

On the Docket for the  
**General Meeting**  
Thursday, July 17, 2008

## Mostly Free Apps for your computer

**Y**ou can be productive on your computer without spending a cent for applications! There is an abundance of free and inexpensive applications available for Windows and MAC platforms... and of course, with Linux, you don't even need to buy an operating system. From text editors or photo viewers to security utilities or office suites, yes, even to operating systems, it is possible to run your PC without paying a penny beyond your hardware purchase.

In this General Meeting, our panel of member-experts will demonstrate and discuss a wide variety of their favorite open source, freeware, and low-cost shareware applications. You'll learn what's available and their features, where to find and download them, and how to install and learn some of them. (One disadvantage of many free programs is that Barnes & Noble has few books of instruction for them...but that does not mean that you cannot find excellent support or tutorials online.)

As time permits, our panelists may also discuss the differences among freeware, shareware, and open source applications. They may also give some advice on when you might want to pay for a commercial application, even though a perfectly good free one is available. (You may opt to purchase programs—for the sake of familiarity, comfort, or support—but at least you should know your options.)

Many free and commercial applications may be run from the web; this is known as SaaS—software as a service. We may show some of these and discuss their disadvantages and advantages.

### *NYPC Panelists*

Our panelists are:

- Mike Ostrowe, Chair of the TechTips SIG, who will show a variety of free utilities to keep your PC humming happily
- Mark Halegua, Chair of the DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users Group for Endusers) SIG, who will demonstrate the strengths of Open Office, show how easy it is to get started with Linux using (K)ubuntu, and more
- Mary Ginsburg, Chair of the Photography and Digital Graphics SIG, who will introduce a number of general and specialized enhancement and organizing applications for digital photographs

This meeting is very practical; you will learn how to do more with and for your computer without additional financial investment. You may have an undying bond with Photoshop, but perhaps your mother could use the GIMP...or even Picassa.

CDs containing many of the applications will be available for sale at a modest price at the meeting. *Mary Ginsburg, [nypc@nypceducation.org](mailto:nypc@nypceducation.org)*

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## General Meeting Info

**When:** Thursday, July 17, 2008

**Where:** Fordham Law School  
Room 205  
140 West 62nd Street

**Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open  
6:30pm Q&A/Networking  
7:00pm Presentation

**Subway:** Take favorite subway to 59th St/Columbus Circle. Walk north and west (*check with MTA*)

**PATH:** N/A

**Web site:** <http://www.nypc.org>

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To check on the NYPC General Meeting, find location, or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, check our website.

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Your participation benefits *both* you *and* NYPC. (Details, p. 7)

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- Open House & Flea Market at NYPC: Stop before or after Macy's shopping
  - Refreshments
  - CD with freeware utilities
  - Free tech advice from some of our gurus
- NYPC keeps the entire proceeds from sale of passes. This enables us to continue to provide a community of computer users who help each other.



<http://www.nypc.org>

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### Links for General Meeting

Good general download sites:

- <http://www.download.com/>
- <http://www.tucows.com/>

Open Source SW (includes projects under development)

- <http://sourceforge.net>

Online office suites:

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Online\\_Office](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Online_Office)

# NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, e-mail [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org), phone 212-643-7005, x2, or sign up online at <http://www.nypceducation.org>

Prices below are for NYPC members; if you are not a member, please add registration fee of \$10. For complete descriptions, plus teachers' bios, click on *Courses*, then class name at <http://www.nypceducation.org>

## ⇒ Parallels: MAC & Windows Together at last

Learn more about making MAC & PC programs work on the same machine. Pat McEvoy, who moves effortlessly between these two worlds, will go into using Parallels on your Intel-chip MAC. This will be a small workshop where you participate and gain the knowledge you need for your own machine.

Two Tuesday evenings, July 15, 22, 6:30-9:00pm  
Workshop, \$49

## ⇒ PC Backup Workshop, hands-on

We frequently hear members say, "I know the theory of backing up my computer, but I'd like some hands-on instruction." Here it is! Mike Ostrowe, Chair of the TechTips SIG, will conduct a workshop in which you will actually make backups of the NYPC computers. An external hard drive is usually the best media for full backups, and as a bonus you will learn how to build your own external hard drive. Then you'll connect it to your computer, select and configure your software, and back up your drive. This intensive, useful workshop should be a lot of fun.

Register early if you want to build your own drive to take home, so we can advise on materials.

Saturday, July 19, 10:00am-3:00pm  
Hands-on workshop, \$49

## ⇒ Getting Started with the Treo Smart Phone

Have you bought a Treo Smart Phone, but are using it only as a phone? Or are you considering the purchase of one?

Then come to this class! Ted Cohn, chair of our Cell Phone and Palm SIGs, will guide you and answer your questions.

Wednesday, July 23, August 27, 3:30-5:30pm  
Anniversary Special: 1 session, only \$25

## ⇒ Mastering Your Digital Camera Controls

With their wealth of controls and menu options, digital cameras can bewilder even the most experienced photographer. The user can change not only aperture and shutter speed, but also ISO, white balance, automatic program, and more. In this class we'll learn how to take advantage of the many camera options to take better photos.

- Please tell registrar your camera model when you register
- Plan to bring your manual to class

2 Tuesday mornings, 10:00am-1:00pm, July 29, August 5  
2 Thursday afternoons, August 14, 28, 2:00-5:00pm  
Hands-on with your camera, \$59

## ⇒ Photo Enhancement with Photoshop Elements

Learn how to enhance your digital photos! Photoshop Elements is Adobe's "consumer level" digital imaging program. Though far less expensive and easier than Photoshop, it offers considerable power in enhancing and distributing digital images. Like all graphics applications, it is also very enjoyable. In this hands-on course, we'll learn by doing, from using layers through tonal and color corrections, and more. Mastery of Elements provides a smooth pathway to Photoshop, for those who wish to go further.

Students are encouraged to bring their own photos for advice.

4 Thursday mornings, July 31, August 7, 14, 28, 10:00am-1:00pm  
3 Sundays, August 3, 10, 24, 12:30-5:00pm (incl. breaks)  
12 hours, hands-on, \$129

Watch website and e-mails for updates

## ⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills! In each of the following courses we'll learn how to structure efficient and effective searches, and how to interpret and use your results. Take one or more. Please bring some topics on which you'd like to search.

**Better "Googling":** Though emphasizing Google's syntax and features, we'll also look at alternate search sites and when to use them. (Aug. 4)

**Beyond Google: Advanced Internet Searching:** Google is great, but sometimes it's overwhelming to get 100,000 hits! We'll look at alternatives to Google: meta search engines, clustering search engines, topic-specific searchers, and exciting new ways to visualize results... also directories (and when to use them), RSS feeds, and other ways to supplement search engines. (Aug. 11)

**Finding Health/Medical Information Online:** There are millions of health-related sites, but not all give valid information. How can you find those with the reliable information you need? We'll learn to structure effective searches and to separate valuable information from the questionable. We'll also look at some excellent sites. (Aug. 18)

**Using TECH Sites to Solve Computer Problems:** Of course, the best resource for tech help is NYPC, but where do you go at 2 AM? There's a wealth of helpful, specific information on the web, but finding the most useful sites often depends on knowing how to structure your search and choose the best sites. This session will show you how! (Aug. 25)

Monday afternoons, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2:00-5:00pm

Price per hands-on session, \$35 for 1; \$30 each for more than one

## ⇒ Manage Your Digital Photos

Has your digital camera led to a proliferation of image files on your hard drive, to the point where you cannot find the ones you want? Learn some techniques and software for managing them.

Monday, August 4, 6:00-9:00pm

Three hours, mostly hands-on, \$35

## ⇒ Video Editing with Premiere Elements

Like Photoshop Elements, Premiere Elements is a highly effective consumer version of a popular Adobe product. It enables a person to produce high-quality videos without investing the money and time required by Premiere or another professional video editor.

This course has been developed for participants in the NYPC Bits & Bytes TV show, but others are welcome on a space-available basis. The course will cover video capture, understanding and using the time line, audio effects, video transitions, titling, output formats, and more. Homework will use segments from NYPC's video shoots. We hope to post student products on YouTube.

Four Tuesday evenings, August 5-26, 6:00-9:00pm

Hands-on, \$149, plus materials/book fee TBA

## ⇒ Smarter Surfing

A series of classes to help you make the most of your time on the World Wide Web:

**Boss Your Browser:** Firefox, Opera, Safari, IE, or...? How to select the best Browser for your needs and use it more effectively. Wednesday, August 6

**Safer Surfing:** Is someone tracking where you go on the Web? How to protect data and computer while going from site to site. Wednesday, August 13

**Saving Your Tracks:** What do you do with your search results? How to save the fruits of your online research. Wednesday, August 27

3 Wednesday afternoons, 12:00-3:00pm

Hands-on, \$39 each or \$33 each if you sign up for more than one

# NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8 Excel  MS Exchange	9	10  DeLUGE	11  Marketing Comm	12
13	14  MAC	15  <b>WINDOWS in MAC</b>  Investment	16	17 NYPC General Meeting  Java SG	18	19  <b>BACKUP WORKSHOP</b>
20	21 NYPC Gen Mtg: Parallels	22  Photoshop (D)  <b>WINDOWS in MAC</b>	23  <b>TREO SMART PHONE</b>  Web Lounge	24  TechTips	25  Social Networking	26
27	28  Adv Tech & Tech	29  <b>DIG CAM CONT (1)</b>  NYPC Board	30	31  QuickBooks  <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS(1)</b>	August 1  Dig Phot Field Trip	2
3  <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (1)</b>	4  <b>NET SEARCH: Google</b>  <b>DIG PHOTO MGT</b>	5  Web Dev  <b>DIG CAM CONT (2)</b>  <b>PREMIERE ELEMENTS(1)</b>	6  <b>SMART SURF: Browser</b>  Visual Basic  Palm/Treo/Wireless	7  <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS(2)</b>  Java GM  Enterprise Windows	8  Marketing Comm	9
10  <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS(2)</b>	11  <b>NET SEARCH: Beyond Google</b>  MAC	12  <b>PREMIERE ELEMENTS(2)</b>  MS Exchange	13  <b>SMART SURF: Privacy</b>  <b>Alpha DB</b>	14  <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS(3)</b>  <b>DIG CAM CONT (1)</b>  Dig Photog	15	16
17	18  <b>NET SEARCH: Medical</b>  Ventura	19  <b>PREMIERE ELEMENTS(3)</b>	20	21  NYPC Social at Frying Pan	22  Social Networking	23
24  <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS (3)</b>	25  <b>NET SEARCH: Tech</b>  ATT	26  <b>PREMIERE ELEMENTS(4)</b>	27  <b>SMART SURF: Saving Research</b>  <b>TREO SMART PHONE</b>  Web Lounge	28  <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS(4)</b>  <b>DIG CAM CONT (2)</b>  TechTips	29	30

**Calendar Legend**

Plain = SIG Meeting      *Italic = Other Meetings*  
**Bold = NYPC Class**      *Italics = Special Event*

The calendar shows events that were scheduled at press time. Please check our online calendar for updates by going to <http://www.nypc.org> and clicking on Meetings and Events. See page 3 for Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.

**Location Legend** PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue      MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave. (51st/52nd Str), 6th Flr  
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550

# SIG Directory

The calendar shows events that were scheduled at press time. Find detailed information about most SIG meetings by clicking on SIG of interest at [www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings](http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings). Details appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, cancellations, or specific topics to replace TBA—are announced here. If we have your e-mail address, we will send you occasional meeting updates/reminders.

Note: For meetings at Microsoft, your name must be on a list at the security desk in order to be allowed upstairs. If you want to attend a SIG meeting, be sure to send the SIG leader your name (as it appears on your photo ID—required) at least a day before the meeting. Generally, once is enough, but be sure you're on the list of EACH SIG you wish to attend.

## AXS Access

Linda Ewen, [LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com](mailto:LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com)  
Next meeting in September

## ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, [shereff@cs.nyu.edu](mailto:shereff@cs.nyu.edu)  
Monday, July 28th, August 25, 6:30 PM  
Location: MS  
General discussion of PC technology

## ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, [brochford1@comcast.net](mailto:brochford1@comcast.net)  
Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Topic TBA

## LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users Group)

<http://www.delugeny.org>. Mark Halegua, [phantom21@mindspring.com](mailto:phantom21@mindspring.com)  
Thursday, July 10, 6:30 PM (No Aug mtg)  
Location: NYPC  
The new version of the GIMP graphics editor

## EWN Enterprise Windows

<http://nyewin.org/>  
Edwin Woo, [nyewin@live.com](mailto:nyewin@live.com)  
Thursday, August 7th, 6:00 PM  
Location: MS  
Topic TBA

## EXC Excel

Al Vachris, [alfred.vachris@gmail.com](mailto:alfred.vachris@gmail.com)  
Next meeting in September

## EXG Microsoft Exchange Server

Ben Serebin, [exchangeug@reefsolutions.com](mailto:exchangeug@reefsolutions.com)  
<http://www.nyexug.com>  
Tuesday, July 8th, August 12th, 6:00 PM  
Location: MS  
8/12: Intro to SANs for Exchange

## Check the Online Calendar!

Be sure to check the online calendar for updates:

<http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>

This is especially important in the summer!

## GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>  
David Kleiman, [roots@heritagemuse.com](mailto:roots@heritagemuse.com)  
Next meeting in September

## HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, [Rags6600@hotmail.com](mailto:Rags6600@hotmail.com)  
Date TBA: Check online calendar  
Location: NYPC  
Hands-on Hardware

## INV Investment

SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp., <http://www.better-investing.org>  
Phyllis Pawlovsky, [PGP106@cs.com](mailto:PGP106@cs.com)  
Tuesday, July 15th, 6:00 PM  
Location: MS  
Topic TBA

## CSG Java: Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.nycjava.net>  
Gary Russo, [garyrusso@hotmail.com](mailto:garyrusso@hotmail.com)  
Thursday, August 7th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Topic TBA

## CSG Java Study Group

Dario Laverde, [dario@nycjava.net](mailto:dario@nycjava.net)  
Thursday, July 17th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Contact Dario for information and dates

## CSG JAVA: Object Data Knowledge Management

Carlos Jerome, [cjinterf@panix.com](mailto:cjinterf@panix.com)  
E-mail leader for dates, location  
Continuing development of constituent directory & communication systems

## LNX LINUX

We hope to resume this SIG soon. If interested, e-mail [nypc@nypceducation.org](mailto:nypc@nypceducation.org)

## MAC MAC SIG

Betty Henderson, [esqh@yahoo.com](mailto:esqh@yahoo.com) (temp)  
Monday, July 14th, August 11, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Hands-on get acquainted with the M AC

## MKT Marketing Committee

Murray Strelitz, Grace Lee,  
[marketing@nypc.org](mailto:marketing@nypc.org)  
Friday, July 11th, August 8th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC

## BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 29th, 6:30 PM  
Location: TBA  
Members are welcome to attend, but we'd like to know ahead. Please e-mail [pres@nypc.org](mailto:pres@nypc.org).

## GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, July 17th, 6:00 PM  
Location: PS 41, 116 W. 11th St.  
Freeware and shareware for your PC  
Monday, July 21, 6:00 PM  
Location: Tekserve, 119 W. 23rd (6th/7th Aves)  
Running PC Programs on a MAC

## PDA Palm/Treo/Centro/Wireless

<http://nypc.org/palm.php>. Ted Cohn, Grace Lee, [nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com](mailto:nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com)  
Wednesday, July 2nd, August 6th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Think your browser on your smartphone is too slow? Learn some tips to speed it up and make it acceptable. It won't be as fast as surfing on your PC but it will be fast enough.

## PRL Perl Seminar NY

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/perlsemy> James E. Keenan, [jkeen@verizon.net](mailto:jkeen@verizon.net)  
Alex Gill, [ag@tkwx.us](mailto:ag@tkwx.us)  
Next meeting in October

## PHT Photography & Graphics

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Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)  
Friday, August 1st, 2:00 PM (tent)  
Thursday, August 14th, 6:30 PM  
8/1: Field trip, tentatively to Governor's Island  
8/14: Adobe online Photoshop Express vs Picnik.com

## PHO Photoshop

[http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop\\_sigs.html](http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sigs.html); Laura Balsam, [nypc@hookbuilt.com](mailto:nypc@hookbuilt.com)  
Tuesday, July 22, 1:00 PM, August TBA  
Location: NYPC  
Topics TBA  
Geared toward intermediate to advanced Photoshop users, but all are welcome. Join us at 11:45 AM in the Tick Tock Diner for socializing prior to the 1 PM meeting

## QBB QuickBooks

Len Ginsburg, [LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net)  
Thursday, July 31st, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
More on forms and exports to MS Office

**SNT Social Networking NEW SIG!**

Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org  
 Friday, July 25th, August 22nd, 6:30 PM  
 Check online calendar or e-mail about August  
 Location: NYPC  
 Social Networking is more than FaceBook.  
 This SIG will explore many sites & features  
 7/25: Social networking sites for both business and pleasure

**SPR Speech Recognition**

http://www.out-loud.com Laura Miner,  
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 Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org  
 Next meeting in September

**PAS TechTips)**

Michael Ostrowe, mjestrowe@hotmail.com  
 Thursday, July 24th, August 28th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 7/24: Mike's favorite PC utilities

**VPI Ventura**

Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com  
 Monday, August 18, 7:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

**BAS Visual Basic**

David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com  
<http://nypcvb.org>  
 Wednesday, July 2nd, 6:15 PM (No Aug mtg)  
 Location: MS  
 Mobile Device Programming using VS2008

**WMM Web Design with Dreamweaver**

John Milisenda, jmilisenda@aaahawk.com  
 Tuesday, July 1st, August 5th, 2:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Exploration of Macromedia Dreamweaver as  
 a web development tool. Oriented towards  
 beginners, but all are welcome

**WFI Web Lounge - NEW SIG!**

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net  
 Wednesday, July 23rd, August 27th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 More and more websites are acting like  
 applications through the browser, like the  
 recently released Firefox 3. No need to  
 download and install software, just go to a  
 website and go. Make phone calls, develop  
 your own website and so much more. And  
 they're free. We'll be exploring these websites:  
 C2Call & Roxer.

*Other Organizations*

**NPC Non-Profit Computing**

John L. German, 212-759-2368  
 Includes:

**JOB Career Development Group**

Phone for dates  
 New Location: West-Park Presbyterian  
 Church at 86th and Amsterdam  
 Facilitators include:  
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111  
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

**SIGs on hiatus:**

Contact leader with interest

**BEG Beginners SIG**

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**EMB Embedded Systems**

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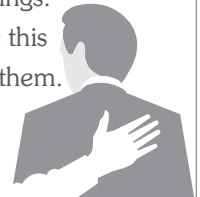
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# Switching to the Mac, The Missing Manual, Leopard edition

by David Pogue (Pogue Press, O'Reilly Media, 2008, 608 pages)

by Terry Tolvo

## Switching to the Mac

Maybe you're a Windows user who is thinking about buying a Macintosh because of concerns about online security, viruses and spyware. Or perhaps you need to work with both systems, and are planning to install Windows on an Intel Mac, where it will run in native mode.

Whatever your reasons for considering a change, you face a host of questions about how best to proceed. How will you move all your data to the new computer? What about setting up online accounts, dealing with email, transferring your address book and calendar? How about your music collection?

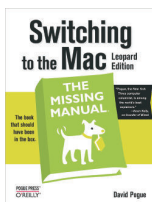
There's also the matter of program and file compatibility. Microsoft Office Suite files (except for Access, which has no Mac equivalent) can be opened on either computer. The same is true for Adobe's graphics programs. But what about software from smaller vendors that you've come to depend on? How about all the utilities that speed up your work? If you use Access, you'll need to find a Mac database program that will accept your PC data files.

## The Mac Explained...in Windows Terms

If this all seems a bit overwhelming, help is at hand. *Switching to the Mac*, by David Pogue, is an excellent guide through the cross-platform maze. Clearly-written and comprehensive, it explains all you need to know about the Mac operating system, and its hardware and software, to make the transition as painless as possible.

The value of this book is that it explains the Macintosh system in terms that are familiar to Windows users. When you turn on a Mac and look at the Dock, you will know that it is the Mac equivalent of the Taskbar. When you want to make a shortcut to a file or folder, you will understand that on the Mac you create an alias instead.

An operating system is an operating system — whether it is Windows or Mac OS. Both systems perform essentially the same tasks, but go about them in different ways. The first section of the book covers the workings of Mac OS, and how it is like or unlike Windows. It discusses the keyboard differences — the command, option, and Mac-specific keys. It also covers some common head-scratchers that confront Windows users new to the Mac — like how to eject a CD or DVD disk.



## Much Useful Information

*Switching to the Mac* is full of useful information — how to transfer your data from the PC to the Mac; how to set up an internet connection and get online; how the Mac file system works; how to set up accounts and connect to a network.

A chapter is devoted to popular Windows programs and their Mac equivalents. Some programs (like the Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office — except Access, as noted above) are offered on both systems and are file-compatible. Where a Windows program is not available on the Mac, the book gives suggestions for alternate programs to try. And if there is no satisfactory substitute for an indispensable program, it discusses how to continue using the program by running it under a copy of Windows installed on the Mac.

Another chapter covers hardware — how to set up a printer, burn CDs and DVDs, and connect equipment (like a monitor, mouse or keyboard), which you may have purchased for your PC, to the Mac. The book also includes a very helpful appendix called the “Where’d It Go?” Dictionary. This is a listing, in alphabetical order, of every common Windows feature and where to locate its Mac equivalent. This is the place to look if you're searching for the comparable Control Panel functions, or how to make a screen capture, or force-quit a program.

*Switching to the Mac* covers just about everything you need to know to feel comfortable and productive with the Mac OS. And if you've attended any of David Pogue's appearances at an NYPC General Meeting, you'll understand why I say this is a computer book you'll enjoy reading — it isn't easy to inject humor into technical writing, but he manages to do so very well.

Incidentally, *Switching to the Mac* can serve as a good reference for Macintosh users working in a Windows environment who want to understand the other side's way of doing things. There is no comparable book that I'm aware of that addresses this situation — and you can easily reverse the Windows-to-Mac information to find what you need to know.

*Switching to the Mac* is available in two editions — for Leopard (the most recent Mac OS) and for Tiger (the previous version).

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### July Repeat of June General Meeting

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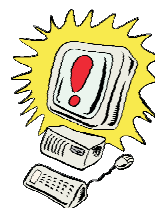
**Co-sponsor/Location: Tekserve**

The demonstration of using Parallels to run Windows (also Linux, if you wish) on an Intel-chip Macintosh was so successful that we are offering it a third time, in cooperation with Tekserve, the friendly, helpful Apple store. Tekserve's event space is smaller than our usual meeting space, so you need to pre-register via email to [TekserveMeeting@nypc.org](mailto:TekserveMeeting@nypc.org).

Come see how well it works! For details, see June newsletter.

When: Monday, July 21, 2008  
6:00pm Meeting begins  
Come early and browse in the store  
6:30pm Presentation

Where: Tekserve, 119 West 23rd Street



### coming attractions

*We've got some great general meetings coming up*

Thursday, September 25 Learning a Language  
with Rosetta Stone

Date TBA Security Presentation by Symantec

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to [Bill.Ginsberg@nypc.org](mailto:Bill.Ginsberg@nypc.org).



### NYPC Party at the Frying Pan!

#### Date TBA

The Frying Pan, an old restored lightship at a Hudson pier, has been reopened. We hope to gather there in August to enjoy an evening of relaxing and networking with other NYPC members!

Cash bar and cash food.

Watch the online calendar & website for details.

Though our goal is a good time, you might bring your business cards to network with other NYPC members! Bring a friend/spouse, etc.