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## Todays Headline Story

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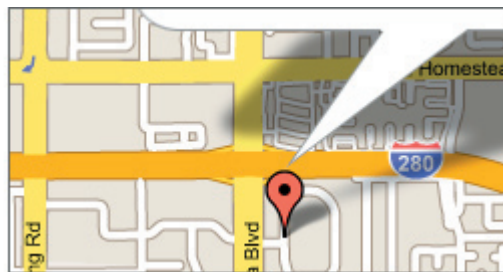
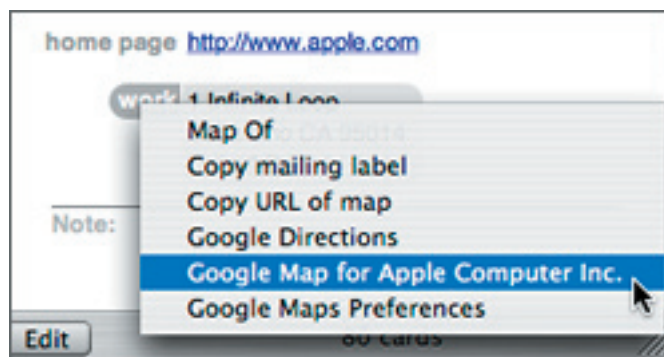
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## Brian Toth Releases Google Maps Plugin Ver. 2.5.2

By Bill Martens

The nifty little google maps tool that I discovered was available several months ago while I was in Seattle, has once again been updated.

Brian Toth software has release version 2.5.2 of his Google Maps Plugin and has made it available for download. The plugin which uses the built in address capabilities of Mac OS X allows you to pinpoint the person you are looking for on the map based on the information contained in the address fields.



You can download your copy of the Google Maps Plugin from the Brian Toth web site at <http://www.briantoth.com/addressbook/>.

## A.P.P.L.E. News

### Big Mac to make a Return to A.P.P.L.E.

We are now in the process of adding the Big Mac Macro Assembler to the downloads section. This Apple II assembler will come complete with the Manual and software and in multiple versions.

The Ted II and Integer Basic Plus disk and manual are now available to our members in the download section.

The Grappler+ Manual is now available in the Members Downloads section. It will be released here before being released to the general public next week.

The Spreadsheet 2.0 software and manuals are available now in the Member Downloads section of the website. When you are downloading this, keep in mind that the entire package is 104mb and will take a while.

Keep in mind that all of the member downloads are for our members only and are not available to the general public. The items in the member downloads are also NOT public domain and are still considered commercial applications. This includes the APTTEST program which has been mistakenly announced by others as public domain.

We are also beginning work on Java versions of the site which should be available later this year if the programmers working on the project can finish it in time.

Also if anyone would like to contribute stories or news for the daily Call-A.P.P.L.E. News Gazette, you can send it to our press address at [press@callapple.org](mailto:press@callapple.org).

## Whats an old Apple II item worth?

by A.P.P.L.E. Staff

Recently, there have been a spate of really unique items appearing on EBay from the Apple II era. While this is not unusual, the prices at the end of the auction were.

We started to check into the appearance and the subsequent discussions in the [somp.sys.apple2](http://somp.sys.apple2) groups

about the prices that the items were fetching.

Everything from old Apple //c LCD displays to unique attachments for the Apple II. Many of the items started out at a low enough price but in the case of several of the items, the ending price was \$300-500 USD.

Lucky for the auctioneer,

but unlucky for the average guy who still uses his Apple II. But that is the nature of auctions from the start.

While Apple II machines aren't worth much, what was baffling to us though were items such as accelerators for the Apple II series such as the Zip IIgs and other similar items. While these items are desirable,

this writer can't imagine that they are all that rare. After all, so many of them were sold that there has to be a glut of them somewhere. But where?

More and more private collections are starting to come available on the EBay auction site. We have seen at least five large ones sold in the past 6 months.

I know what you are saying. Why should I care about the Apple II? Well, for one, you just might have that gold mine in the closet that is going to the dump next week. Don't throw it out. Auction it off. You never know but you might be the lucky one with the golden \$500 item.



# Extensis Portfolio 6 review

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If you have accumulated a large collection of images, you can relate to the need to put them in a database so you can retrieve the ones you want to use later. Database programs of my own design have missed the mark in ease of use, so I was happy to give Extensis' Portfolio 6 a spin. I had seen this program demonstrated at MacWorld numerous times, and actually tried out a much older version when I had only a few digital images, not the thousands now floating on my drive.

**Keywords-**  
I took a disk full of images of a field biology training course and loaded it to my hard drive. I was able to drag the folder containing 121 images over into Portfolio, initiating a window requesting a description of the images, a tab for keywords, and sort fields to enter. I started entering keywords and realized that they were not transferring over to what is called the master keyword list. Fearing duplication of work, I searched the online help manual and learned the path to access the master keyword list (Catalog>Administration>Keywording). The help feature is in a manual format, not as handy as the indexed or contextual help you will find in many other programs. However, it does the job after some searching through Adobe Acrobat for keywords.

I can lock down the keywords if I want and limit them to those on the master list. Knowing how easy it is for me to make up slight variations, this will be a convenient feature.

With my master keywords set, I continued on with selecting which keywords would be assigned to this catalog of images. Time out. All of the keywords were assigned to every image in the catalog. Since that was not what I wanted, I thumbed through the manual again (this time the hard copy) and learned quickly that I needed to select the files that I wanted to assign to a particular keyword, then go into Item>Edit Keywords to make the keyword assignments. That done, and a quick find results in a window with just my selected images in that category. Now we're making progress.

I was surprised that the master keyword list is associated with the catalog in which it is created. If you want to use it in another catalog, you must export it as a text file and import it into the new catalog. Initially, I thought this was a negative feature, but found it a positive, because I can avoid going through a huge list of terms that may not apply when I'm logging classroom images, for example.

The field option is another way to manage the images. I have several instructors shown in the field class photos and I would like to avoid having a single keyword for the names of each person who may request a photo

of them teaching a group of students. So, I used a field and called it Person. I can use the value of the field to insert the person's name. For example, Monique is in three shots, so I selected those images and attached her name to them. Later, I did a find for Riparian (it means streamside vegetation) and Monique. I was able to use a keyword feature, click "more choices" and select the field value equals "Monique". Portfolio retrieved the one photo of Monique that was taken in the riparian area. I am also using this feature for photo location and photographer. Now this is computing. Portfolio 6 allows me to create a separate palette from the master palette that contains predefined fields. This is handy to have on the desktop in Portfolio.

Next, I brought in some images to the catalog that I had processed in Adobe Photoshop and assigned keywords to the files. Just as the manual stated, the keywords were then associated with the files in the Portfolio catalog.

**Sorting Views-**  
I have to admit that even before I got into the keywords, I clicked on the sorting option. There are over a dozen options! Sort by date, time created, image orientation, filename, resolution, thumbnail size, and more. My favorite is the time created, because it allows me to keep together the numerous panoramic sequences I take in natural settings.

**Managing files-**

One of the neatest features is the ability to drop images into Portfolio from the browser

**Distribution-**  
Portfolio works to create catalogs that are like pointers to your images on your hard drive, or on a separate medium, such as a CD. The collect feature allows for a variety of ways to give your images to others, email, create CDs, web publish, upload to a server, even timed slide shows that can be exported as Quicktime movies. I tried the CD option on a Windows machine to make a Mac/Win version CD. I need to clarify whether the settings were correct in the CD burning software that I used. The first try from Win to Mac/Win was unsuccessful. EZ CD Creator 5 on the PC asks for 8+3 filenames in order to assure compliance with ISO 9660 protocols to produce a Mac/Win readable version from the Win machine. The documentation for Mac to Mac CD burning is extensive. It is on the software CD.

**Server options-**  
One reason I wanted to play with this software is to recommend a server software for the large office where I work. Many of us are generating loads of images that we need to make available for others. In my training work, I need access to a variety of technical images. I can now go to our server and click through folder after folder. However, I look forward to using Portfolio Server in the near future. All I need to do is to keyword my photos and load them

to the server. I can create my own catalog pointers to retrieve certain types of images, while everyone else does the same.

No more naming files; with all the search capabilities, the important information is in the keywording.

**Recommendation-**  
With all of the features offered, too many to cover them all here, Portfolio 6 is a very powerful database tool. All you really have to be careful about is finding a permanent location for your images, since the catalogs in Portfolio are essentially shortcuts. Portfolio manipulates thumbnails of your original images. You can move, copy, delete and rename files from within the program to keep things in order.

The software box from Extensis states "We Create Order. You Create Art." I can be much more confident now that I will be able to find the art I've created, now that I have a tool for doing so.

**System Requirements:**  
Macintosh  
Mac OS 8.6 or higher including OS X  
PowerPC 32 MB available RAM

Windows  
Windows 98 and higher,  
Windows NT Service  
Pentium 32 MB available RAM

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\$2399 Server with 5-user

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