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Apple Introduces 17-inch MacBook Pro

MacBook Pro with 2.16 GHz Intel Core Duo Processor Up to Five Times Faster Than PowerBook G4

Apple® unveiled its new 17-inch MacBook™ Pro notebook computer featuring the Intel Core Duo processor and an all new system architecture that delivers up to five times the performance of the PowerBook® G4. The new 17-inch MacBook Pro features a stunning aluminum enclosure just one inch thin, weighs only 6.8 pounds, includes a built-in iSight™ video camera for video conferencing on-the-go, and the breakthrough Front Row media experience with Apple Remote. The new 17-inch MacBook Pro also features a MagSafe™ Power Adapter, invented by Apple especially for mobile users.

"The 17-inch MacBook Pro delivers the speed and screen area of a professional desktop system in the world's best notebook design," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "With Intel's state of the art dual-core processor, the new 17-inch MacBook Pro delivers unrivaled performance in an innovative, sleek, one-inch thin design."

The new 17-inch MacBook Pro includes a 2.16 GHz Intel Core Duo processor that delivers dual-core performance in a breakthrough power-efficient design, making it ideal for use in MacBook Pro's thin and lightweight design. The new 17-inch MacBook Pro is up to five times faster than the 17-inch PowerBook G4, running industry standard benchmarks* and offers an all new system architecture

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Automator

Do you use the same commands over and over? Would you like to combine commands into a single command?

How it works.

In Automator, you create workflows to automate whatever task you need done. Each step in a workflow is composed of one or more actions, each of which corresponds to a step of the task to be automated.

Actions are individual "nuggets" of functionality that usually perform one procedure, like creating a new email, finding a certain group of people in your Address Book, or re-naming some files. You add actions in sequence to your workflow until you've outlined the steps needed to accomplish the task you want done. 🍏

Check out workflows that may make your life easier or write your own.

<http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/automator/>



BAC May Meeting

The May meeting will be about iLife '06, iPods and Mac OS X as part of the Peachpit Meeting-in-a-Box program to be held on Saturday, May 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 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 the Disk librarian Jerry Jenkins.

May 2006 CDOM New Stuff

AdobeReader 7.0.7...Freeware

Lets you view and print Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Requires Mac OS 10..2.4 or later.

Big Money Deluxe 1.12...Shareware

Good puzzle game. For OS 10.2.8 or higher.

CharView 3.7.1...Shareware

DataBackup 2.1...Shareware

Family 1.2.1...Shareware

FileMaker 8.3 updater

frscolor-book 1.1...Shareware

iBackup 5.0.9...Freeware Back up files and folders, etc. and restore on a schedule. For OS 10.3.9 or higher.

iOrganize 6.1.8...Shareware

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

MacFamilyTree 4.2.8...Shareware

MacSudoku 2.2.2...Shareware

Generates and helps solve sudoku puzzles. For OS 10.1 or higher.

Magic Dice 1.0.2...Shareware

Game. For OS 10.2 or higher.

Monolingual 1.3.2...Freeware

Use to eliminate unwanted language files which are not used and take up memory that can be used for other things. Save 100-400 MB of disk space. Requires OS 10.2 or higher.

OneCard 2.1...Freeware

Card game. Fun for all ages from 5 up. For OS 10.2 or higher.

Pages 2.0.1 Update

Simplechord 3.3...Shareware

Reference to chords for musicians. Gives graphic of keyboard with chords highlighted. Will also play chords. Requires OS 10.3 or higher.

SudokuSusser 2.5.2...Shareware

Making and breaking sudoku puzzles. For OS 10.2.8 or higher.

Toast Titanium 7.0.2 Updater

viJournalLitev1.62...Freeware

Like an old fashioned page-a-day bound diary. Has file encryption and password protection. Also, has full-text searching. For Mac OS 10.3.9 or higher.


VueScan 8.3.40...Shareware

Scanner driver. Replaces most drivers and adds more features. For Mac OS X


Now in Software Update:

Java 2 Standard Edition (J2SE)

5.0 Release 4 delivers improved reliability and compatibility for Java 2 Platform Standard Edition 5.0 on Mac OS X v10.4.5 and later. This release includes J2SE version 1.5.0_06. With this update J2SE 5.0 becomes the preferred Java version, superseding Java 1.4.2. Java-based applications will run with J2SE 5.0 unless they specifically request Java 1.4.2. To change the default back to version 1.4.2 on a system-wide basis, see the instructions here.

Apple has released **OS 10.4.6**, for Power PC and Intel based Macs. Users of Macs with Power PC processors should be aware that after installation of this OS update the computer will restart twice on its own. **DO NOT** interrupt this. Apple has released updates to iWorks '06 applications **Pages and Keynote.** 

May Door Prizes

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

Apple Offers Free Computer Take-Back Program

Apple® announced an expansion of its successful recycling program, offering free computer take-back and recycling with the purchase of a new Macintosh® system beginning in June. US customers who buy a new Mac® through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com) or Apple's retail stores will receive free shipping and environmentally friendly disposal of their old computer as part of the Apple Recycling program. Equipment received by the program in the US is recycled domestically and no hazardous material is shipped overseas. Earlier this week, Apple was named a "Forward Green Leader," one of the top ten environmentally progressive companies recognized by the Sierra Club and its investment advisor, Forward Management.

"Apple is committed to supporting our customers and protecting the environment throughout the entire product life cycle, from purchase through to retirement," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "Now we are making it even easier for Apple's customers to safely and affordably recycle their used computers and iPods."

Apple's free take-back program will extend Apple's existing US recycling program, which has recycled more than 90 percent of electronic equipment collected since 2001. Apple also operates a free drop-off recycling location at its headquarters in Cupertino for used computer systems and selected home electronics.

Apple also announced that the fifth generation iPod®, iPod nano and iPod shuffle are 100 percent compliant with the upcoming restrictions of hazardous substances (RoHS) in California and Europe, which are recognized as the new global standard for environmental regulation. iPod's RoHS compliance comes months ahead of the July 1 deadline set by the European Union, and most of the materials covered by the RoHS directive, including mercury, cadmium, chromium VI and brominated flame retardants, were voluntarily eliminated from all Apple products years ago.

In addition, iPod power adapters now exceed Energy Star efficiency requirements and already meet California's stricter appliance efficiency regulations, which are scheduled to take effect July 1, 2008. Information on Apple's recycling programs and environmental policies is available online at apple.com/environment. 🍏

New 17-inch MacBook Pro *cont'd from page 1*

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.

Every new 17-inch MacBook Pro includes the same great

Apple innovations as the 15-inch MacBook Pro including a built-in iSight video camera for video conferencing on-the-go using Apple's award-winning iChat AV, or recording a video Podcast or iMovie® using iLife® '06. Every MacBook Pro 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. Featuring Apple's breakthrough Front Row media experience, MacBook Pro gives customers a simple way to enjoy their digital lifestyle content including music, photos and videos from across the room using the Apple Remote. With Front Row, MacBook Pro customers can effortlessly access shared iTunes® playlists, iPhoto® libraries and video via Bonjour™, Apple's zero configuration wireless networking built into Mac OS® X. 🍏

New Apple Headquarters Planned

Apple plans a new 50-acre Apple campus a mile from its current headquarters in Cupertino, California. Jobs made the statements Tuesday at a Cupertino city council meeting. The buildings currently on the new property, which Apple acquired as nine separate contiguous parcels, will be razed and rebuilt to suit Apple.

Jobs said that Apple business has tripled in the last five or six years and that it will take three to four years to design and build the campus, designed for 3,000 to 3,500 employees. Apple employees are currently spread over 30 buildings in addition to its headquarters, where Apple has been for 29 of its 30 year history. 🍏

Apple Second Quarter Results Announced

Apple® announced financial results for its fiscal 2006 second quarter ended April 1, 2006. The Company posted revenue of \$4.36 billion and a net quarterly profit of \$410 million, or \$.47 per diluted share. These results compare to revenue of \$3.24 billion and a net profit of \$290 million, or \$.34 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter. Gross margin was 29.8 percent, equivalent to the year-ago quarter. International sales accounted for 43 percent of the quarter's revenue.

Apple shipped 1,112,000 Macintosh® computers and 8,526,000 iPods during the quarter, representing 4 percent growth in Macs and 61 percent growth in iPods over the year-ago quarter.

"We've generated over \$10 billion in revenue and almost \$1 billion in earnings in the first half of fiscal 2006," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "Our transition to Intel processors is going very well, and our music business just experienced another quarter of outstanding growth." 🍏

Hints&Tips

www.mac-hints-tips.com

Backup, Backup, Backup

In Real Estate, it's location, location, location. In the world of Macintosh (and, yes, even that evil other operating system), it's backup, backup, backup.

Your whole identity on your Mac is in the home folder (named for the folder in the Users folder with the little home icon), also known as the administrator folder.

On my Macintosh, my long name is "Allen Kalka" and my short name is "allen." Your home folder will be named using your short name. Inside of the folder named "allen" are a number of folders. Five of them are your complete identity to the Mac.

They are:

- Documents (hopefully, you will store and organize anything you created in here)
- Library (used for a wide array of items including fonts, settings, preferences and more)
- Movies (used for iMovie or iDVD)
- Music (used for iTunes or GarageBand)
- Pictures (used for iPhoto)

By backing up these five folders, you can recreate your identity if your Mac goes belly up. But, you must also recreate the main or administrator account using the same long name, short name, and password that you used before.

If you need to reformat your drive, set it up with the same admin account information, then copy these five folders back into the home folder and voila, you and your Mac are back to the exact state at the time of your backup.

NOTE: a recordable CD will hold approximately 640 megabytes and a recordable DVD will hold just under 4.7 gigabytes. Make your choice of recordable media based on the amount of space taken up by these five folders and, of course, which recordable drive (CDR or DVDR) is installed in your computer. Hope this helps.

*Allen Kalka, Mount Dora
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Gutenberg

Many out-of-copyright books (and short stories) have been put on the web by the Gutenberg Project in America. They may be downloaded e.g. from www.gutenberg.net.

The files may be downloaded as text files (readable with a text editor), or compressed as zip files. I was interested in converting some such files into .pdb format, to be read on a Palm clone (on journeys, or those occasions when one must wait around). I can do this with the classic program MacPalmDoc, and then copy the resulting file to a memory card that my Palm clone can read.~ *Bruce Craven
AUSOM News, Melbourne, Australia*

Game, Reset, and Match

Tiger has a nifty new printer feature, which was recently discussed on the Apple discussion boards. If you're having problems making a printer work, such as an Epson Stylus C86, try running the Printer Setup Utility and choose "Reset Printing System" which is found in the Printer Setup Utility menu. All printers will be removed and you will have to add them back, but you won't have to reinstall drivers. One poster remarked "it worked like a charm for me. All printing problems went away instantly!"

I also noticed that Tiger contains DeskJet drivers for the current lineup of HP printers that are newer than those available on the HP web site. There's a switch!

MacValley Voice, Northridge, CA

Address Book's Map Option

You can instantly see a MapQuest map of any address in your Address Book in Mac OS X. Just launch Apple's Address Book, then click and hold on the label next to the address in the big (card) window. A menu will pop up with options to either see a map of the address (online, via MapQuest), save the URL of the map for emailing to an associate, or copy the name and address.

Design Tools Monthly

Learn About Automator

Listen to David Pogue tell you all about "Automator," a little-explained new feature in Tiger. <http://www.macdev-center.com/pub/a/mac/2005/08/09/tigerpodcast3.html>

*~ Victoria Maciulski
Fat Bits, Conejo Valley MUG*

Bookmark Management

Q: Is there any way to alphabetize my bookmark collection in Safari? ~ Christian Gilbert

A: You could do it by hand, of course, but what a bother, particularly if you routinely add new bookmarks. If you're using Tiger, you can alphabetize your Safari bookmarks with Sheep Systems' Bookdog. It can organize not only individual bookmarks, but also the folders containing those bookmarks. You can also use Bookdog to track down and delete duplicate bookmarks. Use the company's free SafariSorter if you're running OS X 10. to 10.3.8 (it's not compatible with 10.3.9).

*Chris Breen's Mac 911
via Apple Barrel, Ridgecrest, CA*

"General education is the best preventive of the evils now most dreaded...To diffuse knowledge is to diffuse wealth."


—Rutherford B. Hayes (1822-93), U.S. president

Apple launches 'Get a Mac' ad campaign

For those of you who have wanted Apple to push the Mac as it has the iPod, well, now may be the time. Jobs & Company have launched a new series of "Get a Mac" ads.

There are six ads, dubbed (at least at the ad site, where you can download them, Viruses, Restarting, Better, iLife, Network and WSJ (as in Wall Street Journal). The commercials feature two actors, one (young and hip) playing the "Mac," the other (bespeckled and resembling Bill Gates a bit) the "PC." Justin Long (Dodgeball, Herbie: Fully Loaded and TV's Ed) plays the Mac, and John Hodgman of Comedy Central (as well as a contributing writer at The New York Times) the PC.



On the ad web site, Apple has also posted a list of 14 reasons Why you'll love a Mac and seven (untrue) reasons why some folks haven't bought a Mac. The site also features a "Which Mac are you?" section to help you determine which Mac best suits your needs. (The iMac G5 is the main Mac showcased in the spots). www.apple.com/getamac/ads/ 


Apple Loses Suit against Apple

Apple Computer is not liable for trademark infringement against Apple Corps, the music company owned by the Beatles, a judge in London's High Court ruled on Monday May 8, 2006. Apple Corps, owned by Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, John Lennon's widow Yoko Ono and the estate of George Harrison, argued the computer company had violated a 1991 trademark agreement by moving into the music business through its market-leading iTunes online store.

Apple Computer argued in court hearings in London earlier this year that iTunes was primarily a data transmission service, which is permitted by the agreement.

The 1991 out-of-court settlement, which included a \$26 million payment by Apple Computer, set out areas in which each party would have exclusive use of their respective fruit-shaped logos.

"I find no breach of the trademark agreement has been demonstrated," Mr Justice Mann said in his judgment. "The action therefore fails.

Apple Corps said it would appeal the decision, while Apple Computer was awarded court costs. 

Apple Introduces Boot Camp Public Beta Software Enables Intel-based Macs to Run Windows XP

Apple® introduced Boot Camp, public beta software that enables Intel-based Macs to run Windows XP. Available as a download beginning today, Boot Camp allows users with a Microsoft Windows XP installation disc to install Windows XP on an Intel-based Mac®, and once installation is complete, users can restart their computer to run either Mac OS® X or Windows XP. Boot Camp will be a feature in "Leopard," Apple's next major release of Mac OS X, that will be previewed at Apple's Worldwide Developer Conference in August.

"Apple has no desire or plan to sell or support Windows, but many customers have expressed their interest to run Windows on Apple's superior hardware now that we use Intel processors," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "We think Boot Camp makes the Mac even more appealing to Windows users considering making the switch."

Boot Camp simplifies Windows installation on an Intel-based Mac by providing a simple graphical step-by-step assistant application to dynamically create a second partition on the hard drive for Windows, to burn a CD with all the necessary Windows drivers, and to install Windows from a Windows XP installation CD. After installation is complete, users can choose to run either Mac OS X or Windows when they restart their computer.

Pricing & Availability

The public beta of Boot Camp is available immediately as a download at www.apple.com/macosx/bootcamp, and is preview software licensed for use on a trial basis for a limited time. The final version of Boot Camp will be available as a feature in the upcoming Mac OS X version 10.5 "Leopard." Apple does not provide support for installing or running Boot Camp and does not sell or support Microsoft Windows software. Apple welcomes user feedback on Boot Camp at bootcamp@apple.com.

System Requirements

Boot Camp requires an Intel-based Mac with a USB keyboard and mouse, or a built-in keyboard and TrackPad; Mac OS X version 10.4.6 or later; the latest firmware update; at least 10GB of free space on the startup disk; a blank recordable CD or DVD; and single-disc version of Windows XP Home Edition or Professional with Service Pack 2 or later.



Editors Note: There have been reports of people not following the instructions installing Boot Camp and Windows XP and they have ended up turning their Macs into PCs, Boot Camp is beta software but will be included as a full release in the next OS X update 10.5.



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