AIM Chat with cfiutak, d0ugparker, grantsplorp, adamtow95, newtontalk, kallisys, udog124, jingtsai.

01/12/2005, 19:59

Ronnie Simon: welcome to the WWNC San Francisco checkpoint

adamtow95 has joined this chat.

adamtow95: Yo

kallisys has joined this chat. udog124 has joined this chat.

Ronnie Simon: hello

kallisys: hello

udog124: you are a timely fellow..



grantsplorp has joined this chat.

Ronnie Simon: thanks

d0ugparker has joined this chat.

20:00

dougparker: I'm here.

Ronnie Simon: i am in belgium

kallisys: I am here, too.

kallisys: 😬

grantsplorp: hello.

Ronnie Simon: elizabeth says hello to paul and adam

kallisys: hello elizabeth.

udog124: say hello to antwerp (mommy was born there)

Ronnie Simon: ok

Ronnie Simon: shall we start?

adamtow95: vuh

jingtsai has joined this chat.

jingtsai: hello

Ronnie Simon: hello larry Ronnie Simon: ok let's start Ronnie Simon: speakers update

kallisys: walter accepted the invitation.

jingtsai: excellent. no response from the newton alumni list, i'm afraid.

udog124: paul, could you share that link again (walter)

kallisys: http://wsmith.best.vwh.net/ Ronnie Simon: that's good news

kallisys: let's talk about bad news, then.

kallisys: http://wwnc.newtontalk.net/registration/list/

kallisys: two actually paid.

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grantsplorp: paul, let me know who paid (i know i did) and i will send reminders.

udog124: i got an inquiry into alternate methods of payment (this person did not have paypal)

grantsplorp: i can add a flag to the database indicating who paid.

udog124: i mentioned international money order...

kallisys: yes

kallisys: and wire transfers

kallisys: the best is to redirect these questions to me

kallisys: I mean

kallisys: as the treasurer

udog124: will do

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kallisys: it's my job to cry that people didn't pay yet
kallisys: grant and adam paid.
udoq124: that was the only one
kallisys: that's all.
kallisys: the balance is 76.28 USD.
kallisys: anyone knows a good site to get Walter his plane ticket?
Ronnie Simon: i will pay once ibm confirms my flight details
                                      cfiutak has joined this chat.
cfiutak: Hi all
udog124: i will be paying whether or not i can make it - gotta support the cause 699
kallisys: seattle -> san francisco
jingtsai: http://www.airlineconsolidator.com/
kallisys: thanks larry
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jingtsai: http://www.cheaptickets.com/
grantsplorp: i have email addresses for all but one registrant. i will plan to 'bother' them
slowly, but surely about paying up.
jingtsai: (I've had better luck with the first, but things change)
Ronnie Simon: so in summary we have a shortage of registrations and we need to drive more
registrations
kallisys: yeah, ronnie
kallisys: the problem isn't much that registrant didn't pay
udog124: i sent a batch of e-mails out last night
kallisys: it's that we only have 8 registrants
udoq124: to stir up some buzz
kallisys: I mean
kallisys: even if the other 6, that include you and me, paid
adamtow95: did anyone respond to the newton alumni email, larry?
kallisys: we would end up with a ridiculous amount.
adamtow95: or complete and utter silence?
Ronnie Simon: so we should finalise the speakers and agenda and communicate it n'est-ce pas?
Ronnie Simon: larry said no
grantsplorp: re: buzz
grantsplorp: i chatted with leander kahney (wired news / cult of mac)
grantsplorp: he will write an article about wwnc, but needs an angle.
grantsplorp: if we can confirm a few speakers/topics, he'll have something to write about.
jingtsai: i emailed the newton alumni list, but no one responded, sad to say
grantsplorp: dave, were those emails to press contacts at sites/blogs?
Ronnie Simon: so shall we list the topics?
dougparker: Angle: Newton is so popular, Apple decides to have MacWorld just before WWNA.
udog124: yes
adamtow95: heh
grantsplorp: ha!
jingtsai: 😬
kallisys: heheh
kallisys: nice one.
grantsplorp: that's perfect.
cfiutak: 😬
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dOugparker: proud 😬
grantsplorp: topics:
Ronnie Simon: so what are the topics?
Ronnie Simon: go on
grantsplorp: 1. walter/newtonscript
grantsplorp: 2. adam/?
grantsplorp: ...
Ronnie Simon: 3. Paul
grantsplorp: help me out here fellas.
                                               20:15
grantsplorp: oh, yeah. duh.
udog124: <elbowing adam>
kallisys: you're talking about the program?
grantsplorp: yes.
kallisys: I wish Larry talked.
kallisys: larry, will you come?
jingtsai: yes, and be glad to talk about handwriting
grantsplorp: there you go.
kallisys: great
grantsplorp: thanks larry.
Ronnie Simon: great
adamtow95: I could do another State of the Newton speech
kallisys: I wish we all did new talks
adamtow95: but it might be a rehash of what I said in Paris
kallisys: I know it's going to be hard as far as I'm concerned.
grantsplorp: while i don't believe i can talk too much about them, i plan on bringing as many of
my newton prototypes as possible for a look-see.
jingtsai: i suspect there will be little overlap, except for the board
kallisys: (like, I'd have to port NewtonOS to new hardware)
jingtsai: 😬
Ronnie Simon: i can talk about implementing getting things done GTD on the Newton platform if there is
jingtsai: that sounds good
grantsplorp: yes, ronnie. that's a timely subject.
grantsplorp: no pun intended.
kallisys: ronnie: will elizabeth come?
kallisys: we need to ask directly if people will come.
grantsplorp: i'm still working on convincing steven frank on giving a demo/talk about newten.
kallisys: I guess Woo and/or Flash could give a talk.
kallisys: yes, steven frank as well.
Ronnie Simon: no it is too far for her she prefers may-sep for the US
grantsplorp: he'll be in town for macworld and though he could drop by.
kallisys: ok.
kallisys: we should try to convince other developers.
kallisys: such as Eckhart.
kallisys: I wonder if Victor will come.
Ronnie Simon: can you do that paul using Blunt 2 as the candidate topic?
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kallisys: sure.

adamtow95: Yeah, Woo can demonstrate all the extra hardware add-ons that people can buy for the

Newton

iingtsai: that would be nice

grantsplorp: adam, what about folks from snug?

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kallisys: umm

Ronnie Simon: i know woo has bought adriano's hw goodies so this would go down well

kallisys: do you think we could try and convince hardy marcia?

adamtow95: I'm going to email woo right now

kallisvs: ok

kallisys: victor says he won't come.

Ronnie Simon: good idea paul, he had a firesale recently

Ronnie Simon: so he maybe inactive Ronnie Simon: what about user topics? adamtow95: Send the email to Woo

Ronnie Simon: should we identify these at the time?

kallisys: we could convince all these speakers using the walter smith argument.

kallisys: 😬

Ronnie Simon: go on

Ronnie Simon: what is the walter smith argument?

Ronnie Simon: ???

cfiutak: Good question....Ronnie jingtsai: that Walter is coming?

kallisys: yes. kallisys: I mean Ronnie Simon: ok

kallisys: that Walter and Larry are confirmed speakers could make people come.

cfiutak: 😬 easy...

Ronnie Simon: so he is a strong carrot

kallisys: Adam said Walter was ok as a speaker.

jingtsai: yes, i was thinking about re-pinging the alumni list with that little tidbit, see if it stirs any additional

action

kallisys: his topic is hot

cfiutak: I think I just decided to buy a ticket! kallisys: and Larry is a terrific speaker.

Ronnie Simon: good idea larry jingtsai: me talk purty one day

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adamtow95: ok = good

kallisys: 😃



adamtow95: He will have lots of cool stuff to talk about Ronnie Simon: have we enough material for 2 days?

kallisys: he said he didn't know what to talk about, which is a good hint that it will be

grantsplorp: i think that the program does not have to be completely filled up.

kallisys: we definitely have less speakers than in 2004

grantsplorp: newton folks are going to want to hang about and chart about stuff too.

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kallisys: which was fine in terms of programme.
grantsplorp: chart = chat
kallisys: don't you think, fellow attendees of 2004?
kallisys: ronnie, larry, adam, christian?
Ronnie Simon: yes
jingtsai: yes, 2004 worked well
cfiutak: yexs
cfiutak: yes
jingtsai: how many speakers, total, were there in 2004?
Ronnie Simon: we had a good spine in 2004
jingtsai: how many are lined up for 2006?
kallisys: <a href="http://wwnc.newtontalk.net/2004/program/">http://wwnc.newtontalk.net/2004/program/</a>
Ronnie Simon: what is the equivalent in 2006?
adamtow95: I think we will be fine... we add new presentations as they come
adamtow95: but we highlight the few big ones
kallisys: let me ask Simon if he can make it.
adamtow95: i.e. Paul, Larry, Walter with the sub-ones like Adam, Woo (if he responds), etc.
jingtsai: i agree, adam. we'll have a good core (or spine), and can add more as needed.
Ronnie Simon: have we got enough to drive registrations at this stage?
kallisys: definitely
cfiutak: yes...
kallisys: we can PR about Walter, Larry & Adam.
kallisys: like we PRd last year.
jingtsai: and paul
kallisys: come on.
cfiutak: of course 😬
jingtsai: Einstein is still the biggest news, to me.
kallisys: you want me to code all nights til january?
jingtsai: yes! 😃
kallisys: well, 2004 news.
cfiutak: Yes!
adamtow95: Paul, hey I did it last night, you can too!
kallisys: i'll see what I can do.
jingtsai: Cool.
kallisys: I mean, it probably runs on my Zaurus today.
cfiutak: Any details for us, Paul?
Ronnie Simon: paul you have a demo already, good news
Ronnie Simon: let's use that as a carrot
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jingtsai: absolutely
d0ugparker: Big carrot
jingtsai: Einstein in action!
cfiutak: on a Zaurus!
grantsplorp: a lot of people have never seen einstein in action... it has major wow factor.
grantsplorp: on any platform.
Ronnie Simon: if i send the updated wwnc 2004 programme as the basis for the 2006 programme to
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grant to place on his website would that be useful?

jingtsai: and running on a hand-held is the kicker we need.

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Ronnie Simon: ???
kallisys: I said probably.
cfiutak: Larry....you are right
kallisys: come on.
kallisys: I'm nailed on the wall.
cfiutak: 😬
jingtsai: 😃
jingtsai: yep, you've gone and done it.
d0ugparker: Can we leak a rumor that it's running on a handheld, to generate interest, instead of giving
all the details?
kallisys: er
kallisys: please don't
kallisys: I hate vaporware.
grantsplorp: :0
dOugparker: I see.
Ronnie Simon: we should emphasise the demo
kallisys: what if I die in the airplane
kallisys: coming to SF
jingtsai: then you won't have to worry about it.
kallisys: with no backup anywhere.
kallisys: 😬
jingtsai: :
kallisys: (j/k, there are backups)
cfiutak: Take a ship...Paul
kallisys: seriously, please don't announce vaporware.
iingtsai: what then?
kallisys: I will talk about einstein
kallisys: with news
jingtsai: we need a teaser about Einstein developments
kallisys: compared to 2004.
Ronnie Simon: and a demo
kallisys: the thing is I didn't choose if I will stress on Einstein or Relativity
cfiutak: And something like "Einstein 2.0"
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grantsplorp: a teaser doesn't have to be an announcement.
grantsplorp: a teaser can be a wish list.
jingtsai: argh. i have to run teach a class. sorry. let me know if i need to do anything, and i'll see you in
email (and later in SF)
Ronnie Simon: can someone answer my gearlier question or suggest an alternative ...
kallisys: well
                                        jingtsai has left this chat.
Ronnie Simon: cia larry
cfiutak: cu larry
kallisys: in 2004, we had some talks that were underlined
Ronnie Simon: oops ciao
kallisys: the two keynotes
kallisys: it was also split in 4 sessions
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Ronnie Simon: we can do the same in 2006?
kallisys: sure.
kallisys: there were 12 talks
udog124: what's the time schedule? friday night - casual, saturday hours? sunday hours?
kallisys: I guess friday night will just be the welcome party
udoq124: right
kallisys: with no speaker
cfiutak: good
Ronnie Simon: i would go for similar times on sat, sun
kallisys: yeah
Ronnie Simon: yes
kallisys: finishing earlier on sunday
kallisys: so US people could get a flight and sleep in their own bed.
adamtow95: I'm still waiting to hear back from location for Friday event
kallisys: ok, Adam.
adamtow95: like I said last time, if we can't secure a location
adamtow95: might as well have a welcome session on Saturday morning
kallisys: let me know when you need the association credit card #
adamtow95: right
adamtow95: will do
kallisys: well, if we're 8 + one guest
kallisys: most places will do.
kallisys: 😬
Ronnie Simon: (**)
grantsplorp: heck, one big booth at a restaurant will do.
udog124: so how long did you go in paris? 9am-3pm, 4pm, 5pm, later?
dougparker: But no place to hang the banners
kallisys: david: http://wwnc.newtontalk.net/2004/program/
Ronnie Simon: what else have we not touched upon?
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udog124: oops, thanks paul
udog124: other sessions
udog124: (developer, how-to...)
kallisys: frank can't make it, can he?
Ronnie Simon: no he cannot
Ronnie Simon: he has sent me a num.ber of cards for the vendor session
kallisys: my japanese contacts can't make it either
kallisys: (including GNUE)
Ronnie Simon: his repair-while-you-wait session was one of the highlights in 2004
kallisys: definitely
cfiutak: yes
grantsplorp: i might be able to whack together a presentation about converting mac fonts to
newton fonts.
Ronnie Simon: good
kallisys: that would be great Grant
grantsplorp: ok.
kallisys: maybe you can include interesting remarks about typography and the Newton?
kallisys: like your love for espy.
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grantsplorp: i'll have to see if i can borrow my wife's ibook. grantsplorp: heh. kallisys: heh. there will be macs at the conference. kallisys: if you cannot, I'll lend you my powerbook. grantsplorp: espy and nine point geneva. grantsplorp: great. tnx. Ronnie Simon: sounds good cfiutak has left this chat. Ronnie Simon: question? Ronnie Simon: how many newton user groups are there close to SF? adamtow95: in the bay area, there's just the SNUG adamtow95: there's an LA one cfiutak has joined this chat. Ronnie Simon: what about woo's adamtow95: but I don't know how many people attend aside from Woo grantsplorp: he kinda is a one-man user group. grantsplorp: 😬 kallisys: martina something kallisys: I think kallisys: who is the official president kallisys: (or was) Ronnie Simon: can we coax the two groups to register? kallisys: we should spam them until they do. kallisys: 😃 adamtow95: I have been telling the SNUG people to attend adamtow95: Four people, including me, have already regsitered (one paid) adamtow95: and there will be more Ronnie Simon: who should i target to cover thes groups? Ronnie Simon: good adamtow95: I'll handle the SNUG people Ronnie Simon: so is it just woo? adamtow95: We should get Woo to deal with his people adamtow95: I'll mention this when he responds to me Ronnie Simon: i will contact him adamtow95: even better (**) Ronnie Simon: what else are we missing in the last 13 mins? cfiutak: I will try to find some people in Germany Ronnie Simon: list of hotels nearby or equivalent? kallisys: will you come Christian? cfiutak: But SF is really far away (4) udog124: will the conference be recorded (audio/video) kallisys: heh. cfiutak: I think so

kallisys: it's not much farther looking from Paris adamtow95: we should record, yes adamtow95: i have all the gear for videotaping

kallisys: this means we need hardware for this.

kallisys: ok

cfiutak: My company just opened an office on L.A. so...one reason to fly to USA

grantsplorp: martina wilson was the president of lanug.

cfiutak: 😬

kallisys: martina, that's it. thanks grant.

cfiutak: YES...

Ronnie Simon: do we have her email id?

kallisys: I probably have it

kallisys: hold on.

udog124: lanug@earthlink.net

Ronnie Simon: i need help on accommodation

udog124: also on AIM as redpilldog

Ronnie Simon: thx paul

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grantsplorp: alt: mwilson@newted.org

kallisys: heh

Ronnie Simon: thx

kallisys: I'm the only one who didn't give her e-mail

udog124: i was gonna say 'you're welcome, ralph'

Ronnie Simon: thx all (*)

cfiutak: ?

udog124: i noticed www.lanug.org is no longer alive

kallisys has left this chat. kallisys has joined this chat.

kallisys: ack. sorry.

Ronnie Simon: if someone can point me to sf accommodation, i would be grateful, you can do this offline

Ronnie Simon: last 8 mins ...

kallisys: we have rooms in the conference hotel

kallisys: don't we adam?

cfiutak: That would be the best thing

Ronnie Simon: do we have a special price?

adamtow95: possible

adamtow95: dpending on how many people stay
kallisys: we should mention it on the website

adamtow95: I ithink we need up to 20 people at the hotel to qualify

kallisys: what's the deadline?
kallisys: for reservations?

d0ugparker: up to 20, or minimum 20

Ronnie Simon: minimum 20
Ronnie Simon: 8th jan perhaps ?

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cfiutak: one week before the conference?

Ronnie Simon: perhaps Ronnie Simon: last 5 mins adamtow95: ummm adamtow95: December 15

Ronnie Simon: adam can you send more details on the accommodation pricing and I will reference the

wwnc 2004 programme for a suggested 2006 programme

Ronnie Simon: dec 15th is too early

kallisys: (!!)

Ronnie Simon: why not make it dec 22nd

adamtow95: because the guy who's handling the account is going on vacation on the 1th grantsplorp: ronnie, get me whatever compiled information you can for the updates.

Ronnie Simon: i shall Ronnie Simon: last 2 mins Ronnie Simon: anything else?

udog124: do we feel we now have enough for an official press release?

kallisys: yes

adamtow95: calling the hotel now to see about the prices

Ronnie Simon: yes

udog124: ok, i'll work on thast

adamtow95: if he isn't there, I'll email the detals to you

udog124: thatr

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udog124: that

Ronnie Simon: good

kallisys: thomas hart didn't hear about it

kallisys: I mean

kallisys: he's a newton user.

udog124: who's that, paul?

kallisys: a Newton user.

kallisys: who has an internet access **kallisys:** and went to some NUG in Europe

Ronnie Simon: ok, we need to send out the announcement to all the nugs

udog124: i mean was he on the list you gave me, or are you not referring to that?

kallisys: no, he wasn't

Ronnie Simon: i shall do that using frank's list

kallisys: he's just a newton layman Ronnie Simon: he is on elizabeth's list

Ronnie Simon: in belgium nug kallisys: he'll be in honey moon kallisys: so he cannot make it

kallisys: anyway

Ronnie Simon: weak excuse, adam made it last time

kallisys: 😬

kallisys: in thailand

kallisys: not in the bay areay

adamtow95: hah kallisys: area

udoq124: ok, so when i've got a press release together i'll e-mail it to the board for comments

Ronnie Simon: ok tat's it folks

kallisys: thanks david

kallisys: ok

kallisys: later folks dougparker: bye all

cfiutak: cu all

Ronnie Simon: good udog124: see ya'll Ronnie Simon: bye

kallisys has left this chat.

adamtow95: bye

adamtow95: send a recap to the list

Ronnie Simon: ok

Ronnie Simon: the log is the best way to do that

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adamtow95: yes