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Apple unveils dual 1-GHz Power Mac G4 Digital Powerhouse for Creative Professionals

CUPERTINO, California—January 28, 2002—Apple® today announced the ultimate digital powerhouse for creative professionals—the new Power Mac™ G4 featuring dual 1-GHz PowerPC G4 processors, the industry’s first NVIDIA GeForce4 graphics card and a DVD/CD burning SuperDrive™, priced at just \$2,999(US).

Delivering an amazing 15 gigaflops (15 billion floating point operations per second), the dual 1-GHz Power Mac G4 runs professional applications like Adobe Photoshop up to 72 percent faster and encodes DVD Video over 300 percent faster than a 2-GHz Pentium 4-based PC*.

“The new dual 1-GHz Power Mac G4 with NVIDIA GeForce4 graphics is the fastest Mac ever and the fastest personal computer ever for creative professionals,” said Philip Schiller, senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. “This is the first Mac to break the 1-GHz barrier and the first computer in the world to feature NVIDIA GeForce4 graphics.”

Apple also introduced two new Power Mac G4 models with 933 MHz and 800 MHz PowerPC G4 processors, starting at just \$1,599(US). All models feature the Velocity Engine™, and the 933 MHz and dual 1-GHz models include 2MB of double data rate (DDR) L3 cache per processor to boost performance even further. All models also include next generation graphics technologies from NVIDIA and ATI. The 800 MHz Power Mac G4 includes the ATI Radeon 7500 with 32MB of DDR SDRAM. The 933 MHz and dual 1-GHz models debut the incredible NVIDIA GeForce4 MX with 64MB of DDR SDRAM, able to generate an astounding 1.1 billion textured pixels per second. In addition, all Power Mac G4

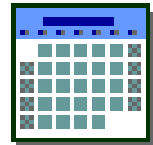
models now offer dual monitor support.

All new Power Mac models include both Mac® OS X and Mac OS 9, with Mac OS X factory-set as the startup operating system. Mac OS X features symmetric multiprocessing, enabling the operating system itself, as well as applications,

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New Location for Saturday “Get Together”

The Saturday informal “Get Together” meeting place has been moved back to Brookwood Village on Lakeshore Drive. The meeting starts about 9:30 a.m.



BAC February 9 Meeting

The February 9, 2002 BAC Monthly Meeting will be held at the Homewood Public Library, room 116 starting at 10:00 a.m

Wayne Taylor will demonstrate iPod, Apple’s new MP3 player that will hold 1000 songs plus it is pocket size. Just plug it into your Mac and all of your iTunes songs and playlists are automatically downloaded into iPod at blazing FireWire speed and you can take your entire music collection with you wherever you go.

Come early and enjoy coffee and cookies plus ..

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For Sale

Epson Stylus Color 777 printer. Less than one year old. Includes USB cable and an extra Color Cartridge \$75.00

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List your computer related items for sale in this space. Send information by the 25th of the month to: tedgallo@charter.net
This space is free to members.

Netscape 6.2.1 For Classic And OS X Released

Netscape 6.2.1 includes Netscape Navigator, Netscape Mail, Netscape Instant Messenger, Netscape Composer, and Netscape Address Book. Netscape 6.2.1 also delivers several add-on applications that help you get more from the Internet.

Netscape 6.2.1 offers Net2Phone for FREE PC-to-Phone calls anywhere within the US. Free calls placed within the U.S. from your PC to any phone are currently limited to 5 minutes, then rates are 2¢ a minute on any given call.

To download or order a CD got to <http://home.netscape.com/computing/download>.

BAC Disk of the Month

The BAC DOM (Disk of the Month) is available at each BAC meeting. These CDs contain updates, shareware, and freeware.

The cost is \$3 and is available at the BAC meetings from Librarian Jerry Jenkins.

New files for February 2002

Acrobat Reader Instal 5.0.5

CookWare OS9

CookWare OSX

DiskDup Pro Update 1.2

FontViewer 1.4.4

iPhoto 1.0

MacSolitaire 1.2

OmniPage Pro 8.01 Updater

Photoshop Elements Tryout

PrintToPDF 2.3.1

PopCharPro 1.3.3

New Members

Welcome our new BAC member

Mark Southern

Membership Renewals

Thanks to the following members for continuing their support of BAC.

Harold Grupe

Gib Henry

Earl Higginbotham

Janie Montgomery

Herb Patterson

Don Stauffer

Member Help Line

With the many new members in the Birmingham Apple Core as well as current members who occasionally have questions about their software.

The following list of BAC members have agreed to assist other BAC members with answers to their questions on the software listed under their names.

We ask members calling to be considerate of the time of day they call. Please don't call early in the morning or late at night.

Included is their phone number as well as their e-mail address.

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MacWorld Expo San Francisco 2002

by Bill Bankson

[BAC member Bill Bankson attended the MacWorld Expo in San Francisco recently and here are his observations.]

Well, the magic day had arrived and there I was 34,000 feet in the air somewhere over the Rockies while Steve Jobs was raving about the new iMac he was announcing. I planned ahead and Jobs decided to move up his announcement talk to Monday. Oh, well.

There was plenty to see and do on Tuesday as the crowd was released 9:30 am into the innards of Moscone Center. Apple had put together a pavilion in the South end entitled "Business Solutions" and the main Apple attraction was at the North end. If you are not familiar with Moscone the display floors are about 3 stories below street level and the north and south areas are connected by a long hallway at the exhibition level. This year (2002) the show was somewhat smaller than previous ones and the areas not used were around the



perimeter of the occupied space. Attendees are free to wander about the floor engaging anyone in conversation that can be found. Some of the larger vendors such as Adobe have extensive areas with classroom chairs in front of a screen and a continuous demonstration going on such as the new "Illustrator" that works with OS X.

Ah, yes. OS X was everywhere and was seen running on many flat screens at Apple as well as Microsoft. Microsoft, yep – they were well represented including a couple of reps I had a conversation with that were real enthusiasts of X and admitted they were still learning their way around but that they were proud of the new Mac Office v.X and though I have only been working with it for a few weeks they have done a great job and the product appears flawless. Even IBM has released their new "Via Voice" dictation product exclusively for OS X and as far as I can tell it works just like their ads proclaim.

I spoke to Keyspan who makes an after market product I purchased for OS 9 that gave me two more serial ports – they will not even attempt to answer what their reaction is with respect to OS X so I have crossed them off my list of vendors that provide support.

I spent two days in and around Moscone and by Wednesday I found myself in an afternoon meeting with the good people at Adobe and enjoyed demos that were really impressive in their support of the Mac technology. The afternoon included some frank discussions led by some of the head honchos at Adobe who were definite about following up with a release of Photoshop for OS X soon.

Mac Expo 2002 was a well-attended show with 87,000 folks attending but after two days I boarded BART for the North Berkeley hills and into the Sierras to play on the Sierra concrete (snow). I heartily recommend attending either the cavernous maw of Moscone in January or the Sierras.

[Bill Bankson is a longtime member of BAC and heads his own computer consulting firm StewartSoft Consulting.]

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to take full advantage of dual processors for dramatic performance gains. In addition, all new Power Macs include Apple's award-winning suite of applications for digital music (iTunes™ 2), digital video (iMovie™ 2 and iDVD 2) and digital photography (iPhoto, free download from apple.com).

The new Power Mac G4 also offers an exciting suite of creative, productivity and communications applications designed specifically for Mac OS X, including: Ambrosia Software Snapz Pro X, Caffeine Software PixelNance 1.5, Code Line Communications Art Directors Toolkit for X, Lemke Software GraphicConverter 4.1, Omni Group's OmniGraffle and OmniOutliner, James Thompson PCalc, FileMaker Pro Trial 5.5, Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0, Earthlink 2.5, Microsoft's Internet Explorer 5.1 and Smith Micro FAXstf X Preview, as well as Apple Developer Tools X.

Pricing & Availability

All three new Power Mac models are immediately available through the on-line Apple Store® (www.apple.com), at Apple Retail Stores and through Apple Authorized Resellers in three standard configurations:

The Power Mac G4 is available in build-to-order configurations through The Apple Store (www.apple.com). Options include a DVD-ROM/CD-RW Combo drive, up to 1.5GB of SDRAM, up to 72GB Ultra160 SCSI drives, AirPort® Base Station and AirPort Card, Harman Kardon iSub and SoundSticks, and Apple Pro Speakers. Standard 4.7GB DVD-R blank discs are available from The Apple Store (www.apple.com) in five-packs for a suggested retail price of \$24.95(US). For a list of compatible DVD players, visit www.apple.com/dvd/compatibility.

For details on each model go to:
<http://www.apple.com/pr/library/2002/jan/28pmg4.html>.

Euro designed on a Mac

by Jenni Miller, MacDirectory Editor

The euro is big news these days now that the notes and coins are in mass circulation, but what most people don't know is that the euro was designed on a Mac.

The European Union officially adopted the euro as its currency on January 1, 1999 and placed it in circulation in January 2002. The European Monetary Institute held a contest among currency artists for the official design of the euro. The deadline was September 1996. In June 1997, Mac user Robert Kalina won. The Austrian banknote designer was trained at the School of Graphic Arts in Austria and went on to design currency for the Austrian National Bank. He used Macromedia Freehand for sketching the images that went into his design, and Photoshop to manipulate them once scanned and digitized.

The Mac made his revisions very easy. He told Apple, "For me, it is very easy to work on the Mac. It is quick and I can see results quickly. When you work by hand, it may take some weeks, and then it may not be right." When it came to turning in his designs, the Mac made that simple too. "It was a print output directly from the computer."

Mac OS versions 8.5 and later are equipped with a euro symbol. Press Option-shift-2 on a QWERTY keyboard, and Option-shift-r on a AZERTY keyboard.



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Birmingham Apple Core (BAC)

Membership Form

The Birmingham Apple Core (BAC) is a Macintosh computer user group whose purpose is to provide information and assistance to its members in the use of Macintosh computers and related products. We provide a forum for Macintosh and Macintosh clone users to exchange ideas and share resources.

Monthly meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the Homewood Public Library on Oxmoor Road in Homewood. At these meetings presentations are made on many of the Macintosh products and software.

A weekly informal "Get Together" is held each Saturday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Food Court of Brookwood Village Mall on Lakeshore Drive in Homewood. There is always a lively discussion and you may find someone that can answer your question. Just jump right in!

Dues are \$30.00 per year which includes a monthly hardcopy of the BAC Newsletter -The PEEL.

New Member

Renewal

Name _____ Home Ph. _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail address _____ ***Be sure to check your mailing label for your BAC renewal month.***

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