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APPLE UNVEILS NEW IMAC WITH INTEL CORE DUO PROCESSOR

New iMac is Twice as Fast as Predecessor

Apple® unveils the new iMac® featuring Mac OS® X running on the new Intel® Core™ Duo processor, delivering performance that is up to twice that of its predecessor. The new iMac is shipping now, and is the first of a new generation of Macs featuring Intel processors that Apple will roll out during 2006.

The new iMac features Apple's breakthrough Front Row media experience and the Apple Remote, a simple way for customers to enjoy the content they have on their iMac—including songs from their iTunes® music library, photo slideshows from iPhoto, videos including TV shows, Podcasts, iMovies and DVDs, and popular movie trailers streamed from apple.com—all from across the room.

Every new iMac comes with a built-in iSight video camera for out-of-the-box video conferencing using Apple's award-winning iChat AV software, or recording a video Podcast or iMovie using iLife '06. The built-in iSight video camera takes advantage of the Intel Core Duo processor to deliver up to four times the resolution over the previous model. Each iMac also includes Photo Booth, Apple's fun-to-use application that lets users take quick snapshots with the built-in iSight video camera, add entertaining visual effects and share their pictures with the touch of a button.

The new iMac comes standard with a
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APPLE INTRODUCES MACBOOK PRO

MacBook Pro with Intel Core Duo Processor Up to Four Times Faster Than PowerBook G4

New MacBook™ Pro notebook computer featuring the new Intel® Core™ Duo processor which delivers up to four times the performance of the PowerBook® G4. The new MacBook Pro, the first Mac notebook based on an Intel processor, features a stunning aluminum enclosure just one inch thin, weighs only 5.6 pounds, includes a built-in iSight™ video camera for video conferencing on-the-go, and the Apple Remote and Front Row™ software for a simple, intuitive and powerful way for users to enjoy their content wherever they go. The new MacBook Pro, available in February, also features Apple's new patent-pending MagSafe™ magnetic power connector, designed especially for mobile users.

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BAC February Meeting

The February meeting will a presentation about using a Mac for communications to be held on Saturday, February 11th, at 10:00am at the Homewood Library, Room 116 basement.

Come join us for coffee, doughnuts, cookies...

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For Sale/Wanted

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.

February 2006 CDOM

New Items:

ChromaticTuner 1.2

CrackTheCode 1.0

Flip4Mac

FolderIcon X 2.1.7

GoogleEarth

Luther's Addition

MacFamilyTree 4.2.5

Maintenance 3.2

OnyX 1.6.7

StuffItStandard 1.0

Sudoku 1.0.0

SudokuDan 0.2.2

VueScan 8.3.22

WidgetMaker X 1.2.3



Macs & Viruses

There are a handful of commercial anti-virus programs and security suites for the Mac as well, including McAfee's Virex, Symantec's Norton Antivirus and Personal Firewall, and Intego's collection of security products for the Mac, including ChatBarrier (an iChat encryption product), NetBarrier, and Virus Barrier. Last winter, Macworld compared Mac secu-

rity products, and the reviewer liked Intego's \$70 VirusBarrier best among the antivirus products reviewed.

Antivirus scanner

A free, open-source antivirus scanner for OS X, is called ClamXav. It's been found it to be reasonably full-featured, allowing one to schedule scans and specify folders to watch. It's fairly easy to install and run, and scanned everything on your system, including my e-mail files. One user said that ClamXav found a potentially harmful attachment.

Scanning e-mail is important because Mac users could unwittingly forward an infected message attachment received from a Windows user. In fact, catching and containing crud received from Windows users is currently the best reason to use a virus scanner on the Mac. Give it a try and let us know what you think.

www.clamxav.com

STANFORD ON iTUNES

Stanford on iTunes provides access to a wide range of Stanford-related digital audio content via the iTunes Music Store, Apple's popular music jukebox and online music store. The project includes two sites:

- a public site, targeted primarily at alumni, which includes Stanford faculty lectures, learning materials, music, sports, and more.
- an access-restricted site for students delivering course-based materials and advising content.

<http://itunes.stanford.edu/>

February Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC February meeting: a copy of the monthly CDOM, and a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library and iLife '04 by Jim Heid with CD.

Print to Web Receipts

by Rachel Smithey

Focus on Macs


Instead of printing out all of your online shopping, registration and transaction confirmations and receipts, you can use the Safari 2.0 browser and later feature Print to Web Receipts Folder to save them as electronic copies.

To print a receipt to the Web Receipts Folder:

- 1.) Display in the Safari browser the receipt you wish to save
- 2.) Click on File - Print
- 3.) In the PDF drop-down menu, click on Save to Web Receipts Folder
- 4.) Click on Print

To retrieve a receipt from the Web Receipts Folder:

- 1.) Click on Macintosh HD - Documents - Web Receipts
- 2.) Click to open the receipt you wish to view

Free newsletter <http://macs.about.com/gi/pages/mmail.htm> 

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- collect and
- organize


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summaries, acts as a fast and lean web browser and shows all items of interest in a separate drawer. It can't be easier to look for information on the web.

www.devon_technologies.com

While you are there you may want to download a free version of X-Menu the software that brings back the old Apple menu you didn't know you missed in OS X.

DEVONtechnologies was founded 2002 and is today headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, USA.

The main focus of all activities is clearly on the intelligent usage of the robust, flexible and versatile architecture to create rock-solid applications for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to databases, intelligent agents, data-mining, information retrieval and human-computer-interfaces. DEVONtechnologies researches in the field of semantic and associative data analysis and synthesis, and develops key applications based on the DEVONtechnology. 


Apple Downplays iTunes Spyware Fears

by The Register's Tony Smith

Apple has denied that it retains any information that the latest update to it's hugely popular jukebox software, iTunes, creates as it monitors users' listening selections.


iTunes 6.0.2 was released the Tuesday January 10th. Among the tweaks is MiniStore, an iTunes Music Store panel that appears below library track lists.

Many users immediately found and used a button located among those in the bottom right hand corner of the window and turned MiniStore off.

The reason: the miniStore uses what you're listening to to display a series of related albums and songs you may like to buy. You could argue it's no more spyware than Amazon.com's purchasing suggestions- a technique used by numerous e-commerce sites- but it's got some folk in a tizzy. 

Google Earth

Now available for the Mac

"For anyone who has ever dreamed of flying..." - NY Times. The idea is simple. It's a globe that sits inside your PC. You point and zoom to anyplace on the planet that you want to explore. Satellite images and local facts zoom into view. Tap into Google search to show local points of interest and facts. Zoom to a specific address to check out an apartment or hotel. View driving directions and even fly along your route. See this month's CDOM. Google Earth is free for personal use. 

<http://earth.google.com>

iMac with Intel *cont'd from page 1*

SuperDrive™ for burning professional-quality DVDs, 512MB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory expandable to 2GB, hard drive storage capacity up to 500GB, and ATI Radeon X1600 PCI Express-based graphics with 128MB of GDDR3 memory for outstanding graphics performance and realistic game play. With the latest high-performance connectivity options, the new iMac includes built-in 10/100/1000 BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet for high-speed networking, built-in AirPort® Extreme for fast 54 Mbps wireless networking,** built-in Bluetooth 2.0+EDR (Enhanced Data Rate), a total of five USB ports (three USB 2.0) and two FireWire® 400 ports. The new iMac now includes mini-DVI video output to connect up to a 23-inch Apple Cinema HD Display. With mini-DVI and the new iMac's extended desktop mode feature, users can more than double their available screen real estate.

The new 17-inch 1.83 GHz iMac, \$1,299 (US), includes:

- 17-inch widescreen LCD display;
- 1.83 GHz Intel Core Duo processor;
- 160GB Serial ATA hard drive (7200 rpm);

The new 20-inch 2.0 GHz iMac, \$1,699 (US), includes:

- 20-inch widescreen LCD display;
- 2.0 GHz Intel Core Duo processor;
- 250GB Serial ATA hard drive (7200 rpm);

Both new iMacs include:

- 512MB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM expandable to 2GB;
- 8x SuperDrive with double-layer support (DVD+R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW);
- PCI Express-based ATI Radeon X1600 with 128MB GDDR3 memory;
- built-in iSight video camera;
- built-in AirPort Extreme wireless networking & Bluetooth 2.0+EDR;
- mini-DVI out (adapters for DVI, VGA and Composite/S-Video sold separately);
- built-in stereo speakers and microphone; and
- the infrared Apple Remote, Mighty Mouse and Apple Keyboard. 🍏

MACBOOKPRO *cont'd from page 1*

MacBook Pro features the new Intel Core Duo processor which delivers dual-core performance in a breakthrough power-efficient design, making it ideal for use in MacBook Pro's thin and lightweight design. MacBook Pro is up to four times faster than the product it replaces.

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The new MacBook Pro is the first notebook to feature Apple's breakthrough Front Row media experience and the Apple Remote, turning MacBook Pro into a portable theatre. Front Row gives customers a simple way to enjoy their content wherever they go—including songs from their iTunes® music library, photo slideshows from iPhoto, videos including TV shows, Podcasts, iMovies and DVDs, and popular movie trailers streamed from apple.com—all from up to 30 feet away.

The new MacBook Pro also debuts Apple's patent-pending MagSafe magnetic power connector, designed especially for mobile users. The MagSafe power connector makes charging the notebook's battery easier than ever by magnetically coupling the power cord to the MacBook Pro. The MagSafe power connector safely disconnects from the notebook when there is strain on the power cord, helping to prevent the notebook from falling off its work surface when the power cord is inadvertently yanked.

The new MacBook Pro features a 67-percent brighter 15-inch display, which is now as bright as Apple's Cinema Displays, and offers a completely new system architecture for faster performance, including a 667 MHz front-side bus that is four times as fast as the PowerBook G4 and 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory expandable to 2GB that is twice as fast as the PowerBook G4. Each MacBook Pro comes standard with ATI Mobility Radeon X1600 PCI Express graphics, with either 128MB or 256MB of dedicated GDDR3 graphics memory. Each MacBook Pro includes built-in Bluetooth 2.0+EDR (Enhanced Data Rate), integrated AirPort Extreme 54 Mbps 802.11g WiFi wireless networking,** a scrolling TrackPad and Apple's Sudden Motion Sensor that is designed to protect the hard drive in case of a fall. Missing from the MacBook Pro is a modem, the new Express Card slot is the latest more advanced and faster version of the PCI card slot. Products anticipated to be released for the Express Card slot will be a modem, Firewire 800 and others.

The new 15-inch MacBook Pro will be available in February. Visitors to the Apple Store (www.apple.com) can pre-order MacBook Pro beginning today.

The 1.67 GHz, 15-inch MacBook Pro, \$1,999 (US).

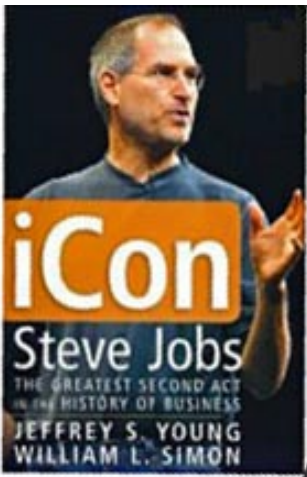
The 1.83 GHz, 15-inch MacBook Pro, \$2,499 (US)

Both versions include: a slot-load SuperDrive™ (DVD±RW/CD-RW) optical drive; PCI Express-based ATI Mobility Radeon X1600 with 128MB GDDR3 memory; DVI-out port for external display; built-in iSight video camera; ExpressCard/34 expansion card slot. 🍏

iCON: ..not a misnomer

a book review by Penelope

I recently read iCon and was stunned by how little I knew about Steve Jobs in particular and Apple in general. Although a user for 20 years, I was mainly impressed with the OS and usability. Those were my “selling” factors. (As I work daily, on PCs, I can regularly be heard, by my co-workers, whimpering: “I want my Mac”!) After reading iCon, I am imbued with renewed respect for Steve’s intuitive ability to recognize and lure (and keep) talented people to Apple, while, basically, treating them like garbage and micro-managing every project.



Although he didn’t behave well, in the early years, it seems that marriage, three children, cancer and maturing has done great things for his management reform. Now, it seems, he’s more a “people” person, than he ever was previously, so much so that the creators of the Mac OS are now allowed to own stock, albeit very little. In the past, they weren’t permitted to own any. Some near-fatal mistakes were made, which threatened Apple’s very existence, not limited to Microsoft’s cherry-picking some of Apple’s proprietary software.

But, Steve’s innate sense of what consumers want, in function and design, has allowed him to kill the competition in many ways. The iPod (in all its various versions) and the accessories that go with it, has propelled Apple into the driver’s seat. In fact, Apple’s stock, which was \$73/share, before it split in February, 2005, is now \$74, proving, again, the viability of this company and the man who runs it.

iCon is extremely well-written. The authors have thoroughly researched their subject and presented a complicated man in a factual, non-bashing/non-partisan way. They are to be commended for their efforts. I recommend the book to anyone who is interested in business and Apple in particular. I can’t wait to see what Steve’s going to do next. One thing I’m sure of: it will be exciting! 🍏

Apple Announces iWork ‘06 & iLife ‘06

iWork™ ‘06, a new version of Apple’s suite of productivity software with new features designed to make it easy for users to create even more compelling documents and presentations. iWork ‘06 includes major enhancements within Pages™ 2 and Keynote™ 3 including stunning three-dimensional charts, iPhoto®-like advanced image editing and masking tools, and spreadsheet-like tables that make it easy to get great results in minutes.

iWork ‘06 supports a wide range of industry standard file formats including Microsoft PowerPoint and PDF. Keynote 3 imports and exports PowerPoint files and exports presentations to QuickTime®, Macromedia Flash, HTML and iLife. Pages 2 imports and exports Microsoft Word, RTF, HTML and plain text files. Both Keynote 3 and Pages 2 export to PDF and import associated AppleWorks® files.

iLife® ‘06, the most significant upgrade to Apple’s award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications ever. iLife ‘06 features iPhoto® 6 with blazing performance, new printed books, calendars and cards, and Apple’s innovative new Photocasting™ for sharing photos over the Internet; iMovie® HD 6 with new motion themes for adding spectacular production value to your movies; iDVD® 6 for authoring custom DVDs for today’s widescreen TVs; and GarageBand™ 3, now the complete solution for creating professional-quality Podcasts. iLife ‘06 also introduces iWeb™, a new iLife application that makes it super-easy to create amazing websites with photos, blogs and Podcasts and publish them on .Mac for viewing by anyone on the Internet with just a single click. iLife ‘06 introduces iWeb, the easiest way to create professional-looking web pages, online photo albums, blogs and Podcasts in minutes. Apple-designed templates help create stunning websites and the iLife media browser makes adding photos, movies, music or playlists as simple as drag and drop. Powerful editing tools make it easy to customize websites without having to know HTML. iWeb works seamlessly with other iLife ‘06 applications as a complete solution for creating photo albums, blogs and Podcasts that can be published to the Internet with one click using .Mac.

Both are available for \$79. each, please check minimum system requirements before purchasing.

iWork ‘06 requires Mac OS X version 10.3.9 or 10.4.3 or later, a Macintosh® computer with a 500 MHz or faster PowerPC G4, PowerPC G5 or Intel® Core™ processor, 256MB of RAM (512MB recommended), 32MB of video RAM, QuickTime 7.0.3 or later, and a DVD drive required for install. iLife ‘06 is recommended. 🍏



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