

MacOS X as UNIX

How to use MacOS X for your uni degree and not go insane.

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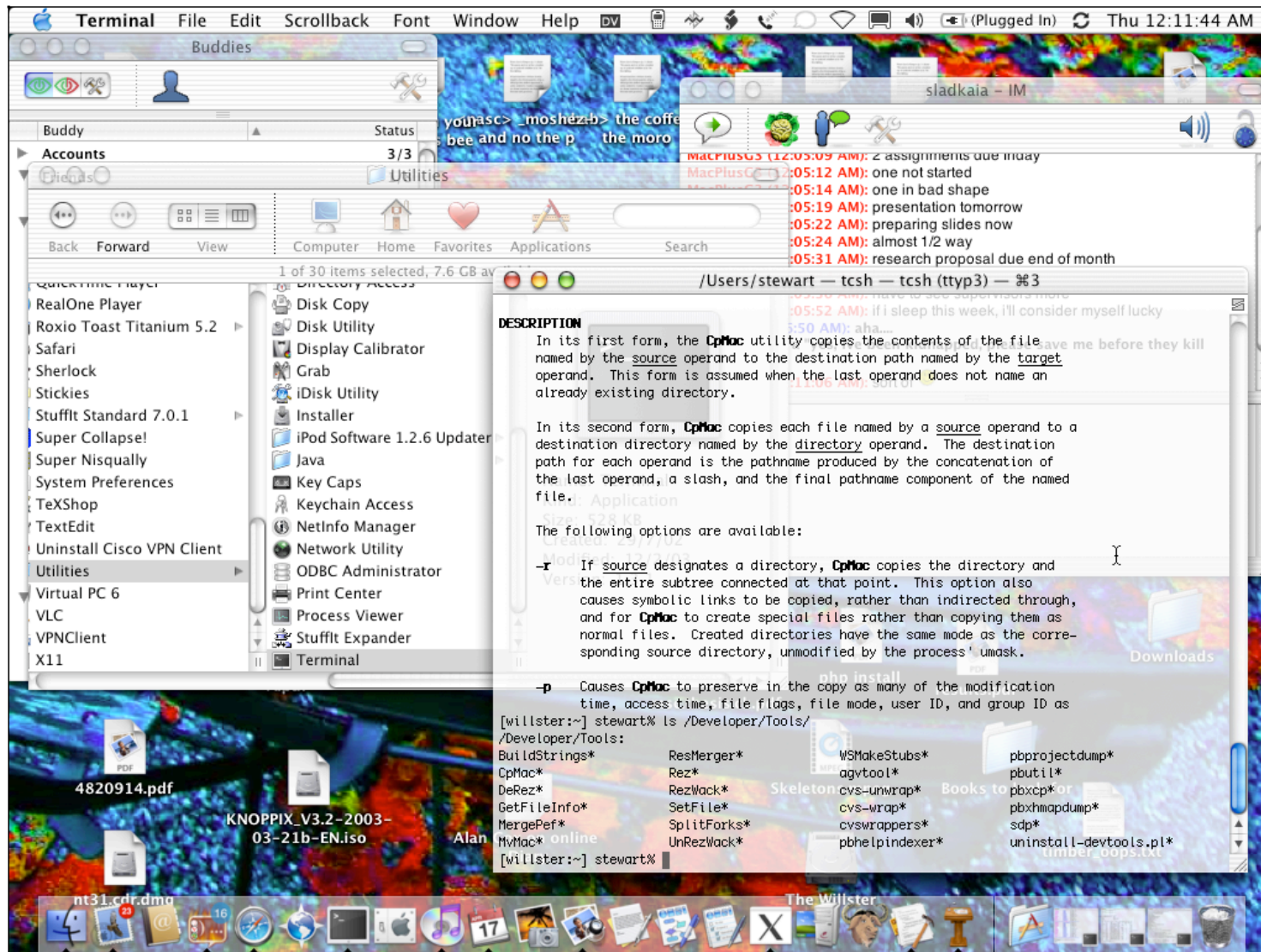
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The UNIX Environment

- Full set of command line tools from FreeBSD 4.4
- Libraries and headers (e.g. APIs)
- FreeBSD derived kernel components
- MacOS X a familiar (and popular) place for UNIX applications

Included UNIX Software

- /Applications/Utilities/Terminal.app
 - Get Terminals on a Mac!
 - Has cool things like translucency!
 - Initially dumps you into tcsh



Included UNIX Software

- emacs, vi, cat, man, tar etc are included
 - Software like gcc isn't included by default
- You can also log directly into a console
 - use '>console' as your username

Apple Developer Tools

- You will need them
- Free download from Apple
 - or you can ask somebody to burn you a CD
- Contains software like: GCC, flex, bison, Project Builder, Interface Builder

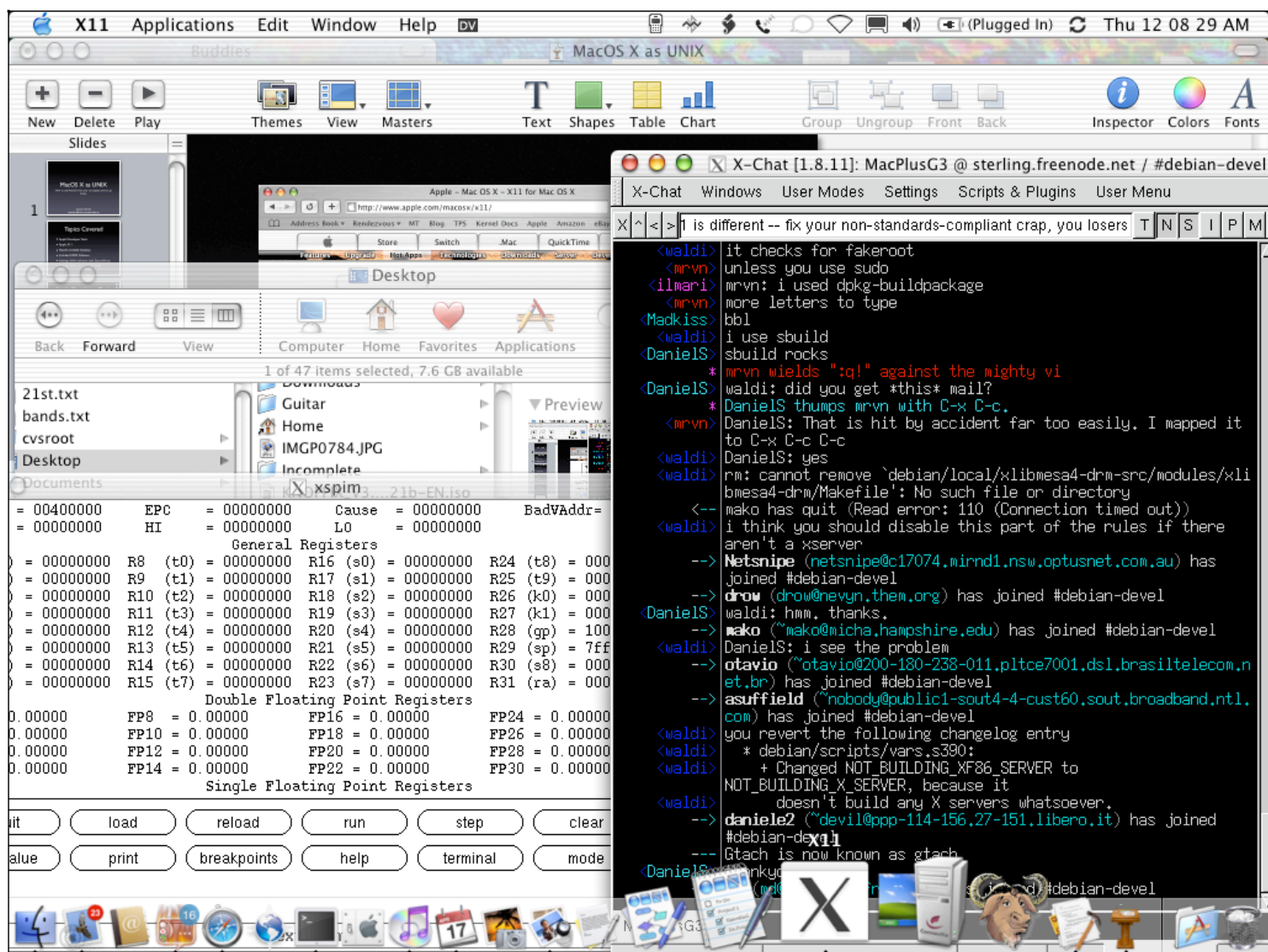
Developer Tools (cont)

- Installed in /Developer and in 'normal' UNIX locations (/usr etc)
- GCC 2.95 and 3.1
 - gcc 3.1 is default, use gcc2 for GCC 2.95
- Project Builder can be used to develop command line programs too, but it doesn't use Makefiles

X11

- The UNIX graphical system
 - XFree86 is the de-facto standard
- Apple's X11 is a double-clickable, rootless XFree86
 - X-Windows applications appear alongside your MacOS X applications!
 - Just open /Applications/X11.app





MacOS X UNIX Oddities

Got Root?

- MacOS X ships with the root user disabled
- You can enable it via NetInfo
- I recommend against it.
- Use sudo!
- **sudo ls**
 - prompts you for your password (if you are an Administrator)
 - runs ls with root privileges

Filesystem

- Case respecting, not case sensitive
 - Makefile, makefile, MAKEFILE, MaKeFiLe are all the same file on MacOS X
 - They are all **different** files on a conventional UNIX.
- Things are stored in slightly different places...

Filesystem Layout

- /Applications/
 - Your MacOS X applications
- /Users/
 - The equivalent of /home/ on UNIX
- /Developer/
 - Apple Developer Tools

Filesystem Layout...

- What you **can't** see in the Finder:
 - /private/
 - Where /etc/, /tmp/ and /var are stored
 - these are symlinked to /private/*
 - /usr/
 - Where your pre-installed UNIX software is stored

Filesystem Layout...

- /mach, /mach.sym, /mach_kernel
 - Your Kernel
- /usr/local/
 - Your UNIX programs (shared, messy)
- Plus, you have things scattered around in the traditional MacOS way.

Resource Forks

- Are **not** copied or viewed with regular unix utilites
- i.e. cp, rsync, vi etc will **NOT** work with resource forks or other HFS+ metadata
- you can access resource forks from UNIX apps!
 - vi /System Folder/System/rsrc

Dealing with Resource forks

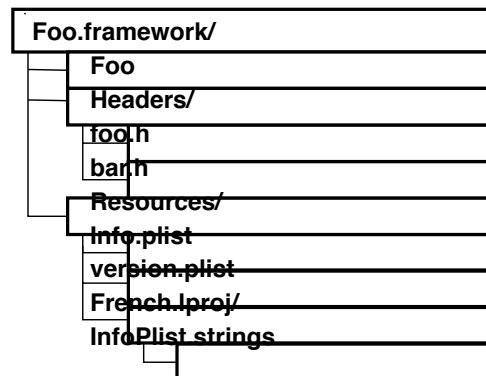
- rsync_hfs
 - rsync for HFS+ metadata systems
- ditto
- CpMac, MvMac etc (look in /Developer/Tools/)

Compiler

- The MacOS X compiler **is** GCC
- Most normal options will work
- **-faltivec** enables AltiVec types and built-in functions
- Mach-O binary format
 - **very** different to others, no GNU binutils

Frameworks

- Consist of: a dylib, headers and resources
- The way you link/include various Libraries under MacOS X



Using Frameworks

- **#include <Foo/foo.h>** to compile
- **-framework Foo** to link
- Most are in /System/Library/Frameworks
- **-Fpath** to add a place to find frameworks
 - Affects both compiler and linker
 - /usr/include has normal UNIX headers

Administration issues

- Configuration and resource files
 - OpenDirectory for system preferences
 - ‘flat’ files can be ignored!
 - (e.g. /etc/passwd et al)
 - CF/NSPreferences for user preferences
 - NetInfo: useful and different

Administration Issues

- System Startup
 - /System/Library/StartupItems
 - composed of an executable and a plist
 - Not the /etc/rc you may be used to
- Apache, Samba
 - Configuration files are where you'd expect

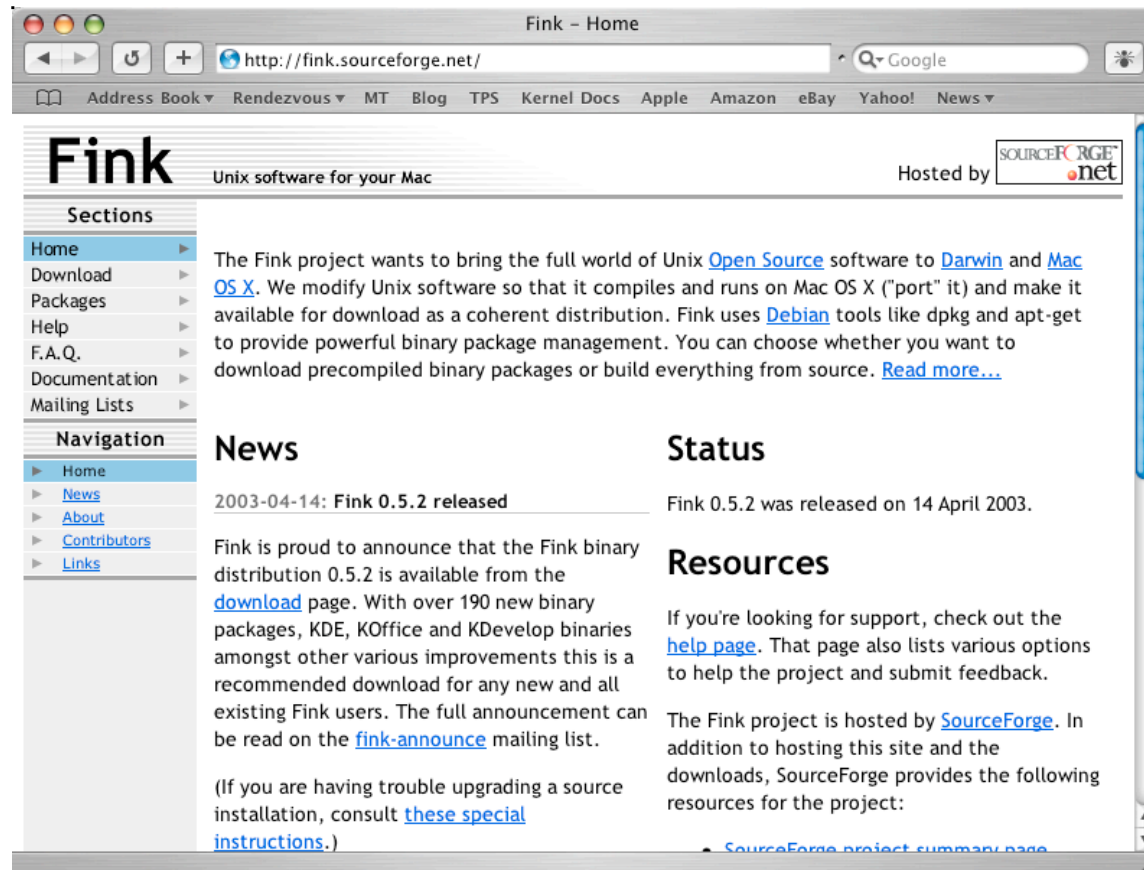
Getting more UNIX

Adding UNIX Software

- I want something that isn't installed by default. How do I install it?
- DarwinPorts, Fink or manually (usually from source)
- Some programs (such as Emacs) now have a native MacOS X interface

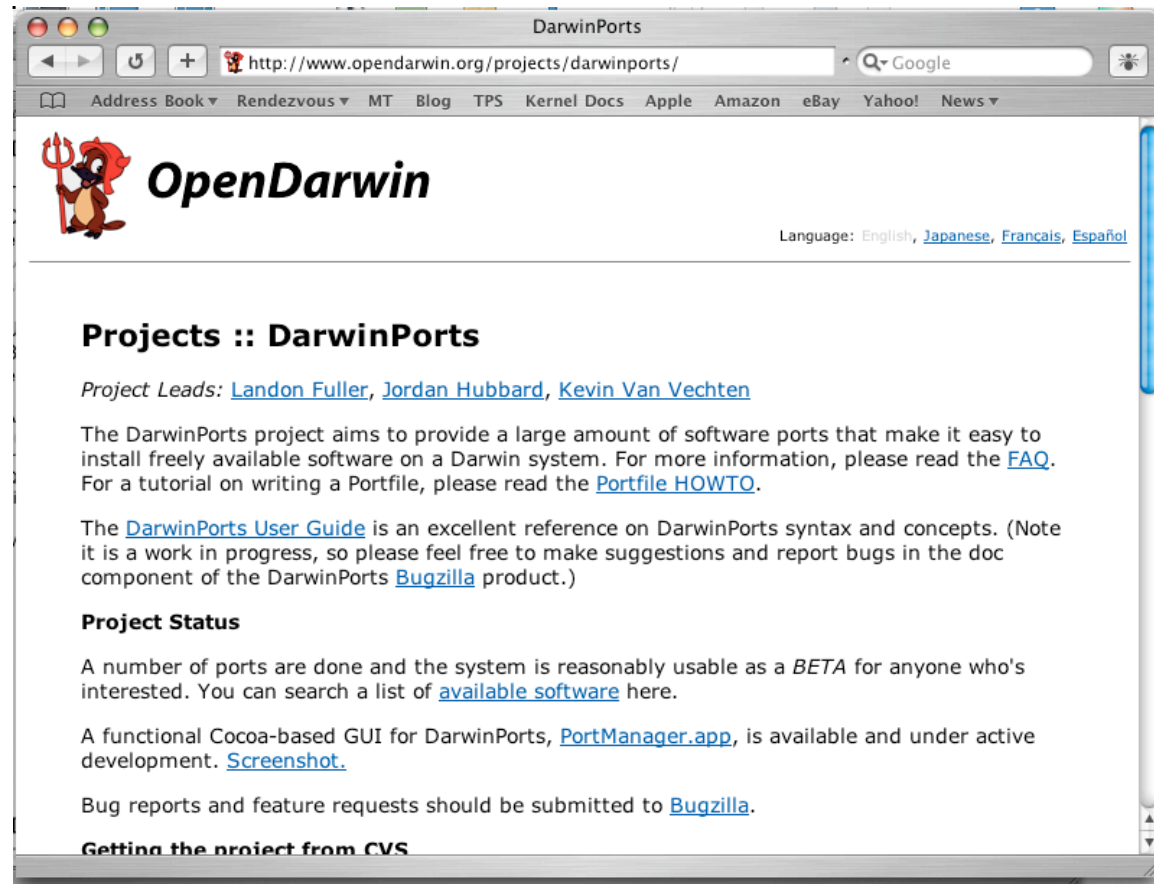
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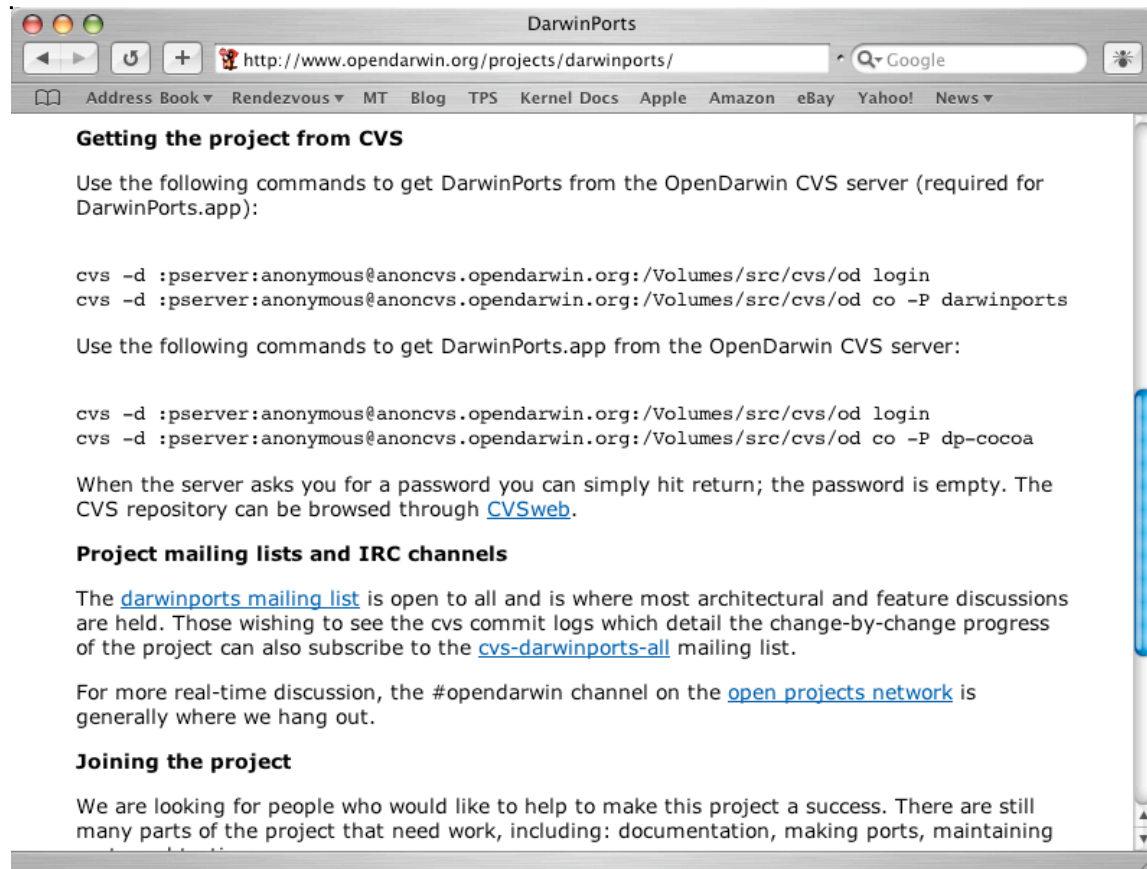
- <http://fink.sourceforge.net>
- Been around a while
- lots of packages
- Compiles from source, automatically
- Occasionally have pre-built binaries



DarwinPorts

- Ports architecture similar to that of FreeBSD
- <http://www.opendarwin.org/projects/darwinports/>
- Project Leads: Landon Fuller, Jordan Hubbard, Keven Van Vechten
- My Favourite, leaded by Apple employees, I'm involved



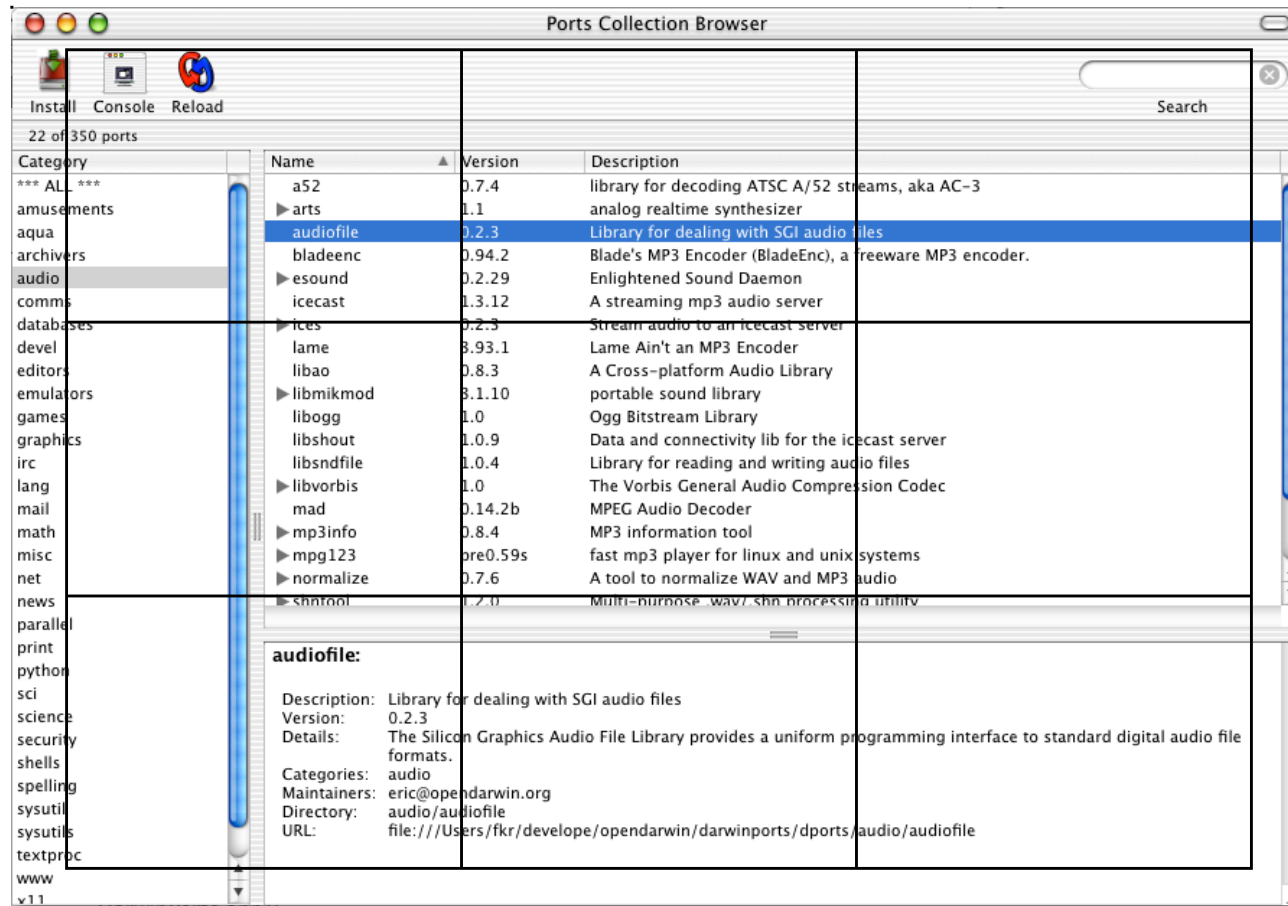


Using DarwinPorts

- There is a graphical application!
- The command line interface works well too!
- **port search** *criteria*
- **sudo port install** *port*
- **sudo port install** *port +variant*

Updating

- Use CVS to get a current list
 - `cvs -q -z9 update -d`



DarwinPorts

- Installs software into /opt/local
- Installation is a little tricky at the moment (you do actually have to follow instructions)
- In constant development (updates available near-instantly via CVS)
- Can make binary packages installable by Apple's Installer.app
- WebDAV server
 - <http://packages.opendarwin.org>

Demo

Little Cool Things

- open *item*
 - Do what the Finder would have done
- osascript
 - AppleScript from the command line!
- disktool, diskutil
 - Do things with disks

The End!

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