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## The List 2008

### Part II


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#### OFFICE & PRODUCTIVITY


There's more to this than just Microsoft Office and FileMaker Pro.


 \*JABMenu: £10. Quick menu-bar access to your Address Book contacts, almost as good as the now-unavailable iAddressX


 \*Snail Mail: free. Good, versatile envelope and label printing from the Address Book database


 Mail Factory: £20. If Snail Mail can't do it, Mail Factory probably can


 DayLite: £75. Heavy-duty CRM, scheduling and contact management


 \*BlinkBid: £45. A good choice for an integrated estimating, paperwork and invoicing system. The AOP has negotiated a member's discount with the developer


 iBiz: £25. General-purpose estimating and invoicing. The one I use


 Billings: £30. Similar to iBiz, but with fancier invoice templates


 iRatchet: £25. Again like iBiz, but also tracks expenses


 \*iBank: £25. Companion to iBiz; track your accounts and categorise transactions. Good at tax-return time


 \*PDFLab: Free. Edit PDF's and join them together

 \*iGTD: Free. Advanced To-Do list manager based on David Allen's "Getting Things Done" system

 EEAX: £15. Archive your Microsoft Entourage data, freeing up space and speeding up Entourage


 MailSteward: £30 upwards. Do the same for any email application

 \*TNEF's Enough: Free. Extract the contents of those dumb, useless winmail.dat files that Microsoft Outlook users keep sending you


 \*OMiC: free. Add-on for Apple Mail that also extracts the contents of those dumb, useless winmail.dat files that Microsoft Outlook users keep sending you. Currently Panther and Tiger only; Leopard support due soon in OMiC 2.


#### NETWORKING & FILE TRANSFER


There's more to life than simple file sharing.


 FileChute: £8. Send large files to people without clogging up their email


 SingleWrench: subscription. Optimised for photographers and available with an AOP Discount


 YouSendIt: subscription. Another large-file-transfer alternative


 Papaya: £25. Instant password-protected web file sharing for clients to download your pictures


 ShareTool: £15. VPN-like secure, encrypted access to your network and everything on it

 \*iGet: £25. Fast, encrypted file transfer. The best choice for remotely accessing files on another Mac over the Internet

 ExpanDrive: £20. Similar to iGet, but mounts remote drives in the Finder

 \*Transmit: £10. The best-looking and usually best-performing Mac FTP software


 \*BwanaDik: free. Tells you your external and internal IP addresses and can email you if they change


 Lighthouse: £6. Port-forwarding utility opens ports in your Internet router to let you easily run things such as web servers, file-sharing applications, Back To My Mac,


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
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etc. without having to mess around with your router's ugly user interface


 iChat: free. Here again because of its file-sharing capabilities


 \*iStumbler: free. Search for and find wireless networks


 Desktop Transporter: £15. Remote-control other Macs on your network, or over the Internet. Run an old Mac without a monitor as a file server and remote-control it with this. MobileMe/Back to My Mac is a better choice for Leopard users

 \*WakeOnLan: free. Find the IP addresses of other devices on your network, and wake them up if they're asleep

 Address-O-Matic: £10. Share and sync Address Books on your network without requiring MobileMe

 \*Bonjour Browser: Free. See what's running on your network


 Postfix Enabler: £5. Configure and turn on your Mac's built-in mail server in Panther and Tiger. Leopard users should use...


 MailServe for Leopard: £10. Never forget, though, that if you know your email username and password <https://www.>


[mail2web.com](http://mail2web.com) will always allow you to send and receive email, wherever you are

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Odds and sods that don't fit into any of the previous categories...

 \*Undercover: £20. Track and recover your stolen Mac

 \*1Password: £20. Secure password and login storage with browser and iPhone integration: the one I now use


 Web Confidential: £10. Password, personal info and serial number manager using encrypted database


 \*PithHelmet: free. Ad-blocker for Safari


 \*TextWrangler: free. Advanced text editor


 \*Firefox: free. If a site won't work with Safari, it'll work with Firefox.


 NetNewsWire: £15. The best RSS newsreader

 \*fFlip4Mac: free. Supersedes the awful Windows Media Player and allows you to view most Windows Media within QuickTime

 \*RealPlayer: free. Watch and listen to the BBC


 QuickTime Pro: £20. Unlocks functionality within QuickTime, turning it into a surprisingly useful media format converter and editor


 \*Perian: free. Allows QuickTime to show more media formats


 \*LCDTest: free. Expose banding and dead pixels in your LCD


 \*Stuffit Expander: free. Decode most compressed archive formats


 \*Hazel: £8. Very clever automatic rules-based file manipulation


 Default Folder: £16. Finder Open & Save dialogue-box enhancer, making the Finder rather easier to use

 \*Little Snitch: £12. Alerts you when an application wants to make a network connection, e.g. to send your credit card details to the Russian mafia (or Adobe)

 Virus Barrier: £35. Anti-virus, not that we really need it except as a defence against Microsoft Office macro viruses

 ClamXAV: free. Most of what Virus Barrier does

 CDRevolution: £15. For cloning CDs, something the Finder doesn't do

 Toast: £50. Advanced CD, DVD and Blu-Ray disc burning for when the Finder's built-in burning won't do what you want

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