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Mac OSX LION 10.7.2 Tips Improving the Finder

Easy Printing... did you know that You can also add to the Finder toolbar a shortcut to your printer(s), which will let you drag and drop files to instantly print them or allow you to click the icon to see the print queue. Just open System Preferences (Apple menu (System Preferences), click Print & Scan, then drag and drop any of the printer(s) from the list to the toolbar or sidebar of any open Finder window.

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Users	8/28/11	176.95 GB	Folder
Applications	11/22/11	17.67 GB	Folder
Library	10/12/11	9.36 GB	Folder
System	10/12/11	5.31 GB	Folder
Developer	7/23/11	5.2 GB	Folder
Take Control of Sp...Your Mac (1.0).pdf	6/1/11	2.7 MB	Port...PDF)
L425777A-US_OS_...e_Demo_Guide.pdf	8/31/11	1.9 MB	Port...PDF)
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Music	8/28/10	Zero bytes	Folder

Henge Docks Clique: A new way to merge your Wireless Keyboard and Magic Trackpad

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Many Mac users use a combination of an Apple Wireless Keyboard and a Magic Trackpad for their typing and pointing pleasure. Twelve South came up with a lovely way to merge the two devices into a single unit with the [MagicWand](#) (US \$29.99). Now Henge Docks has developed a less expensive and more functional device called the [Clique](#) (\$24.99) that should be a fierce competitor to the MagicWand.

Design and Functionality

The Clique is actually a thin, bright white plastic rigid tray into which your Apple Wireless Keyboard and Magic Trackpad "click," hence the clever name. When the peripherals are snapped into the Clique, they form a rigid unit that can easily be used in a lap. I found this to be wonderful -- when I'm using the MagicWand, I have to place it onto my desktop and sit closer to the screen of my iMac. Now I'm able to place the keyboard and trackpad on my legs and move back a bit into a much more comfortable position in my chair.

Henge Docks Clique Keyboard / Trackpad Mount

Turning off the keyboard or trackpad is also easy. Henge Docks designed a small spring-loaded button into the right side of the Clique that can be depressed to power the trackpad on and off. In addition, there's a small slider underneath the keyboard that is used to turn the keyboard on and off without taking the keyboard out of the Clique.

I was a bit concerned that the Clique would be uncomfortable for typing, as it adds a bit of thickness to the keyboard that doesn't exist with the Magic Wand. That concern went away as soon as I started using the Clique -- if you hold your hands in a proper position for typing, that extra 1/16th of an inch doesn't cause any problem.

iOS Tips for 4S with Siri

Tips for using Siri without annoying people

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Apple iPhone 4S users can easily annoy people around them by talking to their

handset when using the built-in assistant feature known as Siri.



Hold the phone up to your ear: While YouTube is littered with people playing around with Siri using speakerphone, they do it because of recording for video. In real life, you don't need to use the speaker to talk to Siri.

Use the standard 10-foot rule: Don't talk to your phone if you're within 10 feet of strangers in a quieter locale such as a restaurant or standing in line. This is the same for a regular cell phone conversation. Obviously, if you're in Grand Central Station nobody's going to care what you're doing. Once you sit down in the train, however, it's a different story.

Be mindful of your audience when playing around with Siri The 10-foot rule flies out the window if you're in the company of friends who want to hear what your awesome new phone can do, or hear some of its [funny quips](#). Ask it how much wood a wood chuck could chuck, for example, and it'll respond, "42 cords of wood, to be exact. Everyone knows that." So, yes, Siri can be fun. Maybe just don't play around like this while alone in your cube at work to the distraction of co-workers.

When in public, tap it if you can: If there's a chance your conversation with your machine is going to perturb someone, let your fingers do the walking instead. The voice assistant feature is optional and you can do everything you need without actually using it.

Don't be a showoff: Even Bluetooth headset users still get pegged for trying to be lofty when communicating hands free in a shopping aisle, when they could use their phone in the usual way like everybody else (besides, you look like the "Fisher King" gesticulating and talking to yourself.)

You often need to speak unnaturally—adding punctuation, for example, when sending messages.



Siri understands a slew of punctuation and typographic terms, like 'new paragraph,' 'semicolon,' and even 'smiley face.'

Unless you frequently dictate missives, reciting your punctuation aloud doesn't feel quite natural. But without it, any time Siri transcribes what you say, your text will resemble a texting tween's stream of consciousness. Thus, when Siri asks you what you'd like your new email to say, speak like this:

Dear Jason comma new paragraph I'm working on that Siri story we discussed comma and I expect it will be ready soon exclamation point

Other dictation instructions that Siri can handle include:

Saying *all caps* will make the next word uppercase, while *all caps on* and *all caps off* to toggle caps lock;

Saying *cap* will capitalize a single word, as in: *I named my dog cap Cat*;

Speaking the names of punctuation marks and symbols—ampersand,

asterisk, open/close parenthesis, em dash, percent, copyright, registered, section, dollar, cent, degree sign—will make them appear; Saying *smiley*, *frowny*, and *winky* (optionally with *face*) will create the appropriate emoticon.

Use cue words



If you don't use cue words, Siri may ignore some of what you say.

When you trigger Siri, either by holding down the Home button or lifting your iPhone to your ear, it's ready to listen. Sometimes, though, Siri listens without really hearing. Too often, I've been burned by Siri when giving it instructions like:

iMessage Dan Moren... I'm testing Siri, and thus you have to suffer.

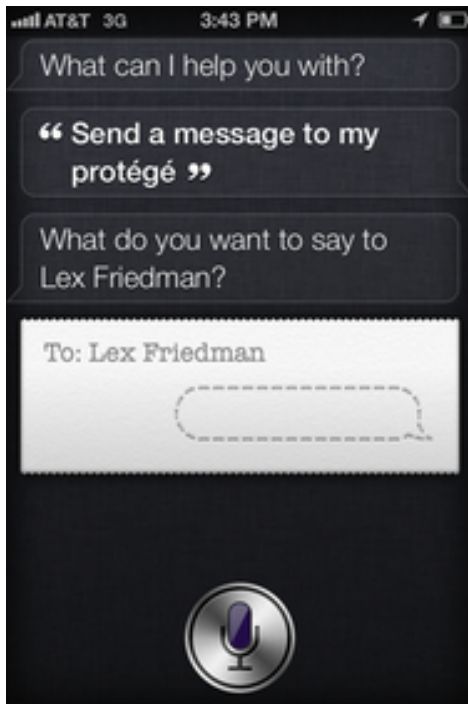
Just add a cue word or phrase like *that*, *say*, or *tell* him/her.

*iMessage Dan Moren **that** I'm testing Siri, and thus you have to suffer.*

Remember not to treat Siri as if it's actually relaying a message. If you say: *iMessage Dan Moren that he is in my article a lot*; Siri will faithfully transcribe your message starting with "He is" instead of the more applicable "You are."

Name your friends

So long as you use real words, you can tell Siri about important people in your life in fun ways. You probably already know you can tell Siri about connections like ***Kathe Zamorano is my wife***. But you can also add fancier connections like **“Father-in-law,” “best friend,”** and **“nemesis.”**



Just make sure to Update your “spouse” when you re-marry...;).

Know what you can say

Saying *Note to self: Read more of Lex Friedman’s Macworld stories* will create an appropriate entry in the Notes app. And *Show me January 8* will summon up your calendar for that day.

Here are other advanced instructions that Siri handles with aplomb:

What day of the week was November 28, 1980?

Remind me to order iTunes gift cards two days before Hannukah.

How many days until New Year’s?

Make an appointment named ‘Post Holiday Call’ for three days after

Christmas at 10am with Jason Snell.

Reschedule my meeting with Jason Snell to January 8 at 2 p.m.

When is my next meeting?

What time is it in Jerusalem?

What time is sunset in Tucson, Arizona?

Mail my wife about Dinner tonight and say Would you like me to bring home Chinese?

Add "The Snuggie Sutra" to my 'Books to buy' note.

Remind me to pick up milk when I leave here.

What's the current outside temperature?

How high did AAPL get today?

What did the market do today?

Hilarious comparison between Microsoft Tellme and Siri.