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Posted by mkehoe on Tue, 17 Nov 2015 20:49:10 GMT
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Posted by dianed143 on Sat, 21 Nov 2015 04:26:32 GMT
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Diane

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Posted by mkehoe on Sat, 21 Nov 2015 17:45:38 GMT
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Hi Diane -

I would hold off on wiping the older machine until you are certain you can
access your iTunes library from your other computers.

Here is what I've learned so far:

I have been in to the Apple Genius Bar twice, and have had one lengthy
session with Apple Care over the phone. It seems that iTunes has gone
through some major changes to the structure since Leopard which make it
impossible for the older version to upgrade directly to Yosemite (10.10.5)
which is the OS that my new Mac Mini came with.

We have an external iTunes drive with over 600G of music, organized into
playlists which I created, and that the iTunes store would not be able to
recreate. I am moving very slowly on all this, as several years ago I had
to try to reconstruct it. I spent over 40 hours, and it still wasn't quite
right, as there were many songs that were labeled "Track 1", etc. and were
unfortunately organized only by the playlists.

The Apple Care person will be working again tomorrow, Sunday, so I will
consult with him again.

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The G4 iBook can be upgraded to Leopard. I have the discs, so I might try
to upgrade that computer and try running the external iTunes drive from
that.

I will continue to post any progress, and would appreciate any ideas from you or others who have faced a similar dilemma.

Thanks for sharing the details of your setup and challenges.

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That might also get the iTunes library migrated up to a sufficient level to move it to the iMac.

Some quick googling also brings up some potentially very useful information:

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201610> I don't know if your older version of iTunes has this information, but xml is parseable text.

< http://www.brainbell.com/tutorials/XML/Digging_Into_The_ITun es_Library_File.htm>

If nothing else you can preserve a readable copy of your playlists this way;

Have you tried 'export playlist'? <
http://www.ilounge.com/index.php/articles/comments/moving-yo
ur-itunes-library-to-a-new-hard-drive> This may or may not apply to the versions of iTunes you're messing with.

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Posted by mkehoe on Mon, 23 Nov 2015 03:07:57 GMT
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Bruce -

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Mira

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Well, today with help from Apple Support, we were able to upgrade the
library files to work on our iMac running Snow Leopard. When I have time
on Wednesday, we'll try to connect this external drive to the Mac Mini
running OS 10.10.5 Yosemite. It involved changing the file extension on
the iTunes Library document and moving some iTunes Library files to the
Previous iTunes folder, as well as renaming some files. When all is
finished, I will write down what we did to benefit others. For reference,
the Apple technician who has been assisting me at Apple Care is Matthew
Davis. He works Sat. and Mon - Wed. 12 - 11pm EST. I believe you can call
his extension an a message will tell you how to proceed to create a new
case.

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