

elcome to Hands On. It may look different, but this section is still the first place to turn if you want more than just news and reviews. This month, we welcome Cliff Joseph into the fold. With so many people owning more than one type of machine these days, he'll be taking a look at what's happening in the PCfree world and concentrating on all things Macintosh.

Roger Gann continues to get his hands dirty in the Hardware column, but will also be exploring the murky depths of 16-bit operating systems. Many PCs arrive with Windows preinstalled, so it can be a shock when you find yourself presented with the dreaded C:\> prompt and no idea what to do next. Roger is here to lend a helping hand.

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