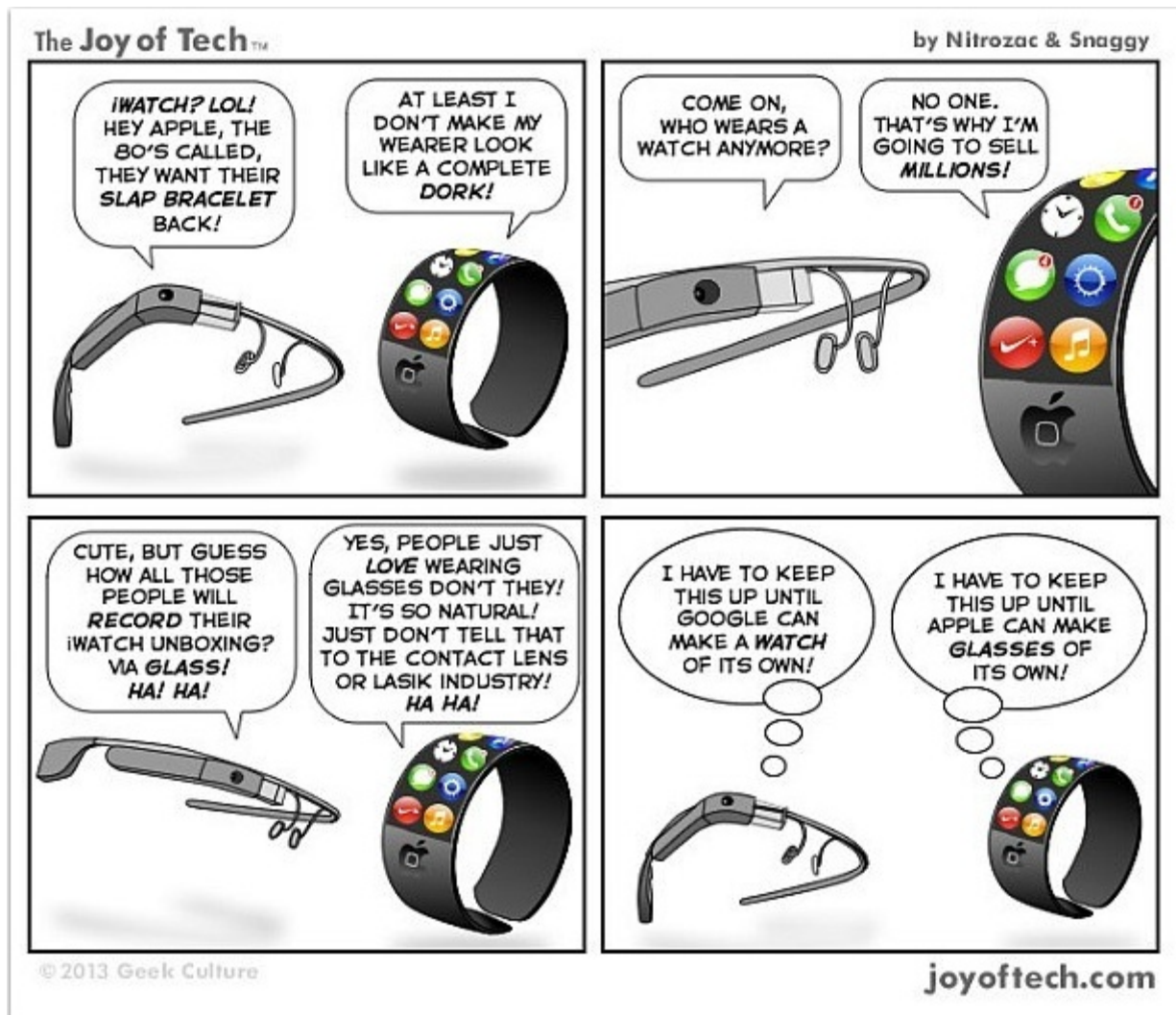


# SGVMUG Apps and Traps for March 2013 by David Whitby

## Humor

### Competition is Great!



**OFF THE MARK:** by Mark Parisi

**RUBES**



Rubes app!  
at [rubescartoons.com](http://rubescartoons.com)

# OSX

## How to Give Your Mac a Performance Boost

Mac's aren't cheap. Everybody knows that. And when you spent \$2,000 or more on your shiny new computer, you expected it to be fast and stay that way. But to your disappointment it wasn't like that and that shiny new computer is now basically just a really expensive progress bar. Fortunately, you have come to the right place. In this tutorial we will go over the things you can to do speed up your Mac, and restore the love you once felt for your investment.

[http://mac.tutsplus.com/tutorials/customization/how-to-give-your-mac-a-performance-boost/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+mactuts+%28Mactuts%2](http://mac.tutsplus.com/tutorials/customization/how-to-give-your-mac-a-performance-boost/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+mactuts+%28Mactuts%2)

### Why Is My Mac So Slow?

Remember the first time you started up your Mac? Hearing that lovely tone you thought would never get annoying and seeing the beautifully designed Apple-centric Boot Image. It sure was a special moment. But now the love you once felt is gone, and you spend a little too much time staring at the boot image rather than actually using your computer. It's true, over time your computer will slow down and stop working the way it once did.

There are many reasons why your computer will become slow over time, here are two of the most common:

#### Caching

Much like an automobile, your computer needs regular maintenance to keep it running at its peak-performance. The more you drive your car, the more "gunk" will build up in your engine. Over time, this "gunk" can impede the performance of the engine. The same applies for computers. To keep things running smoothly, your computer is constantly caching files. If this cache is never cleaned, over time it can become quite large, and eventually slow down your computer.

#### Hardware

As time progresses, computer programs become more and more powerful, while your computer does not. If you noticed that upgrading to Mountain Lion knocked the speed of your machine down a bit, this is because Mountain Lion is demanding more than what Lion did.

### Freeing Up Disk Space



# When you finally move to Mountain Lion by Chris Breen

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2030110/when-you-finally-move-to-mountain-lion.html>

**Rosetta:** The deal-killer for many is the lack of Rosetta support—the technology that allows you to run PowerPC applications on an Intel processor. Rosetta isn't part of Mountain Lion and can't be added. If you have some old applications that you can't live without (AppleWorks, for example) you'll want to stay right where you are. I stopped using PowerPC applications years ago, understanding that the end was in sight for them, so this wasn't a problem for me.

If you do have a lot of PowerPC applications but don't use them, it's likely you'll see them cluttering up your Applications folder. They're doing no harm, but you might want to trash them to free up some space. They're denoted by a gray circle with a line through it (the universal sign for “nuh uh”). If you sort your applications by date created most of them will float to the top of the list, making it easier to spot them.



A PowerPC Mac as seen under Mountain Lion

**The scrolling thing:** With Lion, Apple reversed the scrolling direction so that it would match the direction on iOS devices. I find this more “natural” (as Apple terms it) on a trackpad, but it makes no sense to me with a mouse's scroll wheel. I've elected to put it back the way it was by disabling the natural scroll setting in the Trackpad and Mouse system preferences.

**Scroll bars:** Speaking of scrolling, scroll bars look different. Those clickable arrow icons above and below scroll bars are gone. And, depending on the input device you're using, scroll bars may not always be visible. You can make them visible at all times within the General system preference.

## 30 + Apps That Take Advantage of the Cloud on Your Mac

Since the emergence of Dropbox, many cloud services have spawned all over the internet, and you probably use a few or all of them. From desktops and video games in the cloud to file-sharing, file-syncing cloud services, you are bound to have a membership to at least one – even if you didn't intend to.

That isn't a bad thing, though. As many of you may know, cloud services are extremely useful for school, work, or personal use, not to mention that the cloud will most likely be our future. Because of this, today we will cover the top cloud services and some applications that support them.

### OS X Mountain Lion iCloud-supported Apps

You probably already know this, but in case you don't, we will highlight the applications that you already have installed on your Mac that support iCloud. iTunes, Safari, Calendar, Reminders, Contacts, Mail, Notes, TextEdit, all support iCloud in some way and you can find their iOS counter parts already installed on your iOS devices as well.

<http://mac.appstorm.net/roundups/productivity-roundups/30-apps-that-take-advantage-of-the-cloud-on-your-mac/>

### iCloud

iCloud, Apple's venture into the cloud realm, is relatively new, but a lot of people use it (especially if you have an iPhone). Even though iCloud is somewhat new, there are quite a few apps that support it.



#### iA Writer

iA Writer is one of the coolest text editors available for the Mac, and as many of you may know, it supports iCloud. Paired with the [iPhone and iPad](#) versions, you can focus on your writing wherever you go. Check out our review [here](#).



#### Todo

Todo is a relatively simple task manager for OS X and iOS. It has plenty of cool features and settings to play around with. With the reception of the OS X Reminders app, apps like this one are not needed as much. In any case, Todo support iCloud syncing as well as Dropbox, so give it a try.



#### Memo

Memo is an extremely simple sticky-note-like app that is available for OS X, and iOS. It syncs all your stickies with iCloud, so you will always have your little notes across all your devices.



# How long will it take for a Hacker to discover your Password?

<http://lastbit.com/pswcalc.asp>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Password Calculator estimates recovery time for **Brute-force attack** only. Brute-force attack is the worst case, sometimes other more effective recovery methods are available. For example any password-protected Word or Excel document could be recovered using our unique **Guaranteed Recovery** or **Express Recovery** within a reasonable time frame.

Password length:

Speed:  passwords per second

Number of computers:

☒ chars in lower case      ☐ common punctuation

☐ chars in upper case      ☐ full ASCII

☐ digits

Brute Force Attack will take up to **a minute**

## iOS

### **Snapchat for iPhone, iPod touch (4th generation), iPod touch (5th generation), iPad 2 Wi-Fi, iPad 2 Wi-Fi + 3G, iPad (3rd generation), iPad Wi-Fi + 4G, iPad (4th generation), iPad Wi-Fi + Cellular (4th generation), iPad mini and iPad mini Wi-Fi + Cellular on the iTunes App Store**

Courtesy of Norman Ackerman - this little gem might save you some long term embarrassment as it will delete any image it sends after a fixed interval. No permanent record of questionable photos. Thanks Norm!

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/snapchat/id447188370?mt=8>

#### **Description**

Real-time picture chatting is finally available on iPhone®!  
Snapchat is the fastest way to share a moment with friends.

You control how long your friends can view your message – simply set the timer up to ten seconds and send.

They'll have that long to view your message and then it disappears forever.  
We'll let you know if they take a screenshot!

Build relationships, collect points, and view your best friends.  
Snapchat is instantly fun and insanely playful. Show your friends how clever you can be and enjoy the lightness of being!

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Please Note: Even though snaps are deleted from our servers after they are viewed, we cannot prevent the recipient(s) from capturing and saving the message by taking a screenshot or using an image capture device.

## iDoctor - how smart phones will change health care

One doctors vision of more affordable healthcare via our SmartPhones!

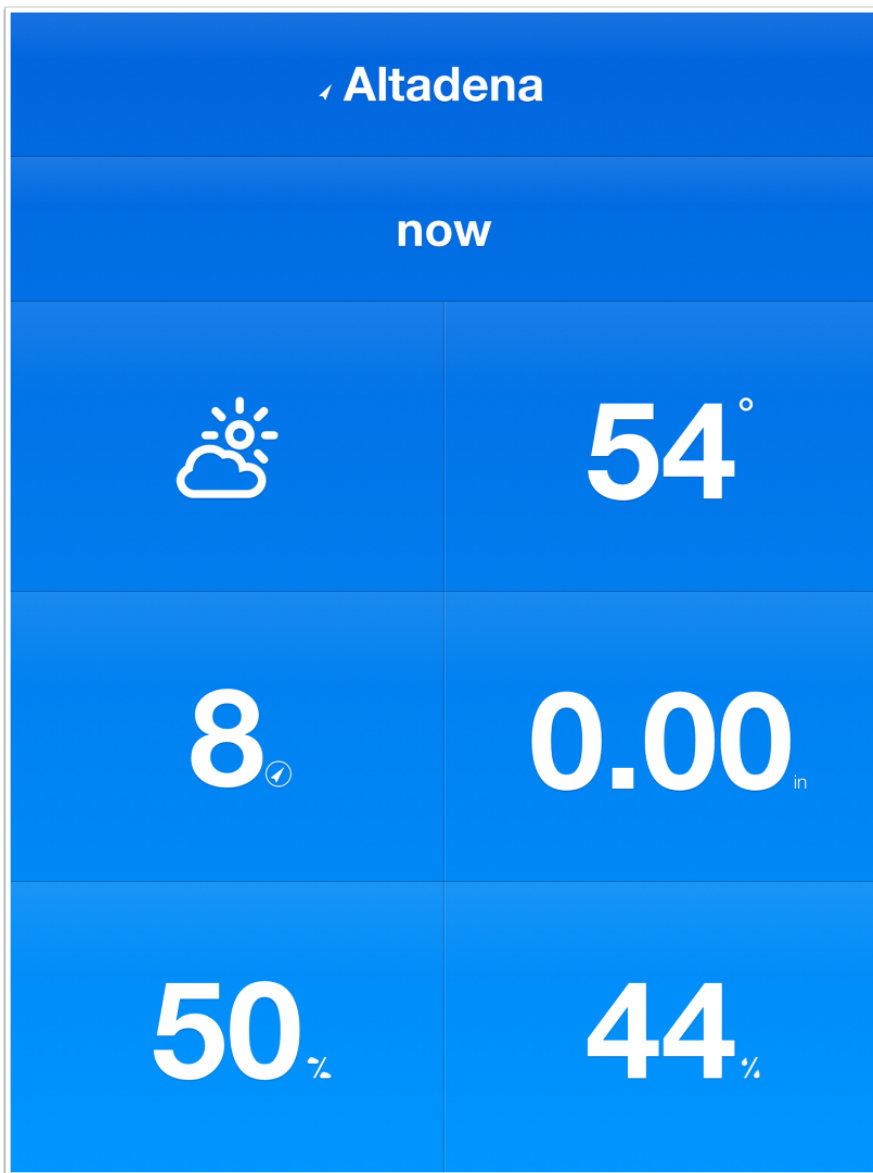
[http://www.richarddawkins.net/news\\_articles/2898](http://www.richarddawkins.net/news_articles/2898)





## WeatherCube from the App Store

Quirky interface but absolutely genius (kind of like the award winning "Clear" To Do app).



## Blux Lens/Camera - Demo

<http://bluxtouch.com/camera/lens.html>

