

# Boston MacWorld Expo Talk

## Introduction

For the past two years, Dave Burnard, Jim Takatsuka and I have run the Berkeley Macintosh User Group's Developer Group. At our weekly or bi-weekly meetings we have examined and discussed source code examples. We have found this to be one of the best ways to learn about programming the Mac – whether you're a beginning or an experienced programmer. I wrote most of the source code on the following pages, with a little help from Dave (`ErrDialog.c` & `ErrDialog.r`). I chose this example for several reasons:

1. The code is short (we have less than an hour to discuss it).
2. What the program does conceptually is relatively simple (easy for beginners to understand).
3. The source code does some interesting or tricky things (to keep the more experienced programmers happy).
4. Dave's code is tremendously useful (we use it in debugging every program we write).
5. It's an example of how to build an application using the Macintosh Programmer's Workshop (I've included the Makefile).
6. Lots more subtle reasons.

The source code is available on disk at the show from the Berkeley Macintosh User's Group. A full written explanation of the code will be published in a future issue of MacTutor Magazine. Thanks to Dave Burnard, Sam Roberts, Jim Takatsuka, Andrew Shebanow, and the BMUG Developer's Group for helping me with this in one way or another.

Thanks for coming to the talk!

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