

also drag a PICT, GIF, JPEG, or TIFF file into a note to add a picture. You can even drag a sound or movie in. (A message will ask if you're sure you want to copy the whole whomping QuickTime movie into a little Stickies note.)

- Drag the icon of a PDF file into a note. (Stickies can even accommodate multipage PDF files. At first, you see only the first page, but a scroll bar is available to see the rest.)
- How weird is this? In Tiger, you can even drag a *Microsoft Word* document into a note!
- Choose File→Import and select any plain text file or RTF (Rich Text Format) document to bring it into a note.
- Drag URLs into a note directly from a Web browser's address bar.

Tip: If one particular note contains your most important information—your to-do list, say—you can force it to remain in front of all other windows, even if Stickies itself gets shunted to the background. Just click the note and then choose Note→Floating Window.

- In TextEdit, Mail, or other Cocoa applications, select a chunk of text and then choose Make New Sticky Note from the program's Services menu (page 179). This command launches Stickies, creates a new note, and fills it with your selected text—all in one step.

Note: All your notes are stored in a file called StickiesDatabase, located in your Home→Library folder. You're free to copy it, pass it along, and so on, just as you would any file.

Have a favorite style for your sticky notes? First create a new note, choosing the color and text style that you like and setting it to the size you prefer. Then choose Note→Use as Default. All new notes you create will now appear in the size, font, and color of your choice.

Growing and Shrinking Notes

Stickies includes a few built-in tricks for managing a deskful of notes:

- There's a small resize handle on the lower-right corner of each note. Drag it to make notes larger or smaller onscreen.
- Use the small triangle in the upper-right corner of each note to zoom and shrink note windows with a single click. The first click collapses a note down to a more compact size. Another click pops the note back open to normal size.
- The best option: Double-click anywhere along the dark strip at the top of each note to collapse it into a compact one-line mininote, as shown in Figure 10-33. You also can collapse a selected note by choosing Window→Miniaturize Window (⌘-M).