



# PRACTICE POINTS

## Our Product

The current version of **ThePractitioner** is version U4, running on 4D SQL version 11.4 (59074).

Most of the functionality problems introduced with the 4D SQL engine have now been addressed and hopefully are resolved.

## New Features

The operational behavior of staff wages has been improved.

The green (( Add )) button in bankings has been enhanced to allow you to transfer funds from one bank account to another. Simply fill in the originating bank details, choose a destination bank and then click the (( Transfer Now )) button.

Added QuickLINKs between bankings and banks.

The Appointments page now has a button for sending reminder SMSs for that day. This adds to the SMS functionality currently provided on the consultations list layout.

## Fixes

Some of the request dialogs were not initializing some control buttons on first access. This has been fixed, although you may not have noticed an issue as they may have been getting initialized during daily use.



## TheVault

We are now running the new version 2 memory based product, with all the original functionality of version 1 back in place, and the added features are a nice bonus. All that remains now is to test the registration and data protection coding, which is a bit more involved with the RAM based operations model. Hopefully this will be ready and tested within a month.

## Mac OSX

**WWDC '09** was held June 8 - 12 in San Francisco.

Steve Jobs is back after his 6 months medical leave which saw him undergo a Liver transplant.

**iPhone...** Currently uses an ARM A7 chip set. ARM have now announced new A8 and A9 chip sets which support dual and quad processing. Combine that with the new Snow Leopard and we should see some interesting improvements in features and performance. Apple may therefore release a new **iPhone** prior to Christmas.

**Mac Tablet...** See next page.

**iTunes** updated to version 8.2

**Safari 4.0.2**, now has support for cover flow, plus a new histories page gives you a graphical interface of your web pages ( also for **Windows** )

**iLife '09...** Great improvements, particularly with **iPhoto's** face and location recognition.

**App Store...** has just turned one year old and has 55,000 plus applications. Downloads have now topped a Billion.... hmmm.

- Go Apple ! -



## Some Thoughts on Apple's Direction

All of **Apple's** laptops have now been upgraded to have the "Pro" features originally introduced in their high end laptops. Fire wire is back on the new 13" MacBook Pro, and SD cards slots are getting included as well. There is a new high-compact and improved video connector. Battery technology is favoring the rectangular units, with greatly improved recharge cycles and storage capacity meaning they are permanently installed and will run all day on a single charge. The MacBook Air was reduced in price last month, followed last week by a speed bump. The white MacBook will be discontinued, so we will no longer have the "MacBook" namesake.

**Snow Leopard** will be released in September at a minor upgrade charge ( US\$29 ). Interestingly, a lot of its interface features now make use of **Apple's** touch and gesturing technology. While that is not too relevant for desktop computers, I expect that it will have a major bearing on new **iPhones** and **iPod Touch** devices.

So with **Apple** dropping the "MacBook" name, I feel that the name could be recycled for their new tablet device, if and when it eventuates. One of the main functions I expect such a device to have would be an e-book reader ( with the same function as Amazon's **Kindle** ), so holding the "tablet" vertically to do that would equate to a new "MacBook".

Specifically, it would be running the new **Snow Leopard** with all its great touch technology, which will extend to the Dock, Exposé, Finder functions, Etc. Think of it as a Super-iPod Touch with something like a 20cm diagonal screen and the thinness of the current devices. Here is a mock-up from quite-sometime-ago, but no I don't think it would have an optical drive because of battery issues. Rather it will inherit a lot of the MacBook Air ideas.



So... Did you get our latest upgrade ?

## New additions



Until the next issue...

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