

Paying MACaid Invoices on line

Here it is a new year, a new decade for MACaid and friends. Time to update and examine how we do things and even try new things. So, check out the new look of the MACaid website that I created in just a short period using Apple's iWeb program and uploading it to MACaid's servers (located in Port Ludlow, in case you have wondered).

The screenshot shows the MACaid website homepage. At the top left is the MACaid logo. To the right is a Kerio WebMail login box and the year '2010'. The main content is divided into several sections: a 'quick Intro...' section with a 'Hi,' greeting and a 'Pay Now' button; a 'Main Contact' section with David Brader's name, location, services, phone, email, and Skype; a 'Clients of MACaid, Inc.' section explaining online invoice payment; a 'Check our websites to learn more:' section with links to PublicFiberNet.org and BraderComm Consulting; and a 'MACaid clients can click here to get to the Kerio WebMail server portal:' section with another Kerio WebMail login box. The footer includes an Apple logo and 'Made on a Mac'.

I have already received good critical comments on ways to improve the site. One change was suggested to have the WebMail link at the top so those that have a small screen do not have to scroll to get to the button. Great idea! I am leaving the bottom button with the explanation for those curious about what that is...

NOW, the big change! Some months ago, I set up a working business relationship with PayPal to handle purchases from MACaid's sister website at www.PASTmusic.net where a shopping cart system is used.

Recently, the owner of one of the internet services MACaid hosts moved out of the country and needed a way to pay the hosting invoice... So, I have

added a PayPal "Pay Now" button at the bottom of the main MACaid web page. It works!

If you have a PayPal account, you may now pay using it or, like many folks, you may wish to pay using a credit/debit card.

In the following pages I am going to take you through the process. It is really simple. Really! Let's take a look...

This is a close-up of the 'Pay Now' button and the text above it. The text reads: 'Clients of MACaid, Inc. (including BraderComm services) receive MACaid invoices that can now be paid on line right here (besides the normal "snail mail a check" that is so old fashioned)... All you need is the invoice number and the total invoiced amount and click on the Pay Now button. We use the PayPal services to process the payment. but you don't have to have a PayPal account. Use your credit/debit card to safely pay if you wish.' Below the text is the 'Pay Now' button, which is orange with a white border, and a row of logos for MasterCard, VISA, American Express, Discover, and BANK.

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Clicking on the Pay Now button transfers you to the secure PayPal website that you may recognize if you have used PayPal at all. Note the top part looks like a check.

NOTE: I am having trouble getting PayPal to change to words on the page so when you read the word "Donation" think the word "Payment" and when you see the word "Donate" think the word "Pay..."

MACaid, Inc.

Please enter your donation amount and click **Update Total**.

Purpose	Donation amount	Total
MACaid, Inc. Reference: MACaidInvoicePayment	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$
		\$ USD

Donate quickly with PayPal



PayPal securely processes donations for MACaid, Inc.. You can complete your payment with just a few clicks.

Why use PayPal?

- It's easy to send money and shop online
- You can donate without sharing your financial information
- Over 50,000 online merchants accept PayPal

Don't have a PayPal account?

Use your credit card or bank account (where available). [Continue](#)



LOG IN TO PAYPAL

Email:

Password:

[Forgot email address](#) or [password?](#)

PayPal protects your privacy and security.
For more information, read our [User Agreement](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

OK, Here is all you have to do with the "check." Just type in the amount you are paying for the MACaid invoice and click on the "Update Total" that is in the check's signature area. Now, if you have a PayPal account, use the log in box in the lower right to complete the payment. I am not going to describe how to do that because folks with a PayPal account already know...

Let's look at what to do in order to use your credit/debit card to make the on line secure payment...

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Notice on the lower left of the PayPal page the area that asks the question, "Don't have a PayPal account?" and locate the blue underlined word "Continue" that will activate the form needed to complete the Credit/debit transaction. Click on the Continue link...

Don't have a PayPal account?

Use your credit card or bank account (where available). [Continue](#)



The page now opens a form on the lower left side that is a standard secure information collection

form. Complete the form and press the "Review Donation and Continue" button once more thinking "Payment" for the word "Donation..."

MACaid, Inc.

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Total: \$90.00 USD

Pay with Credit Card or Log In

Secure Payments

Country:

First Name:

Last Name:

Credit Card Number:

Payment Type:

Expiration Date: / CSC: [What's this?](#)

Billing Address Line 1:

Billing Address Line 2: (optional)

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Home Telephone: 555-555-1234

Email:

ALREADY HAVE A PAYPAL ACCOUNT?

Email:

Password:

[Log In](#)

[Forgot email address](#) or [password?](#)

[Review Donation and Continue](#)

PayPal protects your privacy and security. For more information, read our [User Agreement](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

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Now, as soon as the PayPal payment is processed and transferred into the MACaid business account in our local Kitsap bank, an email notice is sent to MACaid. Upon receipt of this notice, MACaid enters the payment against the invoices in your account. A .pdf file copy of the paid invoice is produced and sent to you to acknowledge that completed payment. You may print this out if you wish and file it as you would if we mailed it to you.

MACaid <small>MACaid, Inc. dba BraderComm Networks, BraderComm Consulting</small>		Invoice	
<small>Submit To: MACaid, Inc. P.O. Box 896, Port Townsend, WA 98368 (360) 437-9873</small>		Invoice #: 00001854	Date: 1/22/10
Bill To:	David Brader	Ship Via:	Page: 1
		Ship To:	David Brader
Description		Amount	Tx
lots of great services...		\$300.00	
Your Order #:		Freight:	\$0.00
Shipping Date:		Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Terms: C.O.D.		Total Amount:	\$300.00
		Amount Applied:	\$300.00
		Balance Due:	\$0.00

In the lower right corner of the invoice you will see the balance after your payment was applied.

I realize that this took 4 pages to explain, but I hope you do find that the process is very easy and secure. You may use this method and save a tree (well, a small part of one anyway).

Some day, the "Donate/Pay" thing may be corrected, but do not be put off by this as the method works just great and a rose by any other name smells as sweet...

Happy new year!

David Brader,
MACaid, Inc.

Freight:	\$0.00
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Total Amount:	\$300.00
Amount Applied:	\$300.00
Balance Due:	\$0.00

Oh, yes, before you receive the paid invoice as above, you will receive a PayPal email receipt immediately for your records. Here is a sample of what it will look like...

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I made a \$5 payment from my personal Visa debit account to generate this sample.

From: service@paypal.com <service@paypal.com>
To: David Brader <David@MACaid.com>
Date: 01/22/2010 10:50 AM
Subject: Receipt for your donation to MACaid, Inc.

Hello David Brader,

This email confirms that you have donated MACaid, Inc. \$5.00 USD using PayPal.

This credit card transaction will appear on your bill as "PAYPAL *MACAID INC".

Use PayPal Next Time!

Our records indicate that you have a PayPal account. For future purchases, use your PayPal account for a faster and more convenient checkout. Your financial information is securely stored and never shared.

Donation Details

Donation amount: \$5.00 USD
Total: \$5.00 USD
Purpose: MACaid, Inc.
Reference: MACaidInvoicePayment
Contributor: David Brader
Phone: 360-437-9873

Recipient information

Donations coordinator: MACaid, Inc.
Contact email: David@MACaid.com

Your Unconfirmed Address

Mailing information: David Brader
P.O. Box 896
Port Townsend, WA 98368
United States

Receipt Number: 5082-4555-3682-4143

Keep your Receipt Number (shown above) for future reference. You will need to refer to this number if you need customer service from MACaid, Inc. or from PayPal.

If you have questions about your purchase, such as shipping and tracking, we encourage you to contact the seller, MACaid, Inc. at David@MACaid.com.

If you have been unable to resolve your questions with the merchant, PayPal offers a free buyer complaint resolution service that offers a quick, easy resolution to your concerns. It covers physical goods purchases made through PayPal, and is offered at no charge when you register for a free PayPal account. To sign up for an account, click on the 'Save My Information' link above.

Sincerely,
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