Mac OS X Part 2

This class will focus on what's different between Mac OS X and: classic Mac OS, Windows, and UNIX. Demonstrations on integrating Mac OS X into a multi-platform environment will also be given.

Because Mac OS X is a new operating system everybody is a switcher, even long-time Mac users. "Especially" long-time Mac users would be more accurate: of anybody switching to Mac OS X, classic Mac OS users are the most dissatisfied. Although the Mac OS X interface is clearly based on the classic Mac OS interface, there are a number of differences, which can be confusing at first.

Windows users that are switching to Mac OS X are more accepting of the differences. They understand that this is a big switch, and tend to be more patient, instead of thinking that they can just jump in.

Likewise, UNIX switchers are more accepting of the differences, for many of the same reasons. Many are also attracted to Mac OS X's more secure default configuration, robust software development options, and the advanced multimedia abilities built right into the operating system.

Mac OS X is probably the most interoperable operating system available today. Not only can it connect as a client to older Macintosh servers, Windows servers, UNIX servers, and WebDav servers — file sharing over the internet — but it can also serve as a server for all of these. Nearly automatic file compatibility is built into Mac OS X. As long as the computer has a program that supports a particular file format, Mac OS X will recognize a file and map it to the correct program. In addition, a huge range of cross-platform software is available on Mac OS X, including programs that also run on Windows, mainstream UNIX, Linux, and multiplatform, Java-based applications.

Other classes in this series:

Mac OS X Part 3, Friday October 17, 2003, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, MMC 1745
Introductory tour of Mac OS X.

Mac OS X Part 4, Friday October 24, 2003, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, MMC 1745
Discusses the various applications included with Mac OS X, and the process of configuring printers in Mac OS X.

Mac OS X Part 5, Friday October 31, 2003, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, MMC 1745
In-depth look at the Mac OS X file system, and an overview of data storage options.

For more information, see: http://www.macos.utah.edu