

To Click or to Right-Click?

Are you one of those people that only use one button on their mouse? If you are, then you're only using it to half its potential. There is a whole other world waiting for you to explore with the right mouse button.

The right-click is one of the neatest shortcuts available. Mac users for years have lagged behind with their wimpy little single button mice. The right-click allows you to pull up menus that allow you to perform all sorts of quick tasks. Depending on what application you're in, you can sometimes cut and paste or change your font with a simple right-click. When you're browsing the web, a right-click will let you move backwards or forwards a page quickly or let you print without having to go up to the menu.

How about that jumbled mess called the Start Menu or your even your Favorites list. Open either one and then right-click inside the menu and click on Sort By Name and all of the sudden the whole list is sorted alphabetically. Pretty cool, huh?

While on the subject of mice. Is your mouse moving erratically? If so flip it over and pop out the ball and look inside. Most mice have 2 or 3 rollers in there that get really dirty. You might notice a layer of "gunk" on the rollers. Just take a knife or nail file and gently scrape it off and your mouse will track so much better. If you get tired of having to do this every so often then you should buy yourself an optical mouse. Optical mice don't have a ball at all, they use a red light to track which means you can use them on any surface - even without a mouse pad. Optical mice make great Christmas gifts.