MOUNTAIN LION

A Quick Introduction

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No More ScrollBars!

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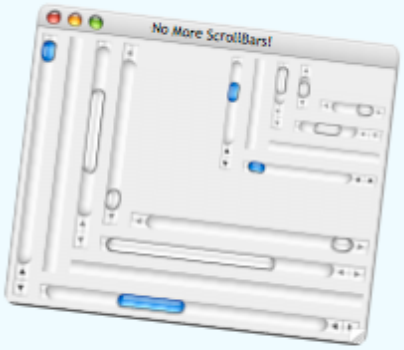
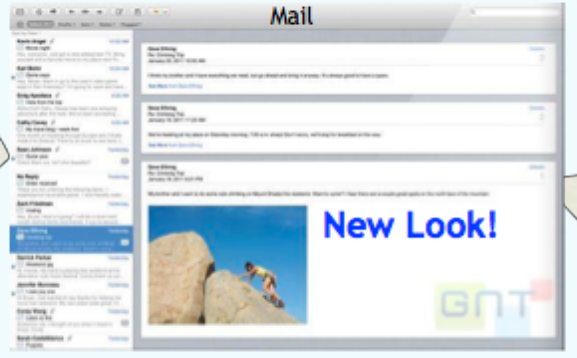
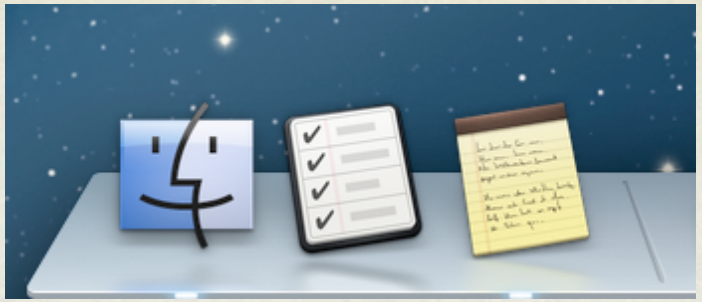




SEMI-GLOSS DOCK



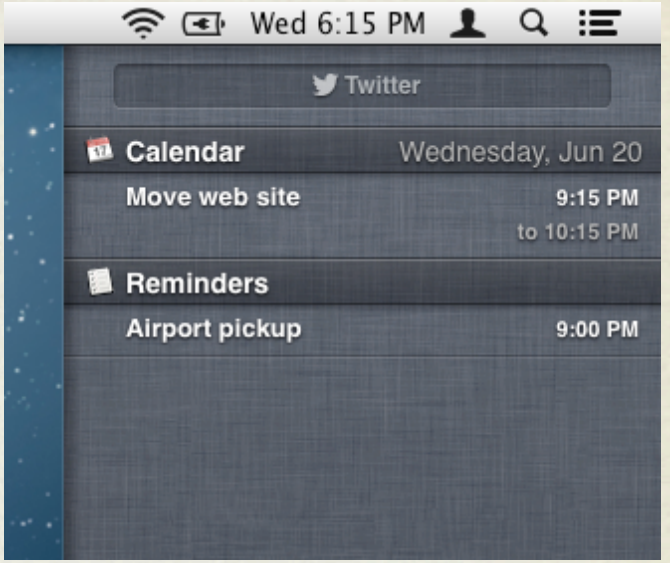
- Glassy look is gone
- Running apps indicator is on the edge
- Removing items harder
- Status bar

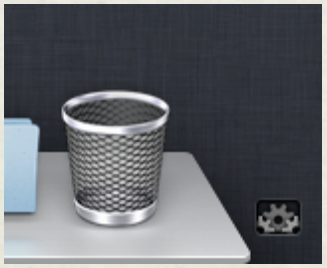
SCROLL BARS

- Blue aqua bars replaced
- Scrolling remains the same as in Lion
- You can still turn scrolling on (Sys Prefs)
- Hidden scroll bars fade into view when holding fingers on a trackpad (but not a Magic Mouse)
- Accelerated scrolling after 3 swipes

NOTIFICATION CENTER

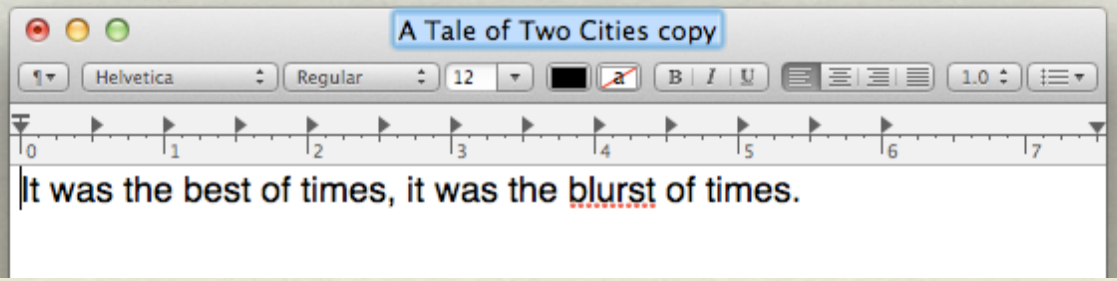
- Spotlight icon shifted for new Notification Center
- Like Notifications on iPad and iPhone
- Uses iCloud
- Preferences panel available





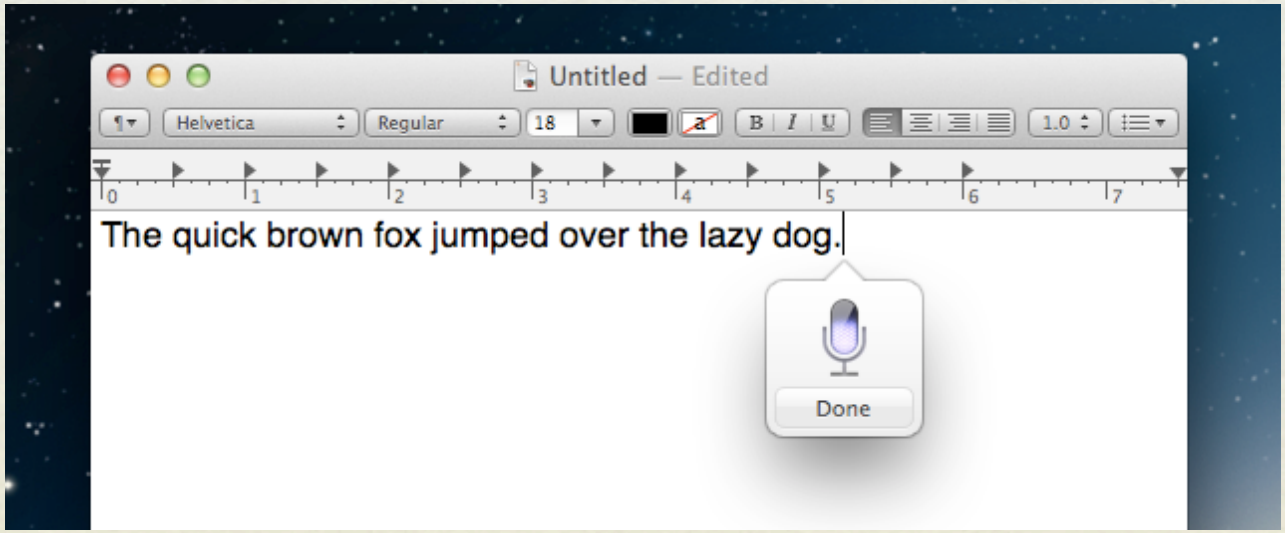
DOCUMENT SAVES

- Autosave and cataloging feature
- New document saving prefs in Sys Prefs available:
  - Ask to keep changes when closing documents
  - Close windows when quitting an application (which means they will not come up when you re-open an app)
- “Save As…” has a keyboard shortcut now



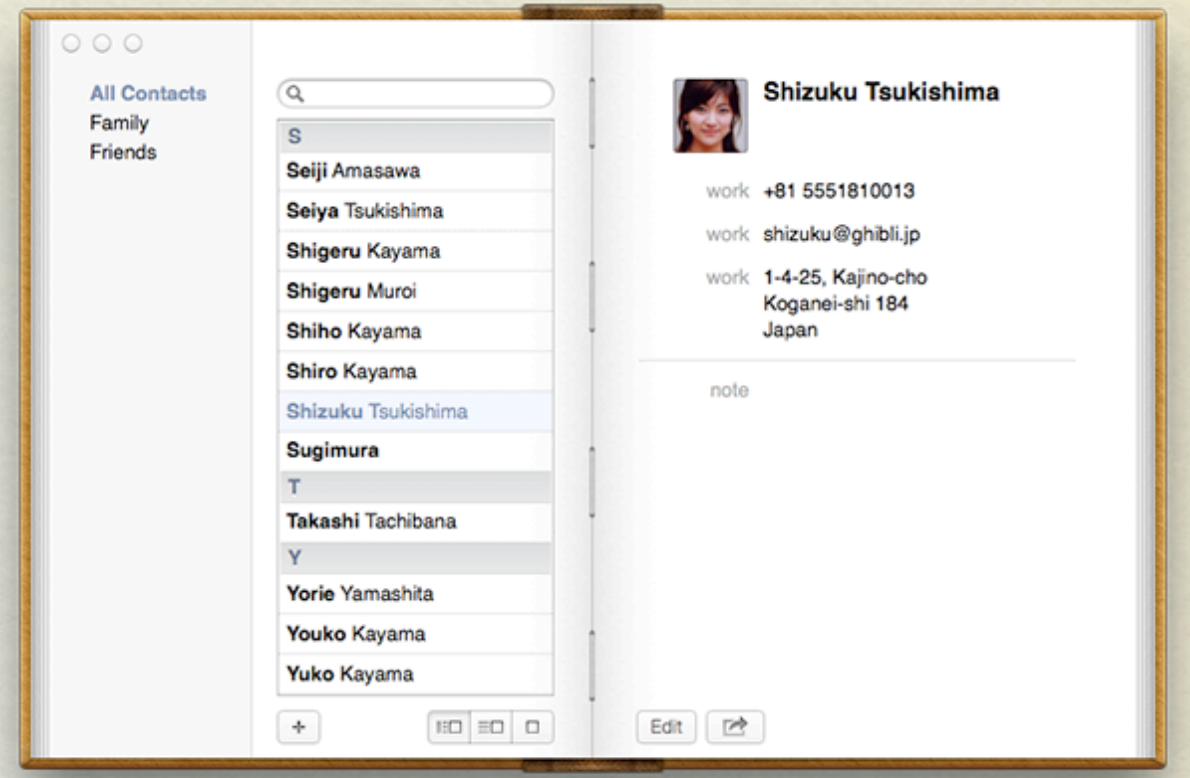
DICTATION ARRIVES

- Must be connected to network
- Sys Pref pane for enabling dictation and the shortcut
- Available wherever keyboard input accepted
- Uses Apple servers to convert



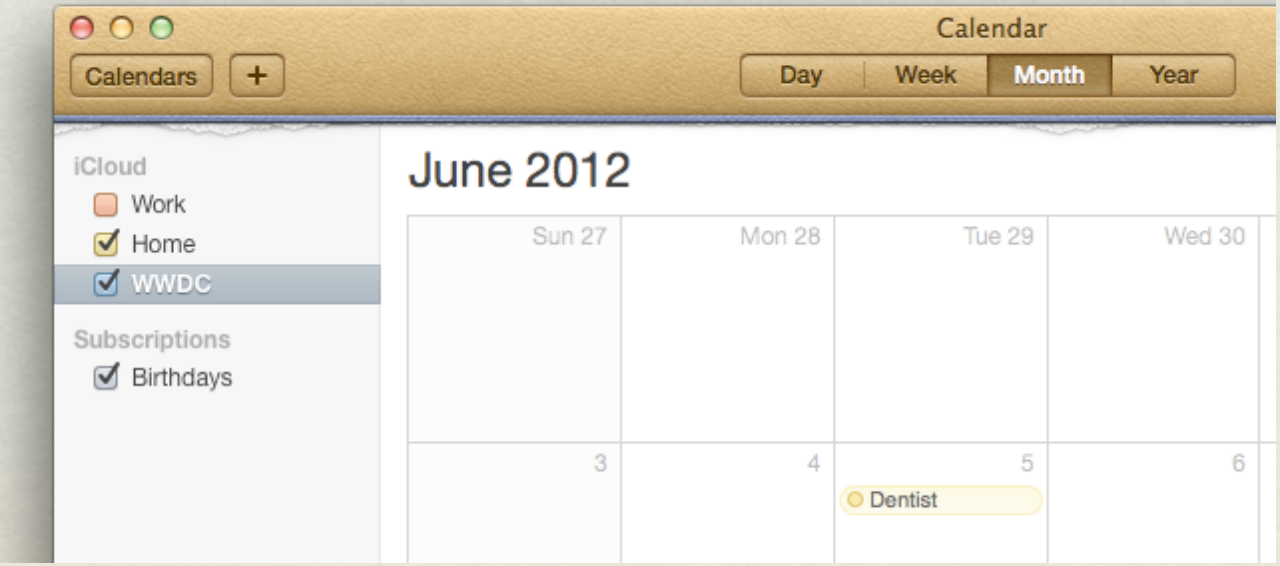
ADDRESS BOOK BECOMES CONTACTS

- 3-pane view is back
- Share button now has migrated from IOS
- Supports email and Message (iChat) sharing



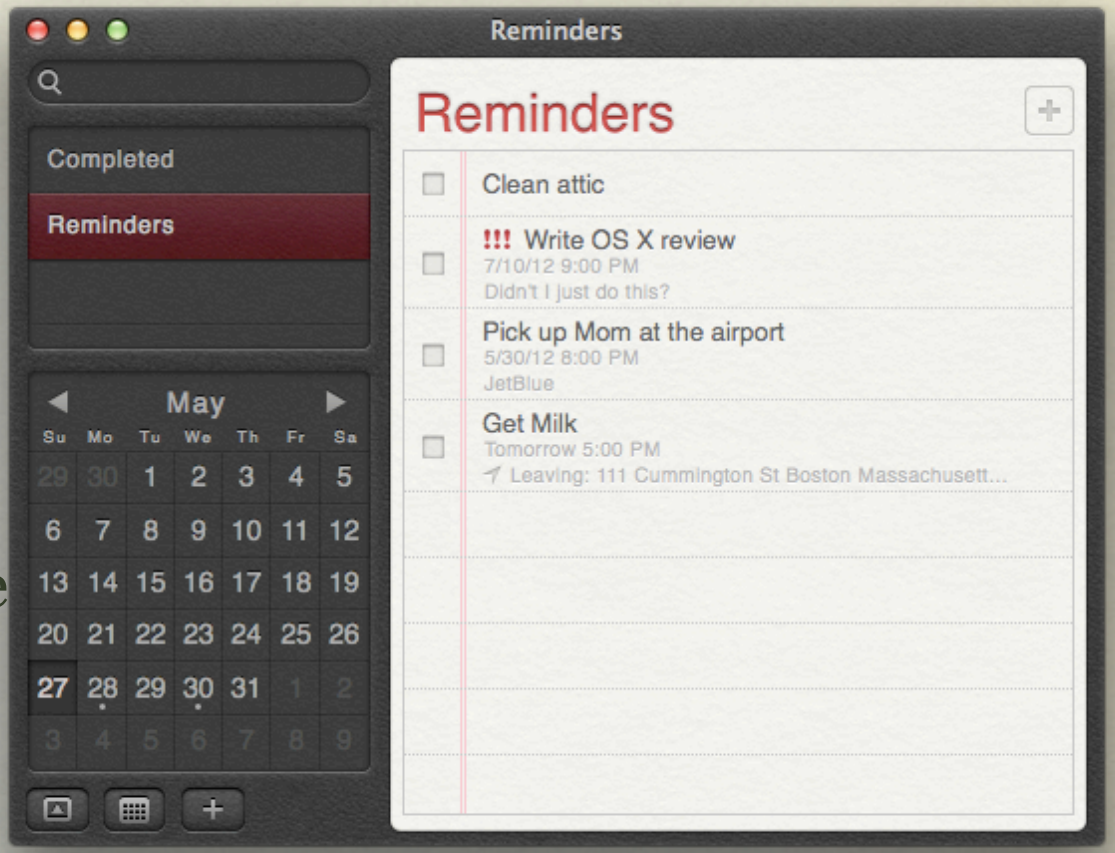
CALENDAR MODS

- No more page “curl” ; stitching is gone
- Calendar list has been put back on left side!



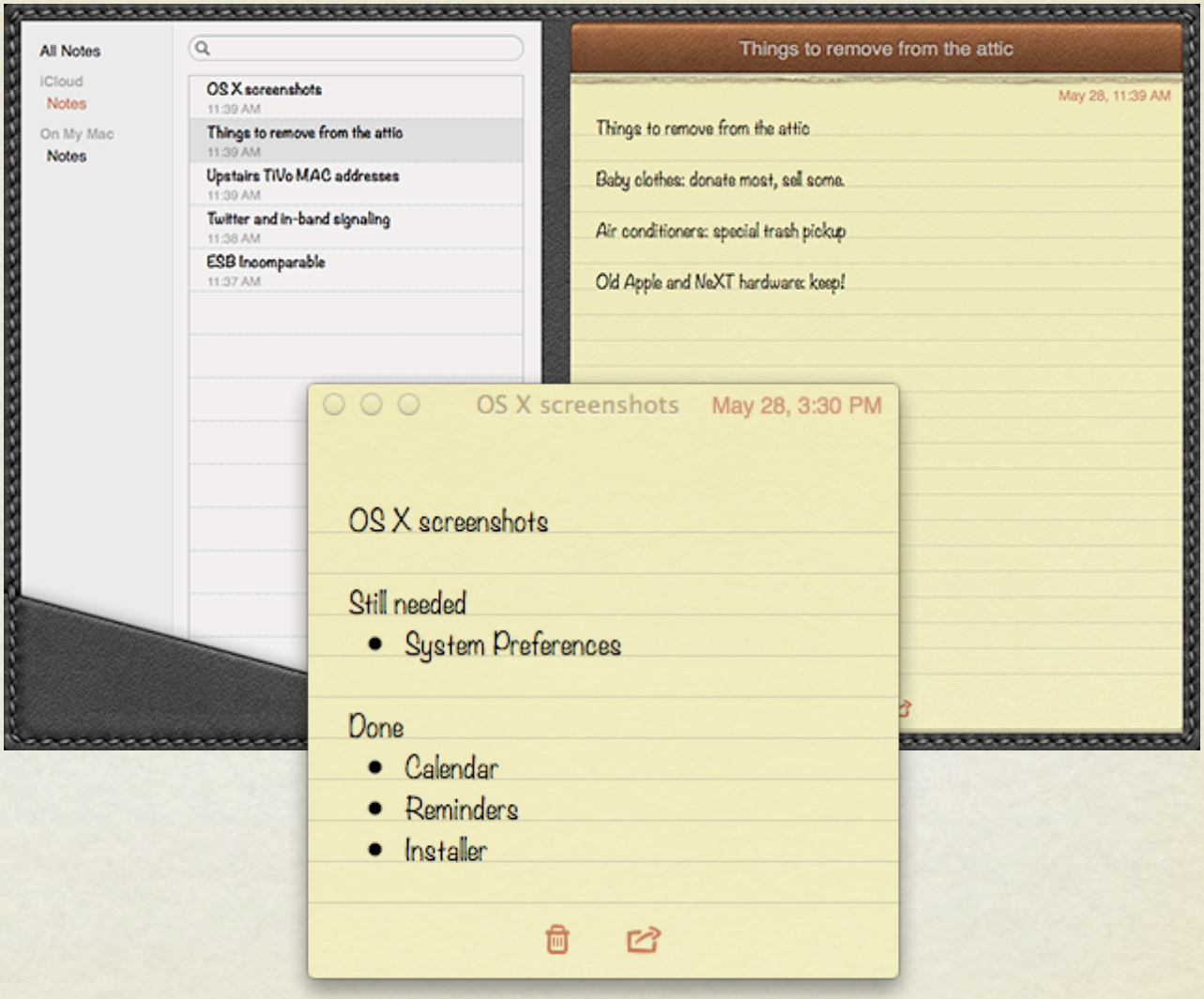
REMINDERS

- Extracted from Calendar to make an app of it's own
- Can use iCloud database
- Can use location services (see milk)



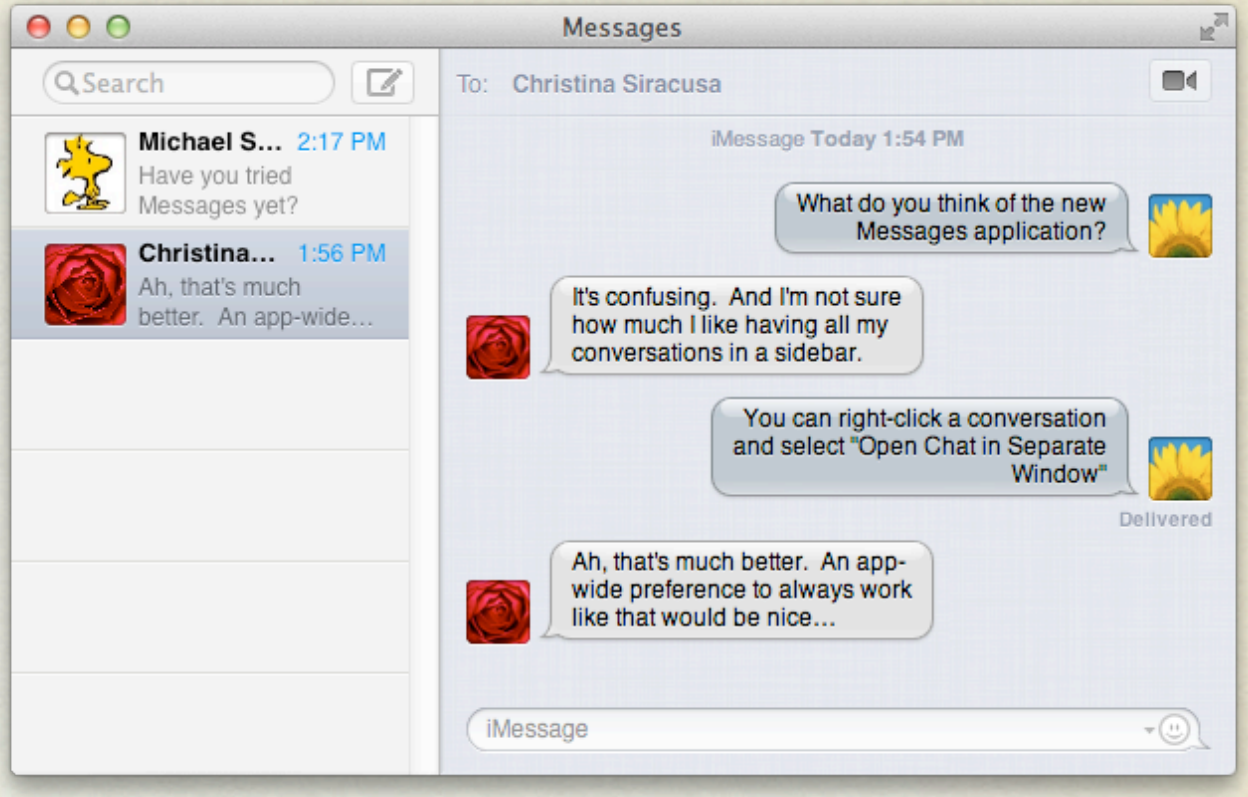
NOTES

- Moved out of Mail
- Like Reminders



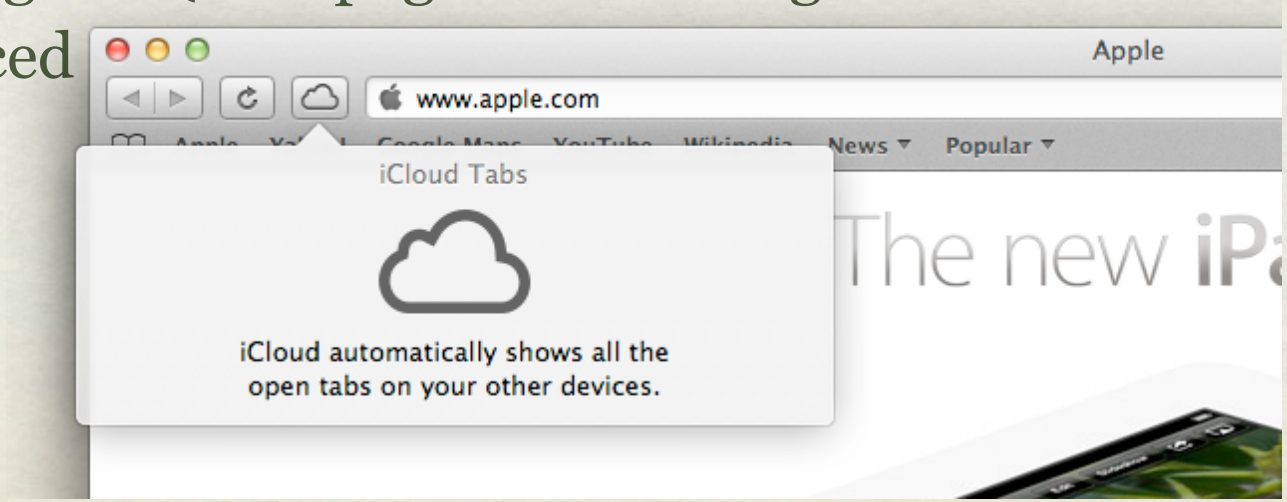
MESSAGES

- Replaces iChat
- Supports multiple protocols (AIM, etc)
- Double click a conversation opens it in it's own window



SAFARI

- Lion Safari 5 bugs cleaned up
- iCloud enables syncing of tabs with your other Macs
- Tabs expanded to fill width of window
- Reading List (save pages for viewing later off-network) enhanced



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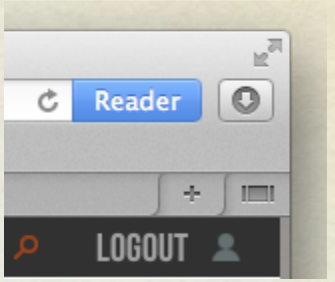
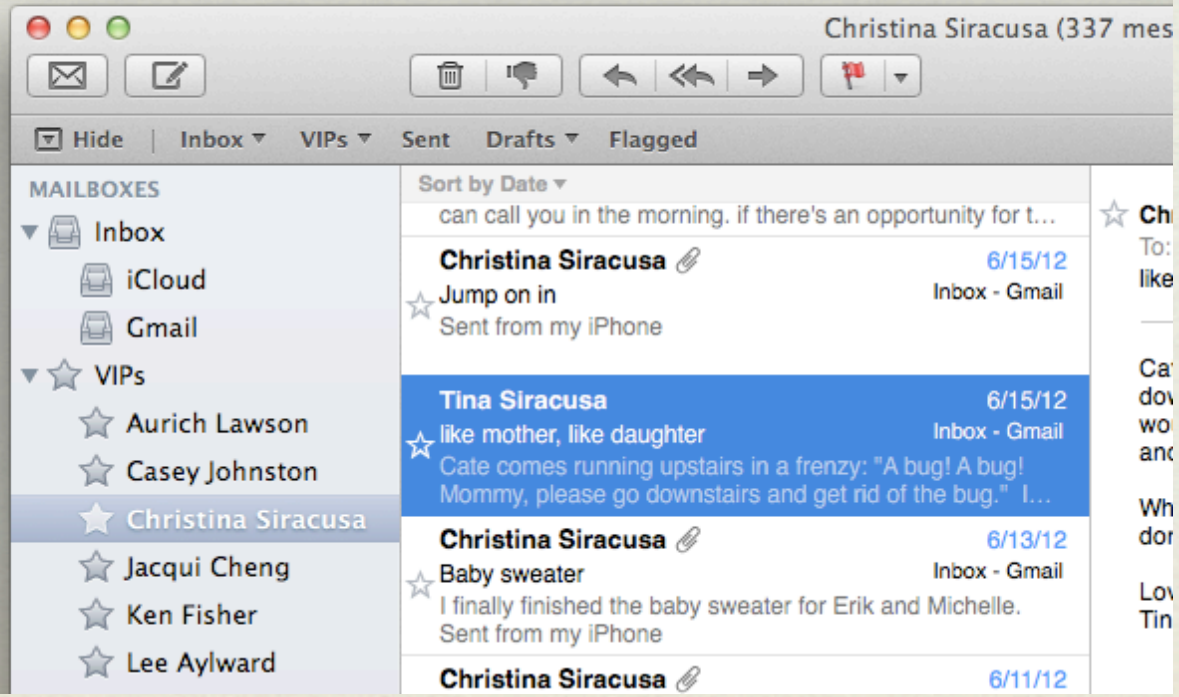


- “+” icon for multiple tabs opened
- Swiping enabled to move along open tabs on trackpads (or use arrow keys / clicks)
- Preference additions for “Do Not Track” for privacy and to disable search engine query suggestions. Also new “Passwords” tab enables you to see your site passwords.
- Ability to control websites’ access to Notification Center after you give permission

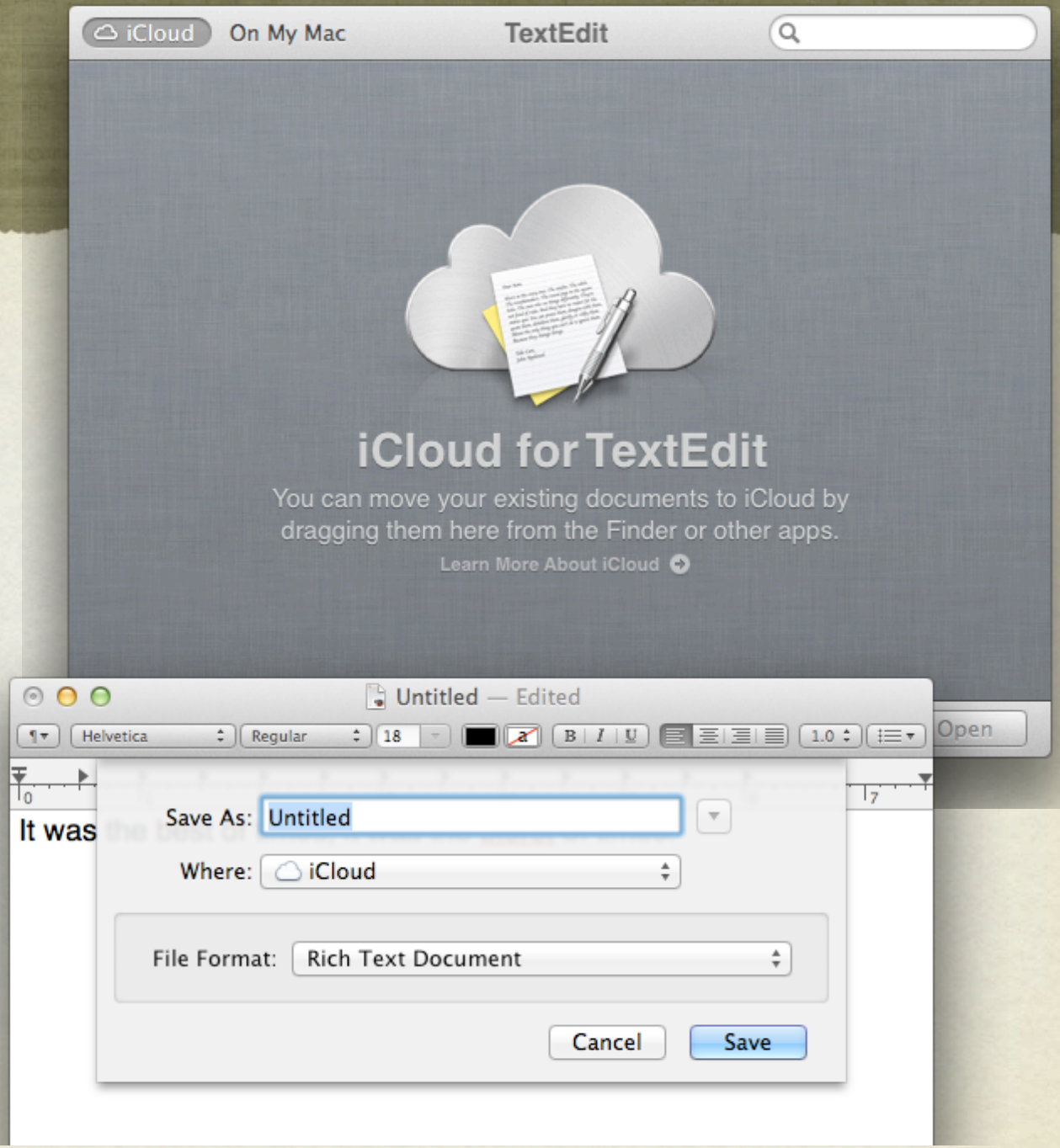
MAIL

- New “VIP” tag for “really important” contacts (not individual messages). Note star icon.



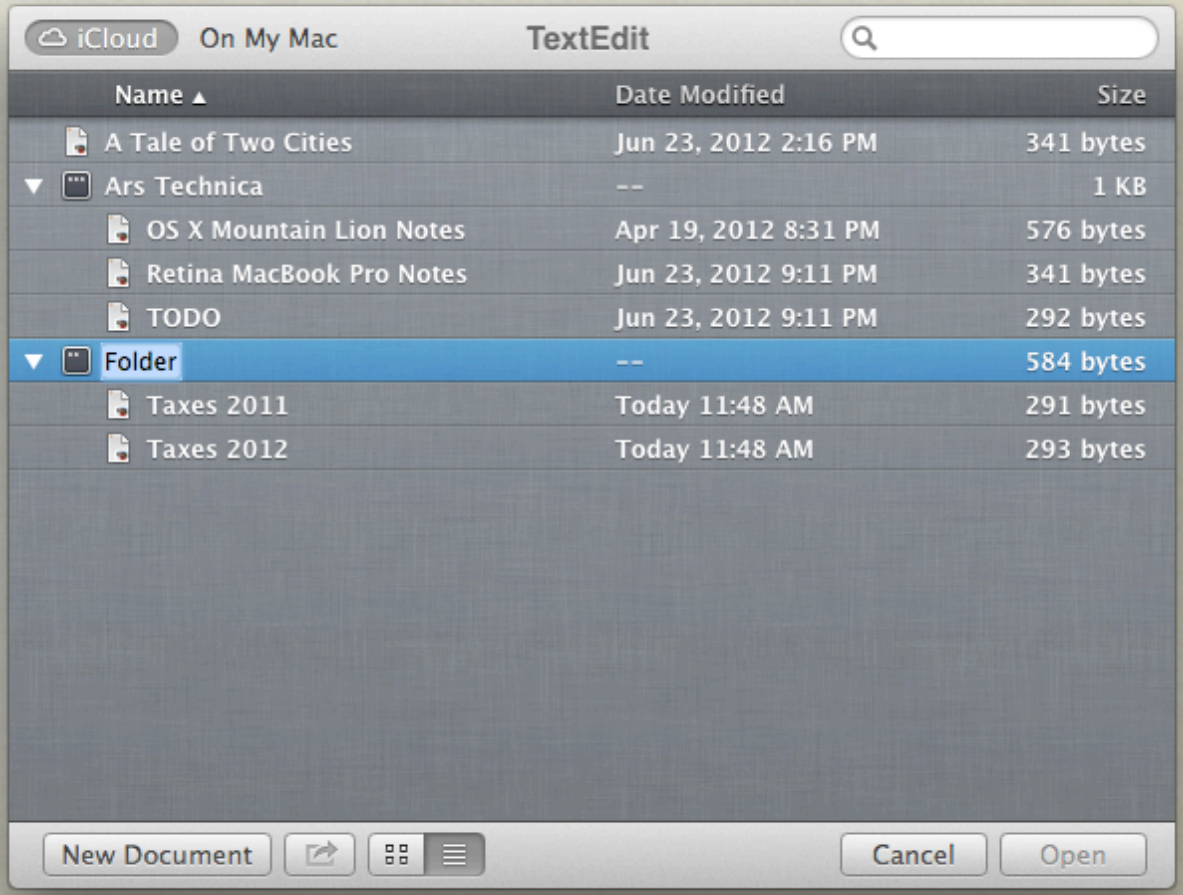
ICLOUD

- Open/save dialog boxes now give an iCloud option
- Watch out - new files want to save to iCloud by default!



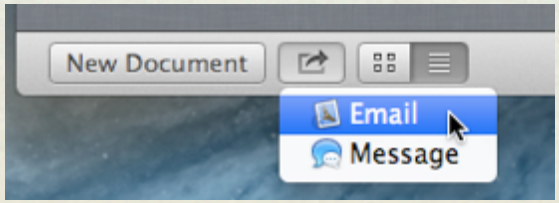
MORE ICLOUD

- “Folders in iCloud - just drop a file on top of another and a new “folder” appears



ICLOUD RESTRICTIONS

- Each application has it's own iCloud storage "container". So Mail may not see a document you saved to the cloud using another application.
- You can overcome this by using the Share button available in apps now, by using the "All My Files" in Finder or using Spotlight to browse for the file.
- iCloud APIs only available to apps sold via Mac App Store



GATEKEEPER

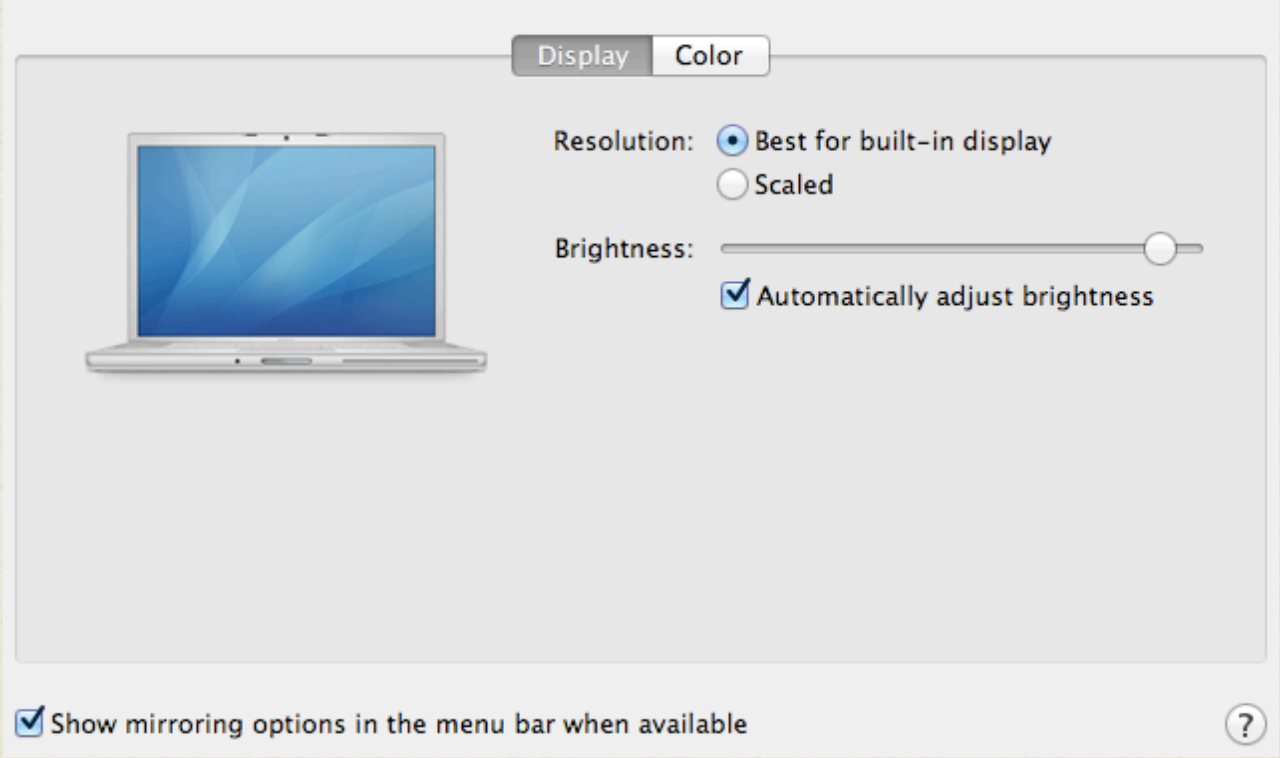
- Found in “General” tab of “Security & Privacy”
- Allows you to select where an application may be downloaded from
- Has it’s roots in Apple security decisions restricting malware on the platform (sandboxed apps only on the Mac App Store)
- Be careful when installing!

HARDWARE STUFF

- New retina display on 15” MBP (1440 x 900 optimal ~ could go to 2880 x 1800 but this not available yet)
- Power Management - Power Nap. Allows computer to partially awake (DarkWake) to perform housekeeping chores but does not power audio or graphics or handle notification deliveries. Only available on MBair (2011+) and MBP-r’s.

DISPLAY RESOLUTION

- A list of resolutions no longer appears in Display prefs until you click “Scaled”

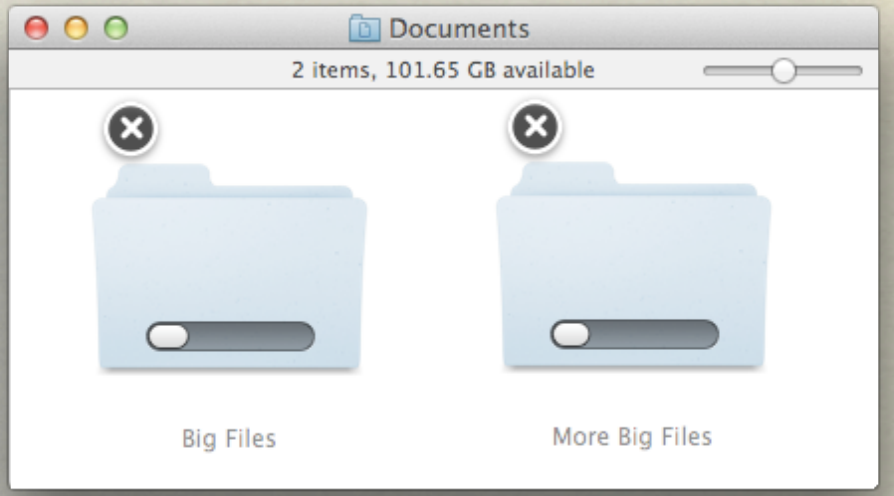


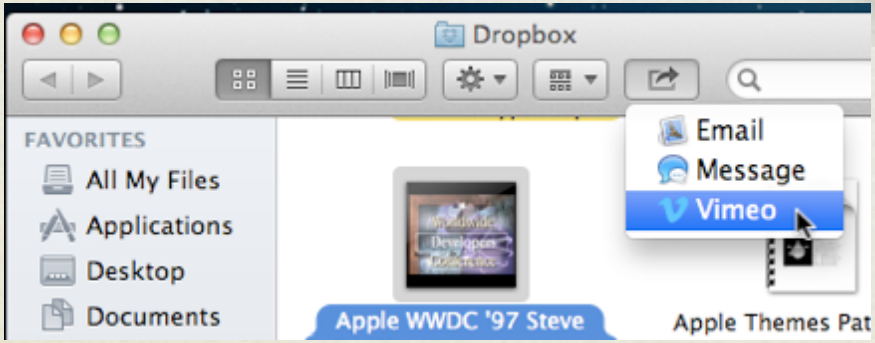
MISC

- All are handled by the Mac App Store, including OS updates
- By default, updates are checked for automatically. This will be turned off on group machines.
- Launchpad includes a search window now to find an app quickly
- Dashboard also has a new search window

MORE MISC

- Finder shows copy progress bars
- Finder gets Share ability
- So does Quick Look





CHESS?

- Mountain Lion still ships with Chess which actually dates back to NeXTSTEP. It's used as a testbed and now gets support for the new gaming service, Game Center.

GAME CENTER

- Many of you play games with friends, etc on IOS devices. Mountain Lion now has Game Center support which is Apple's online gaming support.

FACEBOOK

- Full Facebook integration is not in Mountain Lion… yet. Expect this to happen in minor releases Fall 2012

- Facebook information will be integrated into Contacts and will be an option in the Share button menus

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