

30  
OF  
MY  
FAVORITE  
MAC  
APPS

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# TAP DEX

- Price: Free
- Quick access to your address book contacts.
- <http://yellowmug.com/tapdex/>

# MENU CALENDAR CLOCK

- Price: \$20
- Replaces the limited clock and calendar built into OSX with a much more versatile information tool.
- [www.objectpark.net](http://www.objectpark.net)

# DEFAULT FOLDER

- Price: \$35
- Keeps track of your folders, including your favorites, those you use most often and those that you use with a particular application.
- [www.stclairsw.com](http://www.stclairsw.com)

# DRAG THING

- Price: \$29
- DragThing keeps all your documents, folders, and applications organized the way you like, not the way Apple dictates (with their Dock). DragThing gives you access to your stuff with convenient docks and palettes that you can customize.
- [www.dragthing.com](http://www.dragthing.com)

# DROPCOPY

- Price: Free (donate)
- Do you always have trouble remembering how to use OSX file sharing to send files from one Mac to another? DropCopy is your savior. Just drop files onto it and they magically appear on the Mac you specify.
- [www.10base-t.com](http://www.10base-t.com)

# INOTEPAD

- Price: \$14
- iNotePad is a note taking application, which is like Apple's Stickies on steroids. Store text, pictures, clippings, etc.. You can even save private information using encryption.
- [www.vojousoftware.com](http://www.vojousoftware.com)

# YOJIMBO

- Price: \$39
- Want to go beyond the a NotePad type application. Yojimbo also lets you store text, pictures, clippings, bookmarks and so much more. Plus it provides tagging and searching tools. It also syncs from Mac-to-Mac using Mobile/iDisk.
- [www.barebones.com](http://www.barebones.com)

# EVERNOTE

- Price: Free - \$50/yearly
- Evernote is a lot like Yojimbo, but it's aimed at the person on the go. Because everything you put into Evernote is available via [evernote.com](http://evernote.com) and the evernote app for iPhone. Mobile/iDisk.
- [www.evernote.com](http://www.evernote.com)

# SAVVY CLIPBOARD

- Price: \$12
- There are lots of clipboard apps for Mac. But Savvy is my favorite because it's simple and inexpensive.
- [www.blitzclicksoft.com](http://www.blitzclicksoft.com)

# WMV COMPONENTS FOR QT

- Price: Free
- Windows Media Components for QuickTime lets you play WMV (windows media) video files on your Mac. Video clips that you could otherwise not watch are now viewable right in your web browser or QuickTime Player
- [www.flip4mac.com](http://www.flip4mac.com)

# PERIAN

- Price: Free (donate)
- Perian extends your QuickTime Player so that it can play a wide variety of media files that would otherwise be unusable on your Mac. It's especially useful for AVI file types.
- [www.perian.org](http://www.perian.org)

# VLC MEDIA PLAYER

- Price: Free (donate)
- VLC is the best media player in the world. If you have trouble playing a video or audio file with QuickTime, VLC will likely handle it with no problem.
- [www.videolan.org](http://www.videolan.org)

# EASY FIND

- Price: Free
- Do you sometimes do a file search on your Mac and feel like a file that is right under your nose is missing from the search results. EasyFind gives you another method of searching for files and folders.
- [www.devon-technologies.com](http://www.devon-technologies.com)

# FIREFOX

- Price: Free (donate)
- Firefox is the most versatile web browser around, with thousands of extensions available. Plus, you can get the same user experience on Windows and Mac.
- [www.getfirefox.com](http://www.getfirefox.com)

# HISTORY HOUND

- Price: \$20
- Do you find yourself frequently saying “I wish I could find that web site again.” If so, History Hound is for you. It saves a record (and a snapshot) of every web site you visit and makes these records easily searched and browsed.
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# XMARKS

- Price: Free
- Have you ever wished that bookmarks would be the same in all your web browsers and computers? Xmarks is the answer. It syncs your favorites/bookmarks from all your browsers.
- [www.xmarks.com](http://www.xmarks.com)

# WHATSOPEN

- Price: Free (donation)
- Ever had your Mac tell you that it can't eject a disk because it's busy? Isn't it frustrating that it doesn't tell you why it's busy? Well WhatsOpen shows you!
- [www.agasupport.com](http://www.agasupport.com)

# GRAPHIC CONVERTER

- Price: \$35
- Graphic Converter is an alternative to Photoshop. It's also able to open lots of image files that other apps can't. For \$35 you can get the photo tools that most people need, without all that bloated software.
- [www.lemkesoft.com](http://www.lemkesoft.com)

# PIXELMATOR

- Price: \$60
- Pixelmator is another respected alternative to Photoshop. It has a slicker interface than Graphic Converter, but it costs a little more money. For some folks, though, it's worth the extra \$.
- [www.pixelmator.com](http://www.pixelmator.com)

# GALERIE

- Price: Free
- Galerie is the cheapest, easiest, quickest way to create a slideshow gallery for the web. If you post pictures to the web a lot and don't always want to use iPhoto to do it, Galerie is the answer.
- [www.myriad-online.com](http://www.myriad-online.com)

# PANDORAJAM

- Price: \$15
- Pandora is a fabulous online music service that allows you create your own personal radio stations. But it's not always convenient in a web browser. PandoraJam gives you Pandora in a nice little app.
- [www.bitcartel.com](http://www.bitcartel.com)

# GARAGEPAY

- Price: \$25
- If you use PayPal a lot, GaragePay will make your life much easier. It keeps track of all your PayPal transactions, current balance and lets you do most of the stuff you'd normally do at paypal.com.
- [www.iwascoding.com](http://www.iwascoding.com)

# JBIDWATCHER

- Price: Free (donate)
- JBidWatcher keeps an eye on your eBay auctions and lets you know their status. Plus, it will place snipe bids on your behalf, so you don't lose out on that special item.
- [www.jbidwatcher.org](http://www.jbidwatcher.org)

# NEOOFFICE

- Price: Free (donate)
- NeoOffice is a Office suite that gives you a free alternative to Microsoft Office. While it's not as mature as Microsoft's product, it has all the fundamental features you expect and it works pretty darned good.
- [www.neooffice.org](http://www.neooffice.org)

# CYBERDUCK

- Price: Free (donate)
- Do you use FTP to upload and download files on the 'net? Cyberduck is a great, free FTP client that gives you an alternative to the dated Fetch software.
- [www.cyberduck.ch](http://www.cyberduck.ch)

# THUNDERBIRD

- Price: Free (donate)
- Not crazy about the Mail app that Apple includes with your Mac? Neither am I. Thunderbird is a great alternative (from the folks who make Firefox). Version 3 was recently released and has some great features.
- [www.mozillamessaging.com](http://www.mozillamessaging.com)

# POSTBOX

- Price: \$39
- Though I haven't personally used this app, I've read many good things about it, as another alternative to Apple's Mail app. If Thunderbird doesn't strike your fancy, give this email app a try.
- [www.postbox-inc.com](http://www.postbox-inc.com)

# CARBON COPY CLONER

- Price: Free (donate)
- This is the most straightforward backup utility for Mac. You can literally initiate a backup with 3 or 4 clicks of the mouse. But it can also automate your backups and protect you automatically. This is a great compliment to Apple's Time Machine backup utility.
- [www.bombich.com](http://www.bombich.com)

# 1PASSWORD

- Price: \$39
- 1Password is an app that I consider a crucial part of my Mac. It securely stores web site logins, security codes, personal info, as well as credit card and banking details. Plus, it automatically enters your login into web sites for you. It also creates secure passwords for you. Works with iPhone, too.
- [www.1password.com](http://www.1password.com)