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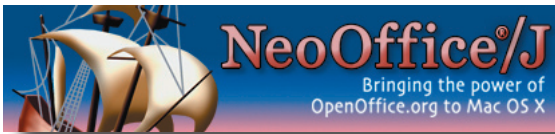


Help Desk with Tom Davis: to 6:45pm

Meeting 6:45pm -

- New Members/Introductions - Frank Smith (Brian in away on business)
- Dues - Ray Kallman
- Ambassador news - Frank Smith
 - Take Control Books

• Feature Program - **NeoOfficeJ**
presented by TarMac member Nancy Goldstein



• Wrap Up - Frank Smith

• Tip Jar

Please remember the restaurant staff need to clean the room after the meeting. They need us out of the room by 8:20pm. Thanks!

Please consider dining at C&M. By increasing the number of diners, we ensure that meeting costs remain low.



Robin Hood... or just robbing hoods?

blogs.washingtonpost.com/securityfix/2005/09/scammers_donate.html?referrer=email

Brian Krebs on Computer Security (*article has been edited*)

Scammers 'Donate' to Katrina Relief Effort

The audacity of Internet scam artists never ceases to amaze me. Over the weekend I was lurking on a few obscure online chat channels dedicated to credit card fraud, collecting information for a story I'm working on about identity theft. In such forums, it is not at all uncommon to see fraudsters posting personal and financial details of their phishing victims as enticements to would-be buyers of larger stores of such information. In January, I wrote extensively about this type of activity in a series on the technology driving the spread of phishing scams. At one point in my monitoring of the chat conversations, however, it became clear that several fraudsters fancied themselves modern-day Robin Hoods; at least two individuals on the chat channel began posting copies of receipts they had garnered for donating to the American Red Cross's Hurricane Katrina relief fund - using their victims' credit card and billing addresses. Following a posting that contained a female victim's name, address, credit card number (referred to merely as "cc" in the following snipped conversation), came the notice that the scammers had donated \$250 with this woman's account, and another amount using the Visa card of a Chicago man.

I find these illegal "donations" reprehensible and offensive on so many levels. Theft is theft, and when discovered, the fake donations have the potential to generate anger and frustration, and ultimately besmirch all of the good work the Red Cross and other organizations are doing to help Katrina's victims. In all likelihood, the unauthorized charges will be reversed after considerable back and forth between the people whose credit card info. was stolen, the credit card companies and the Red Cross.

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Introducing NeoOffice/J

or "How To Kick Bill Gates Off Your Mac Once And For All"



NeoOffice/J is productivity software based on the Unix application Open Office. To appreciate NeoOffice/J's value over Open Office, you have to know something about running Unix programs on the mac.

Running any Unix program on a mac requires a second program, Apple's X11, which lets Unix create windows on the desktop, giving you a place to work. If you don't like Office and find Appleworks limiting, you can use Open Office with X11, and it will work. But there's a downside: a lot of open Terminal windows on the desktop. Not very pretty, not very mac-like, and not what we're used to.

Apparently I wasn't the only one who disliked all those open windows, because over the last couple of years two fearless programmers, Ed Peterlin and Patrick Luby, have voluntarily spent thousands of hours getting Open Office to run on the mac without X11. The result is Neo/J, finally out of beta on June 22. It looks and works like any other mac application, gives you all of the functionality of Word and Excel, and is free.

NeoOffice/J 1.1 contains four modules - word processing, spreadsheet, drawing, and presentation. I haven't used the presentation program and have limited experience with the drawing program, but the word processing program and the spreadsheet have all the functionality of Word and Excel the average user could ever need, and then some. They open, read, and write word docs and excel spreadsheets, and can save them in those formats and many others.

NeoOffice/J supports 40 languages. The installer only includes the following 12 languages:

- Simplified Chinese
- Traditional Chinese
- Dutch
- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Brazilian Portuguese
- Spanish

Minimum machine requirements for NeoOffice/J version 1.1:

- Mac OS X 10.2 or higher
- 256 MB of memory
- 400 MB of free disk space

To add support for any of the other 28 languages below you need install NeoOffice/J 1.1 and then download and install the language pack for your language.

- Danish • Estonian • Finnish • Lithuania • Bokmål Norwegian • Nynorsk Norwegian • Swedish • Czech • Greek
- Hungarian • Polish • Russian • Slovak • Slovenian • Arabic • Hebrew • Turkish • Hindi • Kannada • Thai
- Basque • Catalan • Galician • Welsh • Afrikaans • Northern Sotho • Tswana • Zulu

The NeoOffice/J website is www.neooffice.org if you're interested in trying this alternative to Microsoft Office.