

AUSOM News Archive

30th Anniversary Edition



The complete collection of AUSOM News as PDFs
March 1980 – December 2009

Plus the fully revised & updated
AUSOM News Index Database

The compilation of the AUSOM News Archive is a massive task and we'd like to take a moment to thank a few people who have helped so far to make this project the huge success it has become.

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This is an on-going project - others are involved and will be before we finish, so we also thank them now ☺

Oh, and of course, we MUST thank ALL AUSOM Members who make contributions to AUSOM News in many, many ways. The MOST important contribution anyone can make is to READ AUSOM News and make use of the many hints, tips and sound advice – in addition to sharing with our writers their joys, achievements, trials and tribulations.

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Each month, except for January, members of Australia's Leading Apple User Group, AUSOM Incorporated, receive in the post a copy of AUSOM News, printed magazine packed with feature articles, tips, news, member experiences and reviews concerning all aspects of Apple computing.

Included on this DVD is the complete 30 year collection of AUSOM News from the first single sheet sent out in March 1980 through to the December 2009 issue and they are supplied as PDFs.

Issues from March 1980 until December 1999 have been scanned in from our paper archives. Issues from February 2000 onwards are generated direct from the page layout application in use at the time.

Covers from about 2000 onwards are designed by members of the AUSOM Graphics SIG.

AUSOM News Index

Since 1996, Peter Hunter has maintained an Index of all the articles in the AUSOM News. The format was originally an AppleWorks/ClarisWorks database with limited search facilities but it allowed members to locate the whereabouts of items to which they might wish to refer. This Index was always meant to serve as a chronicle of all the contributors and their work, and so become a small part of the AUSOM story.

A further limitation of the Index was its reliance on members' keeping past copies of their paper based magazines so that they could refer to the articles that were of interest to them.

Over time, the original ClarisWorks database became less relevant to members, and was not as user-friendly as it once was.

AUSOM News Database

The AUSOM News Database allows members to search for items of interest and then to access the relevant articles directly through a link to PDF files of the magazines containing them.

In late 2004, Ralph Learmont decided to create a better way to use the information in the Index and, using FileMaker Pro, he created a "Run-time" database which can now be distributed to members.

This is now called the AUSOM News Database and was originally made available in Mac OS X and Mac OS 8/9 versions.

Since December 2008, we have retired the Mac OS 8/9 version but now include a version for **Windows XP SP2 or later**. The Mac OS X version requires **Mac OS X 10.4.8 or later**

Full instructions are contained in the application itself.

If you already have a collection of AUSOM News magazines as PDF files on CD, DVD or your hard drive, you'll be ready to immediately start using this database.

This new database is quite user friendly. Rather than asking questions of you, it's better equipped to "know" in advance where magazine PDFs can be found, and even senses when you move from one computer to another by updating its own internal knowledge-base.

You'll see the addition of thumbnail views of magazine covers, along with other ways of assisting you to home in on any article over the course of the magazine's electronic history.

Updates

Members are also able to download PDF versions of AUSOM News from the AUSOM website three months after they were originally released in paper form.

Updates to the AUSOM News Database are also regularly available for download from the AUSOM website.

Updated versions of the AUSOM News Archive DVD will also be issued from time to time.

For more information on the various updates, please visit the AUSOM Website;

www.ausom.net.au/magazine