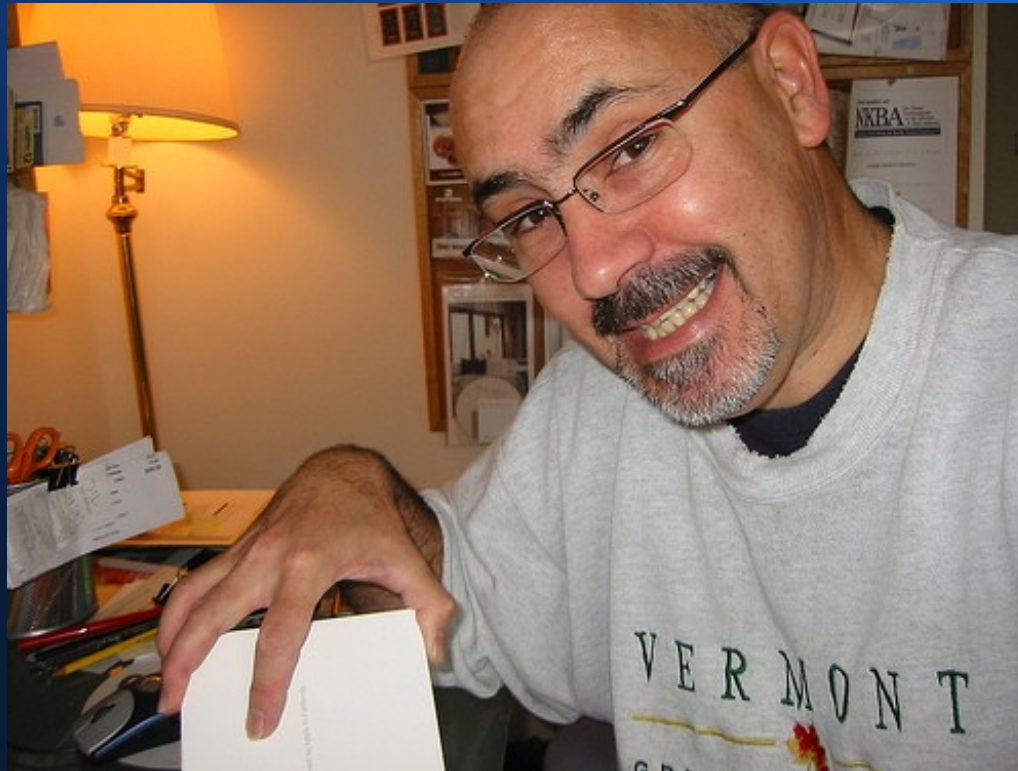


The Smart Macintosh

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This is a weird topic...

- Blame this guy



Background

- Gerre gave a presentation in January 2010 describing how to organize files on your Mac.
- Issues came up with how to best group files without duplicating them.
 - By Person
 - By Project
 - By Date
- “Smart” items allow you to store files (and other things) in multiple places without duplicating.

What makes something “Smart”?

- Smart items are actually saved searches in disguise.
- When creating a smart item you define what you want the item to contain.
 - Files of a certain type (PDF)
 - Mail from a certain person
 - Songs by a certain artist
- OS X continuously updates the smart items as you make changes.

“Smart” Examples

- Smart Folders
- Smart Mailboxes in Mail
- Smart Playlists in iTunes
- Other smart items
 - Smart albums in iPhoto
 - Smart groups in Contacts

Smart Folders

- Define the contents of the folder based on file location and/or file attributes
- Example 1: All files in my home folder that
 - Were created in the last two weeks
 - Are Spreadsheets
 - Contains the word “Invoice”
- Example 2: All files anywhere on my Mac that
 - Were created this year
 - Contains the word ACAMUG

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Smart Mailboxes

- Define the contents of the mailbox based on the contents of the mail and/or its attributes
- Example 1: All mail that
 - Was created today
- Example 2: All mail that
 - Is sent to my GMail account
 - Contains attachments
- Smart mailboxes DO NOT sync to your iOS devices

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Smart Playlists

- Define the contents of a playlist based on the attributes of a song
- Example 1: All songs that
 - Are rated 3 stars or higher
- Example 2: A random set of 15 songs that
 - Are not rated 1 star
 - Are not part of the 3 star+ playlist
 - Has not been played in the last two weeks
- Smart playlists sync to your iOS devices

Demo

Questions

- Smart Folders
- Smart Mailboxes
- Smart Playlists