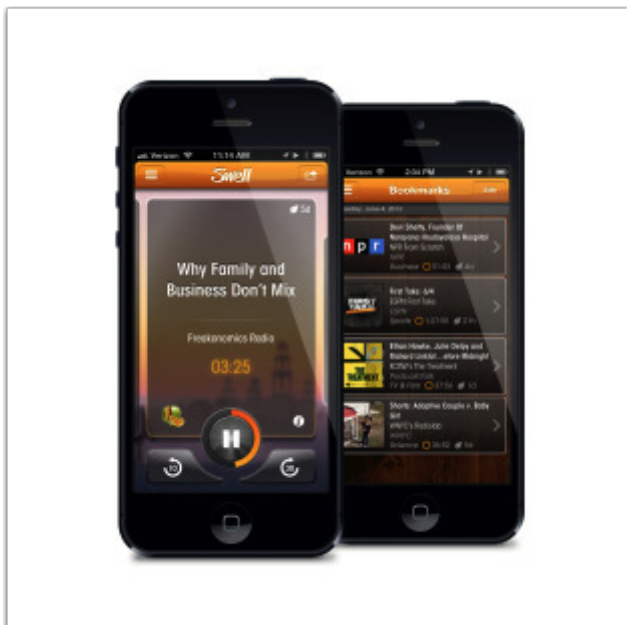# SGVMUG Apps and Traps for July, 2013 by David Whitby
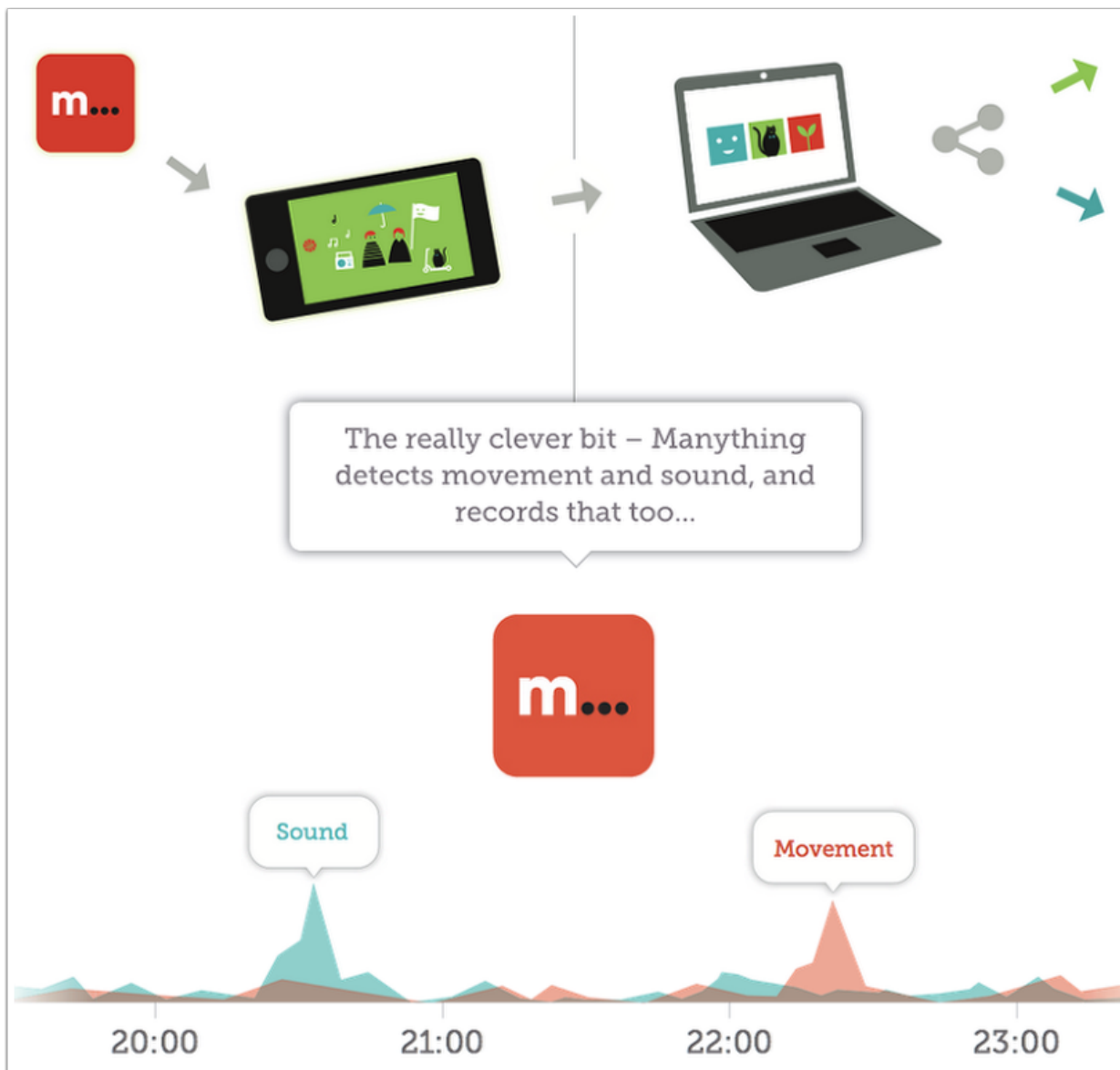
iOS

SWELL - an Audio version of Zite or Pandora for News

Swell , a smartphone app launching today, is quickly becoming my favorite way to listen to spoken-word content.

There are other apps focusing on that kind of content — for example, when we wrote about Stitcher's growth last year, we said it was starting to sound like "the Pandora of talk radio." Stitcher, however, actually follows more of an on-demand model — you choose what you want to listen to (although there are also content recommendations). Swell, on the other hand, is closer to the Pandora experience, where you just open the app, hit play, and interesting content should immediately start streaming.

Manything - inexpensive video monitoring app using any iPad, iPhone or iPod Touch

The really clever bit – Manything detects movement and sound, and records that too...

Sound

Movement

20:00   21:00   22:00   23:00

https://manything.com/

On your Computer Manything.com shows your recorded sessions or clips

How-to: Make text more readable/larger on your iPad and iPhone

> 4. **Zoom**. This form of zooming lets you zoom where ever you want to zoom. Be it on the Home Screen, the Settings app, in the App Store to read the App descriptions, word games, cooking apps, etc. It just works.
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> - Go to Settings, General and Accessibility. Tap on Zoom and slide Zoom on.
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> - Now to actually Zoom on the screen, you would Double-tap with three fingers.
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> - To Zoom out, Double-tap with three fingers.
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> - You can even change how zoomed it zooms in. It can be magnified by 500x. The simplest way to do this, is to start at minimum zoom, the default setting. Then when you when Double-tap with three fingers, hold and slide up. Your preference is saved so when you Zoom with this method, it will Zoom to your preferred setting
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> - When you are zoomed in, you will Drag with three fingers to move around the screen.

For some people, the font sizes on the iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch are too small. Sometimes, these small fonts prevent people from using or purchasing the iOS devices. Thankfully, there are multiple solutions to this potential issue.

http://9to5mac.com/2013/07/31/how-to-make-text-more-readablelarger-on-your-ipad-and-iphone/

OSX

4 Simple Performance Tricks to Speed Up Any Mac

http://osxdaily.com/2013/07/22/simple-performance-tricks-speed-up-mac/

Is your system Mavericks ready?

http://www.gameagent.com/games/os-x-mavericks

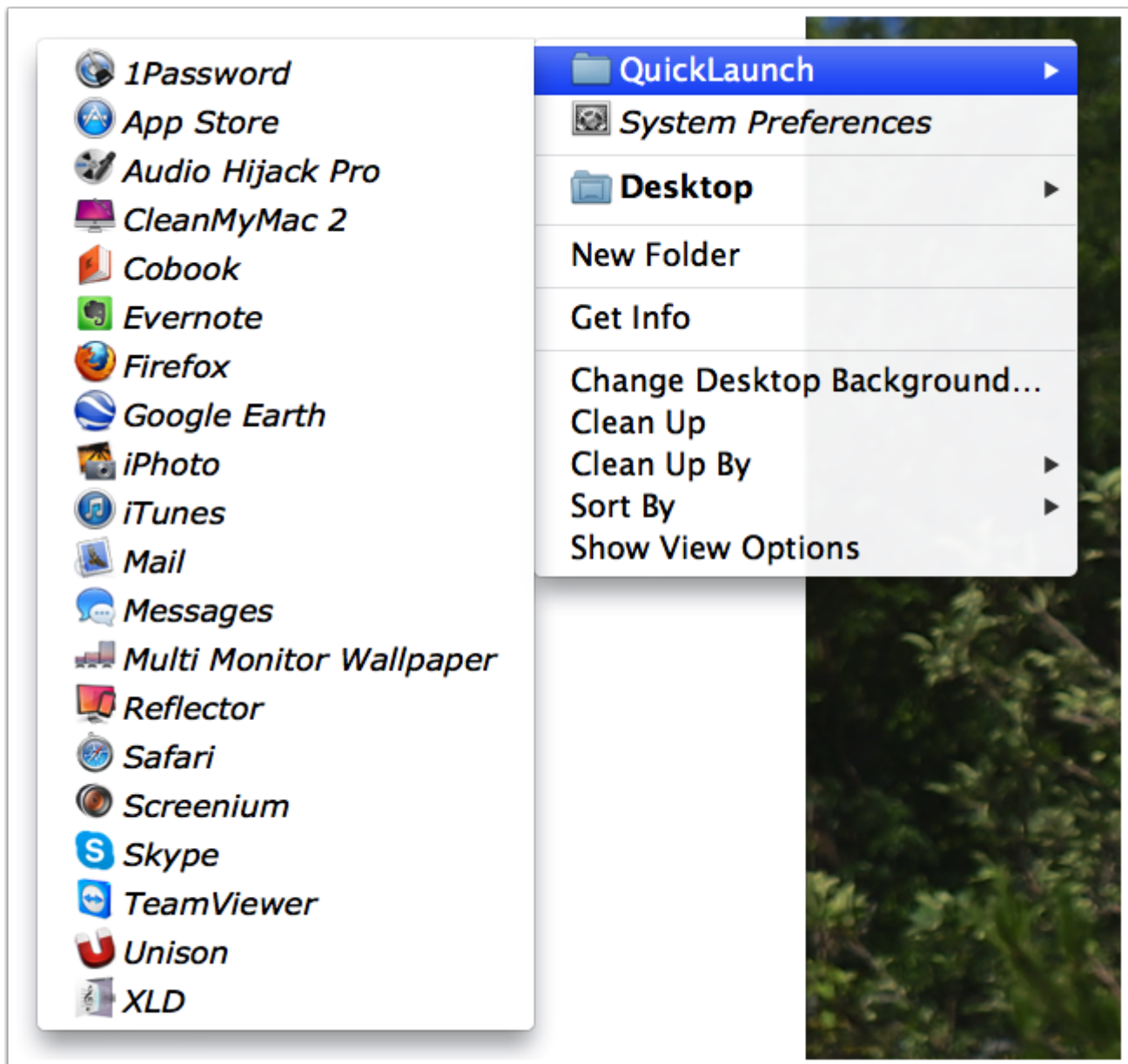# FinderPop: The Classic Mac Utility Is Free!

The Preference Pane options are extensive considering how easy FinderPop works.

http://mac360.com/2013/07/finderpop-the-classic-mac-utility-is-free/

Easily readable especially on a larger Monitor!

1Password		QuickLaunch	▶
App Store		System Preferences	
Audio Hijack Pro			
CleanMyMac 2		**Desktop**	▶
Cobook			
Evernote		New Folder	
Firefox			
Google Earth		Get Info	
iPhoto			
iTunes		Change Desktop Background…	
Mail		Clean Up	
Messages		Clean Up By	▶
Multi Monitor Wallpaper		Sort By	▶
Reflector		Show View Options	
Safari			
Screenium			
Skype			
TeamViewer			
Unison			
XLD			

Fast Toggles -

Minimize all those Dock Icons and extra clicks to get to commonly used System Preferences as well. Combine this with FinderPop above and you have a very efficient navigation system especially for larger screens.

FinderPop and Fast Toggles together!
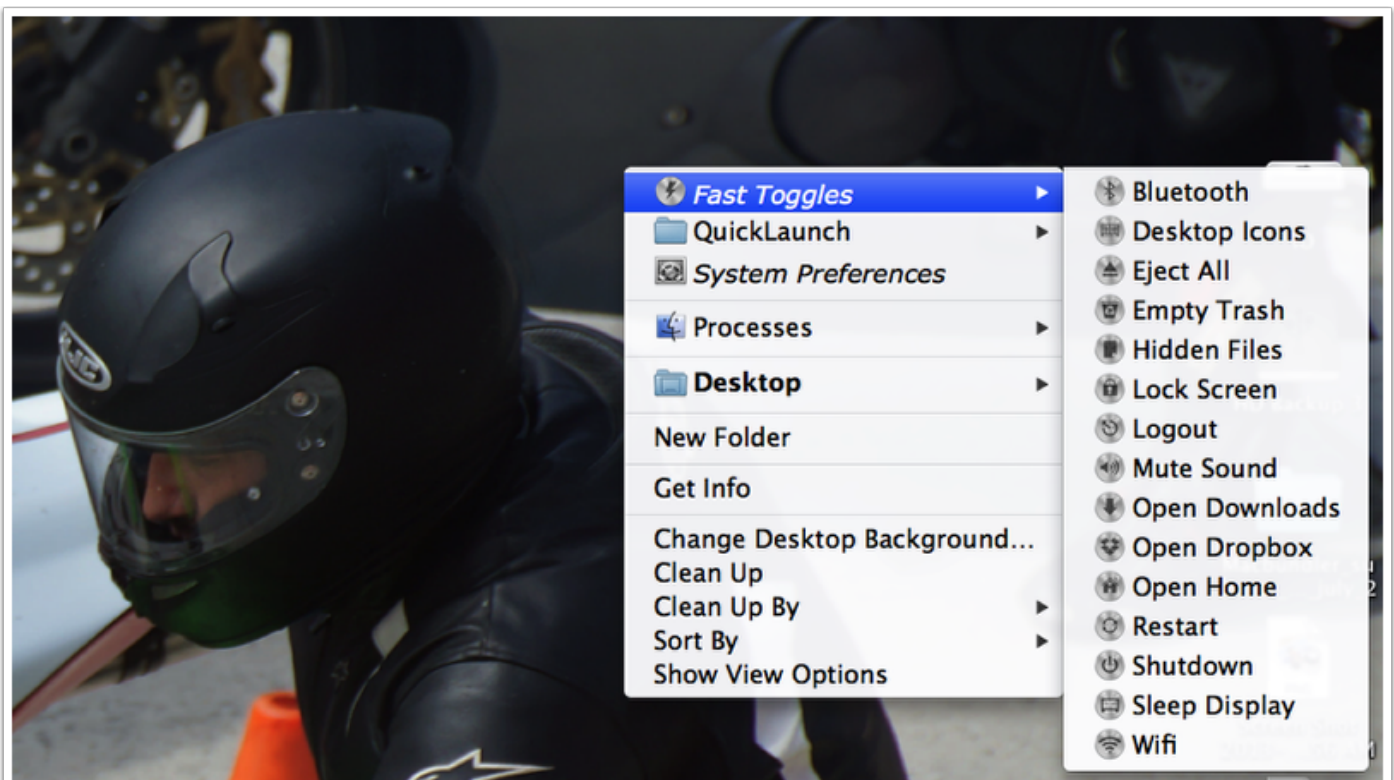
Input Devices for a 3D world

https://www.leapmotion.com/thanks

Thanks to Mo! for the link catch. Here is an evaluation that pretty much coincides with my experienc.

http://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2013/07/hands-on-with-the-leap-motion-controller-cool-but-frustrating-as-hell/

3DConnexion - Primarily for Google Earth and CAD Programs

http://www.3dconnexion.com/products/spacenavigator.html

This stable unit is well suited for smooth, controlled fly-thrus in 3D environments (like Google Earth)