

his column will highlight readers' thoughts on Apple Wizards. Send comments to the Apple Wizards email address at letters@applewizards.net.

Ummm, where was that darn article?

Hi everybody,

I'm sad: my command of English language doesn't allow me but the usual trite adjectives for describing how much I like your Macazine, so I won't write you that long message so full of poetic and enchanting praises and you won't spill a little drop from the corner of your noble and generous eyes...sigh

Oh, yes, for the improvement dept: what about a text-only index? And it could be incremental (so those who didn't read you from start can drool about what they've lost).

Theory:

Information is no good unless it's at your fingertips.

Year 2003 (4th from M\$ dismiss), I want to recall that wonderful HTML tip. Was it on AppleWizards, Volume 5, Issue 09? Or Volume 3, XMas Issue? Or else?

I DO THE FOLLOWING:

010 doubleclick targeted AW icon

020 click & drag the Contents:Table Of Contents menu (or type cmd-k)

030 read "HTML Toolbox" subtitles

040 is not there

050 repeat from 010 (for the next 3/4 of an hour)

INSTEAD I COULD:

Doubleclick the "Index" document: it's a SimpleText-formatted file which lies in the same folder as last issue of AW. I'm presented with a perfect of the Table Of Contents window from the current issue. But wait! I scroll the SimpleText window and it shows me the TOC of previous issue, and the one before the previous, and so on... in a couple of minutes I've found La Follette's pearl of sageness I was drooling for. And I've even jotted down the coordinates for that great review of "Where in the MilkyWay is Carmen Sandiego", by Erica J. Something ;)

Jokes aside, I wouldn't have suggested what I did if I didn't think the content of Apple Wizards to be valuable.

Marco Biancotto

Macazine, eh? I kind of like that, and I'd never heard it before. Cool! Regarding the "improvement dept," which, as you know, is just Erica and myself and ALL of our readers, we have put your idea into effect.

Along with this issue you will find a SimpleText file called "Volume 1 Issue 4 Index. This SimpleText file contains a listing of all issues prior to and including volume 4 (this one). Open it and use the command-f Find command built in to SimpleText (v1.4) and it will locate the article on the "FONT" tag or the Kensington Orbit or whatever. That way, you won't have to look through each issue. Thanks for the tip! It's a good idea and we appreciate you taking the time to share it with us!

—Erik J. Barzeski

We've been Framed!

I don't usually like frames on a website but yours is so unique that I really like the frames. (!) Great job. I haven't finished looking around but I like everything I see so far. Silly, but I really like your wizard background. Also I have downloaded your latest issue.

I will be back!

Omega

Hello. As the primary web designer (Erica helps out, too), I was somewhat against the idea of frames myself. However, I think I've implemented it fairly well. I certainly hope that everyone else finds it useful and easy to navigate. If you haven't been to the website, anyone, why not? It's at <http://www.applewizards.net/>, our new address, so check it out and send us feedback yourself!

— Erik J. Barzeski

ResEdit for the fun of it! Oh, wait, that's Putt Putt....

Hi,

I just finished reading the August edition. This is the first one I have read. It looks great. It's easy to get around and very colorful. [As you'd expect from a Mac produced e-zine for Mac users:-)] I loved the article on using ResEdit.

I've just started teaching myself basic Mac programming and the more I learn about the insides of my Mac the more impressed I am with it. The Mac is truly cool !

I am going to download the first two editions of Wizards right now ! Keep up the good work.

Richard

Thanks so much for the compliment on the navigation. I feel that it should be easier to get around Apple Wizards than a regular paper magazine. If you haven't clicked on the pictures, open up the August issue and try it out. You will find that most of them do something really neat and useful.

I'm teaching myself computer programming and even majoring in computer engineering as well. I have the same response as you do. The more I learn, the more I'm impressed with how powerful and stable the MacOS is. You don't even need to be learning programming to realize that. Just use an AppleScript and you will have an idea of what is possible.

— Erica J. Marceau

What's wrong with the press?

After a visit to the evangelist page I aquired your URL. I was also directed to a US news site at <http://www.usnews.com:80/usnews/issue/970818/18appl.htm>. At the end of the main article it states that for now MAC users can relax but our stem will likely look more like Windows as time passes. Seems to me this statement should read opposite. My goodness, why is it so damn hard for the media to say something positive about Apple and/or the MAC? Love your web site, keep up the fantastic work!

Sincerely,

Gary L. Snyder

The reason why the media can't say anything positive about the Mac is because they're lazy and don't check their "facts." Most of them are barely computer literate and so fall prey to the slick ad campaigns produced by Microsoft and Intel. Getting upset about the mass media only raises your blood pressure, but what you can do is fight back with the truth and enthusiasm that I know you have. Talk to friends, family, strangers, write to media people that have gotten the facts wrong, etc. Anything you can to show the inherent superiority of the Mac platform is time well spent.

That's where Apple Wizards can help. Each month, Tyson Green writes AW Evangelism that's full of tips and facts to combat the lies that are being spread about Mac users everywhere. Armed with the knowledge provided, you will be able to talk confidently about the differences between Windows and Macintosh and show which is the better computer. Macs, of course! Go out and fight the good fight knowing that there are 60 million loyal Mac users fighting with you. Semper Mac!

— Erica J. Marceau

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