

Happy New Year!!

I've done a clean install of Mountain Lion on my Mac Book Pro. I first cloned my Mac Book Pro using SuperDuper (<http://www.shirt-pocket.com/SuperDuper/SuperDuperDescription.html>) on an external HD.

Then I erased an 8 GB usb drive and downloaded Mountain Lion from the app store. \$19.99 Can't beat it!

Following some instructions I found online, I made the usb drive a bootable installer. (<http://forums.macrumors.com/showthread.php?t=1404860>)

Restarted my Mac Book Pro with usb drive plugged in, and while holding down option key to choose which drive to boot from.

Then I erased my hard drive and did a clean install.

I chose not to transfer anything for this demo. I have my original Hard Drive contents on an external drive to work from while I navigate this new Operating System.

Mountain Lion OS 10.8

I will cover just a few new features

### **iCloud**

iCloud is now integrated into the operating system. Open text edit and you will see how this looks.

If you have used Text Edit before, when you open it there will be a window of the documents you have created. You will notice at the top left that iCloud and On My Mac are the two options. If iCloud is not an option, you are not signed in yet.

You can open one of these or create a New Document by clicking on the New Document button at the bottom left.

When you save the document, you will have the choice of saving it in iCloud or on your Mac.

After you have more than one document in iCloud, you can make folders just like on your iOS devices, by dragging one on top of another. You can rename the folder, too.

As of today, I guess there is no access to Text Edit docs on your mobile device, but they do sync across all devices with iCloud access. Iwork apps will show up on your mobile device with the appropriate app to open them.

### **Reminders**

This used to be inside of iCal. You make your reminder and it will sync with your other mac devices that have iCloud turned on and logged into the same iCloud account.

You can set when and where you are reminded. You can create lists for different areas of your lifestyle

### **Notes**

The iOS app, Notes, is now on your Mac and syncs the same way reminders does except that you need an iCloud email account. If you are only using it to sync your notes and not email, it won't take up any real space on your free 5GB space.

Notes have synced with the email account you are using. Some have seen them show up in your in box and preferences will let you change that.

I have notes on my phone from multiple accounts, not sure why. So this is something I will have to play with. If you have not made any notes, it is a great app and holds all sorts of bits of info that I need on the fly. If I can get this slimmed down to using the iCloud account, and it syncs well, I will show you how it turns out.

### **Messages**

Unlimited messages between Mac devices whether laptop, desktop or mobile. Again, because I have multiple accounts on my phone, I'm a little sketchy on the preferences, but you can send via email or phone #. Messages are free and unlimited. You will also notice the Messages icon in your dock will tell you of new messages

### **Notification Center**

There is an icon next to the spotlight at the far right of the screen. It looks like a list. This is your notification center. This can keep you on top of things as you work.

If you go to the very bottom of this slide out screen there is an icon to take you to preferences. Or you can use system preferences.

There are three different types of notifications: none, banner, alert. Just the same as on your iphone.

When you click on the alert, or the item in notification list, it will go to the program for that notification.

### **Dictation**

You need to go to system preferences and click on dictation & Speech. You will enable Dictation here and set up a keyboard shortcut . The default is two taps on the function key and one tap to stop.

Here is a link to MacLife with a long list of verbal cues that come in handy with dictation. [http://www.maclife.com/article/howtos/how\\_use\\_dictation\\_mountain\\_lion](http://www.maclife.com/article/howtos/how_use_dictation_mountain_lion)

It even adds smileys and frownys! There are many places you can use dictation on your Mac. Try it anywhere you have to type.

## **Safari**

Share button. You can do several things right from this button. Your social apps are right here and you can share the link or add the page to your reading list for later perusal.

I shared at an earlier demo that the search window is gone and you do it all in one window. If you put in words to search, Safari knows that is it not a URL and will handle it appropriately.

## **Quick Tips**

In Text Edit and other Apple Apps we lost the Save As feature in the Lion upgrade. You had to use Duplicate and then save the new document. Now in Mountain Lion, you can hold down the option key when you click on File. If you push the option key while you have the file menu open you will see the changes. You can also change where you have the doc saved by using Move to ...

In the title bar of the document you are working on, you have a drop down menu with some great options.

## **Twitter/Facebook**

You can add Twitter and Facebook to your accounts in System Preferences and then use Notifications to do your “tweeting” and status updates.

A funny on Twitter :

<http://www.npr.org/player/v2/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=101619832&m=101613126>

## **Launch Pad**

This is your app search. The new feature is a search window at the top and you can just start typing the app you want and it narrows down your search as you type. Then use arrow keys and return to go straight to the app.

The short cut to get to Launch Pad is by default, F7 or on your track pad pinch 3 fingers and your thumb.

## **Finder**

You can now drag the items in the sidebar to the order you want.

### **Notes**

You can double click on a note and it will open in it's own window. You can resize it, move it around, and edit it as long as Notes app is open. When you quit Notes, the note you were working on does not stay on your desktop.

That's all for now.

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