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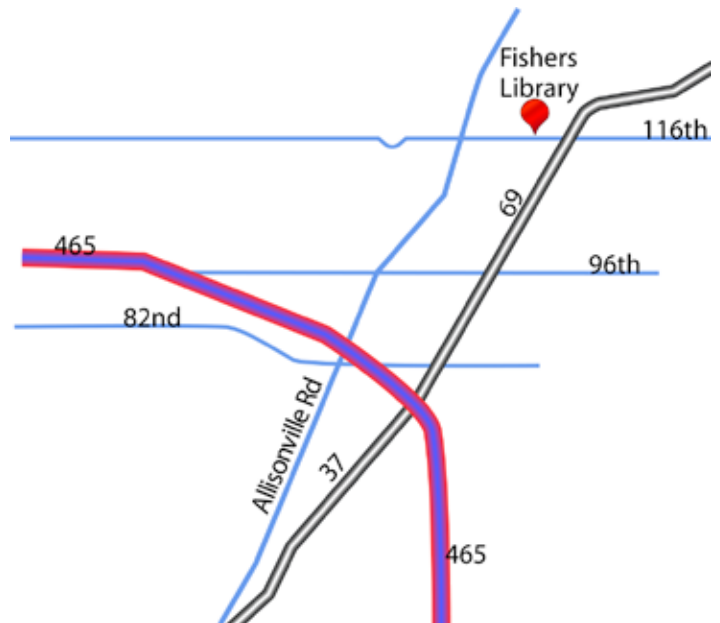
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ApplePickers Main Meeting

We meet the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30-7:00 p.m. social time, main meeting 7:00-8:45 p.m. at the [Fishers Library](#), 5 Municipal Dr. just north of 116th St. in Fishers. Visitors are always welcome to come and join us.



ApplePicker's Business Meeting

MacThe business meeting is held via the ApplePickers "Virtual Business Meeting" forum topic. Any member is welcome to post in that topic stating their opinions on what the club should be doing.

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Review: Apple iPhone 6

By Irv Haas - The Review Guru

“No one would want to buy a phone with a big screen.” That was the comment made by Steve Jobs in 2010 in reaction to Samsung building larger screens into their Android phones.



Just four years later Apple has introduced the **iPhone 6** and 6 Plus with screens of 4.7" and 5.5". What happened? Apple just realized that people want larger phones and that Android phones were profiting on that market. The history of cell phones is that Apple is borrowing (let's not use the term stealing) ideas from Android and Android is borrowing from Apple. Both platforms are trying to cater to the public—and these days they want larger phones.

For several years I preferred to go with Android simply because their screens were bigger and easier to read. I never had an issue with Apple's iPhone technology. This changed for me with the introduction of Apple's newest iPhones.

Check out this chart to compare the iPhone 6 with its previous models, the iPhone 5c and the iPhone 5s.

	Screen	Weight	Width	Height	Depth
iPhone 5s/5c	4.0"	3.95 oz.	2.31"	4.87"	0.30"
iPhone 6	4.7"	4.55 oz.	2.64"	5.44"	0.27"
iPhone 6 Plus	5.5"	6.07 oz.	3.06"	6.22"	0.28"

In addition to the larger size, the iPhone 6 has improved its technology from previous models. Size alone would not be a sufficient reason to upgrade to the iPhone 6. Let's take a look at some of these improvements.

Style Improvements

Apple has added some style improvements besides the obvious screen size. The corners of the iPhone are now rounded with a full aluminum back.

Colors offered are: (1) Slate Grey with a black bezel, (2) Gold with a white bezel, and (3) Silver with a white bezel.

Better Resolution

Not only has Apple enlarged the screen, but it has also improved its resolution. The HD retina display from the previous phone has now upped its resolution to 1334 x 750 pixels from 1136 x 640.

New Processor

The iPhone 6 comes with the new A8 chip with 64-bit architecture with an M8 motion co-processor. This speeds up the loading of pages.

Apple says the A8 provides 20% more CPU power and 50% more GPU power. Of course, some of that power is used up in the larger screen resolution.

iOS 8

Apple has updated its iOS software to 8 for the iPhone as well as the iPad and iPod touch.

iOS 8 now supports widgets so you can add them to the home screen. More sharing options between other Apple devices and apps are now included. Apple has also upped the supported languages from 34 to 56.

Apple Pay

This is Apple's new technology that lets you swipe your iPhone 6 instead of a credit card. Security is built into the phone. Once you set up your account, no fumbling through your wallet is necessary to find the right card. This may be a major factor for many considering purchasing the iPhone 6.

Touch ID

Starting with the iPhone 5s getting into your phone is easy with Touch ID. This is a fingerprint identity sensor you can use as a passcode. If you were thinking about getting this feature on the 5s, now you have it on the 6 with all the additional extras.

Battery Life

Apple has improved its battery life as well. Previously, the 5s had a rating of 10 hours browsing and 11 hours video. With the iPhone 6 you get an additional hour for both. That's not up to the best Android ratings, but it is getting closer.

Better Camera

Apple has improved its iSight camera. The resolution is still 8 megapixels but has added phase detection autofocus. This feature is used in the Galaxy S5 and provides faster focusing.

The front FaceTime camera has been improved too. It lets in 81% more light for better shots and more selfie features including one-shot HDR and a burst mode.

Memory

Apple has made a major change in memory allotment. Still no removable SD card, but internal memory has improved substantially.



The iPhone 5 and 5s offered memory in 16GB, 32GB and 64GB options. Now with the iPhone 6 you get double the memory (except for the 16GB model). Your memory options are 16GB, 64GB and 128GB. That's a lot of memory for the same price as last year's iPhone!

Wi-Fi Calling

The iPhone 6 is the first iPhone to permit making landline calls over Wi-Fi. You

are now able to use your existing Wi-Fi connection to make calls and avoid extra cell charges.

NFC

New to the iPhone 6 is NFC (Near Field Communication), a newer wireless connection platform. This connection is what is used for the new Apple Pay program that permits your phone to automatically transfer payment information at many merchants.

Pricing

There are 108 different configurations based on carrier, memory, size and color.

No-Contract Pricing

	16GB	32GB	64GB	128GB
iPhone 5s	\$499	\$599	\$699	NA
iPhone 6	\$649	NA	\$749	\$849

Contract Pricing

	16GB	32GB	64GB	128GB
iPhone 5s	\$99.99		NA	NA
iPhone 6	\$199.99	NA	\$299.99	\$399.99

iPhone 6 or 6 Plus?

One of the biggest problems for most prospective purchasers is which iPhone do I want, the 4.7" iPhone 6 or the 5.5" 6 Plus. For the first time ever, Apple has given the consumer a choice of which size they want. This may not be as simple as it looks.

This issue may break down into a gender gap. Women traditionally place their phones into their purses, so size is not particularly critical. But for men, placing them in their pockets is more likely. A 4.7" phone is more likely to fit in a pocket than a 5.5" one.

There are other issues as well. Let's face it, the 5.5" phone is easier to read text since the screen is larger. With a 5.5" phone you cannot reach the entire screen with your thumb while holding the phone with one



for specific instructions.

Some of us need to replace our SIM card. Apple previously provided a SIM tool for this purpose, but no longer. To be fair, you can also use a straightened paper clip.

What's Included

- 1) Apple iPhone 6
- 2) Lightning connector to USB
- 3) AC charger
- 4) Ear buds
- 5) Apple stickers

hand; you can with the 4.7" model.

Conclusion

The other consideration is price. The larger phone comes with a \$100 price premium.

So it all boils down to personal preference. You should go to an Apple retailer and compare the two sizes before you finalize your choice.

Evaluation

Being a first-time iPhone user, it is difficult to compare features from last year's iPhone to the new one. But my initial experience is very positive.

Buttons are ergonomically placed and easy to find. Since I am comfortable with my iPad that also uses iOS 8 the iPhone makes a natural learning curve.

When you activate your phone, you will be prompted on setting iCloud, Google or other services to import your data. What could be easier?

My only "problem" with the iPhone was trying to use some of my songs in iTunes as a ringtone. There are several complicated steps to perform this function. I even called Apple customer service to inquire on an easy solution. I was told the only way was to buy ringtones from the iTunes store. Not true!

I was disappointed with the lack of information on getting your iPhone up and running. The only information was a single sheet of paper that measured 2-1/2" x 5-1/2". Instead, you are advised to go on line

Do you need to upgrade to the new iPhone 6? If you own an iPhone 4 or earlier it may make sense to upgrade to the new phone due to the newer features. Being a 5c or 5s iPhone user, most of the improvements are minor except for screen size. Apple would suggest that the iPhone 6 is a major improvement in phone technology.

Many of the improvements are new to the Apple world, but have been around for a few years with Android phones.

Yes, the iPhone 6 is the best iPhone since the first introduction in 2007. But if you have a recent iPhone, you may want to consider keeping it. For many users, size alone may not be as critical as the media portrays it.

But if you are looking for a new phone with up-to-date features, you can't go wrong with the iPhone 6.



REVIEW: LOGITECH PERFORMANCE MX MOUSE

By Irv Haas - The Review Guru

In 2006 I did a review of the Logitech MX Revolution Laser Mouse and was generally pleased. Since then Logitech has introduced a replacement, the **Performance Mouse MX**.

This is certainly a top-of-the-line mouse with tons of features not normally found in other pointing devices. Logitech has kept the \$99.99 price for this replacement, but be aware that discounts to around \$60 are common. Instead of going over all of its features, let's check out some of the differences.

DarkField Laser Tracking

Both mice could accelerate speed as it plows through a long document since they also used the same software. But only the Performance mouse works on any surface including glass. Logitech calls it **DarkField Tracking**. They also have a lower-priced mouse, the **Anywhere Mouse** that works on glass, but it does not have as many bells and whistles.

Charging

Both mice feature recharging capability. The Revolution mouse included a charging dock for charging. You needed to place the mouse in the dock for a recharge.

But the Performance MX mouse goes that mouse one better. Instead of a dock, Logitech includes a USB cable that can be attached between your Mac and your mouse. This cable enables you to charge your mouse while you work! There's no power interruption with the Performance MX!

The other charging improvement is the inclusion of a removable battery. The Revolution mouse had a non-serviceable battery. The Performance mouse has a battery included that the user could replace if it ever became necessary.

Both models feature 3 LED lights letting you know when a charge is required.

Scroll Wheel

Like most mice, the Performance MX mouse features a scroll wheel where you would normally expect it, as did the Revolution mouse. Both models featured a control button that would enable the search to go to hyper-speed or just a quick jump in your document.

Many users prefer the earlier model since it featured 2 scroll wheels; one where you would expect to find it but also a scroll wheel where you park your thumb on the left side of the mouse. The function of this second wheel was programmable, but I found that second wheel to be redundant.

There are diehards for the earlier mouse with some current eBay prices well over \$250!

4 Programmable Buttons

Although many mice have controllable buttons, the MX Revolution has a staggering 7 buttons. These can open applications, create keyboard shortcuts and more. Alas, the Performance MX mouse has only 4 that are truly programmable through Logitech's Control Center.

Frankly, with all the capabilities of the existing buttons, I cannot see the need for more than 4 functions such as opening applications, shortcuts, etc.





Logitech has provided 4 buttons near the thumb making it easier to navigate your documents without looking for buttons located elsewhere.

Wireless Capability

Logitech featured wireless capabilities on both mice by way of a USB dongle that only used one port. The Revolution mouse's "dongle" is about 1-1/2" and looks much like today's jump drives.

The Performance MX model, on the other hand, uses Logitech's Unifying Receiver, a 1/2" dongle that lets the mouse operate wirelessly. The other key benefit is that this receiver can operate up to 6 Logitech devices such as keyboards or webcams and uses just one USB port on your Mac.

Installation

This process was extremely simple. Without reading the manual, I just inserted the USB dongle and downloaded the **Logitech Control Center** software (current version 3.9.1). Then all you need to do is go to the Center's Preference Pane in **System Preferences**. The mouse will be automatically located and all that is needed is to (1) Configure the buttons and (2) Set the tracking speed.

Conclusion

Although the Performance Mouse MX is loaded with features, I would be hard-pressed to spend the \$100 list. But for the commonly priced \$59.99, this is an easy choice. This mouse gives you total desktop surface control as well as recharging capability without worrying about down time.



SaveDrives - Car Dashboard Video Camera

By UGN InfoManager

MADE IN AMERICA Cupertino, California – Drivers who want to help reduce potential damage to their health and finances in the event of an accident, should download the innovative new no-cost app **SaveDrives – Car Dashboard Video Camera & Help In Auto Accident** from **SellanApp**. Designed to be used as standard equipment for all drivers – whether they spend hours on the road per day or just a few minutes per week – **SaveDrives** features four powerful functions: record, map, browse, and call.

Record: Users can turn their iPhone into a dashboard video camera that records everything – from accidents to unusual road situations. This footage can be reviewed later and broken down into 10-30 second clips, which can be sent to police, insurance companies, employers, attorneys and any other desired party.

Map: Much like a GPS device, users can view their current position and route on a map while they're driving/recording.

Browse: Users can browse through all of their driving trips to see their routes, distances and average speeds.

Call: The app automatically detects serious accidents and has a built-in "SOS" function that sends the last 30 seconds of recorded video along with location information to pre-programmed email addresses and Twitter feeds, as well as emergency services (112 in Europe, 911 in US/Canada).

"As the old saying goes, when it comes to driving, people should hope for the best – but plan for the worst," commented a spokesperson from **SellanApp**. "And that's why **SaveDrives** is so invaluable. It not only helps drivers provide police with essential evidence and give insurance companies footage to prevent fraudulent or inflated claims, but even more importantly, the app's built-in **SOS** function can literally be life saving; especially when drivers are on more secluded roads and help isn't close at hand."

Added the spokesperson from **SellanApp**: "And on a less ominous note, but still an important one, users can take advantage of **SaveDrives'** great brows-

ing feature to check their driving habits and calculate optimal routes, which will help them save time and money."

Device Requirements:

- iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch
- Requires iOS 6.0 or later
- 4.5 MB

Pricing and Availability:

SaveDrives – Car Dashboard Video is **Free**, the must-have new app for all drivers, and available worldwide exclusively through the **App Store** in the **Navigation** category. The app was crowdfunded by several enthusiastic backers on **SellanApp**.

SellanApp: <http://www.sellanapp.com/>

SaveDrives1.1: <https://sellanapp.com/idea/save-drives/pitch>

Download from iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/app/savedrives-car-dashboard-video/id633398173>



My Mountain of Debt

By UGN InfoManager

A Video Game that blends Action with Personal Debt Reduction My Mountain of Debt is an innovative iOS app that helps consumers view and reduce their personal financial debts. The goal of My Mountain of Debt is to make paying off debt visual and fun so users will be more likely to stick to their debt reduction efforts. The need for such a service is considerable, with 2012 data reporting average household credit card debt of \$15,328, and an average student loan balance of \$34,703.

My Mountain of Debt application is setup like a video game where users progress through the animated story as debt payments are made over time. Each payment results in an animated figure smashing bricks of "debt," thus reducing the size of the mountain which represents the total debt value. An animated bar graph showcases users' personal debt amounts and the app can track multiple debt categories to allow users to get a full picture of their situation. Intuitive and easy to use, the app offers a large keyboard for simple data entry.

Key Features

- Creates a fun new visually rewarding way of paying off debt
- Tells a story that unfolds as you make payments
- Provides instant feedback as you watch your mountain of debt diminish brick by brick
- Illustrates through an animated bar graph your personal debt amounts lowering with each payment
- Monitors how you, the main character, progress through the game with each payment
- Tracks multiple debt categories
- Allows for user friendly data entry

"The idea for the My Mountain of Debt application came from my own experiences dealing with the weight of personal debt," said Chris Brew, founder

and CEO of Fun with Data, LLC. "People who are trying to pay down their debts need encouragement to keep going. Unfortunately, many consumers are so deep into debt that they take on a fatalistic view and just assume they can't get out, even with regular payments. Our application helps them to stay positive by showing them their progress in a visual format."

Device Requirements

- iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch
- Requires iOS 5.0 or later
- 21.5 MB

My Mountain of Debt 1.2.00 is only \$0.99 USD (or equivalent amount in other currencies) and available worldwide exclusively through the App Store in the Finance category.



PopChar X 6.5

By UGN InfoManager

Availability and Ordering

Hagenberg, Austria – Ergonis Software has announced **PopChar X 6.5**, a new release of the company's award-winning tool for efficiently exploring fonts as well as finding and inserting special characters. **PopChar X 6.5** comes with a new custom insertion technique, which leads to faster character insertion for many applications. Among the improvements is also a work-around for a problem on Mavericks that caused the search field to be cleared while entering a search text. The new version furthermore solves a problem on non-English systems, where PopChar did not remember the previously selected layout.

PopChar X can be purchased securely on the **Ergonis Software** website. The upgrade to **PopChar 6.5** is free for anyone who owns a valid license for **PopChar X 6**. Upgrade paths are available for owners of older licenses. See the company's web site for information about purchases, including enterprise licenses, volume discounts, and upgrade pricing offers. Instead of purchasing **PopChar** separately, customers can save money by ordering the **Ergonis Productivity Bundle**, which also includes the text expander **Typinator** and the keyboard shortcut helper **KeyCue**.

Visit **Ergonis Software's** website to view the list of improvements and enhancements contained in this release and to download a trial copy.

Ergonis Software: <http://www.ergonis.com/>

PopChar X 6.5: <http://www.ergonis.com/products/popcharx>

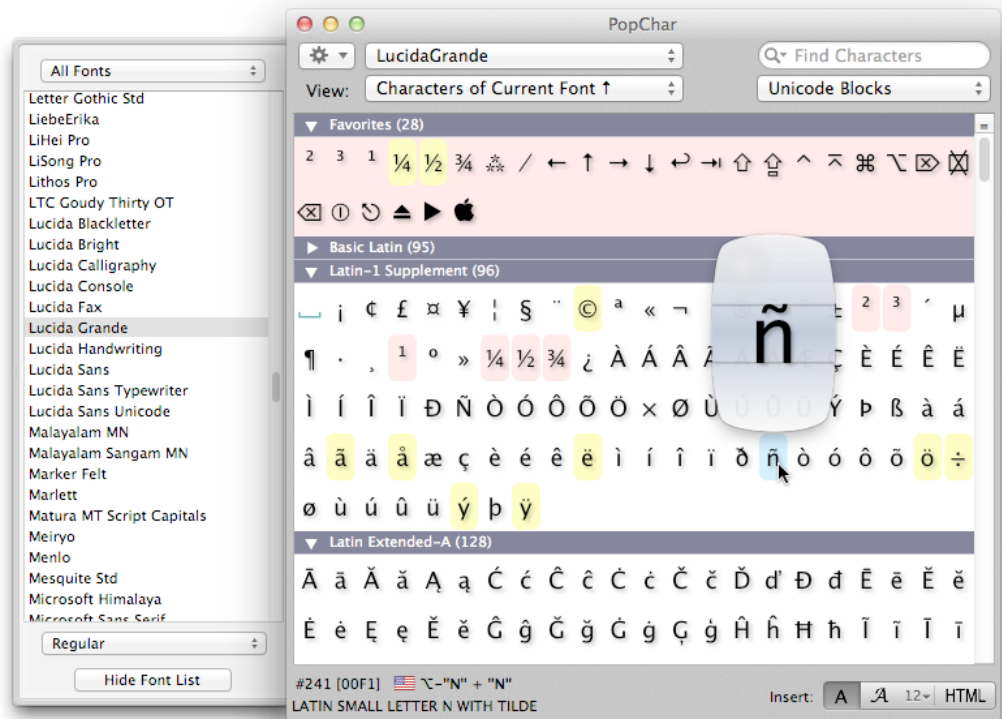
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PopChar solves a problem faced by every technologist and multi-lingual worker. Inserting special characters into application documents can be frustrating and results in a steady loss of productivity. With PopChar, thousands of special characters are only a few clicks away. Just pop up the PopChar window, click the desired character, and the character appears in your current document right away. Starting with PopChar 6, you can even take a new look at fonts from a designer's perspective – see a font preview, check out what a given text fragment looks like in a certain font, and print beautiful font sheets.

System Requirements

PopChar X 6.5 requires **Mac OS X 10.5.8** or newer and is fully compatible with **OS X Mavericks (10.9)**.





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