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Macintosh/iPhone software update roundup - June 29-30, 2009

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Macintosh and iPhone/iPod updates and announcements for June 29-30, 2009:

Macintosh

- [restoroot.com](#) has announced the release of [Letter Opener 2.2](#), their winmail.dat converter plug-in for Apple Mail. At its basic, Letter Opener processes Microsoft Outlook winmail.dat files without the requirement for a separate, standalone application. Implemented as a plug-in, Letter Opener lives right inside Apple Mac OS X Mail, allowing users to seamlessly convert winmail.dat files to attachments, iCal files, vCards, and more.
- Xeric Design has announced [EarthDesk 5.0](#), a major upgrade to its award-winning, real-time dynamic desktop map for OS X. Version 5.0 has been entirely rewritten in Cocoa, adds many new features and is fully compatible with both Leopard and the upcoming Snow Leopard. EarthDesk replaces your static desktop with an image of the Earth showing current sun, moon and city illumination, as well as real-time global cloud coverage, allowing you to track hurricanes and other weather systems.
- unmarked software has announced the release and immediate availability of [TextSoap 6.2.2](#), an update to its text processing utility for Mac OS X. The TextSoap 6.2.2 update is a maintenance release that fixes a number of reported issues and adds support for using Services on rich text with images. Take total control of text and its style. With a single menu selection TextSoap 6 brings unique processing power to users from within their favorite application.
- [Cooliris](#), the fastest way to browse photos and videos Facebook, Google Images, YouTube, Flickr, and even your desktop, has been updated. Available at [cooliris.com](#), it comes as a free plug-in that transforms your browser into interactive and infinite 3D Wall of content so you can search and browse thousands of images and videos without flipping from page to page.
- Cadent Computing Inc. has announced [wineCellar 2.0](#), a major update to their popular wine collection and organizer for Mac OS X and Windows. Perfect for wine aficionados and connoisseurs alike, Cadent wineCellar is a unique application for storing, viewing



and retrieving information about anyone's wine collection. The application can store up to 2000 wine entries (100 during the free 30-day trial).

- Ergonis Software has released [Typinator 3.5](#), the fastest and most robust version of its highly acclaimed text expansion tool for auto-typing text and auto-correcting typos. Typinator has always shined for its speed and robustness as well as compatibility with arbitrary applications. The new version of Typinator introduces a new technology that makes the expansion and insertion of text even faster than before, reinforcing Typinator 3.5 the fastest and most compatible text expander ever.
- Yazsoft has announced [Speed Download 5.2](#), a major update to their flagship download manager. Speed Download 5 redefines the Mac OS X download manager by combining four amazing products; a turbo-charged download manager with auto-resuming downloads, a fully featured secure FTP client, a file sharing utility with full encryption, and complete .Mac/iDisk/WEBDAV connectivity into one small and easy to use application. And now with RSS newsreader integration.
- Dale Webb, Director of The Protocol Centre in Coral Gables, Florida, has announced the debut of [Etiquette Avenue 1.0](#) for iPhone and iPod Touch. Etiquette Avenue puts screens of professional protocol advice in the hands of millions who can use it in ever-more competitive times. It is the first App dedicated to the rules of professional and workplace protocol. Etiquette Avenue's information is a version of the company's Best Protocol Practices curriculum updated and adapted to an App.
- If you think computer security has improved in recent years, [The Myths of Security](#) (O'Reilly, US \$29.99) will shake you out of your complacency. Longtime security professional John Viega, formerly Chief Security Architect at McAfee, reports on the sorry state of the industry and offers concrete suggestions for professionals and individuals confronting the issue.
- QuickerTek has announced [Quicky Junior II](#), a new wireless internet and networking USB device that triples the wireless range. This new Quicky Junior II is compatible with the Apple Extreme Base Station as well as almost every other 2.4GHz wireless equipment users are likely to run into while traveling. Whether using a coffee shop network or tapping into the network in the office, Quicky Jr. II provides increased range while maintaining speed.
- Millard Grubb and Backyard Gazette Publishing have released a free audio CD for Mac owners that will help make their lives a little brighter. [7 Secrets Of Making Cash With Your Mac](#) looks at using a Macintosh specifically to grow an information business right from your home. This CD explains how to use a Macintosh computer to start an information publishing business.

