



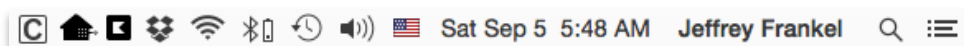
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What's In Your Menu Bar?


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Ah, menu bar icons. Ubiquitous symbols of the vast power that personal computing puts at our fingertips. Everyone's got some version of the standard suite provided by Apple. On my iMac, as shown above, this includes Bluetooth, Time Machine, Sound, Input, Date & Time, Fast User Switching, Spotlight and Notifications. But it's the leftmost four icons that reflect my customization of the menu bar. These are the tools and processes to which I need ready access, or need to closely monitor:

 **Carbon Copy Cloner.** CCC backs up my internal hard drive to several external drives. The CCC icon lets me

trigger and monitor various backup operations without need of opening the application proper.

 **Crashplan.** This icon lets me know that the Crashplan on line backup service is running and allows me to pause it to temporarily free up memory.

 **Cobook.** Cobook is a free menubar contacts application that syncs with Contacts. Very powerful, very convenient.

 **Dropbox.** The Dropbox icon helps me keep tabs on the sync status of my Dropbox files.

So there you have it. What's in your wallet—I mean, menu bar? ☺

September Meeting Program

The demise of Bento has left Mac owners scrambling to find a replacement personal database program. **Records** was developed to fill this void. Watch Sue Westlake put Records through its paces at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 9 in Room 11 at Buker Community Center, 22 Armory St., Augusta.

This 'n That

September 9 is also the date of Apple's annual fall product announcements. New iPhones and iPads, perhaps a new Apple TV? Move over, Simba, and make room for the tech circle of life.