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## Apple Merges iPod & iPod photo Lines

iPod(r) and iPod photo lines are merging, creating a single line of white iPods that all feature color displays with the ability to view album artwork, photos and play slideshows in stunning color. The simplified iPod lineup features a 20GB model, holding up to 5,000 songs

priced at just \$299 and a 60GB model, holding up to 15,000 songs priced at \$399. Also starting today, iPods will offer an easy to use Podcast menu, including bookmarking within a Podcast and the ability to display Podcast artwork in color.

“iPod customers love to enhance their listening experience with color,” said Greg Joswiak, Apple’s vice president of iPod Product Marketing. “By simplifying our iPod lineup to include 20GB and 60GB models with color screens and the new Podcast menu, iPod and iTunes provide the world’s easiest and appealing way to discover, subscribe, manage and listen to Podcasts.” iPod’s color display provides a crisp, clear full color experience for users to take their entire photo library with them or for viewing album artwork, calendars, contacts and games. The 60GB iPod holds up to 25,000 digital photos, and the 20GB iPod holds up to 20,000 digital photos.

Both models feature the ability to import photos from a digital camera with the optional iPod Camera Connector and let users combine their favorite music and photos to create slideshows for viewing right on their iPod or for sharing with family and friends on a big screen TV.

The new version of iTunes(r) (also announced today) enables anyone to quick-

ly and easily find and subscribe to their favorite Podcasts so that every time there’s a new episode, it’s automatically downloaded to their Mac(r) or PC and Auto-Synced to their iPod. iTunes also makes it easy to manage multiple Podcast subscriptions with simple organization and display by episode and date.

### Pricing & Availability

The 20GB and 60GB iPods for Mac or Windows are available immediately worldwide for a suggested retail price of \$299 and \$399 respectively. The new iPod U2 Special Edition also includes a color screen and is now more affordable at just \$329, and the 1GB iPod shuffle is now just \$129. The new Podcast menu is available starting today via a free iPod software update for all Click Wheel iPods and iPod minis from [www.apple.com/ipod](http://www.apple.com/ipod) Authorized Resellers.

Each iPod with color display includes earbud headphones, a USB 2.0 cable, a USB power adapter and iTunes for Mac and Windows computers. ....continued on page 2



## BAC July Meeting

The July meeting will be held on Saturday July 11th, at 10:00am at the Homewood Library room116.

The topic for the meeting will be OS 10.4 Tiger, a video will be shown and bring any questions or problems you may have.

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

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## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOR BAC

Anyone interested in serving as the new membership chairman please contact a BAC officer and inform them of your interest.

The duties of the membership chairman involve keeping up a member roster, a newsletter roster, notifying members of delinquent status and selling ad space in the PEEL

## 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.

## July 2005 CDOM Description

**CAFCALENDAR 3.0...**Shareware  
Filemaker calendar database. Requires FileMaker 4.0 or higher.

**FolderIconX 2.0.9...**Shareware  
Make your own folder icons. Now for OS 10.2 thru 10.4

**GardenGolf 1.6.1...**Shareware  
Mini golf game. Requires OS 10.2 or higher, inc. 10.4

**MacJournal 2.6.1...**Freeware  
Use to create, modify and manage a personal journal. Has spell checker, colors for fonts. For OS 10.2 or higher.

**New & Full Moon Dates 1.0...**Freeware  
Calculate the dates. For OS 10.3 or higher.

**StuffItSTD 9.0.2.....**Contains Expander (freeware), DropStuff and others (shareware). For OS 10.3 or higher.

**TexasSolitaire 0.12...**Freeware  
Card game

**TypeIt4Me 2.2.2...**Shareware  
For OS 10.3 or higher.

**viJournal 1.5.7...**Shareware  
Use as a personal journal. Pages dated, word search, etc. Requires OS 10.3.9 or higher.

**viJournalJag 1.5.4...**Shareware  
See viJournal. For OS 10.2.8

## viJournalLite 1.5.7...Freeware

See viJournal. Very lite version, but it's free and for OS 10.3.9 or higher.


## VueScan 8.2.21...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.


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## iPod Lines Merged

iPod shuffle includes earbud headphones, lanyard and iTunes for Mac and Windows computers. Optional accessories with the following suggested retail prices include the iPod dock kit for \$39, in-ear headphones for \$39, the iPod Camera Connector for \$29 and FireWire(r) cable for \$19. Laser engraving is available for iPod for free from the Apple Store and can include two lines of text with up to 27 characters per line.

iPod requires a Mac with a USB 2.0 port or FireWire\*, Mac OS X version 10.2.8 or 10.3.4 or later and iPhoto(r) 4.0.3 or later; or a Windows PC with a USB 2.0 or FireWire port or USB 2.0 or FireWire card and Windows 2000 with Service Pack 4 or later, or Windows XP Home or Professional with Service Pack 2 or later, and Adobe Photoshop Album 2.0 or Elements 3.0 or later. 

## July Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC July meeting (1) the **book "Mac OSX Power Hound"** (2) a copy of the monthly CDOM, and (3) a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. 

## Apple Adds new build-to-order Graphics Card the ATI Radeon X850 XT

Apple on Tuesday added a new build-to-order option for its line of Power Mac G5 desktop computers - the ATI Radeon X850 XT graphics card. The option adds US\$400 onto the cost of a Power Mac G5, unless it's the high-end system clocked at 2.7GHz - that system comes equipped with a slightly different graphics card, so it only costs US\$350 to upgrade.

ATI sells the Radeon X800 XT Mac Edition card as a retail option for existing Power Mac G5s for a suggested retail price of US\$499. The card first came out in early January, 2005 and is available from retailers for less than the suggested price.

This is the first time the X800 series has been available as an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) option, however - up until now, users who wanted a high-performance graphics card to ship with their Mac were limited to ATI's slower Radeon 9800, which is no longer available as a build-to-order option, or an Nvidia GeForce 6800 GT-based card, which remains an option.

Like the retail X800 XT card, the X850 XT features one dual-link Digital Visual Interface (DVI) and one Apple Display Connector (ADC) port, along with 256MB VRAM. This means the card can drive one new Apple Cinema

Display, including the 30-inch Cinema HD Display, and one older one that uses the ADC interface.

Users who want to connect two 30-inch Cinema HD Displays will still need to opt for the Nvidia GeForce 6800 GT card. That card occupies two card slots, however, while the Radeon X850 XT only uses one slot.

The X800 and X850 XT models tout identical feature sets - the same pixel and vertex shading functions, anti-aliasing and anisotropic filtering capabilities. The X850 XT made available for the PC features slightly faster RAM and a slightly faster engine clock, so it yields moderately higher performance than the X800 XT for the PC: A pixel fillrate of 8.32 gigapixels per second and a geometry rate of 780 million triangles per second, compared to 8 gigapixels and 750 million triangles. 🍏

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## Apple Takes Podcasting Mainstream

Apple® announced it is taking Podcasting mainstream by building everything users need to discover, subscribe, manage and listen to Podcasts right into iTunes® 4.9, the latest version of its award winning digital music software and online music store. iTunes users can now easily subscribe to over 3,000 free Podcasts and have each new episode automatically delivered over the Internet to their computer and iPod®.

The new Podcast Directory in iTunes 4.9 features over 3,000 free audio programs, making it one of the largest Podcast directories in the world, with favorites such as ABC News, Adam Curry, BBC, Clear Channel, The Dawn and Drew Show, Disney, Engadget, ESPN, Newsweek and NPR member stations such as KCRW in Los Angeles and WGBH in Boston. 🍏

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## ThinkFree Office version 3 for Mac to debut this summer

Thinkfree Office3 is a Microsoft® Office compatible suite that includes word processing, spreadsheet and graphical presentation applications. Users can seamlessly create, interact with, and edit their professional, education and personal documents and files. ThinkFree Office3 operates independently of platform, making it a convenient and cost-effective way for anyone to work with their favorite business applications anytime, anywhere.

Excellent file Compatibility with Microsoft Office

The three component applications of ThinkFree Office3 -- Write, Calc, and Show -- do not use proprietary file formats. Instead, they use the file formats of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, providing extreme compatibility with the most widely-used MS Office applications.

Runs on Linux, Mac and Windows

ThinkFree Office 3 was developed using Java technology, which allows it to run equally well on Linux as it does on Windows. Linux users of ThinkFree Office 3 will experience the same streamlined compatibility as those under other operating systems.

All features fully compatible with MS Office

Because its interface was designed to retain a similar look-and-feel to Microsoft Office, ThinkFree Office 3 users can rest assured that their documents will look the same in MS Office no matter what editing features they use.

Multi-language support

ThinkFree Office3 support 11 languages including English, Spanish, Italian, German, French, Chinese, and Japanese. Support for more languages will arrive soon, and localized versions of ThinkFree Office 3, with translated interface and documentation, are currently under development.

New version will be priced at \$49.95

Upgrade will be priced at \$29.95

System Requirements

Mac OS X 10.3 (Java 1.4.2 Update 2 or later)

Mac OS X 10.4 (From August 2005)

Over PowerPC G4, G5

[www.thinkfree.com](http://www.thinkfree.com) 🍏

# Hints&Tips

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

## How to Fry a Drive in One Easy Lesson

It's easy use a disk utility that is not compatible with the operating system you're using! The same thing happened when Jaguar came out, then Panther and now Tiger: people would use an outdated disk utility and destroy everything on their drives. And the #1 offender every time is (drum roll, please)... TechTool Pro. Here's a typical example, from someone who wishes to remain anonymous: "I am a service person and we have seen 3 machines where users successfully installed Tiger and then have destroyed their drives by using TechTool Pro. All data was lost and not recoverable.

Tiger has a huge issue with third-party utilities. The data structure for Tiger disks has changed, and these utilities will attempt to fix issues that do not exist. This will trash your drive!"

This is a known issue and Apple has covered it at <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=301269i>: "To avoid issues with a Mac OS X 10.4 volume, do not use disk utility software that was released before Tiger (late April, 2005) with it. If you do, the software might report false errors or attempt 'repairs' that could lead to data loss."

My favorite utility has always been DiskWarrior, and Alsoft got right on this.

They've already released version 3.0.3 that is Tiger compatible, and comes on a CD that can start up old Macs as well as the latest ones (except for the 3 new desktop G5s that were released last month). Learn more or order your upgrade at [www.alfsoft.com/DiskWarrior/support.html#Tiger](http://www.alfsoft.com/DiskWarrior/support.html#Tiger).

*MacValley Voice, Northridge, CA*

## Icon, Desktops, and More!

Tired of those stock icons and desktops? PixelGirl Presents has over 340 customized icon sets including everything from cartoon images to 2001: A Space Odyssey icons. And over 850 different desktop images. Plus articles for artists and designers, and tutorials.

Check it out. [www.pixelgirlpresents.com](http://www.pixelgirlpresents.com)

*Paul Taylor, Editor*

## So, You Forgot Your Password?

I can't tell you how many times I have gotten a call from someone, often late at night, telling me that his password doesn't work any more or that he has forgotten exactly what it was and so they can't perform some critical action on their Macintosh. They've found out that without your password, you can't even install a piece of software on your machine in OS X.

So, what can you do if you have forgotten your password? If there is an Administrator on your machine, the Administrator can log onto his own account, make a correction, and change the password for a user. Most times, however, the owner of the machine IS the Administrator and can't do this.

Assuming you haven't turned on File Vault, it is easy to remedy. Let's assume you have simply forgotten your password and there is no other account on the Mac. Here's how you can get out of trouble:

1. Start your Mac from the OS X install disk (hold down the C key)
2. On the first Installer screen go to File and select "Reset Password."
3. In the Reset Password window,  
Page 8 • July 2005 [www.mac-hints-tips.com](http://www.mac-hints-tips.com)  
type in a new password and then confirm it, click "Save," close the window and restart the machine.
4. Write down the password and put it somewhere safe! Obviously you shouldn't put it on a Post-it note and stick it to your monitor.

If, on the other hand, you engaged File Vault and have forgotten the passwords for the files and for the Mac, you are going to be one sad puppy as your data is lost forever. There is no chance you can recover it without the proper passwords. Better that you never set up File Vault (and I recommend that you never do).

Now, next time be more careful! Security is very important and passwords are crucial for good operation.

*ApplePRESS, Diablo Valley MUG, Concord, CA*

## The Secret Screen Capture Shortcut

You probably already know that Command/Shift/3 take a screen capture of your entire screen, and saves it to your desktop as a file named Picture 1. And you probably already know that Command/Shift/4 lets you draw a selection around the area you want captured, which is also saved to your desktop as a file named Picture 1. But, did you know that you can use this spiffy shortcut to select an area to capture, but instead of saving a file to your desktop, instead it just saves the selected area into memory, so you can paste it where you want? That's right, just press Control/Shift/4, drag out your selection, then open the app where you want to paste the selected area and press Command/V for Paste.

Bonus Screen Cap Tip: Want to capture just a particular window?

Then press Command/Shift/4/Spacebar. A camera icon will appear, and you can click on the Window you want to capture.

*Scott Kelby's Mac OS X Killer Tips*

## Mariner Software offers Mac only alternatives to MS Word and Excel

Mariner Write was a product request from the Japanese distributor, who had been funding development of a word processor for three years and still didn't have a product close to completion. In May 1996, Pascal Write 1.0 shipped in Japan. Mariner Write was released in the US a few months later.

From 1998 through 2001, both Mariner Calc and Mariner Write were updated and established themselves as legitimate office productivity solutions for the Macintosh operating system.

In late 2001, work began to relaunch Mariner Software with a new identity and business model. In second quarter 2002, the new Mariner Software was born.

Mariner Write is a powerful yet streamlined word processor solution for the masses. Boasting an elegant interface, as well as hundreds of intuitive features such as the ability to read Microsoft Word documents and customizable headers, footers, endnotes, and footnotes, you will require little need for the documentation.

Whether creating a simple letter or composing the next great novel, Mariner Write has the functionality to be your writing tool.™

Mariner Calc® starts faster, uses less disk space and memory than any other competitor on the Macintosh platform. With more than 150 built-in functions, charts, named ranges, split and freeze window panes, print preview, find, sorting, auto-sum, protected worksheets, and cell borders, Mariner Calc enables you to turn data into information with powerful tools to analyze, communicate, and share results.

The Web site also offers Mariner Pak which combines Mariner Write and Mariner Calc for a reduced price.

Anyone who already uses Microsoft Word will immediately be comfortable with this application. Anyone who has never used Word will go through a learning curve as they would with any new software application. However, the tutorials are excellent and thorough.

When companies put out software they always want to showcase what they consider to be the top selling points, the techie stuff, etc. Case in point is the fact that while Microsoft Word requires 40 MB of RAM, Mariner Write only requires 2 MB. I am sure that is very important; but as someone who uses word processing software every day, what I am interested in is how is it going to make my day easier, faster,

better, or less stressful.

Those Illusive Tables. When your table crosses a page in Mariner Write, the application automatically inserts a "don't break across page" instruction so that the whole row moves to the top of the next page. Not that didn't need a "don't break across page" instruction. It was just automatic.

Built in Footer, Header, and Footnote Style. If I type a word and then instruct the application to insert a footnote (Insert > Footnote) A new window opens that contains the next consecutive footnote number, a field to enter the footnote information, and the style menu on the far left changes to footnote style. Should I later enter a new footnote between existing footnotes, the numbers will automatically change. This same format works for footers and headers.

The Help search is not quite as defined as one would wish. Once you find your topic, the instructions are spot on, but you have to search more to find the topic in the first place. For instance, when searching for "line numbering" one is sent to a general topic of "document," and you must then scroll down a list of options to find "line numbering." You can even get around this small inconvenience by choosing the index where topics are listed alphabetically, a small enough price to pay.

People often complain about feature bloat in Word, and Mariner Write is the opposite. It has the features I need, makes it easy for me to find them, and easier to use them. That's what I like about it. That it's very affordable makes it all the better.

Mariner Write, and it's companion spreadsheet application Mariner Calc, are Mac only applications.

Visit the company's website for more information and demo downloads [www.marinersoftware.com](http://www.marinersoftware.com)

System Requirements: Available for OS X and Classic Mac. Requires 2 MB of Memory.

Boxed and Download versions of the software available from Mariner Software on line store

Write is available either boxed for 59.95, download for 49.95

Calc is available either boxed for 49.95 or download for 39.95

Pak is available either boxed for 89.95 or download for 79.95.

Additionally Family Packs are available for installation on up to 5 Macs.

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