

Mac OS X specific tools

This page lists various software tools that can be found on the Mac OS X platform (or were hard to find). These are not necessarily free or Open Source applications, but Mac owners spend money on software sometimes ☐

Please check first the Multiplatform tools, some of which are available on Mac OS also, and they are recommended since they can be used by your colleagues who don't know (yet) how to use free software

Application types

Source control GUI's (CVS & SVN)

(CVS: Concurrent Versions System, SVN Subversion - a more civilised replacement for CVS, GUI: Graphical User Interface)

Eclipse

<http://www.eclipse.org/> is a free Open Source development IDE (Integrated Development Environment) which can be coaxed into being the only tool you need to work on TikiWiki (or any other PHP based application).

<http://www.apтана.com/> is a very impressive web app development tool based on Eclipse, but the PHP support at the moment (June 2008) is somewhat lacking. No debugger sadly, but the "Web 2.0" for AJAX and so on support is very impressive.

See this page for how to set up Eclipse on Mac OS.

Frankly now I use Eclipse with it's plugins pretty well exclusively. However, here are some others...

CVL

A graphical frontend to CVS - just about! [Most platforms but not listed on Multiplatform tools yet] It aims to support CVS version control system in a graphical interface but can be confusing for the beginner(!)

<http://www.sente.ch/software/cvl/>

SCPlugin

Finder integration for SVN, similar to TortoiseSVN on Windows.

<http://scplugin.tigris.org/>

Subcommander

Cross-platform GUI for SVN. Does the bits that SCPlugin sometimes doesn't

<http://subcommander.tigris.org/>

Text Editors

Eclipse

<http://www.eclipse.org/> is fine... especially with the Smarty plugin! Alternatively,

BBEdit

[Mac OS - \$125]

"The best text editor money can buy" I used to think, but it has got quite bloated now, so check out others (I bought it so long ago I just pay for version updates)

The manufacturer's registered slogan for it is "*It doesn't suck.*"

Has a built in FTP/SFTP client built in (so you can open and save remote files as easily as local ones!), colourizes and formats PHP, HTML and CSS (and many, many more) perfectly and does just about everything a text editor possibly could or should do. It will also open HUGE files and not fall over. (not intended as an advert - I just end up using this every time, especially after evaluating others - JB)

<http://www.barebones.com/products/bbedit/>

Others

As I cannot really vouch for other text editors on the Mac here is a (far too) comprehensive list of text and other editors available <http://www.pure-mac.com/textword.html>.

I hear that TextMate is very good (the Ruby On Rails people seem to like it), and I tried SubEthaEdit for it's collaborative possibilities once (many editors can work on one document at once - scary!)

VIM

[Open source, most platforms]

Should be on Multiplatform tools but is one that's available on Mac OS (hey, how about a key there list showing which platforms they're on?)

GoLive

Stopped using this as the new (and last) version corrupts TikiWiki site files. Farewell GoLive...

SQL

Sequel Pro.app Client

<http://www.sequelpro.com/> - donateware

mac ports mysql Server

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port -v install mysql5 +server
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Webmin: for configuring your server

Webmin

<http://www.macports.info/Webmin>

Blog posting

TODO

Image editing and screenshot capturing

PhotoShop

[big money] Again, bought it so long ago and it's hard to beat - especially for free! 'Nuff said.

Graphic Converter

[\$35 - "shareware"] An excellent, cheaper alternative - I often use it because sometimes i can load the app, do the image edit and save it before PhotoShop gets past the credits splash screen!

<http://www.http://macromates.com/.com/>

Gimp

See Multiplatform tools and/or <http://www.gimp.org/>

Screenshots?

Press CMD+SHIFT+3 for whole screen, or CMD+SHIFT+4 for an area.

Screencasting or Desktop Session recording

TODO

File Transfer (ftp, sftp)

Transmit

Very "Mac-like" FTP client - money again

<http://www.panic.com/transmit/>

FireFTP

Firefox add-on - should be on Multiplatform tools - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/684>

File compression/decompression

Mostly I just use the built in system BOMArchiveHelper tool to decompress

CleanArchiver

Compresses most archive formats and doesn't include all the embarrassing Mac hidden files (optionally).

<http://www.sopht.jp/cleanarchiver/>

Zipeg

Archive browser with a nice icon of a sheep.

<http://www.zipeg.com/>

On-line communication (IRC)

Colloquy

Very cool looking IRC client for Mac OS Open Source

I don't know much about it (yet) but looks far better than any of the others available <http://colloquy.info/>

Now available on iPhone, apparently!