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**Mac OS 10.4 “Tiger”  
 Released on April 29  
 More Than 200 New  
 Features & Innovations**

Tiger has more than 200 new features and innovations including Spotlight™, a revolutionary desktop search technology that lets users instantly find anything stored on their Mac®, including documents, emails, contacts and images; and Dashboard, a new way to instantly access important information like weather forecasts and stock quotes, using a dazzling new class of applications called widgets.

“Mac OS X Tiger is the most innovative and secure desktop operating system ever created,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “Tiger’s groundbreaking new features like Spotlight and Dashboard will change the way people use their computers, and drive our competitors nuts trying to copy them.”

Spotlight is Apple’s new lightning fast way for users to find virtually anything stored on their Mac. Much like users can instantly find songs in iTunes® by name, artist or album, Spotlight searches the contents inside documents and information about those documents, or metadata, to find just about anything—emails, contacts, appointments, images, PDFs, and almost any type of document, including Microsoft Office documents—then automatically organizes and instantly displays the results. Because Spotlight technology is built right into the core of the operating system, it automatically updates results instantly whenever files change and enables developers to incorporate Spotlight technology into their applications.

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**Tiger unleashed.**



**Apple Upgrades Power  
 Mac G5, iMac & eMac  
 New Power Mac Features  
 Dual 2.7 GHz Processors & Mac  
 OS 10.4 “Tiger”**

Apple® unveiled the fastest, most powerful Power Mac® G5 desktop line ever, featuring dual 64-bit PowerPC G5 processors running up to 2.7 GHz and including Mac OS® X version 10.4 “Tiger,” the world’s most advanced operating system. The new Power Mac G5 line delivers higher performance graphics options with more memory and built-in support for Apple’s breakthrough 30-inch

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**BAC May Meeting**

The May meeting will be held on Saturday May 14th, at 10:00am at the McKinney Technology location in Homewood.

For location see ad on last page.

The topic for the meeting will be OS 10.4 Tiger.

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

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

We will list the item in this space free of charge to currentBAC 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.

### May 2005 CDOM Description

#### Blackjack Gold X 1.1.5

Shareware - Full-featured casino-style blackjack card game. Requires OS 10 or higher.

#### DragThing 5.6...Shareware

#### Graphic Converter 5.6x

Shareware - Many, many improvements in this updated version. A good app to change graphics formats and to edit and correct digital photos. Requires Mac OS 10.1.3 or higher.

#### HomeWeatherCenter 1.2.3

Shareware - Weather graphing, monitoring and analysis. Requires OS 10.2 or higher.

#### Luther's Collection (May 05)

Freeware - Updated versions.

#### Macaroni 2.0.6

Shareware - Does the needed maintenance automatically if you do not leave your Mac on 24/7 without letting it go to sleep. Requires OS 10 or higher.

#### MacOSX Update 10.3.9.

Freeware-Requires OS X ver. 10.3.8

#### MailScripts 2.6.3...Freeware

Add flexibility to Mail & Address Book. Requiries OS 10.3 or higher.

#### Safari Bookmark Exporter

#### UnCoverIt 2.0.3...Shareware

Prints contents of a CD on forms to cut out and insert in CD jewel cases.

#### viJournalLite 1.5.3...

Freeware - Personal journal. Password protection, full-text searching. Requires OS 10.3 or higher.

#### VueScan X 8.2.10...


Shareware - Updated, keeps getting better and covers more scanners. In most cases, it replaces and improves the original scanner driver. This version now requires Mac OS 10.2.8 or higher.

## OS 10.3.9 Update Issues


Apple has acknowledged that some users who upgraded to the recently released Mac OS X v10.3.9 may experience issues with Java applications and Java-enabled sites when using Safari. Problems include Safari unexpectedly quitting, or standalone Java applications unexpectedly quitting or not being able to launch.

Apple indicates that it may be necessary to install or re-install Java 1.4.2 Update 2 and Security Update 2005-002 in order to resolve the issue. Apple also offers a simple test to determine if you need this update:

Launch the Terminal application in the Utilities folder inside your Applications folder. Type "java -version" (without quotes). Press Return.

"If this issue affects your computer, you will get the the message, 'Segmentation fault' (if you don't see this, your computer is not affected by this issue)," 

## May Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC May meeting, the **Mac Annoyances book**; a copy of the monthly CDOM, and a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. 

## **Tiger** *cont'd from page 1*

Apple has incorporated Spotlight search technology into several Tiger applications including Mail, Address Book, Finder and System Preferences, and several third party developers are expected to introduce applications with Spotlight search technology in the coming months.

Dashboard is a new world of beautiful accessory applications called widgets that appear instantly to give users immediate access to information like stock quotes, weather forecasts, airline flight tracking, unit of measure, currency conversions and a phone book. With a single click a user's favorite Dashboard widgets instantly appear with up to the second information; with another click they're instantly gone and the user is right back to where they left off. Tiger ships with 14 widgets, and because Dashboard is based on standard web technologies such as HTML and JavaScript, it's easy for third party developers to create new widgets that users can easily add to their Dashboards.

iChat in Tiger supports the stunning new H.264 video codec for dramatically better picture quality over the same Internet bandwidth. Users can now create audio conferences with up to 10 people and video conferences with up to four people in a 3D virtual conference room, just as if they were all seated together at a table\*. In addition, contacts on a Buddy List can now see which iTunes song a user is playing and view it in the iTunes Music Store with just one click.

The new Automator workflow application lets users easily automate repetitive tasks without complex programming. Users simply select from a library of more than a hundred customizable actions and drag and drop them to create an automated workflow, specifically tailored to suit their requirements. Once created, workflows can be saved and even shared with friends and colleagues.

A full featured RSS reader is built into Safari™ to provide instant access to the most current information from leading news organizations, community web sites and even personal weblogs (blogs) directly from the browser. Multiple RSS feeds can be merged into one easy-to-read interface to create a user's own personal news clipping service.

Other new features in Tiger include:

- QuickTime® 7, the latest version of Apple's standards-based media player, with H.264 support, live video resizing, zero-configuration streaming and extensive surround sound;

- Mail 2, a dramatically enhanced new version of the Mac OS X built-in Mail application with a new user interface, Spotlight searching, .Mac syncing and full screen slideshow;

- iCal® 2, with support for birthday calendars, calendar groups, improved printing and Spotlight and Automator functions;

- Font Book 2, the updated font management utility included in Mac OS X that now supports libraries for installing fonts anywhere on the system or network; and

- A completely new .Mac sync preference using Xsync, a new sync engine built into Mac OS X that enables .Mac subscribers to automatically synchronize their Safari bookmarks, iCal appointments, Address Book contacts, Keychain passwords and Mail settings across multiple computers.

New core technologies and tools in Tiger make it easy for developers to create the next generation of innovative applications, including:

- native 64-bit application support to take advantage of the increased performance unleashed when accessing massive amounts of memory, while still running side-by-side with existing 32-bit applications;

- Core Image and Core Video to provide the foundation for new image and video processing applications;

- Xgrid™, Apple's easy-to-use distributed computing software;

- Improved Windows compatibility to make it even easier for Mac OS X users to access a Windows-based home directory and authenticate against Microsoft's Active Directory;

- Major advances to the open standards UNIX-based foundation including an updated state-of-the-art kernel with improved SMP scalability, 64-bit virtual memory, Access Control Lists, GCC 4.0 and modernized network services

- Xcode™ 2, the latest version of Apple's powerful suite of developer tools, designed to make it even easier and faster to build innovative Mac OS X applications. 🍏

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## **Apple Reduces Prices on Cinema Displays**

Apple® announced that it has made its award-winning line of widescreen flat panel Cinema Displays more affordable than ever by reducing the price of the 20-inch model to just \$799 and the 23-inch HD model to just \$1,499. In addition, Apple's new 2.7 GHz Power Mac® G5s and 1.67 GHz 17-inch PowerBooks now feature built-in support to directly drive Apple's groundbreaking 30-inch Cinema HD Display, saving customers hundreds of dollars.

The 20-inch Cinema Display, the 23-inch Cinema HD Display and 30-inch Cinema HD Display, are designed to work with DVI-equipped Power Mac G5 desktops, PowerBook® G4 notebooks and Windows-based computers, and offer the widescreen design (16:10 ratio). The 30-inch Cinema HD Display (2560-by-1600 pixel resolution) and the 23-inch Cinema HD Display (1920-by-1200 resolution) are ideal for editing High Definition Television (HDTV). 🍏

# Hints&Tips

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

## To import bookmarks from Safari to Firefox

Quit Safari and launch Terminal (Applications > Utilities > Terminal). Enter this in the Terminal window:

```
defaults write com.apple.Safari IncludeDebugMenu 1
```

then press enter.

This adds a Debug menu to Safari.

Launch Safari and from this self-same Debug menu choose Export Bookmarks and save the resulting Safari Bookmarks.html file to a convenient location.

Launch Firefox and choose Manage Bookmarks from the Bookmarks menu. When the Bookmarks Manager window appears, choose Import from the File menu.

In the resulting sheet, choose From File and click Next. In the Import Bookmark File dialog box that appears, navigate to your saved Safari Bookmarks.html file and click Open.

In a moment your Safari bookmarks will be brought into Firefox.

To get rid of the Debug menu in Safari type the following into terminal and then press enter.

```
defaults write com.apple.Safari IncludeDebugMenu 0
```

Another way to swap bookmarks is using “Safari Bookmark Exporter” which can export into a variety of other browsers. available from: <http://homepage.mac.com/simx/>

## Quicktime Player Full Screen

This week’s tip of the week involves QuickTime Player. I’m sure many of you get annoyed with the fact that you have to pay \$30 to upgrade to QuickTime Pro just to get fullscreen capabilities with QuickTime.

(QuickTime 7 Player is even better with fullscreen, because it offers transparent controls in fullscreen mode when you move your mouse.) (Quicktime Player 7 is even available for free download for Panther users, 10.3.x)

If that’s all you want, don’t bother buying QT Pro. You can use the power of AppleScript to go fullscreen with QuickTime movies whenever you want. (Apparently, Apple lets developers go fullscreen with QuickTime even for non-QT Pro users.)

Here’s how to do it. Open up [Applications --> AppleScript --> Script Editor], and paste the following single line script into a new window.

```
tell application “QuickTime Player” to present movie 1
```

Now, save it as a script named “Go Fullscreen” in the

Scripts folder located at [your home folder --> Library --> Scripts]. (If the “Scripts” folder doesn’t exist, create it. You can also store the script in a subfolder of the “Scripts” folder if you’d like.)

If you haven’t activated the script menu before, open the [Applications --> AppleScript --> Install Script Menu] application in Panther to activate it. Under Tiger, open [Applications --> AppleScript --> AppleScript Utility], and then check the box next to “Show Script Menu in menu bar”. A little black-and-white icon that looks like an ancient scroll will appear in your menu bar. Now, whenever you want to play a movie fullscreen in QuickTime Player, all you need to do is open it up in QuickTime, select the Script menu, and choose your “Go Fullscreen” AppleScript. (Why Apple doesn’t make fullscreen support part of regular QuickTime or even make all of QuickTime Pro’s features free is

## List of “slow motion enabled” Tiger actions.

Holding the Shift key down will cause any of the following to happen in slow motion:

- \* Opening Dashboard
- \* Switching between widget panels
- \* Closing a widget
- \* Hiding Dashboard
- \* Opening the widget panel
- \* Closing the widget panel
- \* Clicking Safari’s RSS icon
- \* Minimizing to the Dock, Exposé, etc.

## Final Cut Studio, Soundtrack Pro & Shake 4

Apple® unveiled Final Cut® Studio, the ultimate HD video production suite that features Final Cut Pro® 5, a major upgrade to the Emmy award-winning editing software for DV, SD, HD and film. Final Cut Studio also includes state-of-the-art tools that complement Final Cut Pro 5 such as Soundtrack® Pro, a revolutionary new audio editing and sound design application that makes video projects sound as good as they look; Motion 2, the world’s first real-time motion graphics application with GPU accelerated 32-bit float rendering; and DVD Studio Pro® 4, the first commercially available DVD authoring software that burns high definition DVDs to the latest HD DVD specification.

Apple also introduced Soundtrack® Pro, a revolutionary new application that gives audio and video professionals the easiest and most flexible way to create, control and fix audio. Soundtrack Pro features an innovative waveform editor with flexible Action Layers that allow users to instantly re-order, bypass or change any edit, effect or process.

Shake® 4, a major upgrade to the industry’s leading compositing software used by independent artists and visual effects facilities to create the world’s most celebrated visual effects for film and television. 🍏

## New Power Mac G5s *cont'd from page 1*

Cinema HD Display on the 2.7 GHz model. The new line also includes larger hard drives, a faster 16X SuperDrive™ with double-layer support and 512MB of memory across the line. Powered by dual 64-bit PowerPC G5 processors, the Power Mac G5 provides a 128-bit memory architecture, delivers expansion of up to 8GB of fast 400 MHz DDR SDRAM and supports graphics cards with up to 256MB of video memory. The top model features two 2.7 GHz processors, each with an independent 1.35 GHz front-side bus for an amazing bandwidth of up to 21.6 GBps. All new Power Mac G5 models come standard with dual-display support with either the ATI Radeon 9600 graphics card with 128MB of video memory or the ATI Radeon 9650 with 256MB of video memory. The new Power Mac G5 line gives users new graphics options to drive Apple's gorgeous 30-inch Cinema HD Display. The dual processor 2.7 GHz Power Mac G5 features built-in support to drive Apple's breakthrough 30-inch Cinema HD Display right out of the box. Available as a build-to-order option on every model, the NVIDIA GeForce 6800 Ultra DDL high-performance graphics card can drive up to two 30-inch Apple Cinema HD Displays.

Every Power Mac G5 ships with a new, faster 16X SuperDrive with double-layer support capable of burning up to 8.5GB on a single DVD, 512MB memory and larger hard drives for up to 800GB of internal storage, all within the Power Mac G5's signature aluminum enclosure featuring innovative computer-controlled cooling for quiet operation. All Power Mac G5 desktops deliver industry-leading connectivity, high-performance I/O and expansion including Gigabit Ethernet, FireWire® 800, FireWire 400, three PCI-X or PCI expansion slots, USB 2.0, optical digital audio input and output, and analog audio input and output.

### Pricing & Availability

The new dual processor Power Mac G5 models will be available this week through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), at Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers. The new dual Power Mac G5 models complement the existing 1.8 GHz single processor Power Mac G5, providing customers with an affordable entry-level system priced at just \$1,499 (US).

**The good Power Mac G5, with a suggested retail price of \$1,999 includes:**

- Dual 2.0 GHz 64-bit PowerPC G5;
- 512MB 400 MHz DDR SDRAM (4GB max.)
- 160GB Serial ATA 7200 rpm hard drive;
- AGP 8X Pro graphics slot;
- ATI Radeon 9600 with 128MB DDR SDRAM;
- 3 PCI slots (64-bit 33MHz); and
- 16X SuperDrive (DVD+R DL/DVD±R/CD-RW).

**The better Power Mac G5, at \$2,499 includes:**

- Dual 2.3 GHz 64-bit PowerPC G5;
- 512MB 400 MHz DDR SDRAM (8GB max.)
- 250GB Serial ATA 7200 rpm hard drive;

- AGP 8X Pro graphics slot;
- ATI Radeon 9600 with 128MB DDR SDRAM;
- 3 PCI-X slots (one 64-bit 133 MHz, two 64-bit 100 MHz)
- 16X SuperDrive (DVD+R DL/DVD±R/CD-RW).

**The best Power Mac G5, at \$2,999 includes:**

- Dual 2.7 GHz 64-bit PowerPC G5;
- 512MB 400 MHz DDR SDRAM (8GB max.)
- 250GB Serial ATA 7200 rpm hard drive;
- AGP 8X Pro graphics slot;
- ATI Radeon 9650 with 256MB DDR SDRAM and support for one 30-inch Apple Cinema HD Display;

**NEW iMac® G5** - Faster 2.0 GHz PowerPC G5 processors, built-in AirPort® Extreme and Bluetooth wireless connectivity. The new iMac G5s also include faster graphics, a new 8X SuperDrive® with double-layer support, built-in Gigabit Ethernet for faster networking, and 512MB of memory across the line. Every new iMac G5 comes with iLife® '05. With built-in AirPort Extreme 802.11g and Bluetooth 2.0+EDR (Enhanced Data Rate) wireless modules, it's even easier to reduce cable clutter with the optional Apple Wireless Keyboard and Apple Wireless Mouse. . All new iMac G5s offer the ATI Radeon 9600 graphics processor with 128MB of dedicated video memory to deliver high-performance graphics and effects for next-generation games and provide ultra-fast, pixel-accurate image processing when combined with the graphics capabilities of Tiger.

### Pricing & Availability

The new iMac G5 line is available immediately

**The good iMac G5, for a suggested retail price of \$1,299 includes:**

- 17-inch widescreen LCD with 1440-by-900 pixels;
- 1.8 GHz 64-bit PowerPC G5 processor;
- 512MB of 400 MHz DDR SDRAM;
- 24X Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) optical drive;
- ATI Radeon 9600 graphics processor
- 160GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 7200 rpm;

**The better iMac at \$1,499, includes:**

- 17-inch widescreen LCD with 1440-by-900 pixels;
- 2.0 GHz 64-bit PowerPC G5 processor;
- 512MB of 400 MHz DDR SDRAM;
- 8X SuperDrive (DVD+R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW)
- ATI Radeon 9600 graphics processor
- 160GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 7200 rpm;

**The best iMac G5, for a suggested retail price of \$1,799, includes:**

- 20-inch widescreen LCD
- 2.0 GHz 64-bit PowerPC G5
- 512MB of 400 MHz DDR SDRAM;
- 8X SuperDrive (DVD+R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW)
- ATI Radeon 9600 graphics
- 250GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 7200 rpm;





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