

# Apple Awesome-Mac



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Recently, several friends asked me to recommend awesome applications for their Macs, so I decided to create this repo to share some useful applications. **Feel free to PR if you also want to share us with your fantastic world of Mac.**

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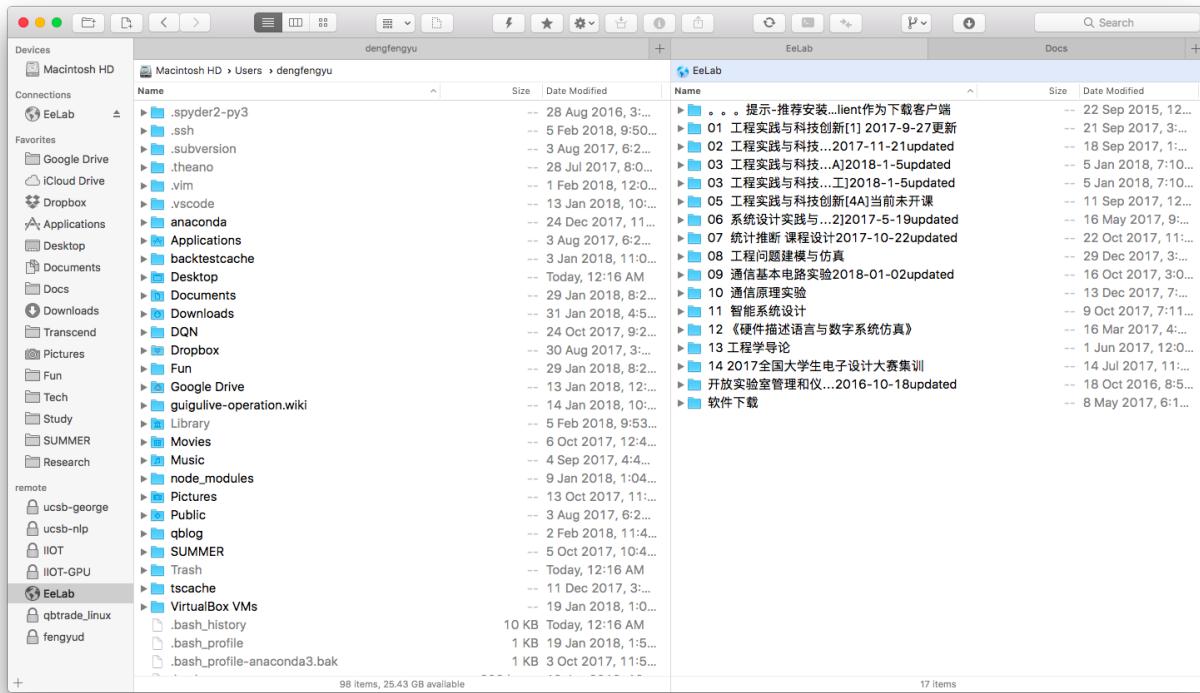
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## Section1 Replacement

Let's start from a world "Replacement". Some basic applications created by Apple such as Finder, Mail, Terminal, Spotlight, Stickies, Reminders, are good but not the best. They can be replaced by other excellent apps.

### 1 ForkLift

*Advanced dual pane file manager and file transfer client for macOS. -- Replacement for Finder*

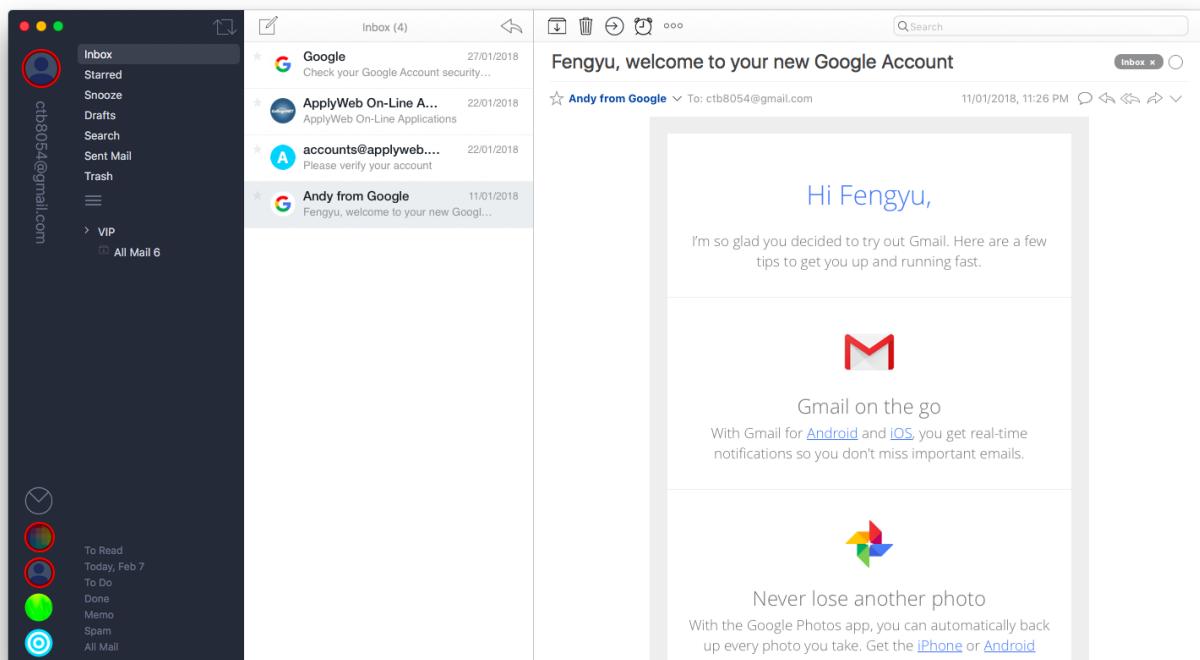


## Useful features

- Dual pane** -- Move files more conveniently. (Do not need to open two Finders)
- Remote Connections** -- Connect to SFTP, FTP, WebDAV, Amazon S3, Google Drive, Rackspace CloudFiles, SMB, AFP, and NFS remote volumes and easily manage your files quickly across networks.
- Git Support** ForkLift knows git and will show you the status of individual files. You can add, commit, push, and pull.
- Open Current Files in Terminal** Open a Terminal, iTerm, or Hyper window at your current local path.
- File Compare** Compare two text or images files with Xcode's FileMerge, Kaleidoscope, Beyond Compare, or Araxis Merge.
- Dark Mode** For those who love dark mode.

## 2 Airmail

WWDC17 Apple Design Award Winner. Lightning-fast email client for Mac -- Replacement for Mail



## Useful features

- A pretty face
- Compose messages in **Markdown**.
- **Integrate** Calender, Reminders, OmniFocus and so on.
- **Customization/Widgets** Plugin Framework API

## 3 iTerm2 with tmux

iTerm2 is a terminal emulator for macOS that does amazing things -- Replacement for Terminal

The screenshot shows a Mac OS X desktop with an iTerm2 window titled "IMAGE 2018-02-07 01/08/03.png". The window contains several tmux sessions. Session 0 (the foreground session) displays Python code for a neural network model, including imports for `utils2`, `config`, `logging`, and `torch`. It includes functions for generating BTE embeddings and a main function that opens a log file and loads training data from a file named "cnn/train\_file". Session 1 shows a Jupyter notebook cell with an error message about `ValueError: a and p must have same size`. Session 2 shows a command-line interface with a progress bar for "Load data files..", followed by "Train", and "Dev" steps. Session 3 shows a "Build dictionary.." step. Session 4 shows a "System Monitor" with CPU usage, memory, and disk activity. The bottom of the window shows a status bar with tabs for "F1Help", "F2Setup", "F3Search", "F4Filter", "F5Tree", "F6SortBy", "F7Nice", "F8Nice", and "F9Kill". The title bar also shows the path "fengyu@nlp: ~" and the date "22:38 17-Aug-17".

## Useful features

- Hotkey Window
- Support mouse actions
- 256 Colors
- shell integration
- imgcat integration

## 4 Alfred

Alfred is an award-winning app for Mac OS X which boosts your efficiency with hotkeys, keywords, text expansion and more. -- Replacement for Spotlight



Alfred is definitely the most powerful tools. You can almost do whatever you want in this small window. I just list several examples.

*Later I will create a separate page to introduce Alfred*

## Multi Search

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Search Google for 'awesome-list'



Search Baidu for 'awesome-list'



Search Wikipedia for 'awesome-list'



Search Amazon for 'awesome-list'



Search bing for 'awesome-list'

## Open a application

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DaisyDisk  
/Applications/DaisyDisk.app



Sequel Pro



Daum Equation Editor



Dashboard



Day One



Date & Time



Dash



Search Dash



Happy.Death.Day.2017.720p.BluRay.DTS.x264-PuTao

## Run command

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> ls -a
```



Run command in Terminal

ls -a

Search a movie/book/music from Douban

movie coco



寻梦环游记

年份: 2017 评分: 9 类型: movie 别名: Coco



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Coco



Moffatts: Closing of Chapter One



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香奈儿秘密情史



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茧镇奇缘

Dictionary

d excellent



优秀的  
翻译结果

音

[美: 'ɛksələnt] [英: 'eksələnt]

释

adj. 卓越的；极好的；杰出的

译

优秀, 卓越的, 极好

译

优秀辩手, 优异辩手, 优良辩手

译

精华, 精良, 峰

Aa

excellent

Add a reminder

r call me in 2pm



Remind me 2pm

Create a new reminder to "call me in" on Wed Feb 07 2018 14:00:00 GMT+0800...



Add Reminder

Check my shutuo

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Find contact in wechat

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 王伟伟

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[Check Express Status](#)

# kd 18217532



如风达 18217532  
按 Enter 将快递状态复制到剪切板



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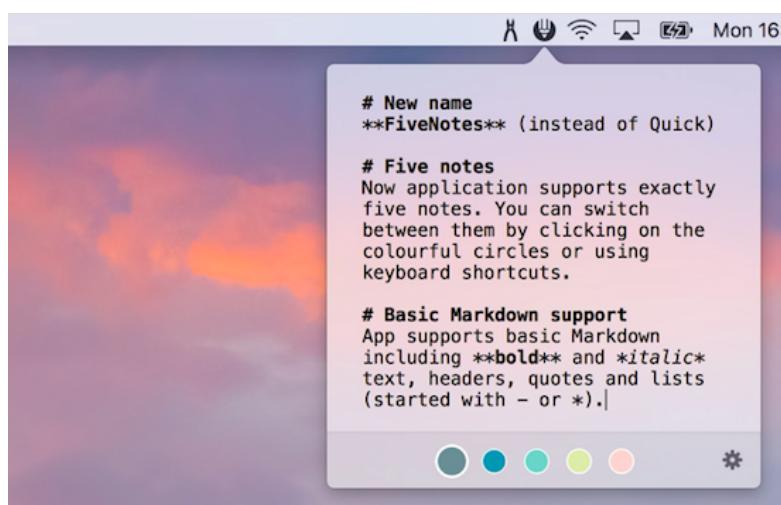
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## 5 FiveNotes

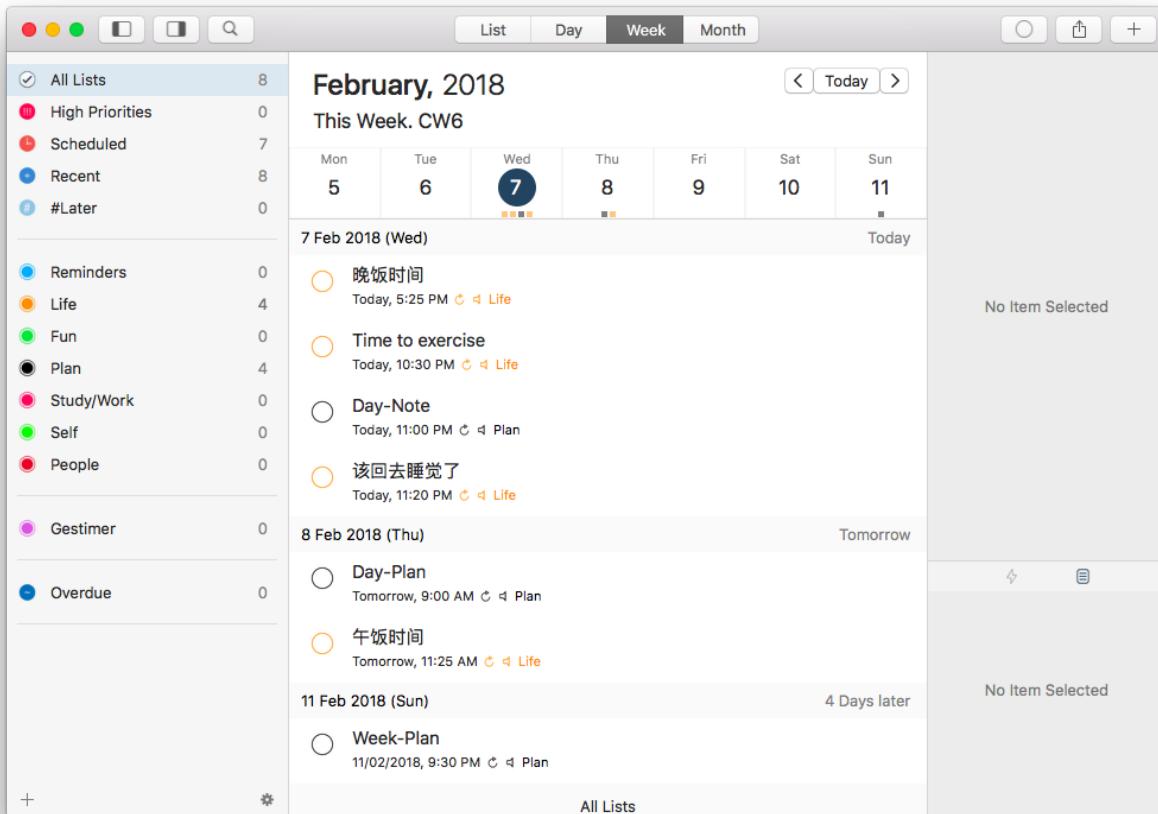
*FiveNotes is a small text editor that you can always access by clicking (or pressing shortcut keys) on its Status bar icon. Even if you're working on a full screen app. -- Replacement for Stickies*



It's very small, simple and convenient. When I suddenly have some new thoughts or plans, I will write them down first in FiveNotes as temporary notes. It supports basic markdown formatting.

## 6 GoodTask 3

*GoodTask 3 is a task manager based on Apple's stock Reminders and Calendars. It add rich functions top on Apple's Reminders and Calendars -- Replacement for Reminders*



It adds many useful functions on Apple stock Reminders. For example, you can see your list in a day, a week and a month, which seems more intuitive. It also syncs with Apple's Stock Reminders & Calendars. I usually use this app to help me organize and reminder routine matters.

## 7 Daisydisk

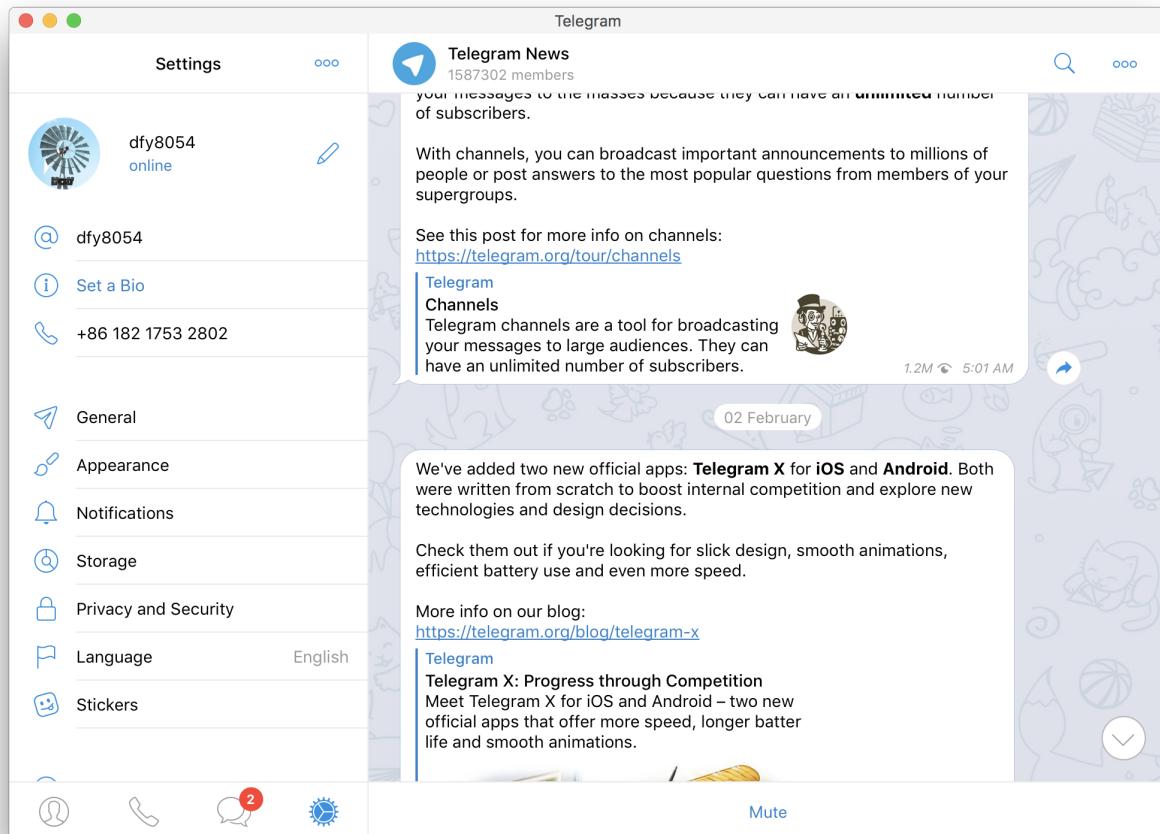
*Daisydisk shows you exactly what's taking up all that space and helps you clear it out, all with a fun and interesting UI -- Replacement for Disk Management*



You can not image that how frequently I use this app when my Mac's SSD is only 128G.

## 8 Telegram

*Telegram is a cloud-based mobile and desktop messaging app with a focus on security and speed. -- Replacement for Wechat*



## Useful features

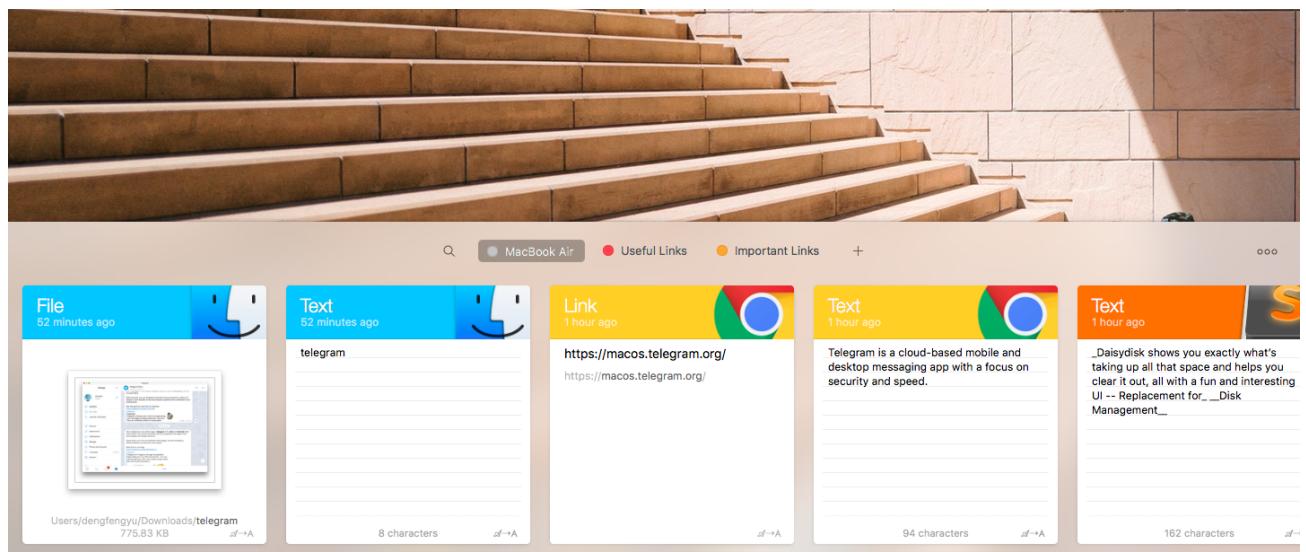
- Help us get away from the **Watching** of Wechat.
- **Security** Guaranteed by the algorithm.

## Section2 Daily

In this section, I will introduce some other applications which I use nearly everyday.

### 9 Paste

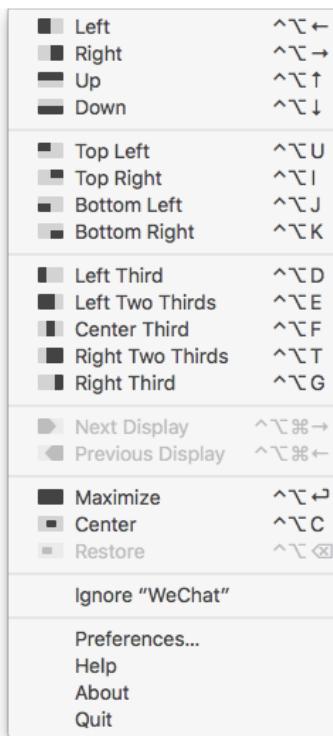
*Paste is a smart cloud clipboard history and snippets manager for Mac. It keeps everything you copy and lets you use it again and again whenever you need it on all your devices.*



With this app, I can store my recent 500 copies including files, photos and texts. When I need them again, I can look through to find them or directly search the relevant keywords. I can even add my personal folder to store useful information forever.

## 10 Magnet

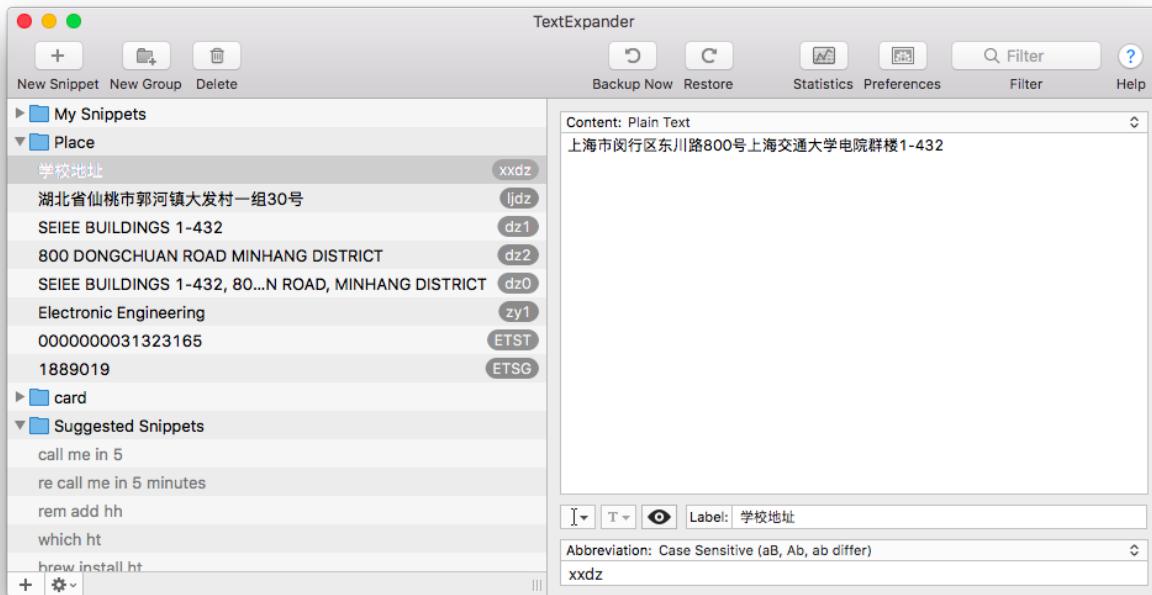
Activated by dragging, customizable keyboard shortcuts or via menu bar, Magnet declutters your screen by snapping windows into organized tiles.



You can use this app to split your screen at an amazing speed through keyboard shortcuts.

## 11 TextExpander

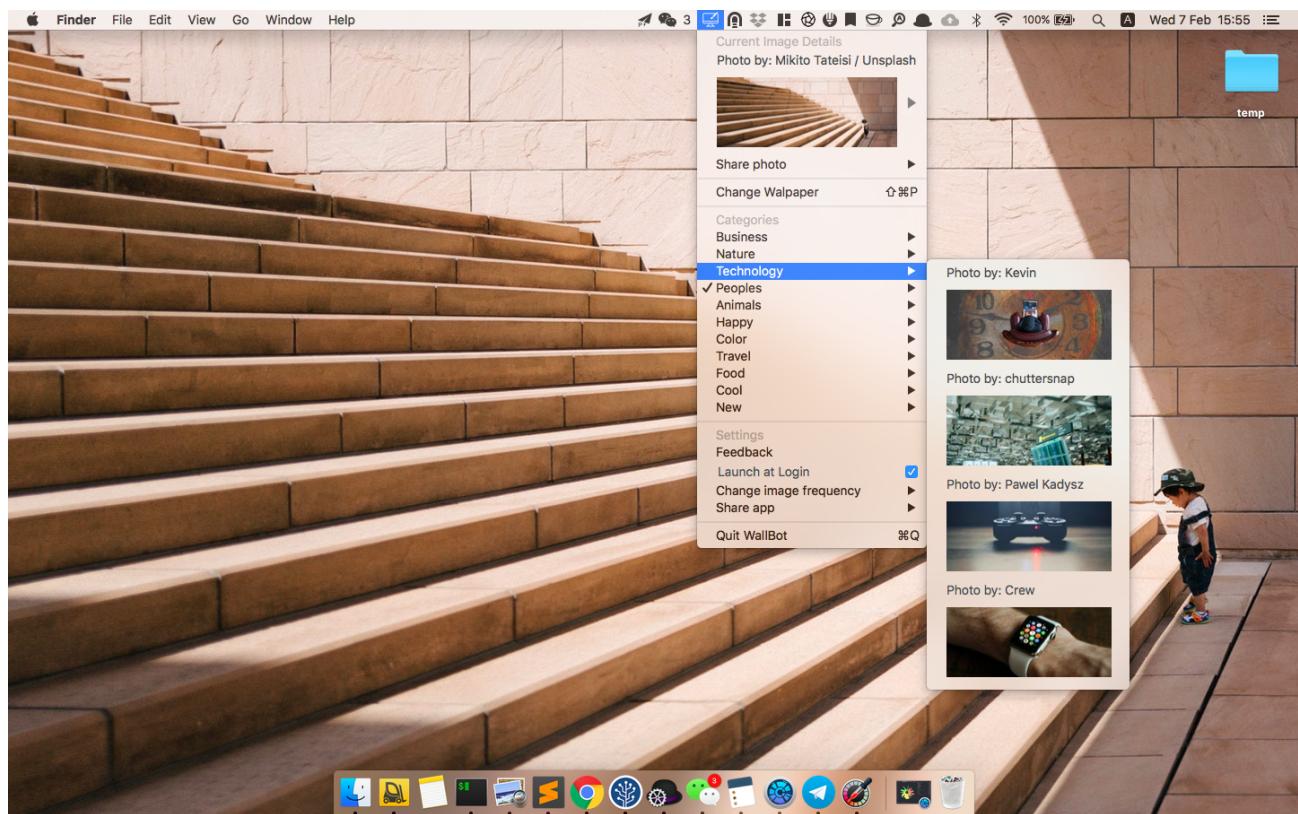
TextExpander lets you instantly insert snippets of text from a repository of emails, boilerplate and other content, as you type – using a quick search or abbreviation.



This application gives me a fantastic experience. For example, when I apply for graduate school, I need to fill out same information on different school. I use DP to represent Distinguished Professor, Assistant Dean, I use ETST to represent my ToEFL Register Number [000000031323165](#). This app not only helps me type these information more quickly, but more important, helps me guarantee what I fill out are absolutely right.

## 12 Wallbot

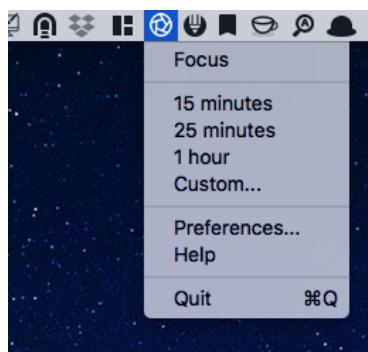
*WallBot is an macOS wallpaper app with Machine Learning and rich content.*



It's wallpapers are all from [Unsplash](#)(Beautiful, free photos. Gifted by the world's most generous community of photographers). They are in high quality and unique spirit. WallBot keeps updating them on your desktop at a given frequency. Each time, it will ask you whether like the new one, then it will use the feedback to trace your preference, for later update.

## 13 Focus

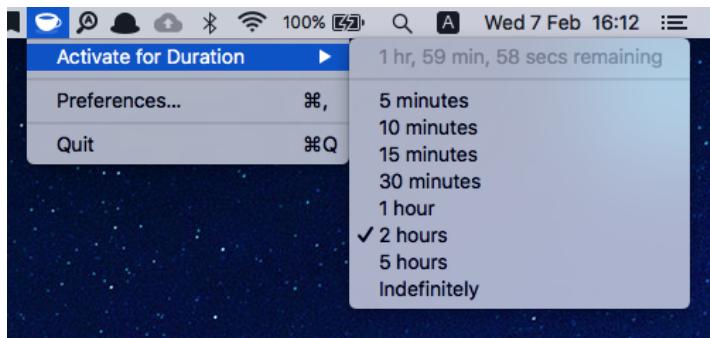
*Focus is a Mac menu-bar app that helps you find your zen. One click creates an optimal work environment. When a distracting applications or website is blocked, a motivational quote is shown to get you back on track and improve your productivity.*



When I want to focus on what I am doing, I will turn focus on, then distracting applications will exit.

## 14 KeepingYouAwake

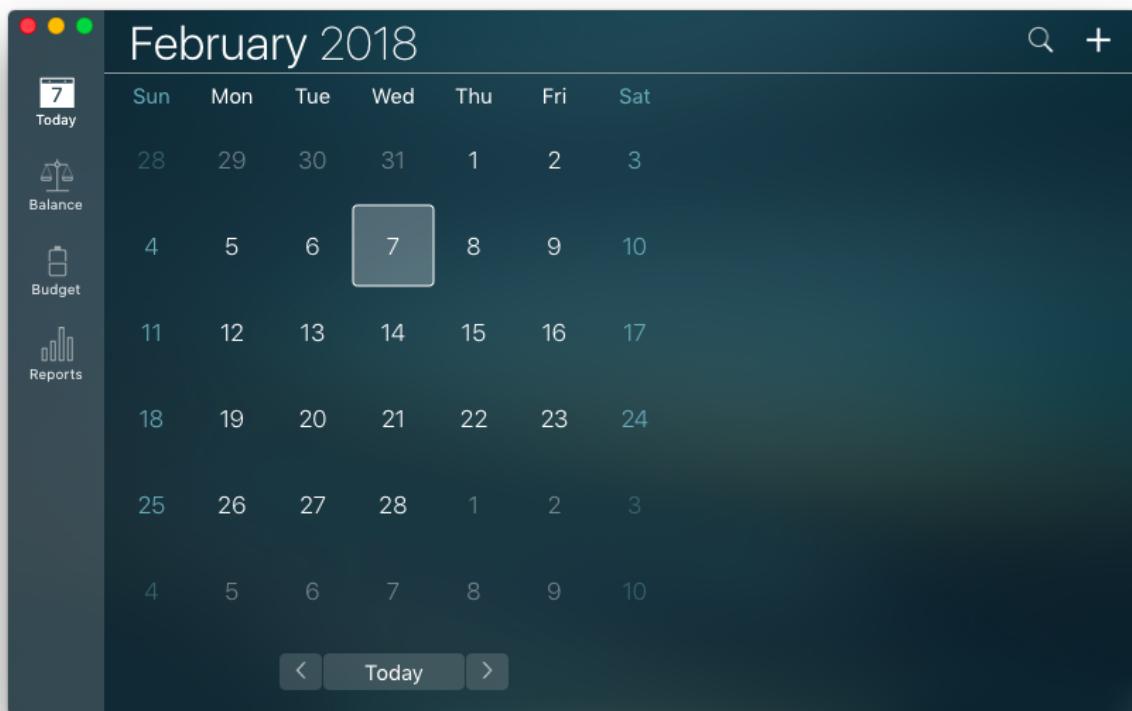
*KeepingYouAwake is a small menu bar utility for macOS that can prevent your Mac from entering sleep mode for a predefined duration or as long as it is activated.*



It's not rare you are downloading something and leave for a while, when you came back, your Mac got to sleep and the download process stopped. However, with KeepingYouAwake, your Mac can keep awake. For example, when I want to watch a movie, I start a download process and turn on this app, then take a shower. After I come back, the download task is finished and I can watch the movie directly.

## 15 Money Pro

*Money Pro is the one place for bill planning, budgeting and keeping track of your accounts. Easy sync with iPhone/iPad versions. Money Pro works great for home budgeting and even for business use.*



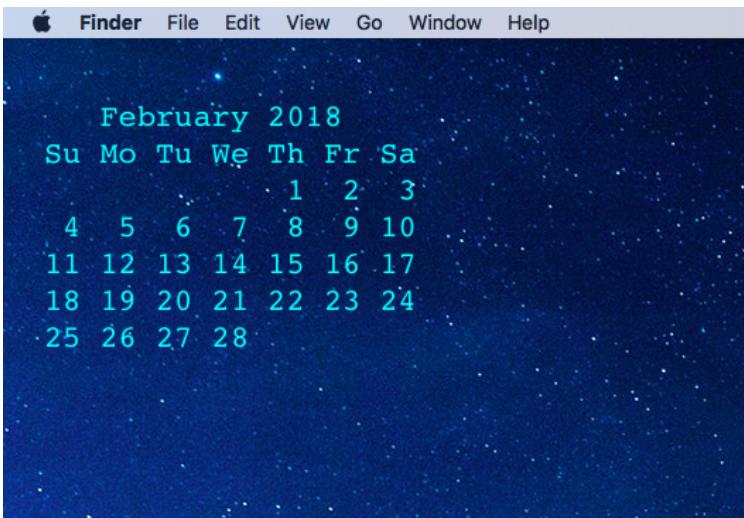
### Useful features

- Calendar and Today view
- Bills due notifications
- Import of bank statements
- Detailed reports

## Section3 Others

### 16 GeekTool

*GeekTool is a macOS application that lets you customize your desktop with great flexibility.*



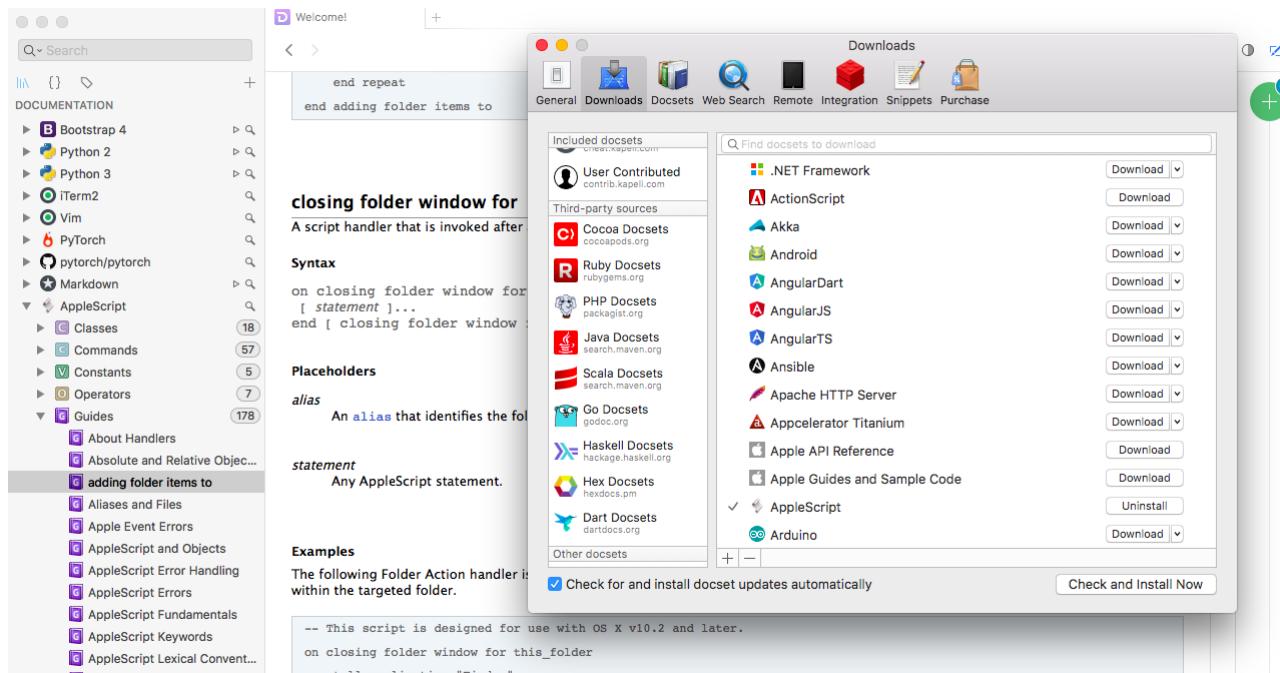
If I want to add a calender to my desktop. Then I can create a shell geeklets in GeekTool and type command `cal`. In fact, using GeekTool, I can put anything I want to the desktop such as a countdown.

Apart from customizing your desktop. You can also use scripts customize your Menubar, your Notification and your Dock.

- Desktop **GeekTool / Ubersicht**
- Menubar **TextBar**
- Notification **Today Scripts**
- Dock **HyperDock**

## 17 Dash

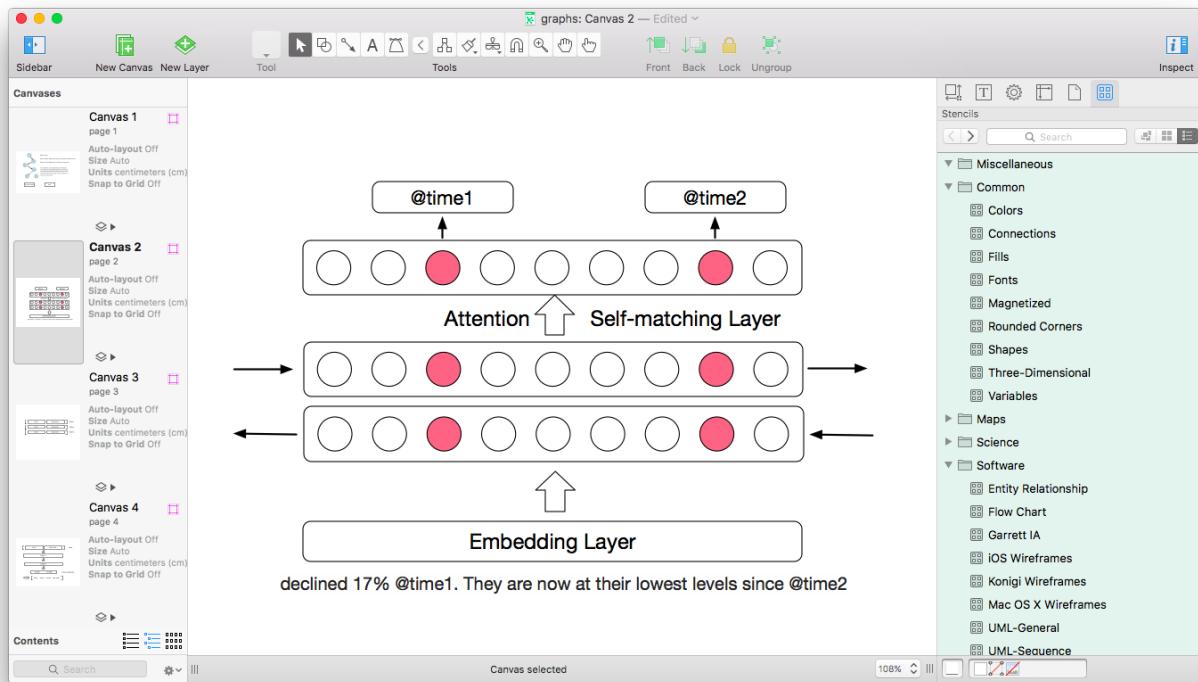
*Dash is an API Documentation Browser and Code Snippet Manager. Dash stores snippets of code and instantly searches offline documentation sets for 200+ APIs, 100+ cheat sheets and more. You can even generate your own docsets or request docsets to be included.*



Dash almost including all official documentations and snippets you want. If you forget the usage of something, you can always find it in Dash.

## 18 Omnigraph

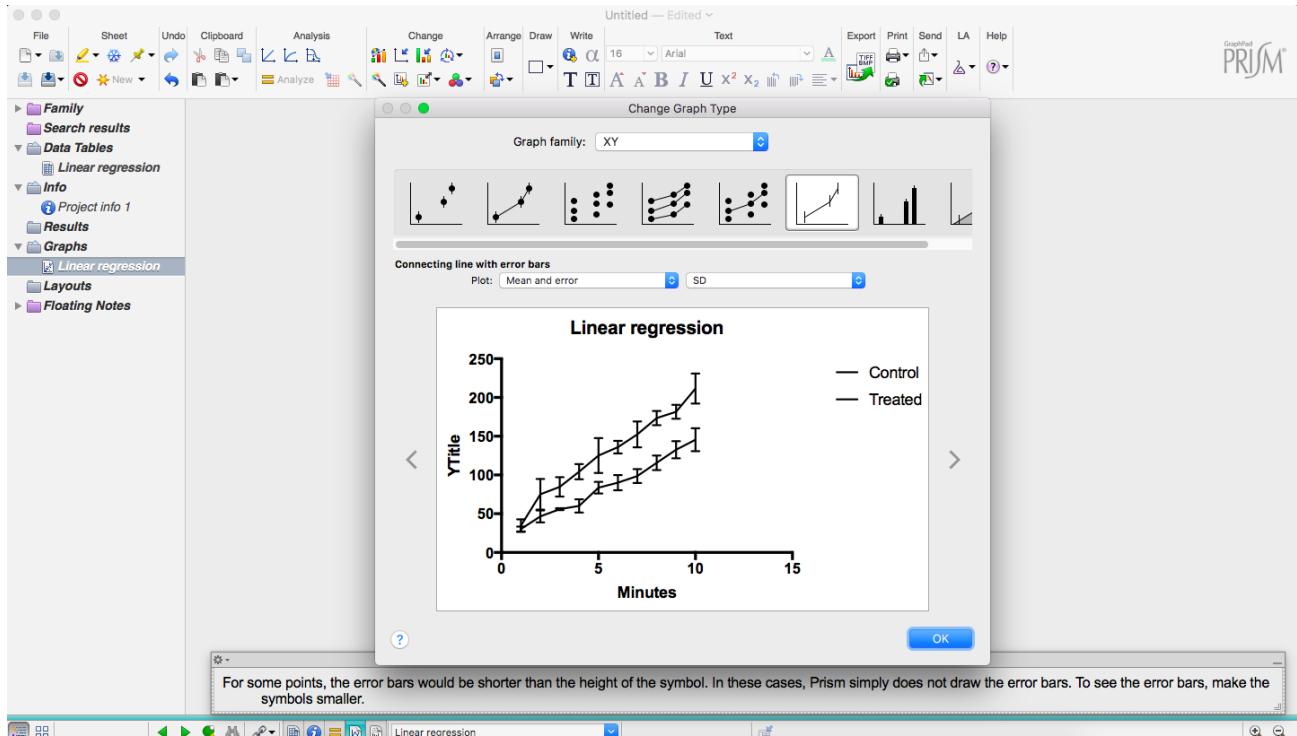
*Omnigraffle is for creating precise, beautiful graphics: website wireframes, electrical systems, family trees and maps of software classes come to life in OmniGraffle 7. Everyone from professional artists and designers to casual data mappers and beginning diagrammers will find something new in OmniGraffle 7.*



Omnigrafe is very convenient to draw diagrammers. It's structure is similar with Photoshop. You will be amazed by what you draw with Omnidraw.

## 19 Prism

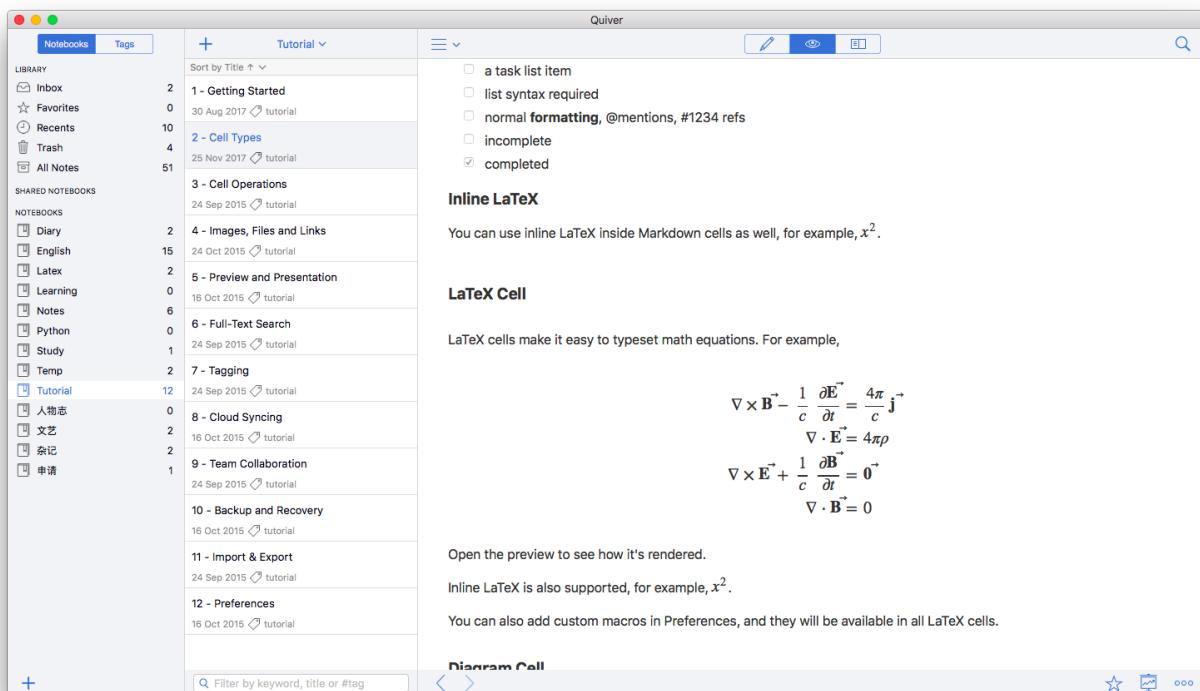
*GraphPad Prism, available for both Windows and Mac computers, combines scientific graphing, comprehensive curve fitting (nonlinear regression), understandable statistics, and data organization.*



I have been finding this kind of applications for so long. For diagrammers, I have Omnidraw, but for statistical graph, I have no choice but Matlab, which take 11.5G of my 128G Mac. More importantly, Matlab is hard to use. I finally meet Prism. It's size is only about 500M, and it's ability to draw statistical graphs is more powerful.

## 20 Quiver

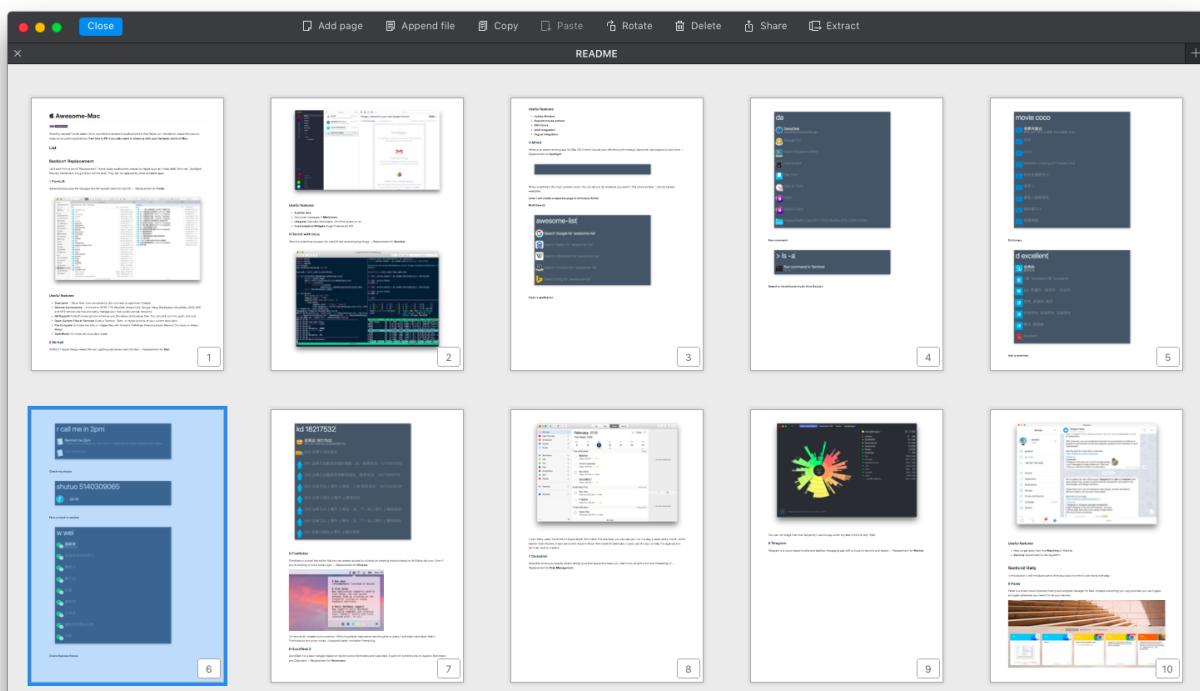
Quiver is a notebook built for programmers. It lets you easily mix text, code, Markdown and LaTeX within one note, edit code with an awesome code editor, live preview Markdown and LaTeX, and find any note instantly via the full-text search.



Although many similar notebook applications such as Evernote, OneNote, DayOne are very good, I turn to Quiver. The reason is that it combines Latex cells, which means that I can even write down critical mathematic formulations conveniently when I take part in a research meeting.

## 21 PDF Expert

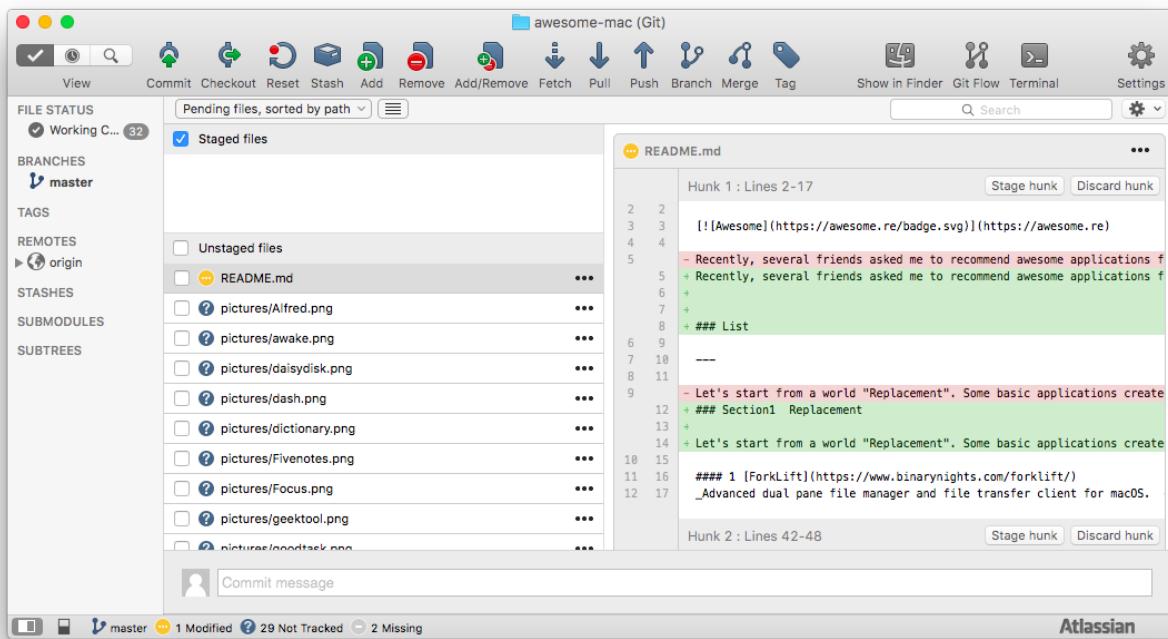
From the first document you select, PDF Expert springs into action with smooth scrolling and fast search. Select the most relevant layout to quickly accomplish your task, whether you compare 100 page contracts or read a short article.



It's a small-size and convenient PDF tools. All basic functions are included such as split the PDF files.

## 22 SourceTree

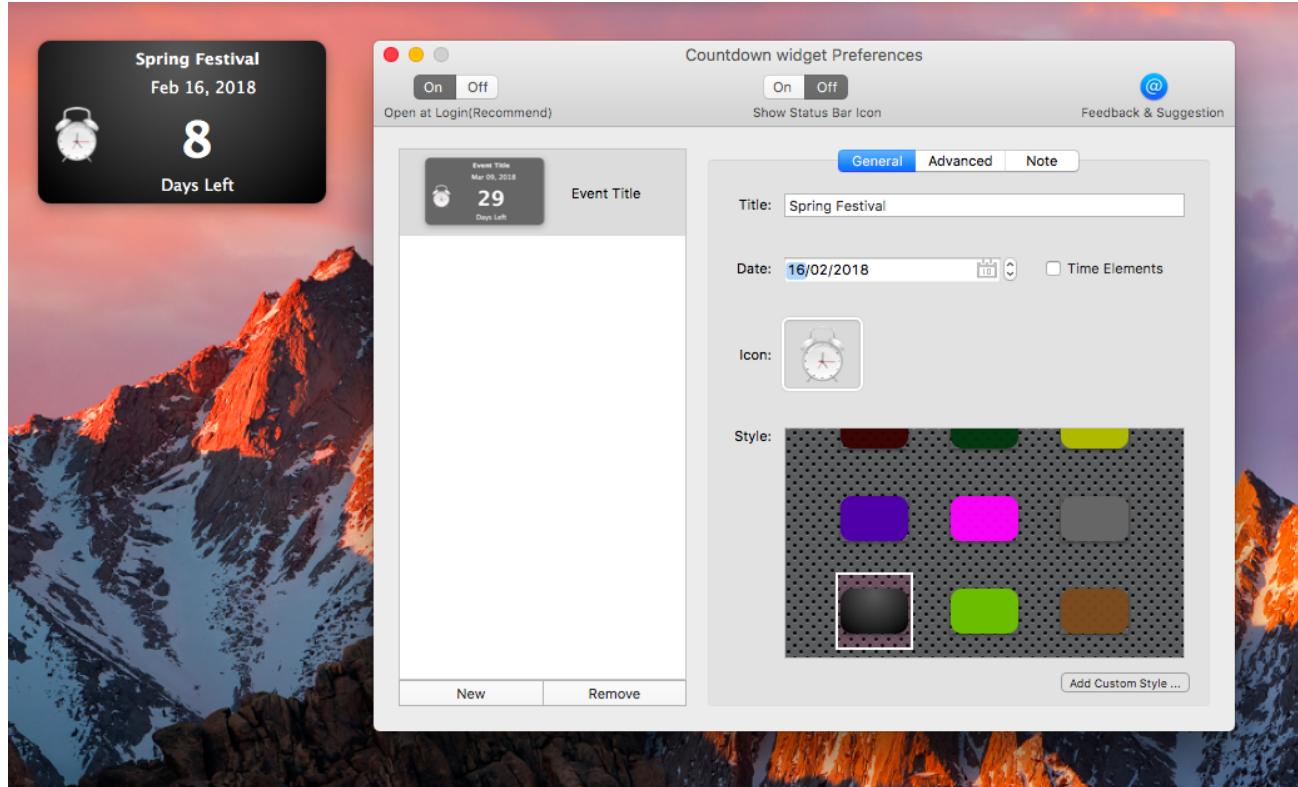
Sourcetree simplifies how you interact with your Git repositories so you can focus on coding. Visualize and manage your repositories through Sourcetree's simple Git GUI.



I only use this git client, so I cannot say that it's better than other clients. But I can say that all I need is here.

## 23 Countdown Widget

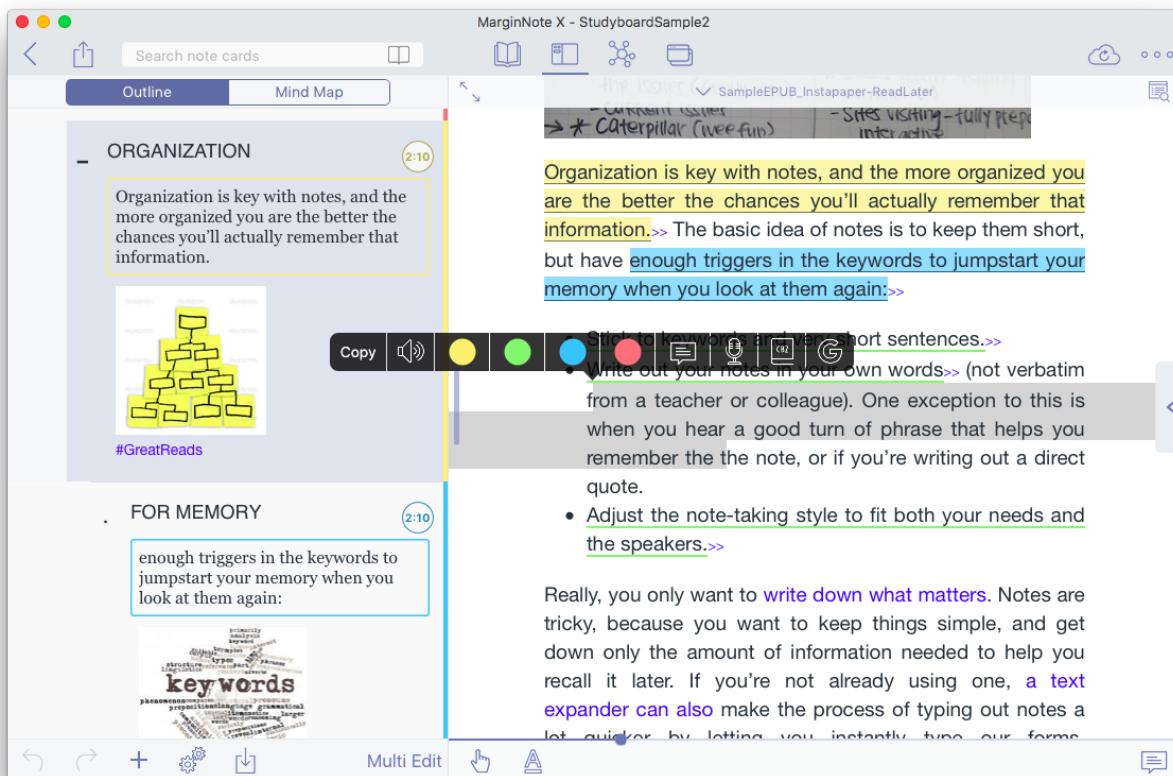
Countdown widget is a timekeeper always on the bottom of your computer desktop(NOT affect your job), that tell you exactly how many days has passed or is remaining for all the event that are important to you



Especially usefully when you are in the final week of a semester.

## 24 MarginNote X

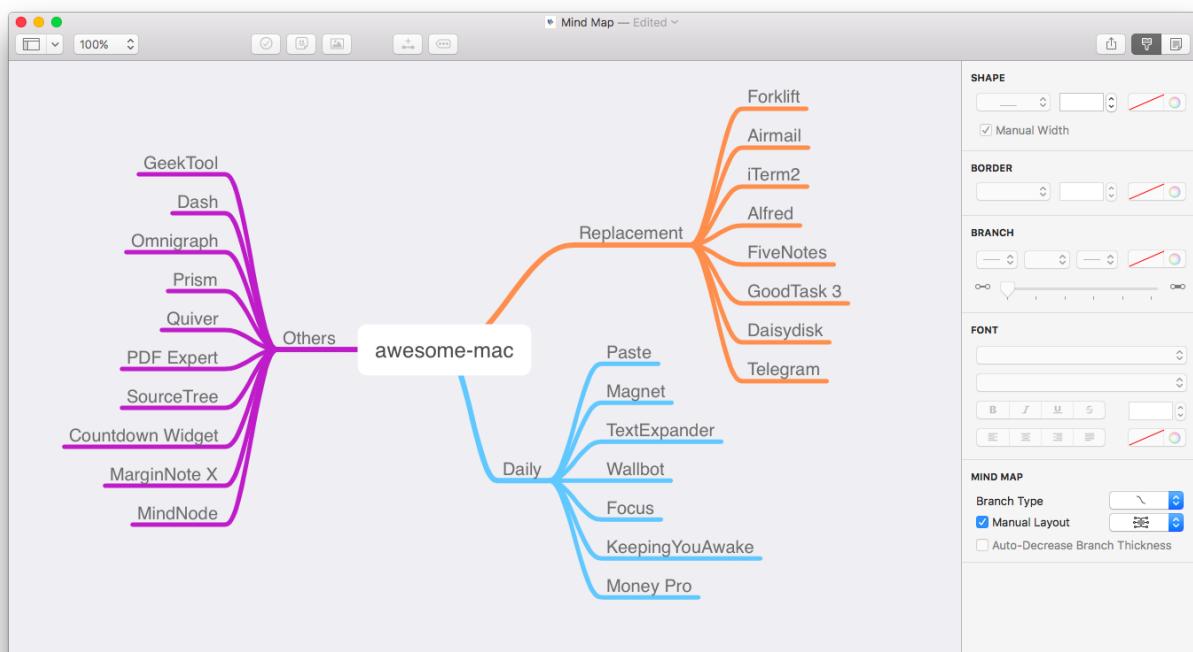
MarginNote is a powerful reading tool for learners. Whether you are a student, a teacher, a researcher, a lawyer or someone with a curious mind to learn, MarginNote can help you quickly organize, study and manage large volumes of PDFs and EPUBs. All in one learning app enables you to highlight PDF and EPUB, take note, create mind map, review flashcards and saves you from switching endlessly between different Apps.



Recommended by my friends. I usually use this app to take notes directly on the PPTs provided by the lecturer. It's very powerful and convenient.

## 25 MindNode

MindNode helps you visualize your ideas. Start with a central thought and then brainstorm, organize and share your mind maps.



I have been a fan of Mindmap for many years. MindNode is a simple application which well represents the idea of Mindmap.

## Similar Awesome Links

- <https://github.com/nikitavoloboev/my-mac-os>
- <https://github.com/jaywcjlove/awesome-mac>
- <https://github.com/iCHAIT/awesome-macOS>

That's all. Thanks! If you have any questions, just contact me.