

Scanning Is Back: DEVONthink Pro Office 1.5.2 and more

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DEVONthink Pro Office 1.5.2 reintroduces scanning support for flatbed and - new! - automatic document feeder (ADF) scanners. The new scan function uses an embedded version of ExactCode's pro-grade scan software ExactScan and supports all scanners that come with a TWAIN or an Image Capture driver. The embedded ExactScan Capture software provides many more advanced options such as file naming patterns, color correction, auto-crop and de-skew, de-screening, and optimization for black-and-white copies. The previous scan function used Apple's Image Capture which worked fine on Mac OS X 10.4 'Tiger' but was broken for third-party applications on Mac OS X 10.5 'Leopard'.

In addition, DEVONthink Pro Office 1.5.2 comes with a completely revised iPhone web application and adds a number of preferences options for enabling or disabling OCR for incoming files and for moving documents to the trash that have been successfully converted to a searchable PDF through OCR. Fujitsu ScanSnap Manager support now also handles ScanSnap Manager's new preferences file format.

All four editions, DEVONthink Pro (Office) 1.5.2, DEVONthink Personal 1.9.14, and DEVONnote 1.9.14, feature a number of minor interface and performance enhancements, too. This includes better web cache management and more reliable thumbnail generation for QuickTime movies (DEVONthink only). DEVONthink Pro and Pro Office also come with improved AppleScript support. Many internal functions have been updated as well and many minor bugs and glitches have been fixed.

Availability And Pricing:

All applications require Mac OS X 10.4 or later and can be downloaded from their website. DEVONthink and DEVONnote can be test-driven for free for 150 hours of non-continuous runtime until they need to be properly licensed.

DEVONthink Professional Office sells for \$149.95 USD, DEVONthink Professional for \$79.95 USD, DEVONthink Personal for \$39.95 USD, and DEVONnote for \$19.95 USD in DEVONtechnologies' online shop. DEVONthink Pro Office and DEVONthink Pro are also available with the Internet research agent DEVONagent as bundles.

Background: Devonthink

In today's world, everything is digital. From shopping receipts to important research papers, peoples' lives often fill their hard drives with emails, PDFs, Word documents, multimedia files and more. Questions eventually pop up, like where to store all of this stuff? How to organize these very different file types, and even better, how to find the exact file one is looking for the second one needs it? It's almost as if one needs a second brain just to keep one's digital life straight.

Enter DEVONthink: The solution to this digital age conundrum. It is a second brain, the one and only database for all digital files, be they PDFs, emails, Word documents or even multimedia files. Boasting a refined artificial intelligence, DEVONthink is exceedingly

flexible and adapts to the user's personal needs. And if the files are not digital yet, paper capture support is already built-in (DEVONthink Pro Office only.)

Users can use it as their document repository, their filing cabinet, their email archive, or their project organizer; DEVONthink can do it all. One can even collect and organize data from the web, enrich it with sound and movie files, and then export the finished product as a website or to an Apple Pages document to print. Or one can copy the content to an iPod! The possibilities are only as limited as the user's imagination.

The Database For The Internet Age

Because DEVONthink keeps all important data in one database, it doesn't matter where the data is physically located. DEVONthink uniquely integrates both local documents and live content from the Internet to keep all information related to a project together in one place. No more folders full of loosely organized files and overflowing bookmark bars in Safari; with DEVONthink, the user seamlessly mixes local documents, clippings, and live web pages in one dynamic database.

The Digital Workplace

DEVONthink is not only a simple database, it's a flexible work environment, too, with powerful management features suited to any professional project. It provides the user with all the tools she or he needs to effectively work with documents. The integrated RTF editor makes it easy to write new documents, or the users can open documents in a third-party application.

Intelligent Assistant

DEVONthink is based on a powerful artificial intelligence (AI) architecture that helps organize and navigate information collections quickly and accurately. It assists its users with both filing documents and with finding similar items, and can help make connections that they might have missed on their own. It can even master huge data collections with a few simple clicks, saving time and aggravation.

Share The Knowledge

Finally, DEVONthink Pro Office allows to share the accumulated and organized knowledge. Users can post it to their websites, or they can let their coworkers access databases with a familiar search-engine like interface using standard web browsers. Depending on the network setup, it's even possible to search shared databases over the Internet. A JavaScript applet gives convenient access to the database also from the Apple iPhone.

Background: Devonnote

DEVONnote helps taking notes and keeping them organized. It keeps ideas, documents, important information, and even web browser bookmarks in one single, accessible place. DEVONnote supports the user with professional, easy-to-use features, and helps create structure out of chaos. DEVONnote is the most sophisticated notepad application for Mac OS X, and the only one that uses AI (artificial intelligence) instead of relying on your NI (natural intelligence).

DEVONnote was designed with the typical Mac user in mind. It comes with a clean, easy-to-use interface that gives you all the tools you need in a familiar Mac-like package. Even the most complex AI functions are just "buttons", meaning one simple click can send DEVONnote into action, digging through all of your data to find a place for your latest note, or to show you all your ideas and concepts that are similar to the one you've just selected.

Of course, creative people don't just 'have thoughts', they often need new 'input', too.

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DEVONnote comes with a complete Safari-based web browser and solid, but flexible, bookmark-managing capabilities. With DEVONnote, the user can browse the Web and clip the most important information directly to DEVONnote. Finally, DEVONnote displays and regularly reloads web cams directly within the application.

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DEVONtechnologies LLC, founded in 2002, incorporated in 2004 and headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, USA, researches in the field of semantic and associative data analysis and synthesis, and develops key applications based on the DEVONtechnology. Named after the Devonian Period, the DEVONtechnology marks the departure into a new age of data processing. The main focus of all activities is clearly on using the robust, flexible and versatile architecture intelligently to create rock-solid applications for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to databases, intelligent agents, data-mining, information retrieval and human-computer-interfaces.

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