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Apple Unveils New MacBook Featuring Intel Core Duo Processors

New MacBook Design Completes Apple's Intel-based Notebook Lineup

Apple® unveiled the newly designed MacBook™, the world's most advanced consumer notebook featuring the Intel Core Duo processor and a gorgeous new 13-inch glossy widescreen display, all in a sleek design that is up to five times faster than the iBook® and up to four times faster than the 12-inch PowerBook®.* Together with the 15- and 17-inch MacBook Pros, the new MacBook completes Apple's Intel-based portables lineup and replaces both the iBook and the 12-inch PowerBook. Apple's entire portables lineup now offers Intel Core Duo processors; a built-in iSight™ video camera for video conferencing on-the-go; breakthrough Front Row media experience with Apple Remote; and several advanced features including DVI with dual display support, optical digital audio input and output, Gigabit Ethernet, Sudden Motion Sensor, Scrolling TrackPad and MagSafe™ Power Adapter.

"Apple began the transition to Intel Core Duo-based notebooks in February with the 15-inch MacBook Pro, and now just 90 days later we have completed the transition with the release of the all new MacBook," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "The complete MacBook lineup leads the industry with Apple's trademark innovative design and advanced mobile features—from top to bottom it is the best notebook line that we have ever offered."

With prices starting at just \$1,099, the MacBook lineup includes three models: a 1.83 GHz and 2.0 GHz MacBook in a newly designed, sleek white enclosure and a 2.0 GHz MacBook in a stunning new black enclosure. The new MacBook offers performance up to five times faster than the iBook and up to four times faster than the 12-inch PowerBook with a completely new system architecture including a 667 MHz front-side bus and 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory expandable to 2GB. At about one-inch thin, the new MacBook is 20 percent thinner than the iBook and features a gorgeous new 13-inch glossy widescreen display. With a display that is 79 percent brighter than the iBook and the 12-inch PowerBook, the MacBook provides incredibly crisp images with richer colors, deeper blacks and significantly greater contrast.

At a resolution of 1280 x 800, the MacBook display provides 30 percent more viewing area than the iBook and the 12-inch PowerBook.

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BAC June Meeting

The June meeting will be about "Apple Mail" including a short intro to 'Mail Saver' a shareware program written by Luther Fuller that enables you to archive your e-mail to be held on Saturday, June 10th, 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 the Disk librarian Jerry Jenkins.

June 2006 CDOM New Stuff

**Free Solitaire 3D...Freeware
Game. For OS 10.2.8 or higher.**

**Google Maps Plugin 2.4...Freeware
Allows look-up of addresses in your Ad-
dress Book for the maps you would gener-
ate.**

DataBackup 2.1...Shareware

**Family 1.2.1...Shareware
For a family tree. For OS 10.4 or high-
er.**

FileMaker 8.3 updatr

frscolor-book 1.1...Shareware

**MacSudoku 2.2.3...Shareware
Generates and helps solve sudoku puz-
zles. For OS 10.1 or higher.**

OnyX 1.7...Freeware

Pages 2.0.1v2 updatr

**SuperDuper! 2.1.1...Shareware
Good backup program. For OS 10.3.9
or higher.**

TechTool Pro 4.1.2 updatr

Toast Titanium 7.0.2 updatr

viJournal Lite 1.6.2...Freeware

VueScan 8.3.46...Shareware

**WeatherManX 1.9.2...Shareware
Current weather conditions at a click of
the mouse. For OS 10.2 or higher.**

SmackBookPro

“SmackBook Pro” is a hack for Mac computers that takes advantage of a hard drive motion sensor, letting you smack the side of the laptop to switch to a new desktop or app. 🍏

Firefox update

The Mozilla Foundation has released Firefox v1.5.0.4, a maintenance update to their free, standards-based Web browser for multiple platforms, including Mac OS X.

The new release improves stability, according to the developers, and also sports several security fixes. Issues related to privilege escalation, file stealing, buffer overflow, potential memory corruption and other problems have been corrected in this release — the release notes have been posted online.

Firefox 1.5.0.4 requires Mac OS X v10.2 or later. 🍏

MAC TIP - MAIL

Want to see what e-mail is still lurking on our mail server?

Try clicking *command I* when using Apple Mail. A window will pop up with Account Info as it's heading.

Three subtitle buttons read, Messages on Server, Mailbox Behaviors and Summary. Messages on Server will list all messages still saved on your mail server. (Mine dated back to 2004). Mailbox behaviors let you control Sent Mail, Junk and Trash. Summary is just that a summary of your account information. 🍏

June Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC June meeting: Take Control of Apple Mail CD; a copy of the monthly CDOM, and a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. 🍏

MACBOOK *continued from page 1*

Every new MacBook comes with 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. MacBook 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 MacBook gives customers a simple way to enjoy their digital lifestyle content wherever they go—including music, photos and videos from across the room using the Apple Remote. With Front Row, users can effortlessly access shared iTunes® playlists, iPhoto® libraries and video throughout their home via Bonjour™, Apple's zero configuration wireless networking built into Mac OS® X. 🍏

Alarming MacBook

Perps beware: 'Jacking Macs' could prove hazardous

By Greg Sandoval

At a time when laptop thefts are on the rise in high-tech corridors like San Francisco, an entrepreneur has rigged portable computers with a security measure that car owners have relied on--and sleepers have complained about--for decades.

"It's a car alarm for your notebook computer," said Randy Green, the Missouri-based creator of the iAlertU alarm system, which is expected to go on sale at Green's site,

Slappingturtle.com, next month for \$9.95.

Watch a demonstration of iAlertU, software that sets off an alarm when an Apple MacBook Pro is jarred. It's activated by remote control.

Green has reconfigured Apple Computer's MacBook Pro so the computer's remote control can activate his security system. Thirsty coffee shop computer users who get up for another latte can hit a button on their remotes and they will hear the classic car-alarm chirp that tells them their systems are armed.

After that, any jostling of the computer will set a siren to wailing and the computer screen to flashing.

"Don't get your Mac jacked," is Green's slogan. Calls to Apple were not immediately returned.

Computer robberies in San Francisco jumped from 18 in 2004 to 48 last year, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. In the first three months of 2006, the city already saw

18 such crimes, putting it on pace to top 70 for the year.

Last month, a man suffered a partially collapsed lung after being stabbed by two thieves who were after his \$2,500 Mac PowerBook.

Lt. John Loftus of the San Francisco Police Department's robbery detail says Green's software could be a deterrent but noted that it won't stop someone bent on stealing a computer.

"I don't know how effective it would be stopping someone who grabs the computer and runs," Loftus said. "If it went off, what they might do is throw it to the ground. In both cases you'd be out of a computer...But I'm sure it could be a deterrent."

A part-time software developer from Greenwood, Mo., Green wrote his program to override the MacBook Pro's remote control, which typically operates the Front Row software application for watching movies, viewing photos or playing music.

Green's software also uses the motion sensor in the MacBook Pro, which was designed by Apple to halt the computer's hard drive, thereby protecting it, if the laptop is dropped.

The alarm siren and the chirping sounds are downloaded with Green's program.

Green has rolled out a trial version but continues to experiment with the MacBook Pro's camera. He is trying to configure it so it will snap a photo of anybody who triggers the alarm. The system automatically e-mails the photo to a designated address.

Unfortunately, the system is rendered useless if the notebook isn't running. Also, a thief can disarm the system by removing the battery. Green notes, however, that the alarm would sound for at least the 10 seconds it would take the thief to unscrew the battery housing.

"It's kind of a novelty," acknowledges Green. "I really meant it to be a tamper-deterrent for college kids and the coffee shop crowd."

Another issue for Green to consider might be the plight of coffee shop owners who find patrons fleeing after an alarm is accidentally triggered while the laptop's owner is in the restroom. Fierce. 🍏



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The Apple Store Fifth Avenue will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to offer an unprecedented level of service.

Back To School Offer for Education Customers

Apple is offering students a way to get a free iPod nano when doing their back to school shopping this summer.

Between June 5, 2006 and September 16, 2006 students that purchase a Mac can get a free iPod nano.

The nano comes in the form of a mail-in rebate, so you can choose a more expensive iPod model and receive \$179 off the purchase price.

In order to take part in the promotion you must be a qualified K12 or higher education customer

When you buy a Mac by September 16, 2006, you can get a free iPod nano after mail-in rebate.

Or choose another iPod and enjoy big savings after mail-in rebate.*

Plus, use your education discount to save even more. 🍏

www.apple.com/backtoschool

Mac OS 10.4.7 Nears Release

Apple seeded developers Friday with new builds of Mac OS X 10.4.7. Both the Intel (build 8J2122) and PowerPC (build 8J122) builds are reported to have no known issues and follow on the heels of builds released earlier in the week, suggesting a release is imminent. advertisement

Notes accompanying the updates do not specify what changes are contained in the update, but as with previous system updates Mac OS X 10.4.7 appears to touch nearly every aspect of the operating system. In these most recent builds, Apple suggested developers focus their testing on Mail, Safari, Aperture, Syncing, and iChat.

Mac OS X Server 10.4.7 also appears to be nearing release. The most recent build, 8J115, is noted as having no known issues.. 🍏

Best Buy Running Mac Pilot Program

“Best Buy is prepared to expand a new Mac pilot program to additional retail stores if the concept proves to be successful, one Wall Street analyst says.

The nations No. 1 consumer electronics chain last week began evaluating a new planogram layout that prominently displays Apple's Mac line in a designated area of its personal computer department,” Prince McLean reports for AppleInsider. 🍏

Garmin Announces GPS Product Support for Mac OS X

Garmin International Inc., a unit of Garmin Ltd. (Nasdaq: GRMN), today announced that it will immediately begin to make its line of GPS and mobile electronics devices compatible with Mac OS X version 10.4 "Tiger." This makes Garmin the first major GPS designer and manufacturer to announce direct support for Mac OS X.

"We are very excited to be supporting the many tech-savvy Garmin users who are also Mac devotees," said Min Kao, Garmin Ltd.'s chairman and CEO. "Mac users have been encouraging us to make our GPS units Mac compatible, and we've listened. We hope this brings the many benefits of GPS to current Mac users and invites future Apple customers to the Garmin fold."

"The popularity of Mac OS X is attracting many first time developers to the Mac and driving astonishing innovation," said Ron Okamoto, Apple's vice president of Worldwide Developer Relations. "We're thrilled to welcome Garmin to the platform and look forward to exciting new applications that take advantage of its GPS-based products and Mac OS X."

Beginning in spring 2006, Garmin will offer a Mac version of its popular Training Center software. Used with Garmin's line of Forerunner and Edge series of fitness products, the Training Center software lets users plan and analyze workouts. Fitness enthusiasts can create their own workouts or use workout templates that can be downloaded into the unit for any level of personal training. The software also offers interactive analysis tools that will now allow Mac users to chart their performance information like speed, heart rate, cadence, elevation, and pace.

Also in spring 2006, Garmin will make the www.MotionBased.com upload interface Mac compatible. MotionBased.com translates GPS data into performance analysis, online mapping, and route sharing for endurance and outdoor athletes. Data collected by a Garmin GPS device is uploaded to MotionBased.com where time, distance, speed, elevation, cadence, grade, and heart rate analysis is displayed through charts, illustrations, and reports. This activity data can also be displayed as a route and replayed on street, photo, topographic, and elevation maps as well as the popular Google Earth service. Members can also use the TrailNetwork database to seek out and download new activities in their region, to find popular routes while traveling, or to engage in "virtual races" with other MotionBased users. 🍏

Members are encouraged to suggest meeting topics, ask questions and participate in both the formal and informal meetings.

This User Group will only be as good as you help make it. Any Mac related tips, hints and book reviews are most appreciated.

Pearson to Acquire PowerSchool Pearson & Apple Expand Education Relationship

Apple® and Pearson today announced an expansion of their relationship to enhance teaching and learning through technology. Pearson will acquire PowerSchool, Apple's award-winning student information systems (SIS) division, and develop educational content for teachers and students compatible with iPod®.

"Apple's commitment to education has never been stronger, which is why we're excited to broaden our relationship with Pearson," said John Couch, Apple's vice president of Education. "Our customers will love having Pearson's education content on their iPods, and we're confident that PowerSchool will continue to flourish and grow with Pearson."

Steven Dowling, president of Pearson's School companies, said, "Pearson's commitment is to improve student performance. Student information and achievement results are essential to teachers and families in knowing how a student is doing and helping her make gains. The acquisition of PowerSchool, an easy-to-use application for sharing information, and the alliance with Apple to deliver content compatible with iPod, progresses Pearson's goal to improve student performance."

PowerSchool's web-based solutions provide K-12 administrators, teachers, students and parents with secure, up-to-the-minute information on student performance including grades, homework and attendance. They complement Pearson's existing enterprise and SIS business, which brings assessment, reporting and business solutions to over 16,000 schools, helping them to fulfill the accountability requirements set by No Child Left Behind. The integrated services will bear the respected PowerSchool name and will be located in Folsom, California and Mesa, Arizona. PowerSchool's president, Mary McCaffrey, will head the combined business.

Pearson will also develop new services for educators and students, including research-based educational content compatible with iPod, the world's most popular digital music player. Teachers will have access to podcasts on professional development to help with lesson preparation and provide innovative ways to reach students struggling with specific content. Students will be able to load their iPods with study guides that are aligned with Pearson texts and listen to review notes to prepare for exams.

Earlier this school year, Apple and Pearson collaborated to bring digital versions of Pearson textbooks and workbooks to California schools using the affordable Mac® mini. 🍏



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