

Notes and Suggestions for Mac ICL
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In the last class session there were several reminders that photos can take up a lot of space on your hard drive. One option is to move your iPhoto library, located in your Pictures folder, to an external drive. Close iPhoto > Copy the iPhoto library to an external drive > Reopen iPhoto while holding down the Option key and select the library you just moved from its new location. Verify that all is working and you may now safely delete the iPhoto library from your Pictures folder. You can do the same thing with your iTunes library, but the process is a little more complex.

For those of you who need to run a Windows only piece of software, but are not willing to install that OS on your computer, consider the software Crossover. I do not have experience with this product but you can read about it at: <http://www.codeweavers.com/products/crossover/> and do a search for 'crossover application reviews'.

Lion Tips


The All My Files folder appears first in the default Finder window sidebar. If you prefer not to use it, you can remove its listing from the sidebar by choosing Finder > Preferences. You may find it more convenient to hid All My Files and to add your Home folder to the sidebar in its place (again, you can do this with Finder > Preferences).

To remove something from the Finder sidebar, hold Command as you drag it out.

Lion gains iOS-style auto-correct features as you type. When Lion detects a potentially misspelled word, an alternative appears in a small box below the one you're typing — press the Spacebar or punctuation to accept the alternative, or press Esc or click the small X icon to dismiss the suggestion.

Can't remember which key combination creates an accented letter, such as "é"? Press and hold a key to bring up accented alternatives, a feature introduced in iOS. You can click the accent you want, or, since your fingers are already on the keyboard, press the number that appears below the character you want.

You can now display a custom message on the login or lock screen (for example, your name and contact information in case the computer is found). Open the Security & Privacy preference pane, enable "Show a message when the screen is locked," and enter your text.

Your Macintosh software is periodically updated to squash bugs, deal with security concerns and introduce new features. Click on the  logo in the upper left corner of your screen and then on Software Update. When you get notifications of any software update, especially coming from the source of the application, it is wise to follow through.

Have an iPad? If you would like to use it as an additional display, check out Air Display in the App Store.

For the gentleman with questions about exif editing, here is the application I referred you to and a second one I am not familiar with:

<http://www.macupdate.com/app/mac/11143/a-better-finder-attributes>

<http://www.macupdate.com/app/mac/34209/setexifdata>