
Subject: Re: Mac Cursor

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David Fanning wrote:

> Jeff Hester writes:

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>> In the world I live in -- Astronomy -- there is currently a dramatic
>> move away from PCs and Linux boxes to the Mac platform. I'm sure that
>> is the case more broadly as well. A compilation of Mac-related
>> questions/answers/discussion would probably be well-read. I'm not the
>> right person to maintain the list, but if I knew someone was keeping
>> track, I'd certainly contribute anything that I ran across.

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> Having spent five weeks in Hawaii last year in the
> company of astronomers, I witnessed this dramatic
> enthusiasm for Macs, and also noted the almost
> universal inverse correlation of this enthusiasm
> with UNIX knowledge.

That's probably not a problem because OSX is not a true Unix. For a start, it's not truly case sensitive. I mean, jeez! I have a subversion repository directory (built from my linux desktop) that contains my current, brain dead error handler "Message_Handler.f90" as well as a not-ready-for-prime-time stack-based error handler module "message_handler.f90". When I check out that directory, all hell breaks loose on my mac coz it can't tell the difference between the two.

> I think we can attribute much of this to the brilliant
> Mac/PC advertisements we see on TV. I can't say why
> astronomers are especially susceptible to this kind of
> advertising, but it would be an interesting thesis topic
> for someone. I would put Paul van Delst's name forward
> as someone who can provide insight into why a researcher
> loves a machine that crashes 10 times a day.

Love? Love? Who said anything about love? :o) Chalk it up to finally caving in to see what all the noise was about.

But, when it does work, it works very well. Nice and fast. :o)

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Paul van Delst Ride lots.

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