SGVMug "Apps and Traps" by David Whitby - 9/17/12

DILBERT by Scott Adams

DO YOU MIND IF I CHECK SOMETHING ON MY PHONE?

WHY WOULD I MIND THE HUMILIATION AND DISRESPECT OF BEING WITH A MAN WHO PREFERS THE COMPANY OF HIS PHONE?

THAT'S THE SORT OF ATTITUDE THAT MAKES YOU FINISH SECOND TO MY PHONE.

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http://osxdaily.com/2012/09/07/40-gorgeous-secret-wallpapers-os-x-mountain-lion/

40+ Amazing Secret Wallpapers in OS X

osxdaily.com

Did you know OS X Mountain Lion includes 44 ridiculously beautiful high resolution wallpapers? They're hidden inside the four equally attractive **new screen savers** and feature some truly stunning scenery from National Geographic, the Hubble Space telescope, and some amazing photographers.

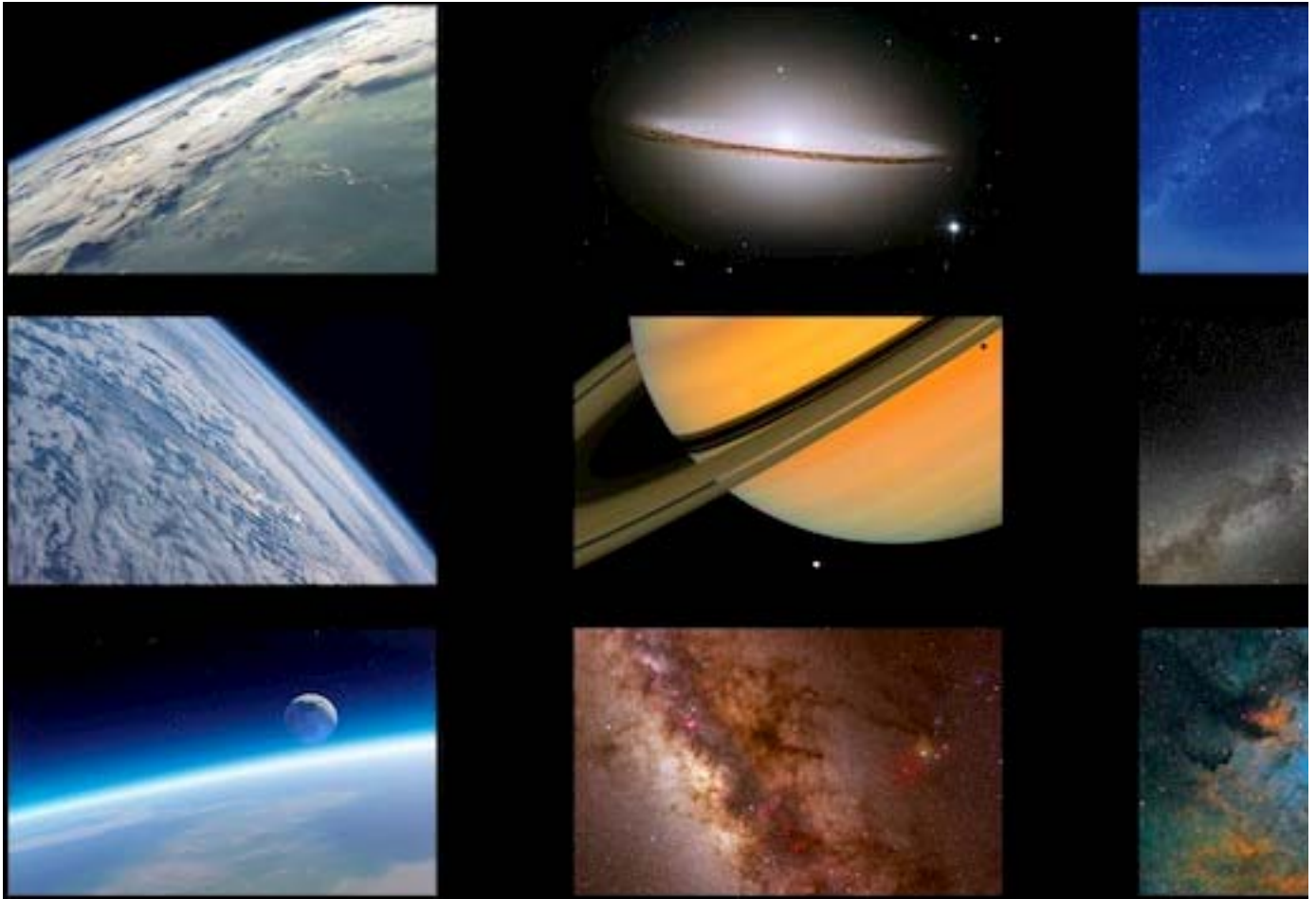Each image is a whopping 3200×2000 resolution, here's how to access these on your Mac:

- From the OS X Finder, hit Command+Shift+G to summon **Go To Folder** and enter the following path exactly:
- `/System/Library/Frameworks/ScreenSaver.Framework/Versions/A/Resources/Default Collections/`

- Copy the four well-labeled directories "1-National Geographic", "2-Aerial", "3-Cosmos", "4-Nature Patterns" to the Desktop or elsewhere for easy access to the high res images
- Set them as your wallpaper and enjoy

A few thumbnail previews are shown below, but you really need to check them out yourself in full resolution, they're stunning.
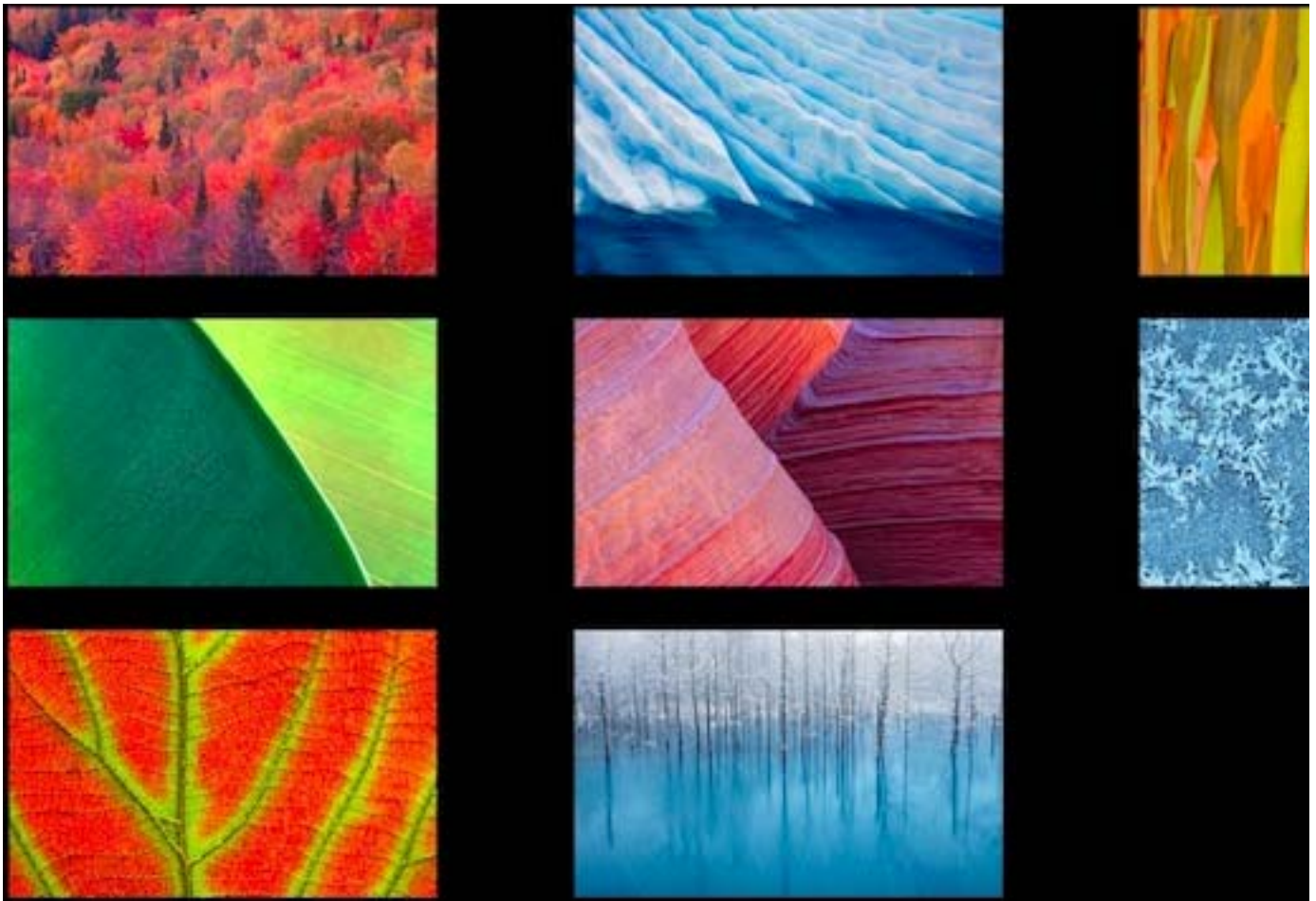
National Geographic:

Cosmos:

Aerial:

Nature Patterns:

You will find a handful that are also in the default OS X Mountain Lion wallpaper collection, but the vast majority are totally new.

20 Awesome Reader Submitted Mac Tips and Tricks

Josh Johnson on Sep 15th 2012 with 2 comments

Joseph Darnell: Create Different User Accounts to Separate Work from Play

As a creative director for a small company, I am always finding distractions on the Internet and in my inbox, steering my attention away from the work I love. It has taken years of discipline to discern a good way to avoid rabbit trails driven by my personal life. I took up implementing User Accounts to keep work and recreational parts of my life separated. Several of my Mac friends have adopted this workflow too and are happy with the results.

Stephen Lund: Freeing Unused Memory

Is your computer moving slow lately? Well it could be that you have a lot of unused memory, in this quick tip find out how to free your computer's memory. Regain all that memory that was once being wasted!

John Winter: Creating and Using Custom Short Domains

You are already familiar with short domains such as bit.ly and are, perhaps, wondering how organizations come to use custom short domains such as

'cultm.ac', 'nyti.ms' and 'tgr.ph'? To register and configure your own custom short domain is remarkably easy provided that you know the tools to use.

In this short video, I register the custom short domain 'mtpl.us' to provide a quick overview on how to find and register your own custom short domain, how to configure the short domain for use with the domain shortening service, bitly and how to configure a lightweight menubar app for easily converting long URLs into your own custom short URLs.

Once this is done, you have the ability to quickly and easily convert some very long and complex URLs to short URLs using your own custom domain, making it easier to share links in Twitter, iMessage, Facebook, email or even in print.

John Winter: How to Clone Your Mac's Hard Drive

If you really care about your data, you should care about your back up routine, and by cloning your Mac's hard drive, in addition to your Time Machine backups, you are halving the chance that you'll lose critical data.

This video explains, in two and a half minutes, how to set up SuperDuper! to schedule the cloning of your Mac's hard drive, giving you peace of mind when it comes to looking after those precious photos.

Oliver Sherratt: How to Take Screenshots on Your Mac

In this tutorial we will look at a quick and easy way to create screenshots on your mac. Using a simple native shortcut we will produce clean and professional looking images of applications, menus and windows that can easily be integrated into websites or tutorials with no further editing required.

Jack Pavlovits: 2 Great Spotlight Alternatives

In this screencast, I'll show you some great alternatives to Spotlight on the mac: Alfred and Found.

Spelling Correction

This is a really cool trick that you can use to make your Mac correct your spelling

for you as you go!

Dan Lourenco: Empty and Recreate Your Account's Trashcan with Terminal

Most of the time, we empty the Trash in OS X via the Finder without any problems at all. However, every once in a blue moon you may find yourself having trouble emptying it due to some unknown issue. In these (rare) cases, we can use our Terminal prowess to empty and recreate an account's Trash with correct ownership and permissions.

A word of warning, I'm making two assumptions in this video: that you're comfortable and careful using the Terminal. Anytime we're using the rm command, there's potential for bad things to happen if you're not careful.

Jonathan Batteas: Use Terminal to Monitor a Folder for Changes

How-to write a quick shell script and launchd command to monitor a folder for changes, and create a filelist of the folder's content whenever there are changes.

Sébastien Lavoie: How to Create a Quick Text Clipping

A quick tip explaining how to create a new file from a text selection without having to copy and paste into a new file.

Timo Kosiol: Manage Your Open Windows Better with HyperDock

HyperDock expands the functionality of your dock and changes your workflow.

See previews of every single window and switch between windows. Not just between applications. It really helps you to keep a clear view over the stuff on your desktop.

Enzo Amata: Removing Icons from System Preferences

This video shows you how to quickly customize which Preference Panes are visible in System Preferences.

Luka Banse: Revert Your Dock to its Original State

Learn how to reset your dock so it looks just like it did on the day you bought your Mac. Don't worry, you can undo this action!

Andrew Lee: Use Bartender to Take Control of Your Menu Bar

With Bartender, you're able to choose from apps you currently have open or from apps in your Applications folder. Once you've selected an app, you can choose to hide the app completely, to move it into the Bartender icon, or to leave it alone. If you choose to hide or move it, it also gives you the option to have the icon briefly flash for a few seconds when you get notifications. This is perfect for mail or Twitter. The app itself is also customizable by letting you pick your own icon and tune the behavior of the pop-up bar.

Ian Spence: Create an Image Conversion Service with Automator

If you ever want to quickly convert image types without opening any software, you can pull it off with a simple service created in Automator. This video will walk you through how to make a service that will convert any image type to a JPG simply by

right clicking the file.

Ian Spence: Camouflage Your Dekstop Clutter

In my short screencast, I demonstrate one of my favorite apps that I use on a daily basis called Camouflage. It's a simple application located in the menubar that allows you to hide and show your desktop icons with the use of a simple key stroke. You're also able to set a different wallpaper when the icons are hidden. Finally, it also has an "Open Finder with a Double Click" feature which allows you to quickly access your finder from your desktop.

David Orós: Quickly Zoom in on Anything on Your Screen

Web browsers have integrated zoom tools to let you magnify any part of the page. But, what if we want to zoom into an element in OS X. That's where screen zoom comes in!
This trick is very useful and can be used anytime, anywhere. As shown in the video, we only have to turn it on in the Universal Access preferences, and we're ready to go! By pressing the Control key while moving the mouse wheel (or your elegant finger over a Magic Mouse), we'll be able to zoom to any part of the screen.

Harry Orford: Change Window Sizes on the Fly with Divvy

In this video, I'll go over how to quickly and easily manage the layout of your various windows with an application called Divvy.

Bruno Skvorc: Edit Your .profile File and Create Aliases with Terminal

If you do web development on a Mac, you need to edit hosts, vhosts and other locked files as often as you start new projects or switch major git branches. Editing those files in vim can get tedious, so I'll show you how to create a persistent single-command alias to open and edit them in Text Edit.

We'll create a .profile file in your home folder, pack it with useful aliases and then load them into the system. In next to no time, you'll be able to edit locked files with a command such as "edit [file]", or even simpler for familiar cases: "edit_hosts" to open the hosts file in Text Edit.

Dan Beeston: Use ControllerMate to Automate Tasks

We all type out our email so many times a day, it just makes sense to automate the task. ControllerMate makes it easy to assign a text fragment to a hotkey. This tip introduces you to the software and shows you how to find the button building block you're after and how to link it to an output.

iOS/Apple
11 Things to do with you old iPhone

1. Give it to your kids so they stop taking yours
Every parent, aunt and uncle knows that no toy in the history of toys has ever been as appealing to a kid as an iPhone. They are shiny, they have games and grown-ups use them for important things. More importantly, they are either off-limits or doled out in limited quantities as a reward for, say, sitting still for a minute. Load up your old iPhone with games and give it to a deserving child in your life.

2. or to your mom so she can finally see the light
Alternately, if a Luddite adult has been thinking of taking the plunge into the world of smartphones, your old iPhone may help him or her get over the hump. If you have an iPhone 4 or 4S, you might also find someone who's still hanging on to an earlier model and give them the gift of an upgrade. You may just buy a friend for life (or at least until iPhone 6 comes out).

3. Use it as a teeny-tiny iPad
You'll be able to watch videos, send email and search Wikipedia for random facts to end cocktail-party disagreements with your decommissioned iPhone â?? as long as you have a Wi-Fi connection. There's even a camera, which means you can avoid being that guy (or gal) at the concert who's turning heads for taking photos with an iPad.

4. Donate to charity
Several charities accept old phones for donation, though it's worth remembering that these groups likely won't physically give your old phones to people in need. Rather, they work with phone recyclers and sell your donated phones to them.
A nonprofit group called Cell Phones for Soldiers will take your "gently used" phone and sell it to recycling company ReCellular. It will then use the proceeds to buy calling cards for soldiers.
The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence works with another recycling group in a similar manner. About 60 percent of the phones it collects are refurbished and resold. The money goes toward supporting the coalition. The remaining 40 percent of the phones are recycled, according to the group's website. It pays for shipping if you are mailing three or more phones.
There are a few more suggestions from New York's Department of Environmental Conservation at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8818.html .

5. Alarm Clock
Do you still use that old radio alarm you bought for your college dorm room in the 20th century? Join the 21st century by turning your old iPhone into an alarm clock. Hide it in a different spot in your bed each night for an added challenge.

6. Sell, sell, sell!
Join the eBay hordes and sell your phone for a few hundred bucks if you can. There will likely be a flood of the gadgets soon after people start getting their new phones, so it might make sense to wait a little.
A company called Gazelle, meanwhile, will make an offer for your old phone based on its

condition, your phone carrier and other information. A 32 gigabyte iPhone 4S on Verizon Wireless, for example, was recently going for $237 if it's in good condition and $90 if it's broken.

Glyde.com also offers to help you resell your old phone. A recent check showed the above 4S getting roughly $325 to $350 after fees are deducted â?? provided there is a buyer. A "speed sale" that guarantees to sell it in seven days will get the seller slightly less money.

Read More: More iPhone owners looking to sell before possible iPhone 5

7. Trade in at GameStop

The video game retailer offers cash or store credit for old iPhones (along with iPods and iPads). The service is only available in stores and not online. A 32 gigabyte iPhone 4S on Verizon will get you up to $335 in store credit or up to $268 in cash.

8. Stream music

Stick that baby in a speaker dock, spring for a Pandora subscription ($36 per year) or Spotify ($10 per month) and bam, you have a stereo.

Or try SoundCloud. Although it's meant to let you create and share music with people, it's also a good place to listen to DJs you like or discover new ones. TuneIn, meanwhile, will let you listen to online radio stations playing music, sports, news or talk shows.

9. Keep as a backup in case you lose your fancy new one.

Nearly one-third of cellphone owners have had their gadgets lost or stolen, according to a recent survey from Pew Internet & Pew Internet & American Life Project.

10. Use as a camera

At its core, a decommissioned iPhone is a hard drive with a camera. Snap photos with it. No Canon needed. You can also use the iPhone to move photos and other files from one computer to another.

11. Recycle with Apple

Apple Inc.'s own recycling program will give you an Apple gift card if it is determined to have a "monetary value." A 32 gigabyte iPhone 4S with some light scratches but in good working condition was recently estimated at $280. That's higher than Gazelle, but you'll have to spend the money at Apple. The company also accepts broken phones for recycling but you won't get any money for them.