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Interesting Web Site

Pictures of all 361 Apple Stores.

<http://www.applestorefronts.appspot.com>

Check out the two Paris stores, numbers 277 (Louvre) and 294 (Opera).

OSX Lion “Fullscreen Mode”

Fullscreen mode tries to emulate the display behavior of the iThings.

- The current application takes over the entire display. I.e. no tiled or overlapping windows.

In fullscreen mode:

- The application takes over the entire display.
- The menu bar and the Dock are not visible.

To *enter* fullscreen mode:

- Click on the double-headed arrow in the upper-right corner.
- Press: Control-⌘-F

To *exit* fullscreen mode:

- Move the mouse pointer to the top of the display.
- The menu bar appears.
- Click on the double-headed arrow in the upper right corner.
- Press: Control-⌘-F

Creating a DVD Slideshow

Last month we created two slideshows, animals and flowers.

This month we will create a *video DVD* of the two slideshows.

The DVD will be playable on a computer or on a DVD player attached to a television set. (Also called a *set-top* player.)

Start iDVD

Select *Create a New Project*.

Give the project a name.

Save as *AnimalsAndFlowers*.

The initial screen *Theme* will be the title/menu screen. (we'll call it the *Menu Screen*.)

There are a number of Themes available by clicking on the *Themes* button.

Bring the slideshows into iDVD from iPhoto

Click on: the *Tree Display* button. (The leftmost of the three round buttons.)

The Tree Display is where we build our slideshow.

To bring our slideshows in from iPhoto:

Click on: the *Media* button.

Click on: *Photos* .

This brings up the iPhoto Library.

Drag :the Animals Slideshow to the *Blue Well*.

Drag :the Flowers Slideshow to the *Blue Well*.

We have added two slideshows to the DVD.

At this point additional slideshows can be added.

Click on: *Return* to go back to the *Menu screen*.

The names of the two slideshow appear as menu items on the Theme.

To toggle back-and-forth.

Click on: the tree icon on the *Menu Screen*.

Click on: Return on the tree display.

If your impatient at this point.

Click on: the *Play* button to preview the slideshow.

To exit the slideshow.

Click on: *Exit* on the remote.

To go back to the Menu Screen.

Click on *Menu* on the remote

This mimics the behavior of the remote on a set-top DVD player.

Setting Slideshow Parameters

Go to the *Tree View* screen.

Double-Click on one of the slideshow icons.

The individual slides can be rearranged by dragging.

The *Slide Duration* and the *Dissolve* can be selected at the lower-left.

The duration and dissolve apply to the entire slideshow. (not on a slide-by-slide basis.)

Using the *Manual* Transition, the viewer can control the slideshow using the arrow buttons on the remote.

To add music to a slideshow.

Click on: *Audio*.

Select a track from the iTunes Library.

Drag the track to the well with the speaker icon.

Additional settings are available by clicking on the *Settings* icon.

Click on: *Return* to go back to the Tree View.

Working with Themes

Click on: the *Themes* button.

Click on a theme to select it.

Drop Zones

Many themes have one or more *Drop-Zones*.

Drag a picture from iPhoto onto a drop zone to add the picture to the menu screen.

Click on the drop zone and press *delete* to remove the picture.

To remove the drop zones.

Click on: View -> Show Inspector.

Un-check the box at the lower-left of the *Inspector* dialog.

Using a picture as the menu background

Select the *Soft Frame* theme.

Un-check the *Drop Zones* check box.

Drag a picture onto the menu screen.

Drag the title and menu names to position them on menu.

Double-click on a text item to change it.

Click: to change the item's attributes. E.g.. font, color.

Project Settings

Click on: Project -> Project Info . . .

Video Mode:

Select: *NTSC* for viewing in the U. S.

Select: *PAL* for viewing in Europe.

Aspect Ratio:

Select 4:3 for regular TV.

Select 16:9 for wide screen TV.

After changing the Aspect Ratio, check the Menu layout.

Encoding: relates to the quality of video and how long it takes to encode.

Best performance encodes faster.

Professional Quality takes to longest.

DVD Type:

Single or double layer.

Burning the Final DVD

Preview the DVD to see that everything is working as it should.

Click on the burn button.

If you want to burn a test DVD, us a *DVD-RW*.