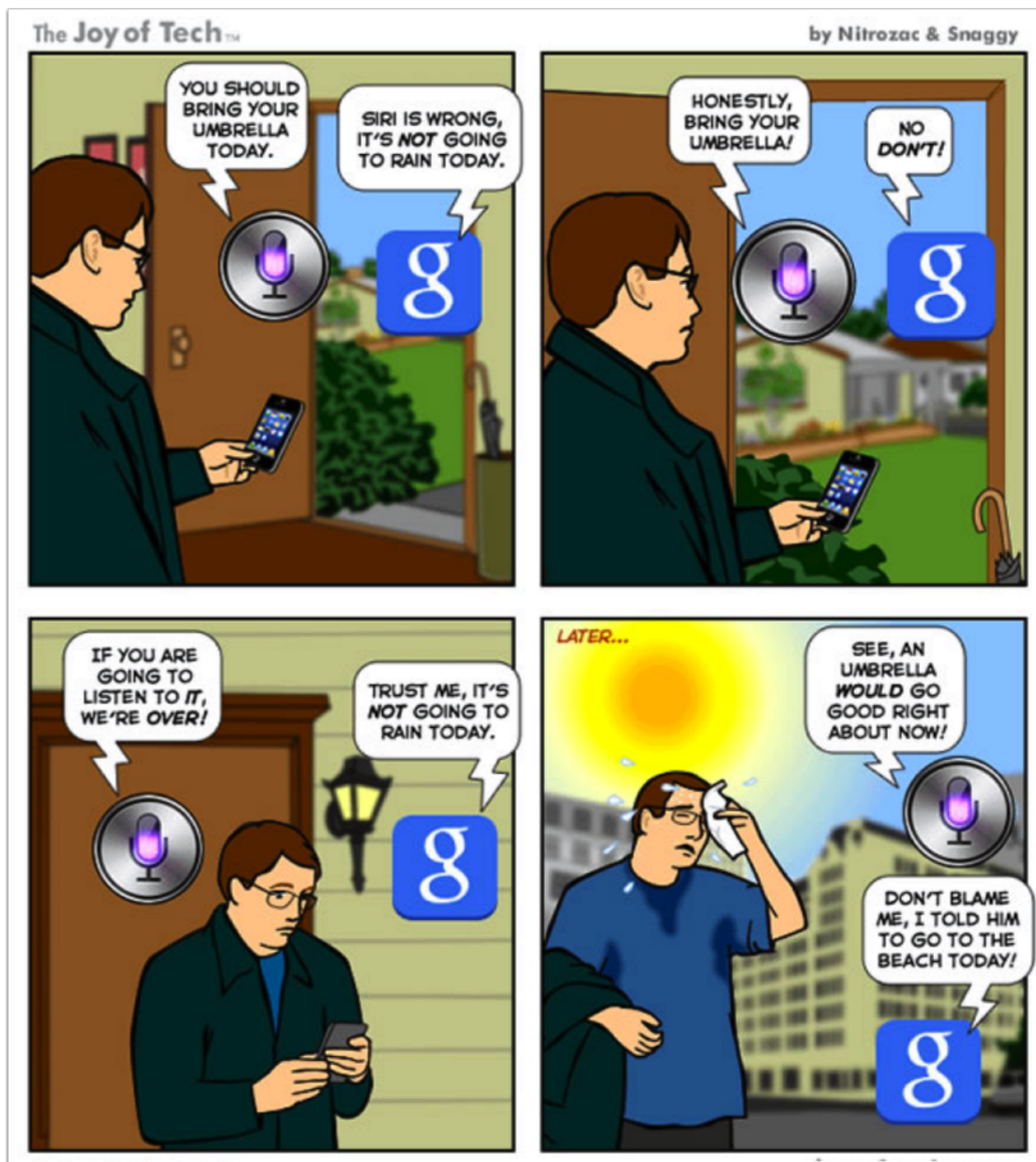


SGVMUG Apps and Traps for May, 2013 by David Whitby

Humor

Battle of the AI's!

Google VS Siri



OSX - recent phishing email....

Oh My God.. I need to improve my Credit Score! Got this email last week...

POINTS WERE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR CREDIT REPORT, cyberdavew@mac.com

Recent activity made on some of your accounts has caused your score to drop a lot.

Work now to increase it back to even higher levels.

This 1-time offer will allow you to become more financially flexible...

[No Cost Only Today Right Here](#)

Take this opportunity on get on improving your credit score today!

Truly,

Sharon Aurand -- Underwriting Supervisor

Do you think I should click on the link to fix my credit?

Got Spam? Tired of unsolicited mail/email? Try these remedies.

Visit optoutprescreen.com or call 888-567-8688 to permanently get off mailing lists or at least get a 5 year exemption. Also, try <http://dmachoice.org> to stop most advertising mai. Also, try <http://catalogchoice.org> to stop many catalogs. For additional California state identity protection tips go to http://www.dca.ca.gov/publications/no_spam.shtml.

Apple Making Big Changes to AppleCare

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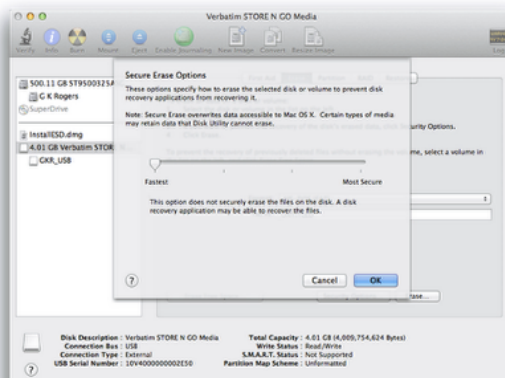
Apple Stores are currently equipped to replace speakers, receivers, home buttons, vibrator motors and batteries. However, come June they will reportedly be able to replace displays and in July they will repair issues with cameras, sleep/wake buttons, and logic boards. Employees will gain access to advanced diagnostic tools that can remotely assess hardware problems and send the data directly to technicians for quicker turnaround times. Bunch reportedly said Apple will save nearly \$1 billion per year by performing repairs in-store.

Security Concerns and Disposing of Hardware

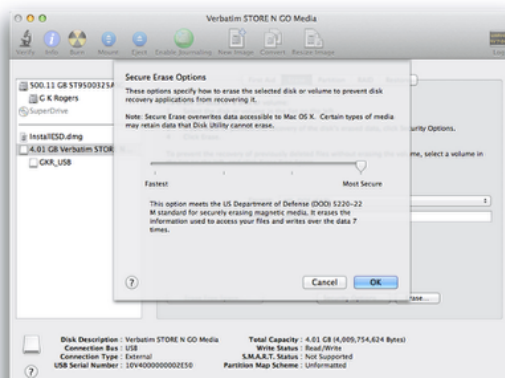
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Is a quick erase of a Hard Disk before you dispose of it sufficient to disallow recovery? Definitely NOT.

Many people these days are aware of the need for passwords on computers although a number of devices I have seen have no password or one that is weak. However, covering risks when the computer or other hardware is in our possession may be of little use if we do not take care to secure the media when it is sold or otherwise disposed of.



When the quick format is used information beneath informs the user that files are not securely erased and that recovery can be done. The next option writes zeroes over the disk making it difficult to recover (but not impossible). The third option is the DOE 3-pass erase, while the Most Secure option will keep the Department of Defence happy with a 7-pass erase. It should be impossible to recover any data with this.



Apple's iOS Devices to be Granted Pentagon Security Clearance Next Week

<http://modmyi.com/content/10882-apple-s-ios-devices-granted-pentagon-security-clearance-next-week.html>

The U.S. Department of Defense recently said that it plans to allow Apple's [iOS devices](#) onto the Pentagon's secure network early next week. This opens the door for lucrative military contracts which are currently dominated by BlackBerry.

According to Alana Johnson, the spokesperson for the Pentagon's Defense Information Systems Agency, if approved next week, government-issued devices running Apple's iOS 6 would be granted access to highly secure military networks.

This news comes one week after Apple's smartphone rival Samsung had its Knox-[compatible devices](#) cleared for use on DoD systems. The report also noted devices running the latest BlackBerry 10 operating system received certification. Apple seems to have recently made significant headway in the government sector and recently saw the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Computer Security Division grant FIPS 140-2 certification to iOS CoreCrypto Kernel Module version 3.0, a module in iOS 6.

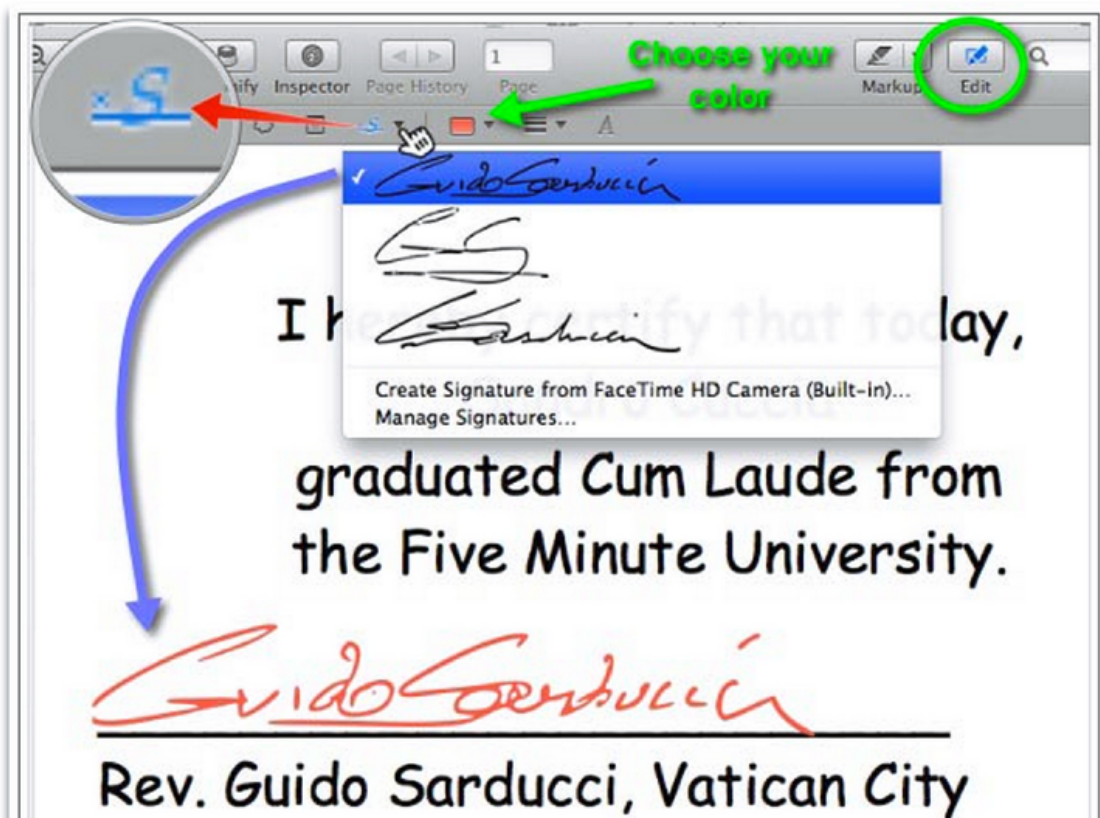
Even though it's a step in the right direction for Apple, the Pentagon must first build out a mobile device management system in order for iPhone and [iPads](#) to proliferate in the secure environment according to Johnson. There seems to be no timeline for such a project as of yet but Apple will likely take the necessary steps to make sure they succeed in the sector.

How to Have Preview Sign Your Documents in OS X

<http://www.macosserver.com/tmo/article/how-to-have-preview-sign-your-documents-in-os-x>

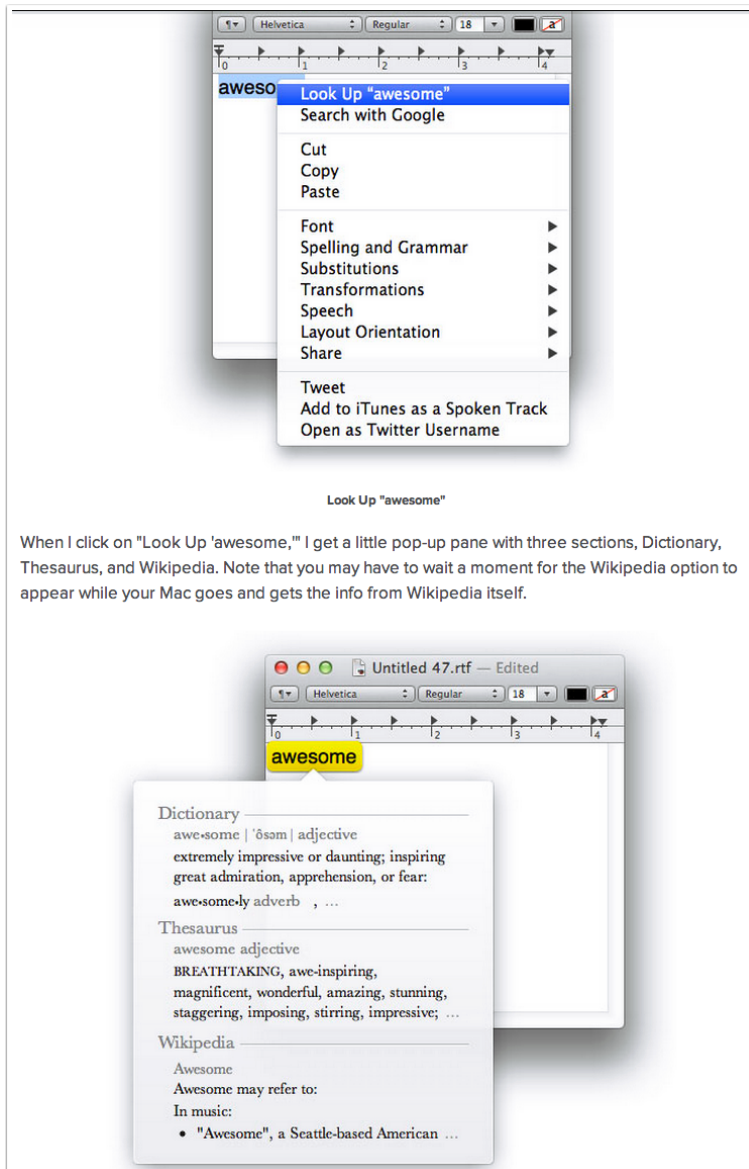
First, click the **Show Edit Toolbar** button in Preview's toolbar. This opens up the Edit Toolbar where all the annotation tools are located. One of these is the Signature Tool. Click on the **Signature Tool** to pop-up a menu where one or more of your signatures will appear. Click the signature you wish to use.

Locate the spot on the PDF document where you want the signature to appear, and click there. In most situations, if you click right on a signature line, Preview will shrink the signature to fit on it.



3 Mac Tips To Save You Time & Lower Your Blood Pressure

<http://www.macobserver.com/tmo/article/3-mac-tips-to-save-you-time-and-lower-your-blood-pressure>



What to do when Good SD cards go bad....

My Sony A55 Camera all of a sudden would not save images to the 32 Gig SD Card.... what to do....

Well, after failing to reformat the card not only in the Camera but also in my desktop mac with Disk Utility, I found a Mac version of SD Formatter 4.0 at SDCard.org. Viola, this free 3rd party software did the trick and I am now snapping off shots again.

All that said, there is still the definite possibility that the SD Card will continue to degrade forcing me to replace it at some time in the future... but for now... problem solved.

A3D Player HD

Have a mediocre pair of Headphones? Want some improved sound. Try this good 3D ambient enhancer for your Mac or mobile device.



14 Free Musical Instrument iPad Apps

No matter what instrument you cannot play.. you can still have fun and release that childhood Mozart in you with some of these apps.

<http://www.midnightmusic.com.au/2013/05/14-free-musical-instrument-apps/>

Previous Article posted on March 8th...

<http://www.midnightmusic.com.au/2013/03/free-ipad-music-apps-for-teachers-part-1/>

14 Free iPad Apps: Play A Musical Instrument

In the second part of my 5-part series about free music iPad apps (following on from [19 Free iPad Apps for Musical Creativity](#)), we take a look at musical instruments.

Before we start, let me just say that I do not advocate playing an iPad instrument when playing the real thing is an option: nothing can replace the feel and the sound of playing real, live instruments with other real, live musicians. However, there are times when iPad instruments can come in handy: when you can't afford to buy the real thing, when you want to experience an unusual instrument that you'll never purchase for your music department (zither anyone?), when one student needs to play 10 different instruments for a class project and you only have the space for...well, for one iPad, or when you need 25 students to all play simultaneously in the same classroom and iPads with headphones make that possible.

As mentioned in [the first post in this series](#), paid apps are nearly always better than free ones but you might find a few gems below. Be warned that some include ads (often with the option to remove them for a fee) and some have limited capabilities.

We lost MobileMe's Gallery that shared photo albums... what to do...

Enter "ünbound" a product that allows you to use your Dropbox space for a cloud backup that conveniently shares your Albums again... you can even tell it to upload small versions of your photos to fit into even a free 2 Gig account.

They are working on a Mac OSX version to potentially replace iPhoto.

Check the App Store for Unbound HD for Dropbox.

