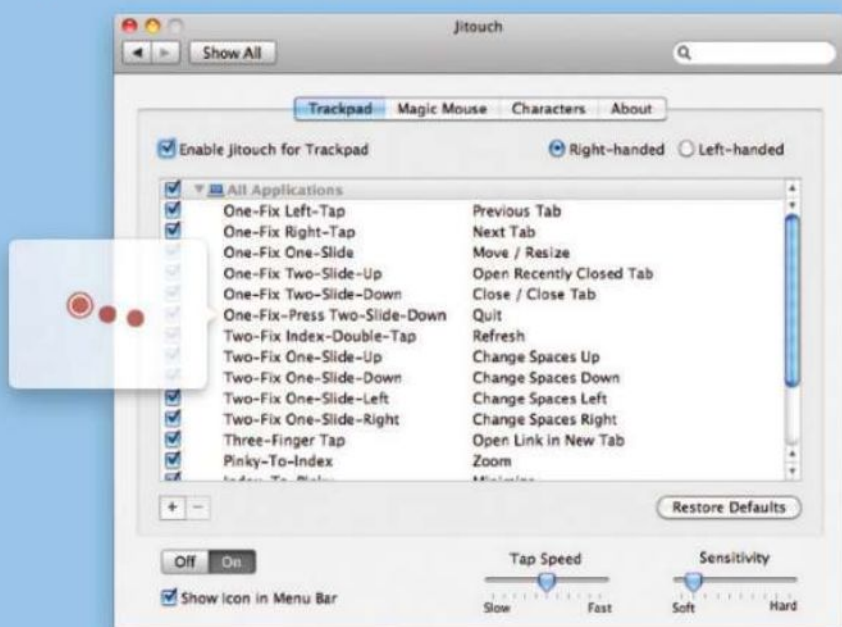


## INPUT

# Jitouch 2.21

With Jitouch (🔧🔧🔧), you can configure up to 31 different trackpad gestures and 19 different Magic Mouse gestures. Some are simple, such as the three-finger tap, while others, such as the Two-Fix One-Slide-Right, are truly for the gesture addicts. Most gestures have a default action, but you can edit any gesture to perform the specific action you desire. Jitouch's other unique feature is that it lets you assign actions to Character Gestures—simple, finger-drawn characters—that you make on a trackpad or a Magic Mouse (\$6; Jitouch 2, [jitouch.com](http://jitouch.com)).—DAN FRAKES



Pressing FlyGesture's default hotkeys (Control-Spacebar) puts a small 5-by-5 grid containing 25 circles right beneath your mouse pointer. Moving your mouse in a specific pattern over these circles and clicking on the last circle kicks off a script that performs a specific task. Although FlyGesture is easy to use, mastering more than a handful of gestures can prove daunting, especially since the program lets you create complex gestures. But as a utility for launching applications or performing repetitive tasks on the fly, FlyGesture is a sure bet (free; Flying Meat, [flyingmeat.com](http://flyingmeat.com)).—JEFFERY BATTERSBY

## UTILITIES

# Localhost 1.0

For Web developers, Localhost (🔧🔧🔧) simplifies the problem of editing a

computer's hosts file to point certain domain names toward the computer itself. Localhost's interface and capabilities are bare bones, but it does just what it says. You can create and maintain a list of domain names in the program's preferences, and then use the menu-bar icon to enable or disable any



number of those domains at will. You can't, however, instruct domain names to point to anything other than the localhost computer, and neither can you point certain domains to certain ports on your computer, though the developer plans to add the latter feature in a future update. In either case, while Localghost is not necessarily a one-stop hosts file editor, it ought to simplify matters for many Web developers (free; Scott Wheeler, [scotchi.net/localhost](http://scotchi.net/localhost)).—DAN MOREN



## UTILITIES

# MacKeeper 0.9.6

MacKeeper (🔧🔧🔧) offers tools to clean out errant files, back up your data, and even find your Mac if it's lost or stolen. MacKeeper's features are grouped into three distinct areas: Cleaners, Tools, and Services. Cleaners, as the title implies, help you find and remove unnecessary files. Tools are used to back up and encrypt data, change Launch Services preferences, shed data, and undelete files. Services are where you'll find MacKeeper's Anti-Theft and Geek-on-Demand features. The program comes with built-in chat-based tech support, as well as e-mail and phone support (\$40 per year; MacKeeper, [mackeeper.zeobit.com](http://mackeeper.zeobit.com)).—JEFFERY BATTERSBY

## UTILITIES

# Raskin 1.0.1

Named after Jef Raskin, the late user-interface visionary, Raskin (🔧🔧🔧) is a tool that complements the Finder, simplifying the way you interact with your files. Raskin presents your files in a "flattened" manner that allows you to zoom in and out of your files and folders without opening any windows. Raskin is one large desktop with columns, called Places, that represent frequently used folders on your hard drive. The leftmost place is always your Applications folder. Finding your way



around is like navigating a large map. It requires a great deal of zooming and panning. The product is still a work in progress and could stand some refinement. Even so, if you're a visual thinker, an interface geek, or just can't seem to get the hang of hierarchical file systems, Raskin is well worth a try (\$36; Raskin, [raskinformac.com](http://raskinformac.com)).—**STUART GRIPMAN**



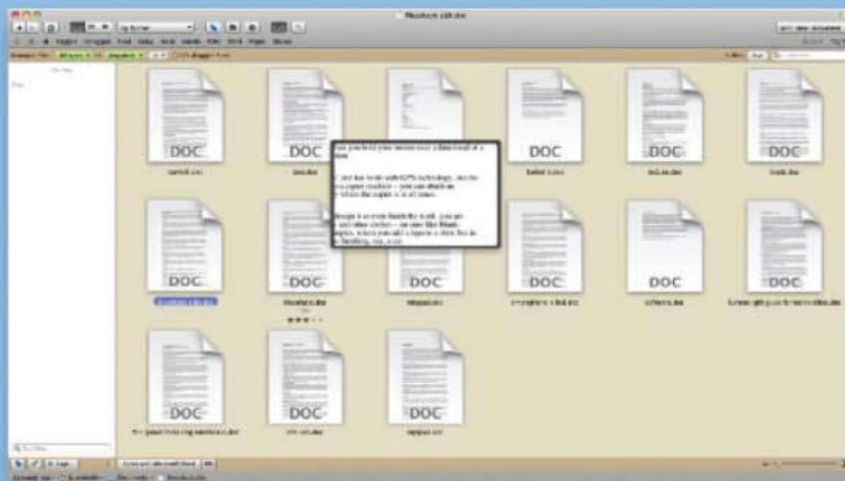
## Witch 3.5.2

Witch (★★★★) provides an alternative to Mac OS X's built-in ⌘-Tab application switcher: Instead of restricting you to just switching between open programs, Witch displays a sorted list of all windows—even minimized ones—in all running applications, letting you quickly switch to (and perform actions on) any of them. Witch also offers Quick Look previews of windows, so you can tell exactly what a window contains without having to actually switch to it. If you're running Snow Leopard (OS X

### ORGANIZATION

## Yep 2.1.0

The document-management equivalent of iTunes, Yep (★★★★) is essentially a document viewer that provides alternatives to the Mac's folder management options. Yep lets you view and tag Microsoft Office, iWork, and PDF files and then later search within Yep itself for only those document types. You can add a star rating to your own docs and then view only the ones you really like or need, based on the rating. Yep shows you all the details for each selected document, and lets you quickly filter the view by location, rating, and doc type. Yep even includes handy default tags, document printing, and a scanning module. A brilliant idea, Yep worked reliably and fast when tested with hundreds of documents of all shapes and sizes. This program really can save you time (\$39; Ironi Software, [ironicsoftware.com](http://ironicsoftware.com)).—**JOHN BRANDON**



10.6), you'll get support for OS X's Spaces multiple-workspace system—you can specify whether Witch shows just the windows in the current workspace or *all* windows. The number

of available settings and tweaks can seem overwhelming, but Witch is easily one of the most useful Mac utilities out there (\$19; Many Tricks, [manytricks.com](http://manytricks.com)).—**DAN FRANKS**

### UTILITIES

## Shoo Apps 1.1.3

Having trouble focusing on the task at hand? Shoo Apps (★★★★½) automatically hides open programs that haven't been used in a while. You choose a general time interval that applies, by default, to all programs. Any program that hasn't been used in this amount of time gets hidden by Mac OS X's standard Hide command. Unfortunately, the longest time setting available is only five minutes, but I was surprised by how much I liked having Shoo Apps automatically hide the many apps I want to keep running but don't need to see all the time (\$15; Pariahware, [pariahware.com](http://pariahware.com)).—**DAN FRANKS**

