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News, resources, info and links on Macromedia MX, with a focus on Macromedia Flash MX
from the [Macromedia Flash Community Manager](#).

📄 Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Creating PDF files from HTML Pages on OS X

I was putting together my speaker notes for my [Flash Forward session](#) on Flash Remoting, and I needed to distribute them in a format that would maintain the formatting and images. I normally would use Word or html to do this, but HTML requires multiple files and renders differently depending on the browser, and I don't like to embed images within Word. I decided that PDF would be perfect for this, but I really had no experience with creating PDFs.

Luckily, I came across [this post](#) from [whatdoiknow](#) which describes how to have [Mac OS X](#) generate PDFs from web pages. All i had to do was open Dreamweaver MX, type in my speaker notes, open them in a browser on OS X and save as PDF.

Btw, this will work for any web page, and is a useful way to archive web documents that are useful.

This isn't directly related to Flash, but is so useful i thought that I would post it.

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Discussion about Flash / JavaScript vulnerability

Branden Hall [discusses](#) a Flash / JavaScript vulnerability that [Eye on Security](#) reported yesterday.

We should have some additional information on this later today on the [Macromedia Security Zone](#).

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📄 Tuesday, June 11, 2002

Complex SVG to Flash

Helen Triolo has written an [article](#) showing how to render complex (very complex) SVG drawings in the Flash Player

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using the ActionScript drawing API.

This is by far the most impressive SVG to Flash Player work I have seen to date, and as you would expect from Helen, it is all documented very well.

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📄 Monday, June 10, 2002

Macromedia Flash Search Engine SDK

We have released an SDK that allows search engines / developers to parse SWF files and extract text and links.

The Macromedia Flash Search Engine SDK provides a set of object and source code designed to convert a Flash file's text and links into HTML for indexing. The SDK download contains a C++ application, documentation, and editable source code for system integration into your search engine.

You can find more information, and download the SDK here.

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Flash and the World Cup

As David Burrows pointed out, it is a pretty slow day in the Flash world. Everyone is probably watching the world cup (or sleeping from staying up all night watching it).

In the spirit of Flash and the World Cup, I bring you today's Macromedia Site of the Day, the 2002 FIFA World Cup Gametracker.

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📄 Saturday, June 08, 2002

SHA1 Secure Hash for Flash MX

Branden Hall has put together an SHA1 hash library for ActionScript. This is similar to the MD5 encryption hash, but is generally considered more secure.

You can find more info here.

Btw, I had posted this on Friday, but radio seems to have deleted it.

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ServerSide ActionScript Tutorial : Inserting Data into a Database

Martin Wood has put together a tutorial on ServerSide ActionScript showing how to insert data passed from Flash via Flash Remoting into a database.

You can check it out here.

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📄 **Friday, June 07, 2002**

Flash Forward Pocket PC Flash Event guide

Eric Dolecki has put together a Flash based Pocket PC event guide for Flash Forward. This is sweeet, and includes the following features:

- Launch the guide directly from the Start Menu.
- Runs full-screen (240 x 320).
- Surface streets and subway maps.
- Venue/Dining Guide.
- Attendees swag information.
- Session details, listed and accessible by day.
- Wireless Session & Event polling enabled

It uses Ant Assist mobile to install it and allow it to work like a standalone Flash projector.

This is a great example of some of the potential that Flash on the Pocket PC holds.

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Flash Forward News

The Flash Forward Film Festival finalists have been announced. Make sure to check them out and vote for your favorites.

Also, there are only a few more days to get the early registration discount.

I am really looking forward to this Flash Forward as it is the first time in New York in a year, and the first since the economy has begun to turn around. Plus, if the past is any indicator, there will probably be some sneak peaks of cool new technologies.

[via flashguru]

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📄 **Thursday, June 06, 2002**

Flash and Director Resource Center

We have just updated the Macromedia Flash and Director Resource Center with lots of resources on integrating Flash and Director.

You can view the center here.

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📄 **Wednesday, June 05, 2002**

Everything you ever wanted to know about components (but were afraid to ask)

Want to learn about components? Want to learn everything about components? Below is a list of some of the best, and most useful articles, tutorials and resources covering all aspects of using, creating and understand components.

Learn about components

- Creating Flash MX Components : Jonathan Kaye
- Custom UI's and Listeners
- Dynamically Attaching Components : Guy Watson
- Extending Components : Customizing the list box component : Nigel Pegg
- Pixel Fonts in List / Combo Boxes : Branden Hall
- Reusing ProgressBar Components : Branden Hall
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Download Components

- [Macromedia Flash Exchange](#)
- [FlashComponents.net](#)
- [FlashComponent.com](#)

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Macromedia XML Feed Contest Winners

The contest winners for the Macromedia XML Resource feed contest have been announced. And the winners are (drum roll please):

- [Most Creative](#) : Phil Chung
- [Best Site Integration](#) : Shane Elliot

You can find more information, including links to the other entries at the [contest page](#).

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