# How To Manage Your Mac Data

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# Todays Session How to manage your Mac data

- What Mac data?
- Structured & unstructed
- Managing unstructured data Evernote
- Managing structured data Bento

# Lots of Live Demos!

### Unstructured Data

Collecting and organising lots of different types of data

Graphics Documents PDFs

Web Clippings Images

Serial Numbers Voice Clips Text Files

**Bookmarks** 

Use Spotlight MetaData?

Typically managed by a PIM - Personal Information Manager

#### Structured Data

Managing data with a fixed defined structure

**Customer Records** 

Wine Collection

**Address Lists** 

**Maintenance Records** 

**Serial Numbers** 

**Home Inventory** 

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# Managing Unstructured Data

What sort of uses?

- General collections of stuff
- School or College Material
- Research
- Organisation and de-clutter
- and more



# Managing Unstructured Data

What to consider?

- Ease of collection and update
- How easy is it to organise
- Search capabilities
- Security
- Synchronisation

- Export options
- Cross platform
- Accessible from web
- iPhone client

The order of importance will vary!

# From Personal Experience



**Yojimbo** 



Circus Ponies
Notebook



Together



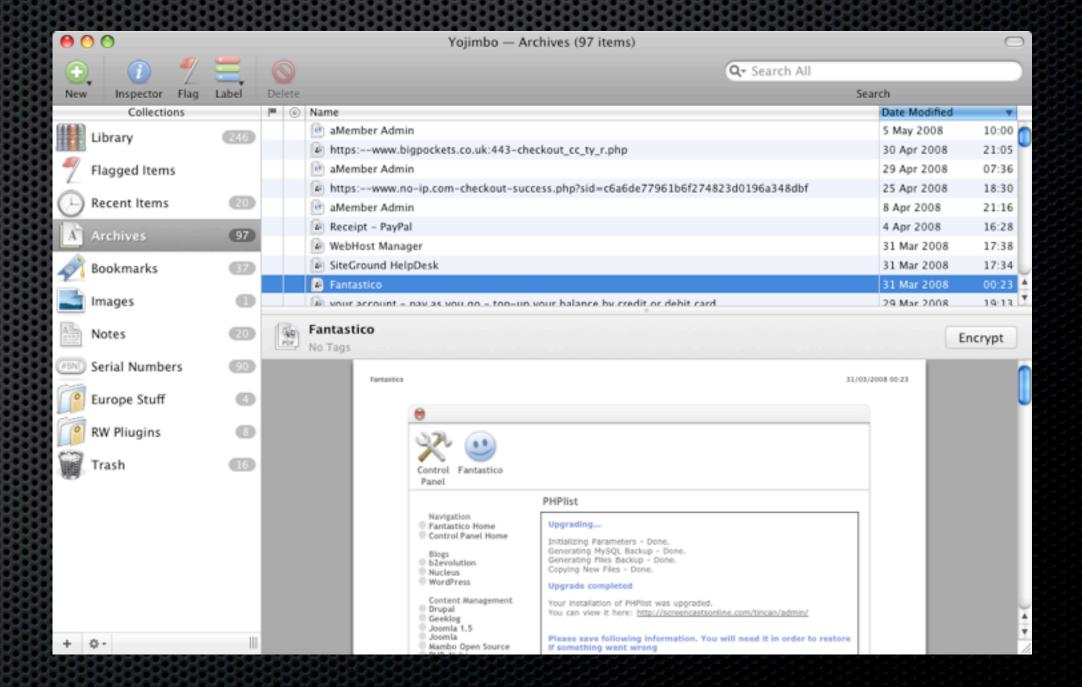
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### Yojimbo

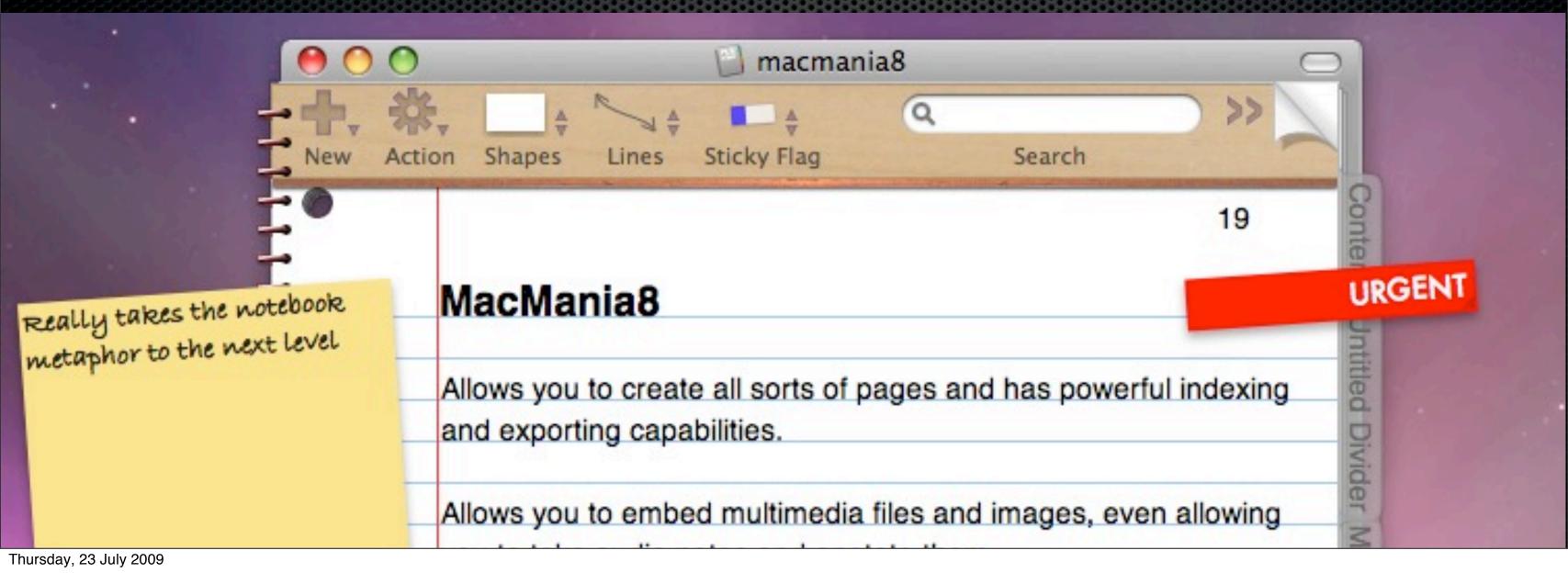
Bare Bones Software

Quick Input Panel Drop Dock Supports tagging/keywords Especially useful for Serial Numbers, Web Archives & Bookmarks Syncs using MobileMe No built in Web Access -Third party - WebJimbo Very simplistic UI



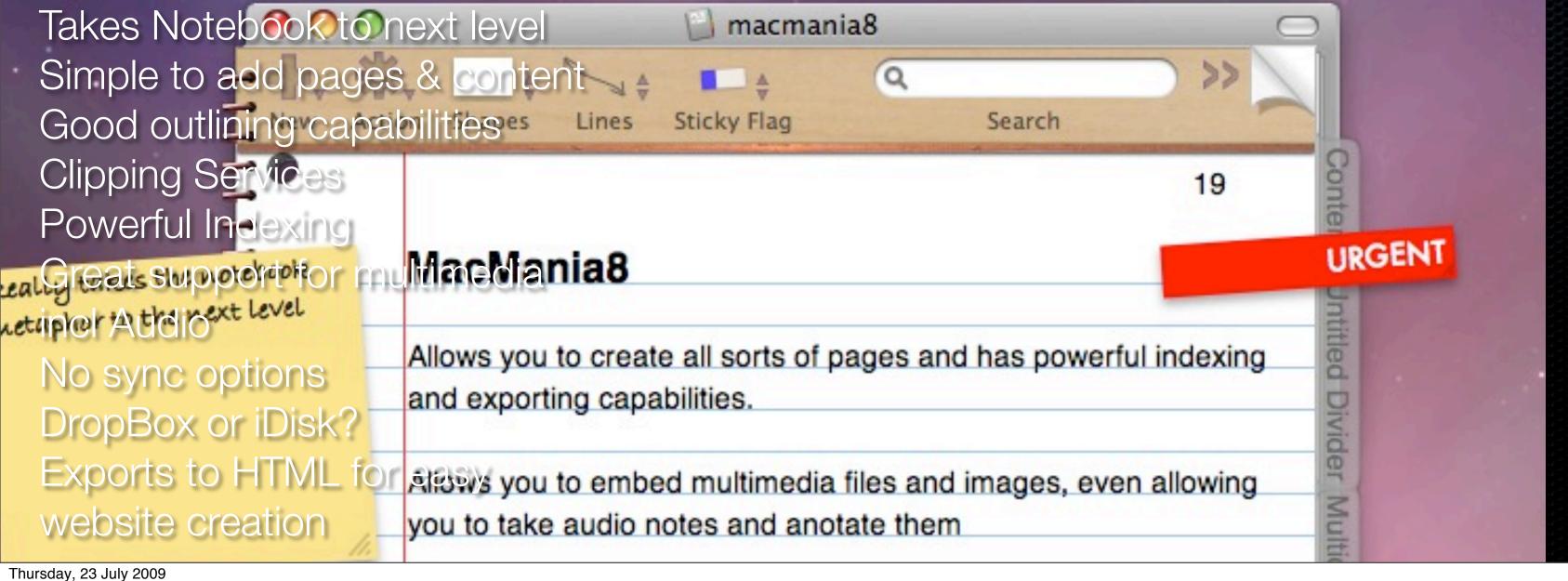


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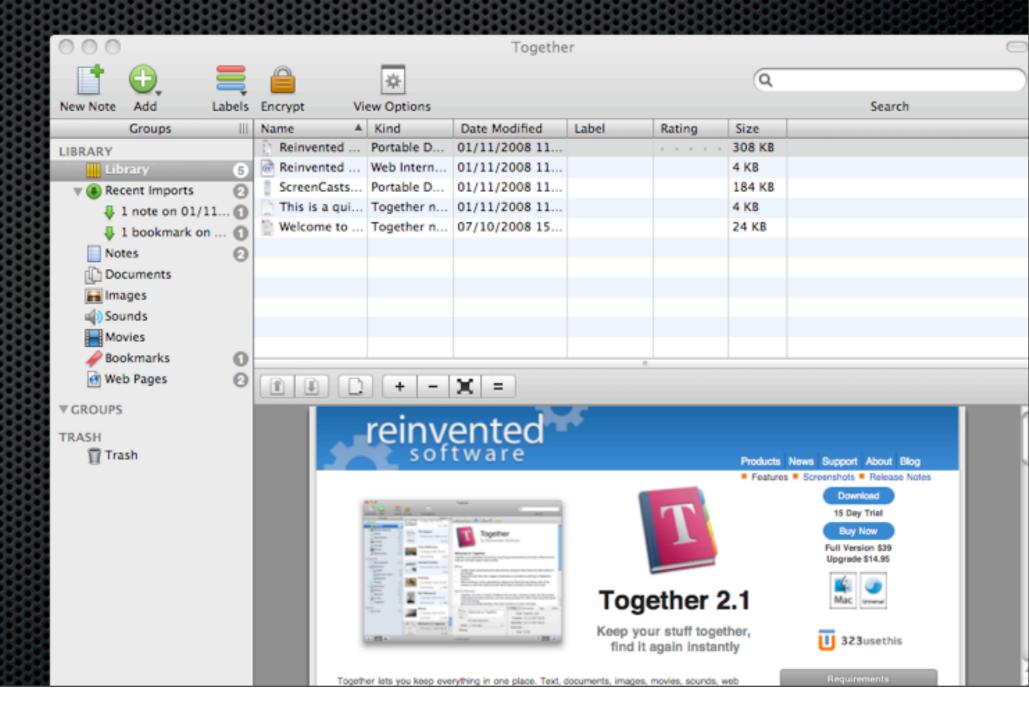




#### Together

Re-Invented Software

Great Drag and Drop support via Shelf Tags & Auto Tagging Tabs, Groups and Smart Groups Superb Webpage support Support for multimedia Syncs via MobileMe No Web Access



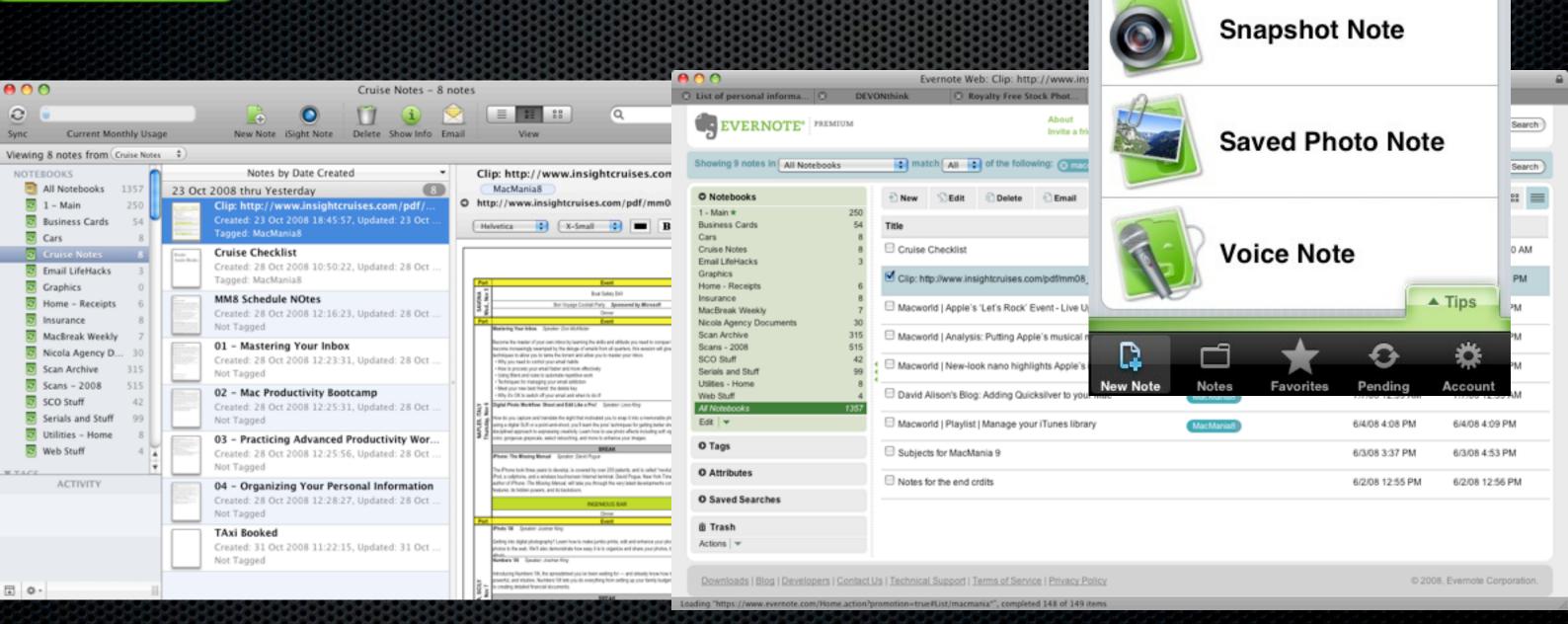
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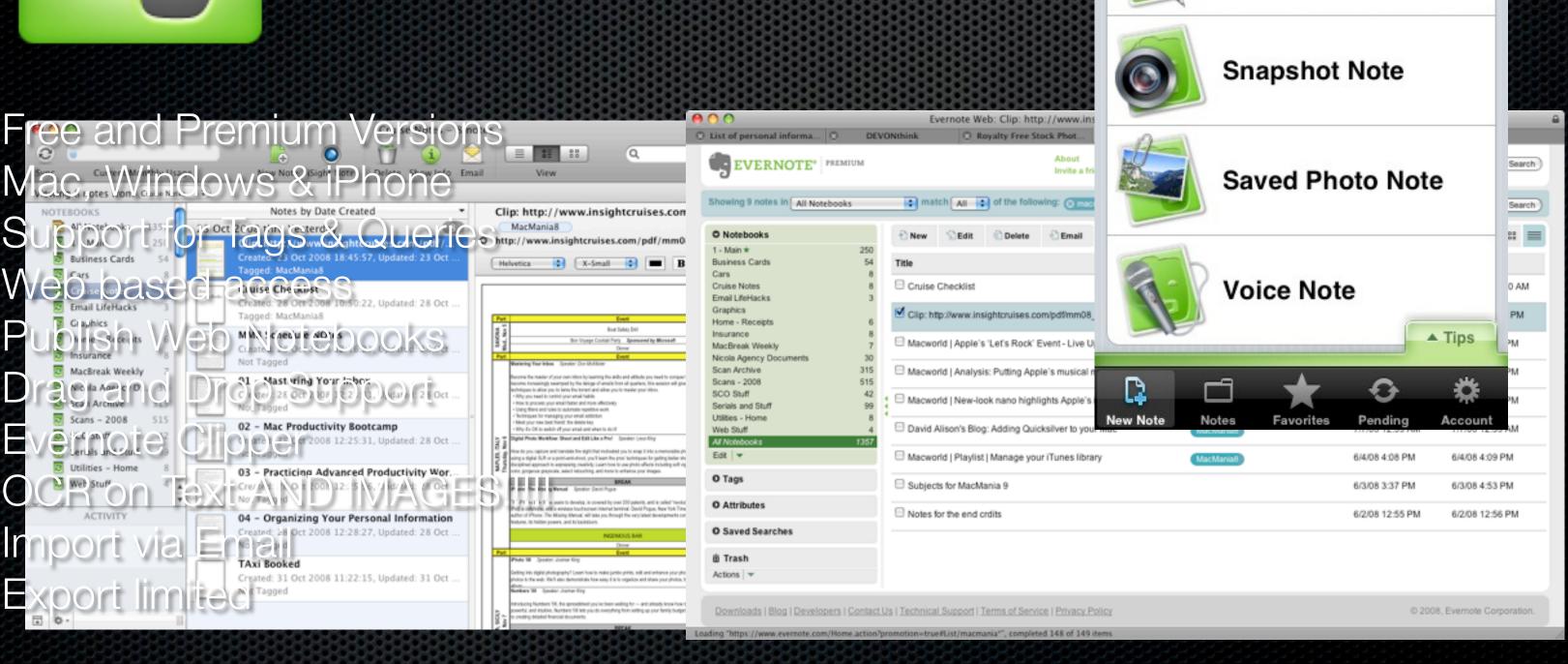
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# Demo



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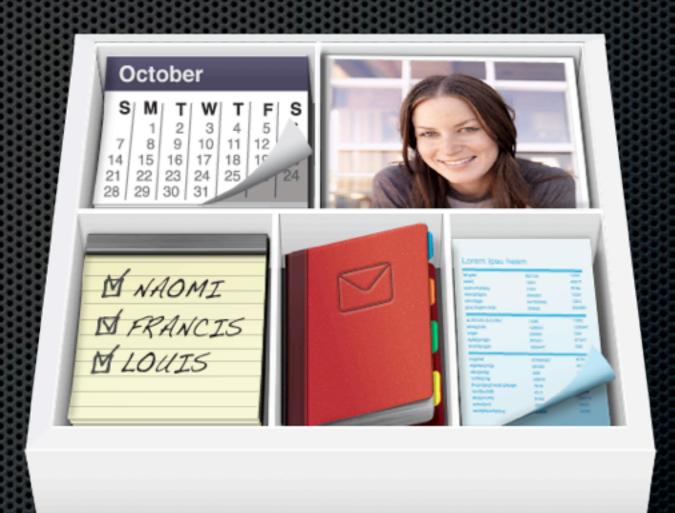
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**Bento**Filemaker

### What is Bento?

- Consumer level database application
- By FileMaker
  - FileMaker Pro
- The missing app in iWork?
- Requires 10.5 Leopard
  - App integration & Core Technology



### What is Bento?



Bento takes its inspiration from the compartmentalized containers used in Japan to serve bento lunches and dinners. Everything is in one place. And yet the contents are not all jumbled together, but rather stored in neat compartments.

It's organized. Simple. And beautiful.

A database is a structured collection of records or data that is stored in a computer system. The structure is achieved by organizing the data according to a database model.

Wikipedia

**Database Record** 

Paul McCartney 20 Forthlin Road Liverpool L24 1YP

**Database Fields** 

First<br/>NameLast<br/>NameAddressTownZipPaulMcCartney20 Forthlin RoadLiverpoolL24 1YP

#### **Database Table**

First Name	Last Name	Address	Town	Zip
Paul	McCartney	20 Forthlin Road	Liverpool	L24 1YP
John	Lennon	251 Menlove Avenue	Liverpool	L25 4GY
George	Harrison	12 Arnold Grove	Liverpool	L15 3WR
Ringo	Starr	10 Admiral Grove	Liverpool	L15 3HU

#### Library in Bento

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**FirstName** Text

**LastName** Text

**Address** Text

**Town** Text

**Zip** Text

**Birthday** Date

**Age** Number

Field Attributes

Checkbox

Rating

Duration

Time

Counter

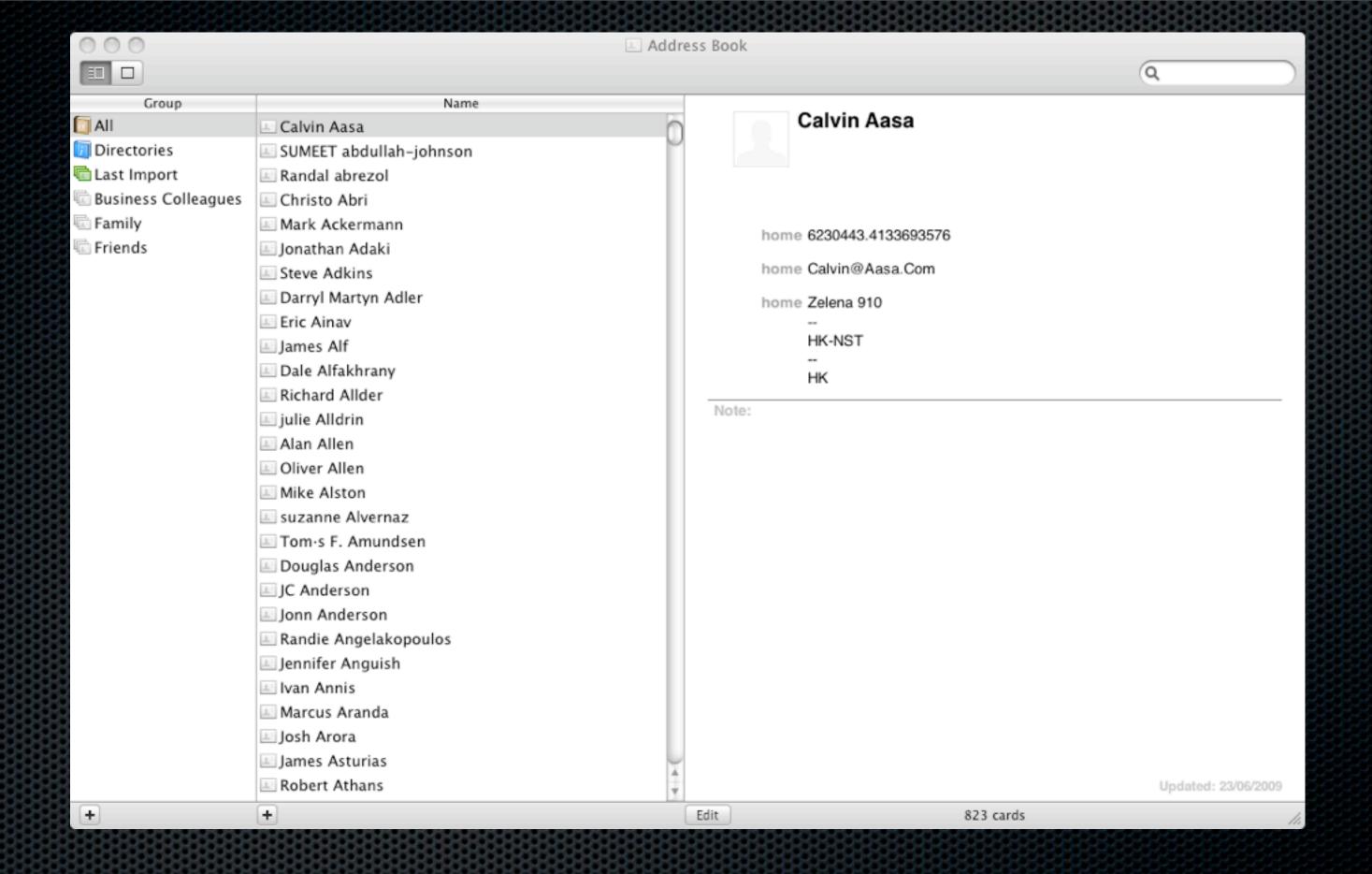
Calculation

Currency

# Bento Address Book Integration

- Integration with Address Book
- Why?
  - Much more elegant user interface





# Accessing your Address Info

- Integration with Address Book & iCal
- Why?
  - Much more elegant user interface
  - Extend the Address book record
  - Better searching and filtering
  - Optional can switch off



# iCal Event and Task Integration

- iCal Tasks & Events are exposed
- Not subscribed calenders though
- Incorporate date information in your libraries
- Update Tasks and Events through the Bento Interface
  - and Vice Versa



# Email Integration

- New in Bento 2
- Incorporate email data in to Bento libraries
- Drag emails directly from Mail application
- Access original emails from within Bento



#### Demo



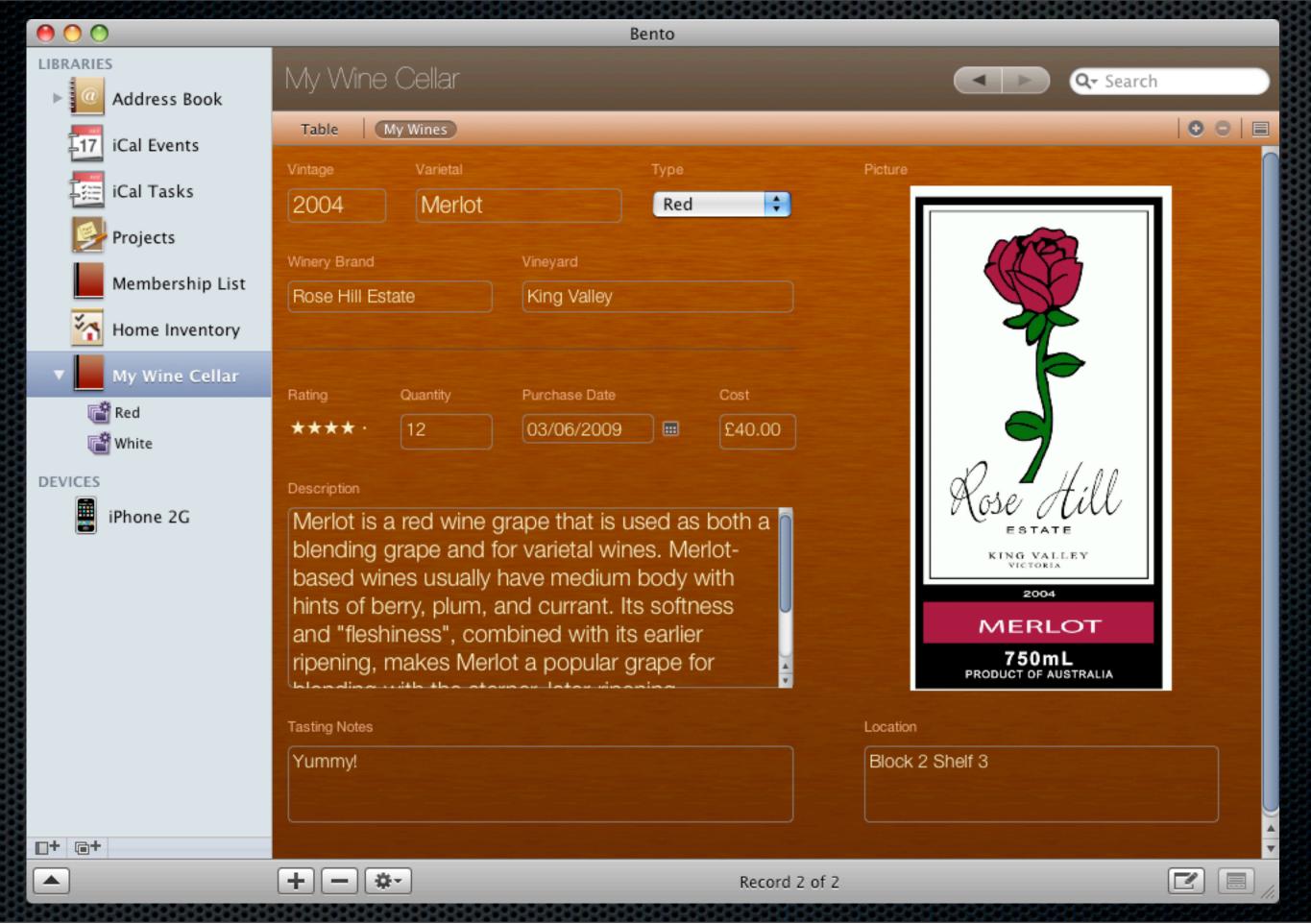
Bento User Interface
Extending Address Fields
Searching
Split Views
Libraries & Collections

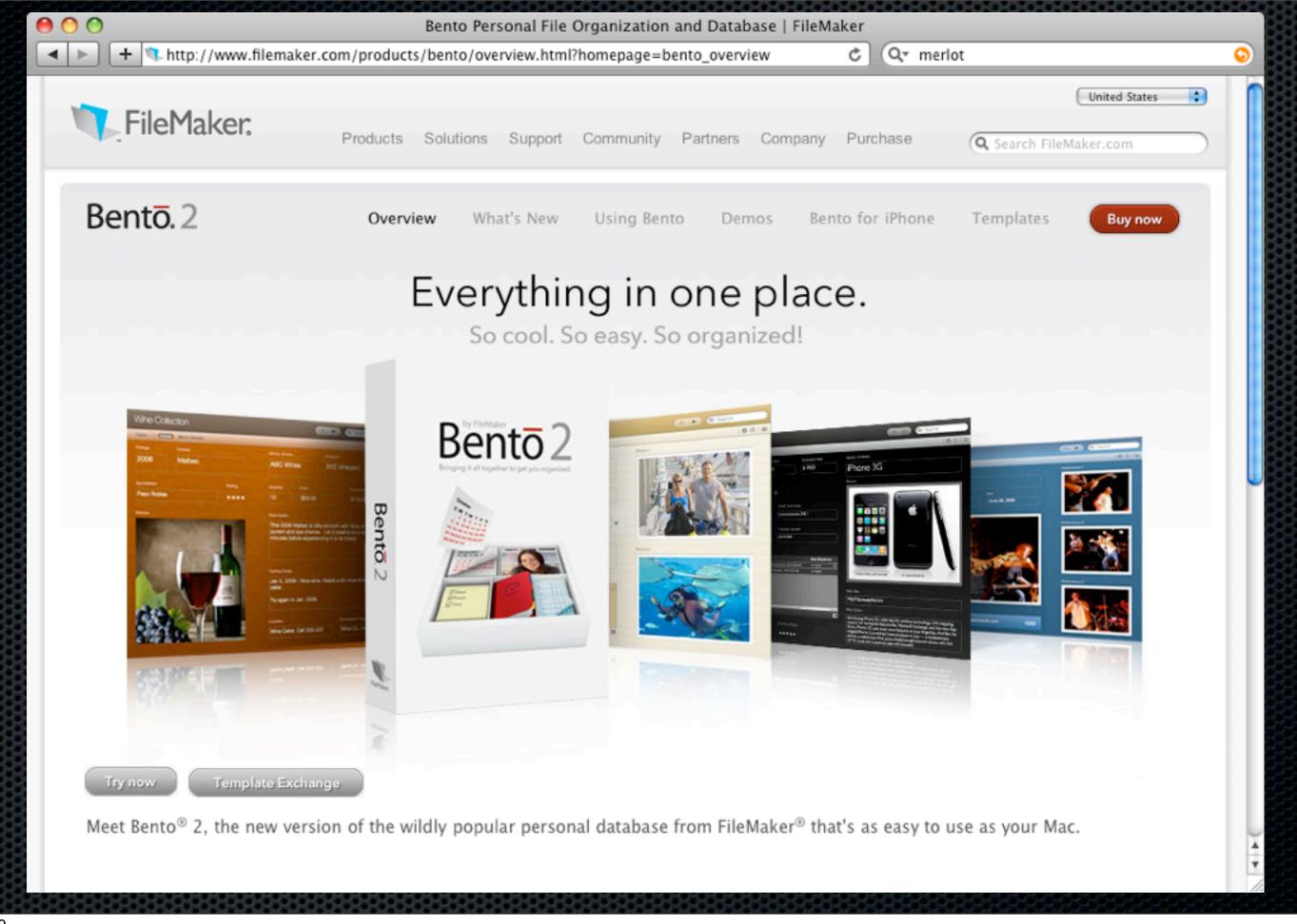
# Designing Bento Forms & Templates

- Forms can be customised "on the fly"
- New design toolbar
- Import and Export Templates
  - DataBase schema (field structure)& Forms
  - Bento Templato Evolution

    Form | Field Text Box Objects | Themes Labels | Shading Text Size Align Edges

    Record 1 of 3





## Data Manipulation - New Features

- New Spreadsheet Type operations
- New Support for Mail Integration
- Native Support for Numbers and Excel
- Support for TAB separated files
  - For ClarisWorks and AppleWorks
  - Use .TAB for automatic processing

### Demo



Templates
eMail Integration
Spreadsheet Type Features

# Creating Mailing Labels & Printing

- Printing Address labels
  - From address book!
  - or use a third party Labels & Addresses
  - Create collections & Export as CSV



## Bento on the iPhone



## Bento on the iPhone

- Standalone iPhone Application
  - Built In Templates
  - Integrated with iPhone Camera
- Sync with Desktop Application
  - Bi-directional
  - Turns iPhone into data gathering device



## Demo



Live iPhone Bento Demo

## Demo



Live iPhone Bento Demo

## **Any Questions?**

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