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Apple Unveils Faster iBooks

New iBook Line With Scrolling TrackPad & Sudden Motion Sensor Starts at Just \$999

Apple® enhanced its affordable iBook® G4 line with faster Power PC G4 processors running up to 1.42 GHz, 512MB memory across the line as well as higher performance graphics and built-in AirPort® Extreme and Bluetooth wireless connectivity. The new iBooks feature two patent-pending Apple technologies made popular in the PowerBook® G4 line, the scrolling TrackPad and the Sudden Motion Sensor, with prices starting at an affordable \$999.

Encased in a sleek, durable polycarbonate plastic enclosure, the new 12- and 14-inch iBooks offer improved performance with either a 1.33 GHz or 1.42 GHz PowerPC G4 processor and provide up to six hours of battery life for all-day use on the road or in the classroom.** Each iBook features the ATI Mobility Radeon 9550 with 32MB of dedicated video memory for improved graphics and either a slot-load SuperDrive™, for burning DVDs and CDs, or a slot-load Combo drive for watching DVDs and burning CDs.

Every iBook also includes a scrolling TrackPad to easily scroll through long web pages or pan across large photographs and Apple's Sudden Motion Sensor technology to help protect a spinning hard drive if the notebook is accidentally dropped.

Apple is the first computer maker to include both 802.11g and Bluetooth 2.0 wireless technologies across its entire line of notebook products.

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Apple Introduces Mighty Mouse

New Multi-Button Mouse Features Innovative Scroll Ball

Apple® introduced Mighty Mouse, its next generation mouse with several innovative new features that make using a Mac® even more powerful and easy. Mighty Mouse offers power users up to four independently programmable buttons, without compromising simplicity for users who prefer just a single-button mouse. Mighty Mouse also introduces an ingenious Scroll Ball that lets users scroll in any direction—vertically, horizontally and even diagonally. With the Scroll Ball, users can scroll with natural, fluid movements, making Mighty Mouse perfect for applications from viewing web pages and photographs, to video editing and music creation. Mighty Mouse is priced at just \$49. Mighty Mouse adds functionality while retaining the elegant, easy-to-use Apple design. *continued on page 5*



BAC August Meeting

The August meeting will be held on Saturday August 13th, at 10:00am at the Homewood Library room 116.

The topic for the meeting will be "Introduction to Home Networking" and will be presented by Juan Pable Claude, Apple Developer and BAC membership chairman. Come early and enjoy coffee, doughnuts and cookies, plus....🍏.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR FOR BAC

Juan Pablo Claude has accepted the role of membership chairman for the Birmingham Apple Core.

Juan is a former professor of chemistry at UAB and the Univ. of Florida. Juan is an Apple developer who has a childrens math program named "Driller" available as shareware for \$10.00 and is working on additional software.

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.

August 2005 CDOM Description

Betty's Beer Bar DEMO 1.3.18

Frenetic arcade game with cartoon graphics. Requires OS X

Carbon Copy Cloner 2.3

For backups. Requires OS 10.2 or higher, inc. 10.4.2

FolderIcon X 2.1.2...Shareware

Upgraded version. Make your own special icons for your folders.

Gradekeeper 5.8...Shareware

Grade book tracks student's assignments scores. Req. OS 8.6 or higher.

iPhoto 5.0.4 Demo

Apple's upgraded version of iPhoto, part of iLife. Req. OS 10.3.4 or higher.

MacJournal 3.1.2...Shareware

Personal journal with all the safe guards. Requires OS 10.2 or higher.

Nisus Writer Express Demo 2.5b2

Easy to use word processor. Requires OS 10.3 or higher.

Piano Tuner 1.1...Shareware

Strobe tuner for piano and other musical instruments. OS 10.2 or higher.

SuperDuper! 1.5.5...Shareware

A cloner for backups plus other good features. Use with OS 10.2.8 thru 10.4



Driller

shareware by Juan Pablo Claude

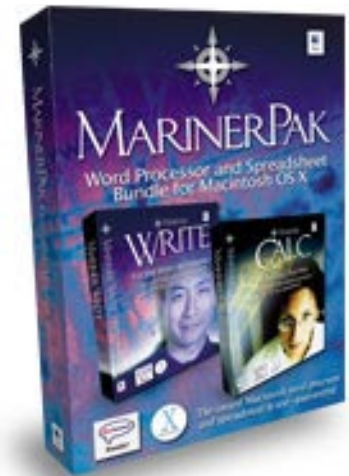
Like a favorite tool, this nifty Mac software application will forever be indispensable to you -- and will not only help your kids ace math tests, but will cultivate their math skills positively so they'll never cringe again at the words "math test." \$10.

Go to one of the following websites:

www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/home_learning/driller.html

or homepage.mac.com/jpclaude66/Driller/Menu12.html 🍏

August Door Prizes



The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC August meeting (1) MarinerPak (Write & Calc) office suite (2) a copy of the monthly CDOM, and (3) a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. 🍏

NEW iBOOKS cont'd from page 1

Every iBook now features built-in Bluetooth 2.0 (Enhanced Data Rate) and integrated AirPort Extreme 54 Mbps 802.11g WiFi wireless networking. Bluetooth 2.0+EDR delivers up to three times greater data rates for faster wireless connectivity to a range of peripherals and is also compatible with Bluetooth 1.2 devices such as the Apple Wireless Keyboard and Mouse. The new iBooks also include built-in 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet for high-speed networking, two USB 2.0 ports and one FireWire® 400 port for easy plug-and-play connections to popular peripherals such as Apple's market-leading iPod® digital music player, digital video camcorders, digital still cameras and printers.

Each iBook includes iLife® '05, Apple's suite of digital lifestyle applications featuring iPhoto®, iMovie®, iDVD®, GarageBand™ and iTunes®.

Pricing & Availability


The new iBook lineup is immediately available.

1.33 GHz PowerPC G4 iBook, weighing just 4.9 pounds, has a suggested retail price of \$999 (US) and includes:

- a crisp 12.1-inch (diagonal) active-matrix TFT display;
- 512MB DDR SDRAM expandable to up to 1.5GB maximum memory;
- a 40GB Ultra ATA hard drive;
- AirPort Extreme 54 Mbps 802.11g WiFi wireless networking and Bluetooth 2.0+EDR;
- two USB 2.0 ports, FireWire 400;
- VGA video out, S-video and composite video out support;
- 56K v.92 modem, Ethernet (10/100 BASE-T); and
- a slot-load Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) drive.

The 1.42 GHz PowerPC G4 iBook, weighing just 5.9 pounds, has a suggested retail price of \$1,299 (US) and includes:

- a brilliant 14.1-inch (diagonal) active-matrix TFT display;
- 512MB DDR SDRAM expandable to up to 1.5GB maximum memory;
- a 60GB Ultra ATA hard drive;
- AirPort Extreme 54 Mbps 802.11g WiFi wireless networking and Bluetooth 2.0+EDR;
- two USB 2.0 ports, FireWire 400;
- VGA video out, S-video and composite video out support;
- 56K v.92 modem, Ethernet (10/100 BASE-T); and
- a slot-load SuperDrive (DVD±R/CD-RW) drive

Additional build-to-order options for the new iBook include up to 1.5GB of DDR SDRAM, a 60GB, 80GB or 100GB Ultra ATA/100 hard drive and the AppleCare Protection Plan. 

Apple Enhances Mac mini with Double the Memory Across the Line

New Features Include Built-in Wireless Networking & DVD Burning

Apple® announced enhancements to its Mac® mini line, the most affordable and compact Mac ever, with 512MB of memory standard in every model and prices starting at just \$499. The Mac mini also features built-in wireless networking with AirPort® Extreme and Bluetooth starting at just \$599, and the ability to burn DVDs with a SuperDrive™ for just \$699.

The Mac mini lineup includes three models: 1.25 GHz Mac mini, 1.42 GHz Mac mini and the new 1.42 GHz Mac mini with SuperDrive for burning DVDs and CDs. The Mac mini with SuperDrive is the most affordable Mac for quickly and easily creating your own professional quality DVDs using iLife® '05, Apple's award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications. The top two models of the Mac mini now include built-in AirPort Extreme for 54 Mbps 802.11g fast wireless networking* along with an internal Bluetooth module. With wireless networking, customers can place Mac mini almost anywhere and still have fast, convenient access to the Internet. Built-in Bluetooth enables cable-free communication with Bluetooth-equipped mobile phones and PDAs as well as popular peripherals such as the Apple Wireless Keyboard and Apple Wireless Mouse.

Just two inches tall and weighing only 2.9 pounds, Mac mini redefines design for the sub-\$1,000 desktop, and allows users the flexibility to choose their display, mouse and keyboard. Mac mini includes one FireWire® 400 and two USB 2.0 ports for easy plug-and-play connections to popular peripherals such as Apple's market-leading iPod® digital music player, digital still cameras, digital video camcorders and printers.

Mac mini offers a DVI interface that also supports VGA so customers can easily connect to a variety of LCD or CRT displays and built-in 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet.

Every Mac mini includes iLife '05, Apple's award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications featuring iPhoto®, iMovie®, iDVD®, GarageBand™ and iTunes®. iLife '05 continues to lead the industry with the most innovative and comprehensive suite of software for organizing, editing and sharing digital photos; creating stunning digital movies and DVDs; and purchasing, managing and creating digital music.

Mac OS® X version 10.4 "Tiger" is pre-installed on every Mac mini. Mac mini also comes with a collection of outstanding productivity and entertainment titles designed to meet the needs of the entire family, including Quicken 2005 for Mac, Nanosaur 2 and MarbleBlast Gold.

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Hints&Tips

www.mac-hints-tips.com

OSX Printing Tips

Apple has included PPDs (Postscript Printer Description) for many of their old laser printers, as well as a variety of third-party printers. To check if your printer is supported or not, check the links below.

If your printer is not equipped with Ethernet capability, you may require an Ethernet to localtalk adapter (sometimes called AsanteTalk and other brand names).

These are still available refurbished.

OS 10.2 Jaguar: <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum7002>

OS 10.3 Panther: <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnumX7>

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Faster Acrobat Launches

Launching Acrobat can take a while as it loads and verifies plugins.

To quickly launch Acrobat without the plugins, hold the Shift key when you double-click the Acrobat application icon.

*PC Graphics Report
via Design Tools Monthly*

Column View Choices

In Column view there are two view choices that are interesting. Are you seeing a preview of files (photographs, text) in Column view? Go to Column view and navigate to a .jpg or .tif file. Can you see a preview of the picture?

Is there a tiny icon to the left of every file, folder, or volume in the various columns?

These two items are default when you install OS X. To change either one, go to Column view and press Command/J (“Show View Options” under the View menu). You have three choices: Text size, Show icons, and Show preview column.

Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR

Speed Traps

This web site lists all of the speedtraps in the U.S. by State and City. Take a look at your area and see how this site stacks up ... in my area it seems to be ‘right on.’

Happy motoring!

www.speedtrap.org/speedtraps/stetlist.asp

*Judson LaFlash
Government Marketing Company*

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Use Your Hand

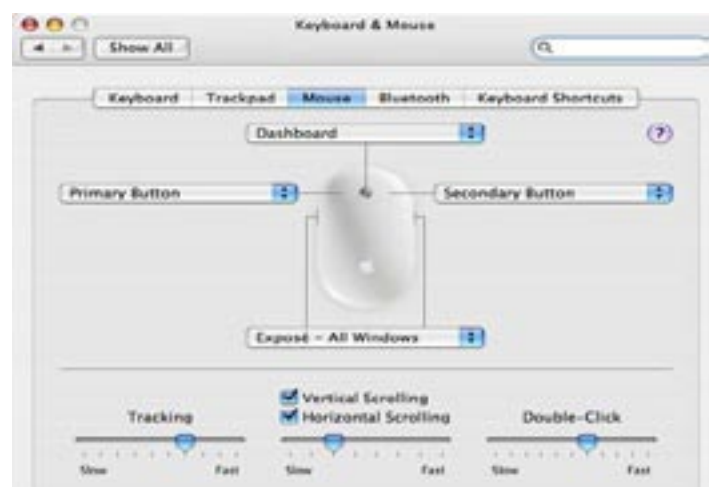
You can use a hand to move around an icon view window. Command/Option/clicking on an open space in the window lets you do this.

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Special Apple User Group Discount ends August 31 for “Mac OS X: The Missing Manual, Tiger Edition”

Save 35% when you use discount code UGMACX to purchase “Mac OS X: The Missing Manual, Tiger Edition” directly from O’Reilly. Order online

www.oreilly.com/catalog/macxmtiger/ or by phone 800-998-9938.



MIGHTY MOUSE PREFERENCE PANEL

Mac Mini updated *cont'd from page 3*

Pricing & Availability

Mac mini is available immediately through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers in three standard configurations.

The 1.25 GHz Mac mini, for a suggested retail price of \$499 (US), includes:

- 1.25 GHz PowerPC G4 processor;
- 512MB of 333 MHz DDR SDRAM, expandable to 1GB;
- 40GB Ultra ATA hard drive;
- Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) optical drive;
- ATI Radeon 9200 graphics processor with 32MB video memory; (supports Tiger's Core Image)
- one FireWire 400 and two USB 2.0 ports;
- 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet networking and 56K V.92 modem;
- internal support for AirPort Extreme wireless networking and Bluetooth;
- DVI or VGA out (adapter included), composite/S-video out with optional adapter; and
- built-in speaker and headphone/line out.

The 1.42 GHz Mac mini, for a suggested retail price of \$599 (US), includes:

- 1.42 GHz PowerPC G4 processor;
- 512MB of 333 MHz DDR SDRAM, expandable to 1GB;
- 80GB Ultra ATA hard drive;
- Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) optical drive;
- ATI Radeon 9200 graphics processor with 32MB video memory;
- one FireWire 400 and two USB 2.0 ports;
- 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet networking;
- built-in AirPort Extreme wireless networking and Bluetooth;
- DVI or VGA out (adapter included), composite/S-video out with optional adapter; and
- built-in speaker and headphone/line out.

The 1.42 GHz Mac mini, for a suggested retail price of \$699 (US), includes:

- 1.42 GHz PowerPC G4 processor;
- 512MB of 333 MHz DDR SDRAM, expandable to 1GB;
- 80GB Ultra ATA hard drive;
- SuperDrive (DVD±RW/CD-RW) optical drive;
- ATI Radeon 9200 graphics processor with 32MB video memory;
- one FireWire 400 and two USB 2.0 ports;
- 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet networking;
- built-in AirPort Extreme wireless networking and Blue-

tooth;

- DVI or VGA out (adapter included), composite/S-video out with optional adapter; and
- built-in speaker and headphone/line out.

Build-to-order options and accessories include up to 1GB of RAM, SuperDrive (DVD±RW/CD-RW), AirPort Extreme Card, 56K V.92 modem, internal Bluetooth module, wired or wireless Apple Keyboard and Apple Mouse and the AppleCare Protection Plan. 🍏



Mighty Mouse, new mouse from Apple \$49

Mighty Mouse *cont'd from page 1*

Mighty Mouse is the first multi-button mouse that retains the simplicity of a single-button mouse, and can be used as a single- or multi-button mouse depending on the user's preference. Mighty Mouse features a single seamless enclosure with programmable touch sensors that act as primary or secondary buttons. With a simple click on the upper right or left side of the mouse, users can instantly access features such as contextual menus found in Mac OS® X and other applications. Mighty Mouse's two other buttons are activated by pressing its Scroll Ball and squeezing its sides, and can be easily programmed to give users one-click access to Mac OS X version 10.4.2 "Tiger" features such as Spotlight™, Dashboard and Exposé™, or to launch any application such as Safari™ or iChat.

Mighty Mouse features an easy-to-use design that comfortably fits the left or right hand and an optical tracking engine for responsive and accurate cursor movement on almost any type of surface. With up to four programmable buttons, Mighty Mouse makes it easy to access key features of Tiger with the side buttons and Scroll Ball providing quick, one-click access to Spotlight, Dashboard and Exposé.

Pricing & Availability

Mighty Mouse is available immediately through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), at Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers for a suggested retail price of \$49 (US). Mighty Mouse requires Mac OS X, Windows 2000 or Windows XP and easily connects to Mac and Windows systems; Mac OS X version 10.4.2 "Tiger" is required to customize buttons for one-click access to Spotlight, Dashboard and Exposé or to launch applications. Mighty Mouse is compatible with either USB 1.1 or USB 2.0 ports. 🍏



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