iOS Under the Hood

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This is a not-yet-finished draft.
Most graphics have been removed.
A full final version will be posted around the time of my session.

QUIT APPS FROM THE BAR
A useful troubleshooting fix

- Force apps to update

- Force exit a screen
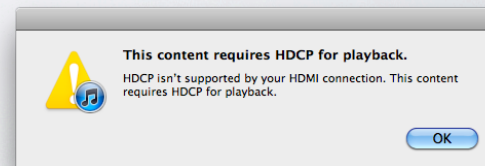
IMPROVE FILE SHARING

- File Sharing via iTunes less than ideal

- Use Dropbox

- Options for iWork apps

  - DropDAV!

MAKE AIRPRINT USEFUL

- In Mac OS X10.6.5, AirPrint works *directly* with selected HP printers — but only those printers.

- With third-party solutions such as Printopia, can access any printer via Mac printer sharing.

AIRPLAY LIMITATIONS

• AirPlay-iOS 4.2.1: Stream video content from iPad to TV via Apple TV

• Works only with compatible video formats

• Doesn't work with third-party apps...yet

• Can't be used to live stream games...yet

• Potential HDCP bug

This content requires HDCP for playback.

HDCP isn't supported by your HDMI connection. This content requires HDCP for playback.

OK

ACCESS YOUR MAC ON iOS DEVICES

- Many options available. Two favorites:

  - LogMeIn Ignition

 - ZumoCast

BACKUP iOS FILES

- Backups created when you sync in iTunes

- iOS Device Backups can be used to Restore

- Backup files located at: ~/Library/Application Support/MobileSync/Backup

UTILITIES THAT ACCESS BACKUP FILES

- *File Juicer*

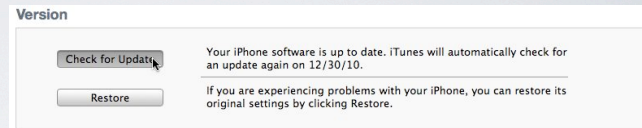- *MobileSyncBrowser*

- *Backup Extractor*

iOS UPDATE FILES

- iPhone files stored in: ~/Library/iTunes/iPhone Software Updates

- Older updates moved to Trash. Save them!

- Want to downgrade or restore without updating?
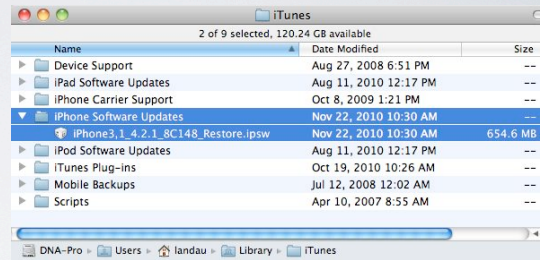
OPTION-RESTORE
OPTION-UPDATE

- In theory, select .ipsw file via Option-Update

- In reality, Apple blocks this in recent hardware

Version

Check for Update — Your iPhone software is up to date. iTunes will automatically check for an update again on 12/30/10.

Restore — If you are experiencing problems with your iPhone, you can restore its original settings by clicking Restore.

The iPhone "Ted's iPhone 4" could not be updated because the firmware file is not compatible.

More Information | OK

iOS APP FILES

- App Store apps located in: ~/Music/iTunes/iTunes Media/Mobile Applications

- Can save older versions of apps for downgrade

- View content of app files

  - *demo*

APP FILES: MODIFY CONTENT

- Work with apps that directly access content on iOS device:

  - *iPhone Explorer*

  - *PhoneView*

- Modify content of .ipa files:

  - Angry Birds scores

  - Recorder tapes

iPHONE CONFIGURATION UTILITY

- Use via USB to iOS device

- *Advanced*: Provisioning and Configuration files

- Uninstall apps

- View Console logs

XCODE'S ORGANIZER

- Xcode available as part of Developer software

- View Console crash logs

- Take screenshots

JAILBREAKING:
WHY BOTHER?

- Get apps not available in App Store

  - ScreenSplitr & iDemo

  - MyFi

  - Netatalk and OpenSSH

JAILBREAKING: WHY BOTHER?

- To access full OS for troubleshooting

  - DiskAid, PhoneDisk, PhoneView on Mac

  - iFile, Terminal apps on iOS device

JAILBREAKING:
WHY NOT BOTHER?

- Apple is winning the Cat & Mouse game

  - Fixed-BootROM starting in later 3GS models

  - iTunes signature-checks prevent downgrading etc.

  - iOS 4.2.1: Tethered jailbreaks may be required

  - iOS 4.2.1: Baseband updates may be undoable

- Complicated procedures, with risks

- Voids warranty; but...it is legal!

HOW TO JAILBREAK (BRIEFLY)

- Follow tutorials!

    - http://www.iclarified.com/

    - Will need a utility such as Pwnage or redsn0w

    - Will need a iOS firmware file

- iOS updates wipe out jailbreak

- Storing SHSH blobs

    - TinyUmbrella

    - Cydia

- Installing apps: Cydia

WHERE I LIVE...

- *User Friendly View* at The Mac Observer:

  - http://www.macobserver.com/tmo/features/
    user_friendly_view/

- *Bugs & Fixes* at macworld.com's Mac 911:

  - http://www.macworld.com/weblogs/mac911.html

- *Slanted Viewpoint* blog:

  - http://www.tedlandau.com/slantedviewpoint/

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