

The South Bay Mug

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A personal view from Bob

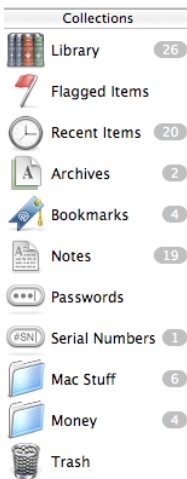
Snippets

Snippet: A small piece of anything. Something that has been snipped off. Our lives are full of snippets — notes, addresses, phone numbers, passwords, serial numbers, PDF documents, graphics, web pages and bookmarks. Everybody needs a snippet manager, a place where you can store, organize and find these disparate bits and pieces. Here's three snippet managers I use. All are cocoa programs and support styled text, lists, hot links, graphics and can be searched.

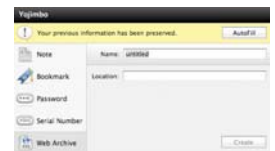
Yojimbo means bodyguard or protector and is the name of a new software program from one of my favorite, Mac-friendly companies, Bare Bones Software (www.barebones.com). It sells for \$39.

At first glance it works like a text editor or word processor. But on second glance, it looks more like Apple Mail with three panes, a sidebar on the left containing collections (like mail boxes - see right), a list of snippet titles above and the snippet content below. Like Mail, there is no Open or Save. Everything is automatically saved to a database file in your user library and it opens automatically when Yojimbo is launched. It's beauty is the way it handles a great variety of snippet types.

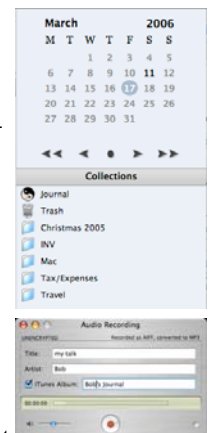
Collections are folders of similar snippets. Yojimbo comes with 6 collections and you can add your own. Collections are smart. Archives (web pages, complete with graphics and links), bookmarks, notes, passwords and serial numbers are automatically stored in their respective collections. Entries can be password protected. Yojimbo stores multi-page PDF files that can be read and searched within the program.



Adding to the library is easy. Drag a file into the Library collection. Yojimbo has a "Drop Dock" tab (right) that flies out so you can easily drop files. Or, press F8 and a new entry window opens to create snippets of different types. You can auto-fill anything on the clipboard and hot links are preserved. Paste a URL into a Web Archive location, give it a name, and the page will be downloaded, complete with graphics and links, and added to the library.



Journier is a donation-ware program that is calendar-based, ideal for someone keeping a journal. Each new entry is tagged with the current date. It's integrated with Apple's address book, iPhoto and iTunes and can even create audio recordings that are added to your iTunes library. You can import any iTunes file into an entry and can encrypt the entire library but not individual entries as you can in Yojimbo.



Caboodle is a free snippet manager that uses a hierarchal arrangement for entries instead of collections. It supports tables, something the other two do not.

Summary: I use all three programs. Yojimbo is the most recent and my favorite because of it's many features. Still, I have a wish list for future releases — tables, multiple Library files and hierarchical collections.

| Subject | Date |
|--------------|------------|
| Welcome! | 9/4/05 10 |
| Taxes | 11/10/05 |
| To Do List | 11/21/05 |
| Recipes | 9/4/05 10 |
| Serial | 9/4/05 9:5 |
| Pictures | 9/4/05 10 |
| Gifts | 9/4/05 10 |
| Other | 9/4/05 10 |
| Oregon | 11/25/05 |
| Magazines | 10/18/05 |
| Mac stuff | 9/23/05 6 |
| iData | 9/16/05 4 |
| FireWire .. | 3/15/06 1 |
| iPod | 9/21/05 8 |
| Rebates | 10/29/05 |
| Purchase | 10/8/05 2 |
| Java | 10/29/05 |
| Refurb | 11/20/05 |
| Turbotax | 11/8/05 9 |
| Subscription | 11/10/05 |



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