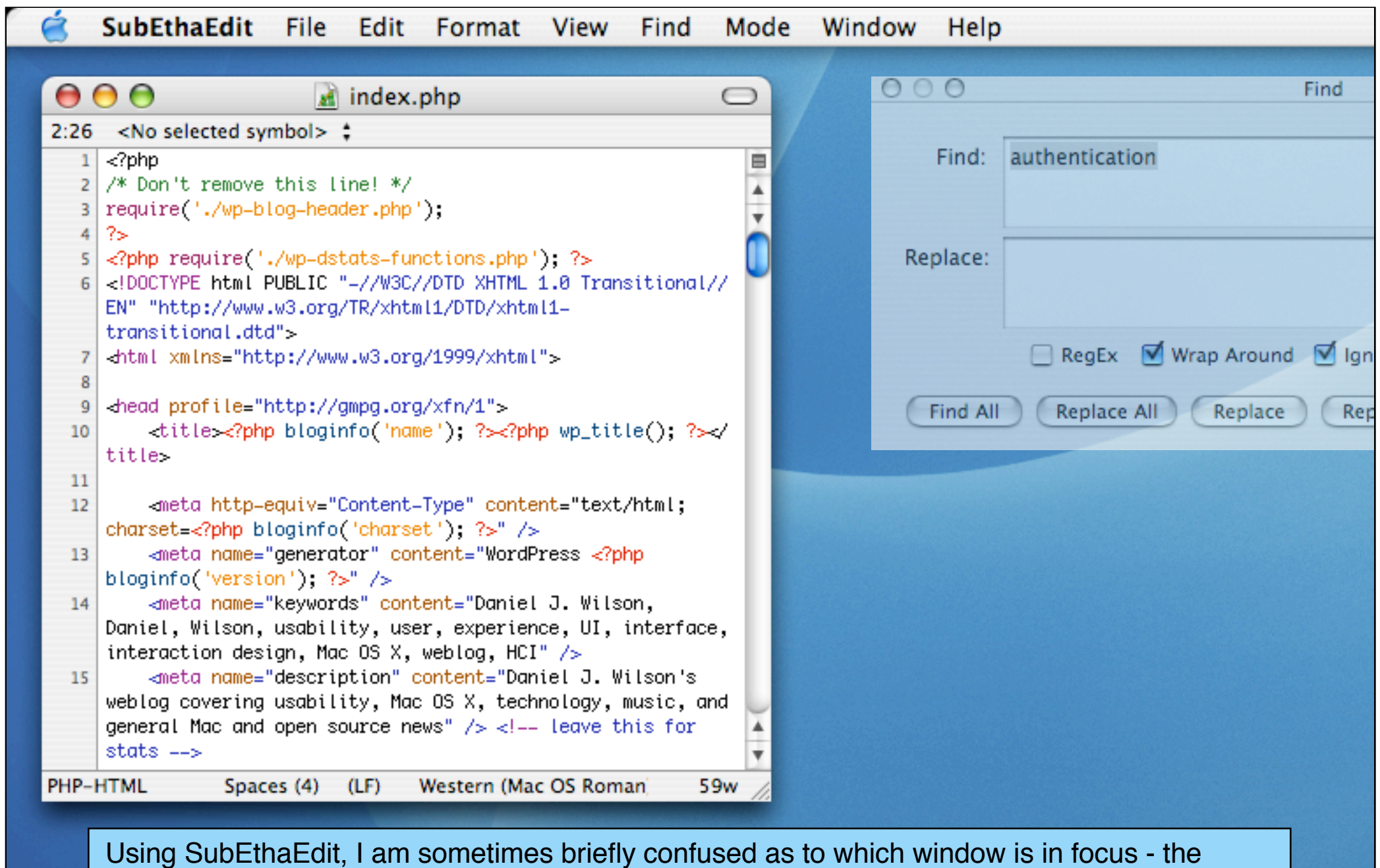


## Contextual Palette Opacity

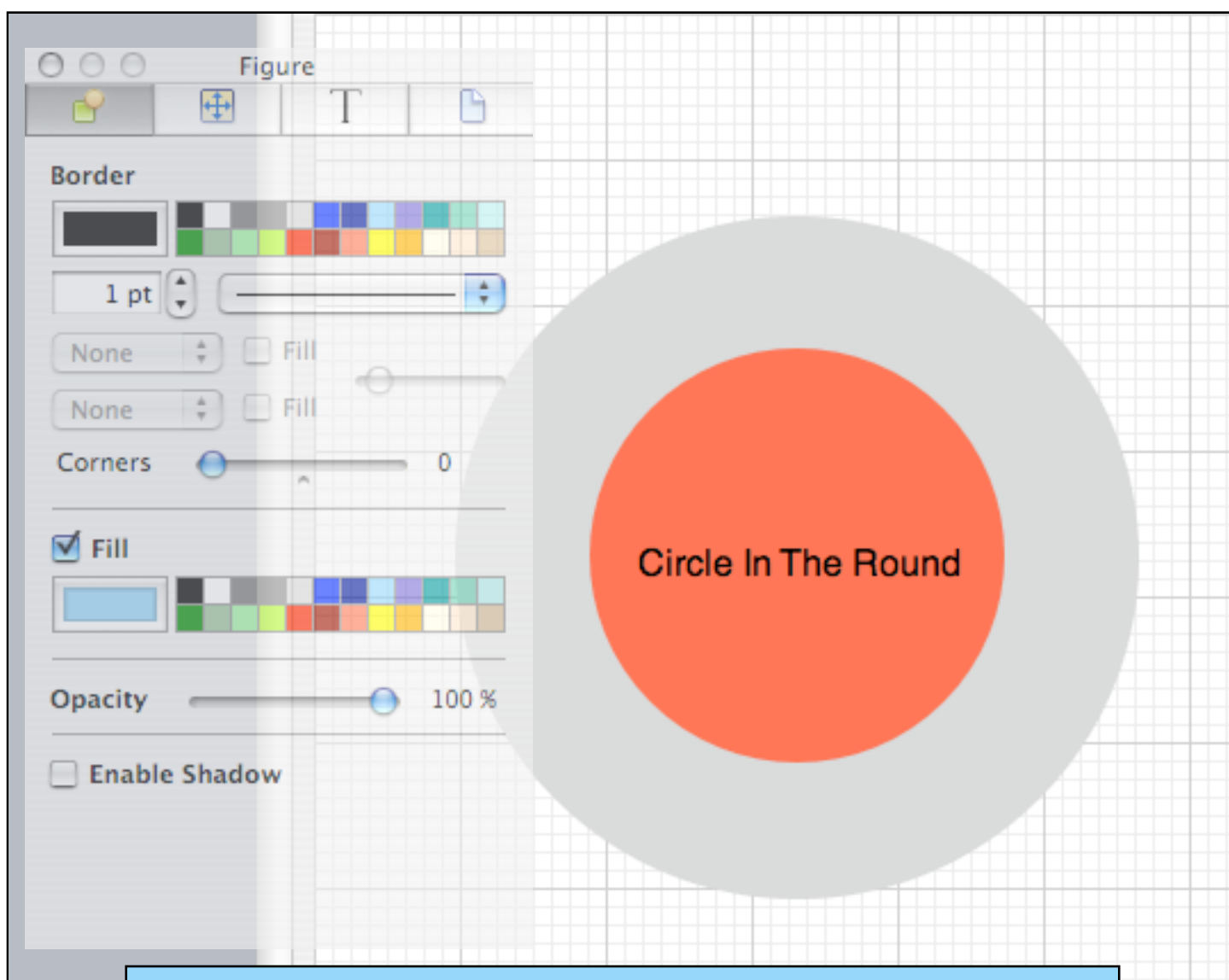
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### Concept Overview

As in Microsoft Word 2004 for Mac OS X, clarify window focus and make application tool palettes less obtrusive by changing their opacity based on input focus.



Using SubEthaEdit, I am sometimes briefly confused as to which window is in focus - the document or the Find palette? Layering is used, but that only provides focus information if there is overlap between the Find palette and the document window. The changes in highlight and window color are not great enough to help much.



Curio's Inspector palette could use opacity to make it less visually prominent. As with the Formatting palette in Word 2004, it would return to normal opacity once the mouse enters the window or once it has keyboard focus.