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## Apple Unveils AirPort Express for Mac & PC Users

### World's First 802.11g Mobile Base Station Features AirTunes Music Networking

Cupertino, California—June 7, 2004—Apple® today unveiled AirPort® Express, the world's first 802.11g mobile base station that can be plugged directly into the wall for wireless Internet connections and USB printing, or thrown into a laptop bag to bring wireless freedom to hotel rooms with broadband connections. AirPort Express also features analog and digital audio outputs that can be connected to a stereo and AirTunes music networking software which works seamlessly with iTunes®, giving users a simple and inexpensive way to wirelessly stream iTunes music on their Mac® or PC to any room in the house. AirPort Express features a single piece ultra-compact design weighing just 6.7 ounces, and will be available to Mac and PC users starting in July for just \$129.

“AirPort Express isn’t just the world’s first mobile 802.11g base station—with the addition of AirTunes users can now play their iTunes music on any stereo in their home—all without wires,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “This innovative Apple product will appeal to both notebook users who want wireless freedom in their hotel rooms and to music lovers who want to listen to their iTunes music library on a stereo located anywhere in their home.”

AirPort Express features an incredibly compact design with no power brick required, providing maximum portability so it can easily be taken on the road for wireless broadband access in hotel rooms. The AirPort Express mobile base

station also includes a built-in combination digital and analog audio connector allowing users to connect AirPort Express to a home stereo, powered analog speakers or the latest digital 5.1 surround sound systems.

AirTunes is Apple’s breakthrough music networking technology which works seamlessly with iTunes running on either Macs or PCs to let users easily create a wireless music network in their home. iTunes 4.6 automatically detects remote speakers and displays them in a simple pop-up list for the user to select. Once the remote speakers are selected, AirTunes wirelessly streams the iTunes music from the computer to the AirPort Express base station. AirTunes music is encoded to protect it from theft while streaming across the wireless music network and uses Apple’s lossless compression technology to insure no loss of sound quality. AirPort Express provides a range of up to 150 feet, and multiple AirPort Express base stations can be bridged together to send music to extended areas.

AirPort Express offers both Mac and PC users the ability to share a single DSL or cable broadband account with up to 10 simultaneous users and a single USB printer with multiple users.

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### BAC June Meeting

The June meeting will be held on Saturday June 12, at 10:00am at the Homewood Library in room 116 (lower level). The topic of the June meeting will be “Mac OS X & where to find HELP” Bill Bankson will show you the path to all knowledge Mac.

**See page 2 for news about special pre-meeting for new users.**

Come early and enjoy coffee, doughnuts and cookies, plus.....🍏.

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## For Sale/Wanted

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Do you have computer related items for sale or is there an item that you would like to purchase?

We will list the item in this space free of charge to current-BAC members.

Send information by the 25th of each month to the editor at: henryw@bellsouth.net.

## BAC Disk of the Month

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

The cost is \$2 per disk and is available at the BAC meetings from Disk Librarian Jerry Jenkins.

### June 2004 CDOM

#### Descriptions

#### **FolderIcon X 1.8.6...**Shareware

Create custom folder icons and document icons. Requires OS 10.2.1 or higher, or OS 10.3.x

**GraphicConverter X 5.1.1...**Shareware Updated version for a good app to change graphics formats and to edit and correct digital photos. Requires Mac OS 10.x

#### **iOrganizer 2.5.1...**Shareware

Advanced note pad and organization tool. For OS 8.5 - 9.2.2

#### **iOrganizer X 5.4...**Shareware

Advanced note pad and organization tool. Requires Mac OS 10.x

#### **iTunes4.5.....**Freeware/Update

Requires iLife.

**Key Advantage Typing X...**Shareware Use to learn typing - make the most of that keyboard. Requires Mac OS 10.x

#### **Monolingual 1.2.4...**Shareware

Use to eliminate foreign language files which are not used and take up memory that can be used for other things.

#### **OmniGraffle 3.1.2...**Shareware

#### **QuickTimeInstall 6.5.1...**Freeware

For OS 8.5 - 9.2.2

#### **QuickTimeInstall X 6.5.1...**Freeware

For OS 10.x

#### **Security Update 5-04 Pan..**Freeware

For OS 10.x - 10.2.8

#### **Security Update 5-04 Jag...**Freeware

For OS 10.3.x

#### **Tex-Edit-Plus X 4.7...**Shareware

Easy-to-use text editor, but more like a word processor. This new version is scriptable. Requires OS 10.1 and up.

#### **VueScan X 8.0.1...**Shareware

Updated, keeps getting better and covers more scanners. In most cases, it replaces and improves the original scanner driver. Requires Mac OS 10.x

**WeatherMan X 1.8.7...**Shareware  
Current weather conditions available at all times. Requires Mac OS 10.x

## Saturday Q&A

### Pre-Meeting

New Users Wanted!

Beginning with our June 12 monthly meeting, the BAC will offer a new pre-meeting especially designed for new Mac users, or those experiencing basic problems with Mac hardware or software applications. Specific attention will be given to OSX and iLife applications. If you are experiencing a problem with those areas of interest or have a question about how to use the Mac for home or business, you need to attend this special meeting before the meeting. Hosted by BAC past-President and veteran Macster, Tommy Ellison, this session will answer the need for more help and assistance with Mac related issues.

Be sure and bring your questions and we will try to work our way through all the questions and answers or point you in the right direction for additional assistance. The monthly meeting begins at 10am CDT but the Pre-meeting will begin at 930am CDT for those interested in attending. 🍏

## Message Board id and password for June

The BAC Message Board is located at [www.applecore.org](http://www.applecore.org) and click on Message Board. The User id for April is: peel and the password is 0604. Some browsers ask for the Name in the top box. This is the place for the user ID. 🍏

## June Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the May BAC meeting, 1) a copy of the monthly CDOM. Disk Librarian Jerry Jenkins will have the disk at the meeting, 2) a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. Instructional Media Librarian Luther Fuller will have the library at the meeting. 🍏

## APPLE OS 10.3.4 UPDATE

### Mac OS 10.3.4 Update

The is update delivers enhanced functionality and improved reliability for Mac OS X v10.3 “Panther” and is recommended for all users.

Key enhancements include:

- improved file sharing and directory services for Mac (AFP), UNIX (NFS), PPTP, and wireless networks
- improved OpenGL technology and updated ATI and NVIDIA graphics drivers
- improved disc burning and recording functionality
- iPods connected via USB 2.0 are now recognized by iTunes and iSync
- additional FireWire audio and USB device compatibility
- updated Address Book, Mail, Safari, Stickies, and QuickTime applications
- improved compatibility for third party applications
- previous standalone security updates

See below for more detailed information or visit this website: <http://www.info.apple.com/kbnum/n25764>

### Apple Unveils New Power Mac G5 Line Every Model Features Dual 64-bit Processors

CUPERTINO, California—June 9, 2004—Apple® today unveiled its new Power Mac® G5 desktop line with every model featuring dual 64-bit PowerPC G5 processors. The top model, featuring two 2.5 GHz processors, the industry’s fastest front-side bus running at 1.25 GHz per processor, and advanced liquid cooling starts at \$2,999. The entry model, featuring dual 1.8 GHz processors, starts at just \$1,999.

#### The low-end: Available now

<i>Was</i>	<i>Now</i>
\$1,799	\$1999
1.6GHz	Dual 1.8GHz
800MHz frontside bus	900MHz
512K L2 cache	same
256MB DDR333 128-bit SDRAM	DDR400
expandable to 4GB SDRAM	same
80GB Serial ATA	same
SuperDrive	8x Super Drive
three PCI Slots	same
NVIDIA GeForce FX 5200 Ultra	same
64MB DDR video memory	same

#### The mid-range: Available now

<i>Was</i>	<i>Now</i>
\$2,499	\$2499
Dual 1.8GHz	Dual 2.0Ghz
900MHz frontside bus	1Ghz
512K L2 cache/processor	same

512MB DDR400 128-bit SDRAM	same
expandable to 8GB SDRAM	same
160GB Serial ATA	same
SuperDrive	8x Super Drive
three PCI-X Slots	same
NVIDIA GeForce FX 5200 Ultra	same
64MB DDR video memory	same

#### The high-end: Available in July

WAS	NOW
\$2,999	\$2,999
Dual 2GHz	Dual 2.5Ghz
1GHz frontside bus	1.25GHz bus
512K L2 cache/processor	same
512MB DDR400 128-bit SDRAM	same
expandable to 8GB SDRAM	same
160GB Serial ATA	same
SuperDrive	8x Super Drive
three PCI-X Slots	same
ATI Radeon 9600 Pro	ATI Radeon 9600 XT
64MB DDR video memory	128MB DDR VRAM

All systems share some common traits: an 8x speed DVD-R/CD-RW “SuperDrive,” a single Firewire 800 port, two FireWire 400 ports (one in back, one in front), a USB 2.0 port, Gigabit Ethernet and 56K modem, AGP 8x Pro graphics card slot, ADC and DVI video interfaces. They’re also ready for AirPort Extreme wireless networking cards and can be ordered with internal Bluetooth support as well. Analog and optical digital audio inputs and outputs are supported as well.

The 2.5GHz system also features a liquid cooling system that Apple says helps reduce temperature without increasing fan noise. The 2.5GHz model will cost \$2,999 when it’s released in July.

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*The new AirPort Express*

# Hints&Tips

[www.mac-hints-tips.com](http://www.mac-hints-tips.com)



## Safari Font Sizes Tip

Safari 1.2 on Panther displays some websites in smaller font sizes than before. Folks with older eyes might solve this problem by looking in the Advanced settings pane of Safari Preferences. If you enable the checkbox under Universal Access you can control the minimum font size that Safari will use to display text. It seems to affect all text on the page, so if you choose a higher font size, all text on a page will be increased proportionately. I bumped my setting up to 11 from the default 9 and things are back to looking almost the way they did in Safari 1.0.

*FatBits, Conejo Ventura MUG,  
Ventura CA*

## Block Those Ads!

Show of hands. How many of you absolutely hate those annoying ads that pop up on your screen when you're surfing the web? Visit enough sites, and the ads can outnumber your browser window ten to one.

Wouldn't it be great if you could just banish them completely from your online existence? With Safari, you can. And it couldn't be easier: Just pull down the Safari menu and choose Block Pop-Up Windows. (Or simply type Command/K.)

*The Finder, Mid-Columbia MUG,  
Kennewick WA*



## Compress Your JPEGs

QuickTime Pro: it's not just for multimedia authors. It can also help still photographers compress large JPEG files into tidy web-friendly and email-friendly sizes. If you've upgraded to QuickTime Pro, try this: Launch QuickTime and open a JPEG you took with your digital camera. Select Export from the File menu. Export as "Movie to Picture," and then click the Options button. You can then save the file as a Photo-JPEG, using the slider bar to pick the image quality you want. This feature is just one of the many reasons to go Pro.

*Mouse Droppings, Corvallis OR*

## Faster QuickTime

When you access a QuickTime document, do you get tired of the never-ending warning that you could enhance QuickTime to the current Pro version? It's easy to terminate that little annoyance without having to buy the Pro version of QuickTime. Here's how to do it: Open the Date and Time Control Panel in your Control Panels under the Apple Menu. Set the date to 2003 (If you read this in 2003, then choose 2004), and close the Control Panel. Next, open QuickTime-Player again and close it. Reopen Control Panels to the Date and Time and change the date back to the present, correct date. That is all you need to do. The message will not be coming back.

*NotePad, Springfield IL*



## Launching Items At Startup

Have you ever wanted to automatically launch an application as soon as your system starts up? In Mac OS 9, you could do this by adding an alias to the Startup Items folder. The procedure is actually a bit simpler in Mac OS X. Open System Preferences, and click Login Items. Now drag the applications you wish to launch onto the login items list. You can opt to hide items from view at startup, too, by clicking the checkbox at the left. The next time you restart your system (or login, if you've got a multiple user setup), the listed applications will open automatically.

*macHOME HotTips*

## Faster Finds

Limit Languages in Finder Preferences to only those you want OS X to use in a Find for faster finds. Most of us will use only English most of the time.

*Mouse Droppings, Corvallis OR*

## Scroll Sideways

In Jaguar (OS X 10.2) we now have the ability to scroll sideways using the scroll-wheel of a mouse.

Simply hold down the Shift key before scrolling.

*MacPac, Ponca City OK*

## Free File Conversion

What's the cheapest way to convert JPEGs to TIFFs? Use the OS X Preview application. Open your TIFF, choose Export from the File menu, and choose the format to which you want to convert it.

*MacAddict Magazine*

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## *Airport Express continued from page 1*

With its advanced security features, Airport Express safeguards data on networked computers with support for WiFi Protected Access (WPA), 128-bit encryption and a built-in firewall.

Pricing & Availability: Airport Express can be ordered immediately through the Apple Store® ([www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com)) and is expected to be available in July at Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers for a suggested retail price of \$129 (US). iTunes requires the next version of iTunes, iTunes 4.6, which is expected to be available later this week as a free download. 🍏

## Tex-Edit Plus 4.7.0 Scriptable Text Editor for OS X 10.1 and above

Tex-Edit Plus is a scriptable, styled text editor that fills the gap between Apple's Text Edit and a full-featured word processor. It's fast, efficient, and has a clean, uncluttered interface. It's also great for cleaning up text which is transmitted over the Internet.

New in this version:

- New "Markup" menu switch makes it easy to insert editor marks in a document.
- When Markup is enabled, all typed or pasted insertions use the styles specified by the new "Markup Options" dialog, overriding any preexisting styles at the insertion point.
- All the Markup options are scriptable and the switch retains its state between launches.
- Sample scripts added to illustrate use of the new Markup feature.
- Added support for enhanced print Apple event (Panther only). The optional "with properties" parameter gives AppleScript much more control over the printing process. For example:  
print every window with properties {copies:3, collating:true, pages across:2, pages down:1, error handling:detailed, target printer:"MyBigPrinter", starting page:2, ending page:2, requested print time:date "Monday, May 24, 2004 11:02:23 PM"}
- Added optional "print dialog" parameter to "print" and "print selection" commands. This allows AppleScript to control display of the standard print dialog sheet. If this parameter is missing, then the print dialog is not displayed.
- Sample bullet handling scripts added thanks to Mike Dewtler.

- Fixed slow Find dialog bug noted on some systems.

System requirements:

- Mac OS X 10.1 or higher

Tex-Edit Plus is \$15.00 shareware

For more information, visit:

<http://www.tex-edit.com/>

## Keyboard Shortcuts in OS X

Did you know that in Mac OS X v10.3, "Panther," if you hold down the Option, Command and "D" keys, you can show or hide the Dock? Using another keyboard shortcut — Command-Shift-3 — you can capture a screenshot of what's on your display. (Command-Shift-4 lets you take a screenshot of a selected area.)

Want your Mac to Sleep?

Option-Command-Eject will do the trick.

There are dozens of keyboard shortcuts that you can use in Mac OS Panther, including a handful that can move the

mouse.

Like to learn how you can use simple keyboard combinations to hide applications, close all open windows, or quit all open applications and restart your Mac?

For a complete list of OS X shortcuts go to:

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=75459> 🍏

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*New PowerMac G5s continued from page 3*

Power Mac G4s discontinued

In announcing the new Power Mac G5 models, Apple also indicated that its remaining Power Mac G4 models have been taken out of production. Since the Power Mac G5's introduction Apple has continued to manufacture and offer a single-processor 1.25GHz Power Mac G4. Apple said the \$1,299 Power Mac G4 "will no longer be in production and is available for purchase while supplies last." 🍏

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## Apple Software Updates iTunes 4.6 and Security Update

### What's new in iTunes 4.6

Includes support for playing your music wirelessly using AirPort Express with AirTunes. It also includes a number of other minor enhancements.

**Security Update 2004-06-07** delivers a number of security enhancements and is recommended for all Macintosh users. Mac OS X will now present an approval alert when an application is to be run for the first time either by opening a document or clicking on a URL related to the application.

For detailed information on this Update, please visit this website: <http://www.info.apple.com/kbnum/n61798>

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## Steve Jobs to Kick Off Apple's WWDC 2004 with Preview of Mac OS X "Tiger"

CUPERTINO, California— May 4, 2004— Apple® today announced that Steve Jobs will kick off its Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) with a keynote on Monday, June 28, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at San Francisco's Moscone West. This year's keynote will include a preview of "Tiger," the next major release of Mac® OS X.

The five-day event, which runs from June 28 to July 2, will host close to 200 technical sessions with new content designed to serve a wide range of Mac developers, including an in-depth look at the latest Mac OS X technologies, hands-on labs with the latest Mac systems, expanded tracks on Enterprise IT and a dedicated track for QuickTime® developers and content creators. 🍏

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*I am not young enough to know everything. ~ Oscar Wilde*

*Without deviation progress is not possible. ~ Frank Zappa*



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