->



Stump The Geek!

You rang?

- Question Time
 - Ask away! It's free!
- Download link:
...TBD