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Google CEO Dr. Eric Schmidt Joins Apple's Board of Directors

Apple® announced that Dr. Eric Schmidt, chief executive officer of Google, was elected to Apple's board of directors at their meeting today. Eric also sits on Google's board of directors and Princeton University's board of trustees.

"Eric is obviously doing a terrific job as CEO of Google, and we look forward to his contributions as a member of Apple's board of directors," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "Like Apple, Google is very focused on innovation and we think Eric's insights and experience will be very valuable in helping to guide Apple in the years ahead."

"Apple is one of the companies in the world that I most admire," said Eric Schmidt. "I'm really looking forward to working with Steve and Apple's board to help with all of the amazing things Apple is doing."

Eric Schmidt joined Google from Novell, where he was chairman and CEO. At Google, Eric shares responsibility for Google's day-to-day operations, and is focused on building the corporate infrastructure needed to maintain Google's rapid growth while ensuring that quality remains high and product development times are kept to a minimum. Eric's 20 years of experience as an Internet strategist, entrepreneur and technologist give him a well-seasoned perspective which perfectly complements Google's needs as a young and rapidly growing company with a unique corporate culture.

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APPLE TO HOLD SPECIAL MEDIA EVENT ON SEPT. 12TH

Apple will hold a media event on Tuesday Sept. 12th. The anticipated announcements which are based on rumor are as follows:

- updated 5th generation iPods
- new 2nd generation iPod Nanos with metallic finish in various colors and larger capacities
- updated iMacs with new Core 2 Duo processors and possibly a 23" screen version. Also a wall mount for the new iMacs.

Watch for October's PEEL for full details of the announced products. 🍏



BAC September Meeting

The speaker for the September 9th meeting of the Birmingham AppleCore will be James Lee, President of Tropical Software. He will demonstrate TopXNotes, an ingenious way to keep track of notes, phone numbers, account names and passwords, URLs, and other bits of essentials in everyday modern life. There is even a version of TopXNotes for your iPod.

The meeting will be at the Homewood Public Library and starts at 10:00 a.m.

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

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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.



APPLE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Purchase any qualifying Apple computer or monitor and receive free recycling of your old computer and monitor — regardless of manufacturer.

Here's how the program works.

Purchase any Apple computer and/or Apple display from the online Apple Store or a retail Apple Store.

Choose the "Apple Recycling Program" option during the checkout process.

After your equipment ships, Apple will send you an email with instructions on how to recycle your old computer.

Print the email — you'll need it later.

Package your old computer and monitor securely in a box appropriate for ground transportation. Please note: retail Apple Stores will not accept items for recycling.

Take the packages and a printed copy of your Apple recycling email to a FedEx location and drop them off for shipment. 🍏

Macworld magazine
has reviewed 30 FM transmitters
for the iPod.

The article is by Chris Breen.

MAC OS X 10.4.8 REPORTEDLY SEEDED TO DEVELOPERS

Google CEO *cont'd from page 1*

Prior to joining Novell, Eric was chief technology officer at Sun Microsystems, Inc., where he led the development of Java, Sun's platform-independent programming technology, and defined Sun's Internet software strategy. Before joining Sun in 1983, he was a member of the research staff at the Computer Science Lab at Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), and held positions at Bell Laboratories and Zilog. Eric has a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Princeton University, and a master's and Ph.D. in computer science from the University of California-Berkeley. In 2006, Eric was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, which recognized his work on "the development of strategies for the world's most successful Internet search engine company." 🍏

Apple Investigates iPod Maker

Apple has finished its investigation of the Chinese iPod maker for violations of Apple's Code of Conduct. Even though workers routinely work 60 hours a week, Apple found that living conditions and transportation were the only violations. These are being addressed by the manufacturer. The manufacturer has dropped its lawsuit against two reporters. 🍏

September Door Prizes

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

TED'S TIPS**Add Spiral Binding to Computer Books**

I find that trying to use a computer book and work at the computer at the same time is a big problem. The reason is that the binding does not let you lay the book open and have it stay open. The solution is to take the book to the local print shop and have them put a wire spiral binding on the book. That way you can fold the book back or lay it flat without the pages flipping.

The cost is very reasonable as it ranges from about \$2.00 per book to \$3.50 depending on the company you use. I also print tutorials and other information from the help menu of the program and have a spiral binding put on these. The last one I did had 35 pages and cost \$1.50. Some computer books are too large for one binding so I split the book into two parts and bind both. This adds to the cost but it is an extra convenience since it is much harder to have it stay open if it is very large.

I talked to the User Group representative of O'Reilly about why they did not bind their books in this manner and she said it cost them too much. I really think they have been doing it the traditional way for so long they do not want to change.

Make sure you inquire about the cost before you have the work done as you may get a big surprise after the work is already done and the price could be excessive. I have a friend that took his book to a regular print shop - not a Kwik Kopy - and the charge was \$25.00. He did not ask the price before having the work done. 🍏

Quick Tip: Determining hard drive RPM

If you recently purchased a used Mac and want to determine the hard drive's RPM (revolutions per minute), or are concerned that the system you have ordered new has the wrong drive installed, there's an easy way to check.

Click on the Apple menu and select "About this Mac," then click "More Info." Alternatively, launch System Profiler (located in Applications/Utilities). In the "Hardware" section of System Profiler, select your hard drive connection method -- ATA, Serial ATA, SCSI, IDE, etc. A list of connected drives, including the built-in internal hard drive, will appear. Click on the appropriate device name, then look at the "Model:" field. On one of our in-house MacBook Pros, for instance, the model number is "TOSHIBA MK1032GSX"

Just enter the full model name in your favorite search engine as a query, or go to the manufacturer's Web site and search by model number. You should quickly be able to access information about the drive's RPM, seek time, buffer size and more. 🍏

WALL OF SHAME

Do you come across items from time -to-time that are not Mac friendly. Send them to the PEEL editor and we will post these to embarrass the responsible parties.

From www.CSTV.com

Can I access All-Access audio or video on a Macintosh?

Though we understand that there are passionate college sports fans within the Macintosh user community, we are currently unable to support OS X. Though there are currently no solutions for viewing All Access in OS X. 🍏

Hints & Tips cont'd from page 4

Second and subsequent libraries may be located wherever you like.

Backing Up Your Library

If your main concern is to make a backup of your iPhoto library for safekeeping, you don't actually need to keep your library small enough to fit on a CD. There's another way. At the bottom of the left hand column of iPhoto, make sure that you have the Info panel displayed. (Click the "I" icon.)

Click one of your album icons; then hold down the Command key and click other album icons one after the other, in whatever order suits you. Keep an eye on the Size number in the Info panel — you'll see it increase each time you click

an additional album. When the "size" has reached a figure of 620MB or so, click the Burn button, and insert a blank CD. (Don't see a Burn button in iPhoto 5? Go to the Share menu and choose Show in Toolbar > Burn Disc. If all that happens is that you gain a double arrowhead at the end of the toolbar, click that and you'll see the Burn button.) Repeat the process as required to burn your remaining albums.

When you reinsert a CD burned this way, it appears as a CD icon in the left hand column of iPhoto, with a disclosure triangle that you click to reveal all the original albums — very convenient.

AUSOM News, Melbourne, Australia



THE NEW MAC PRO - 4 DRIVE BAYS, 2 OPTICAL DRIVE BAYS

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Can You See?

Are a number of open Finder windows getting in the way of a project? Control/click the Finder icon in the Dock and use the “Hide” command. Hold down Option/ Control when clicking changes the command to “Hide Others.”

Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR

Quick Print

If you are like me and hate having a printer icon on your Desktop, you can still print a file without opening the application for it. Control/click (or right-click on a two-button mouse) on the file and use the “Print” menu item.

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Benchmarker

Q: Is there any software for Mac OS X that I can use to benchmark the performance of my computers?

A: Are you some kind of geek who needs to find out exactly which computer is faster at every possible function? Well, join the club!

Get your geek on with Xbench (<http://xbench.com>), a free Mac OS X benchmarking utility that has become a de facto standard for testing Macs. There is even a Web site (<http://db.xbench.com>) where you can post your results so that you can compare your speed demon to other folks’ speed demons. See if you can beat our three-year-old PowerBook’s score — a whopping 42!

MacAddict Magazine

DVD Burning Tips

Jim Heid recommends that if you’re going to burn an iDVD project to a DVD, create a disc image first for greater reliability. To do this, choose File > Save As Disc Image. Then, to burn the CD, use Apple’s Disk Utility (in Applications > Utilities) and click the “Burn” button in the upper right corner of its window. Navigate to your DVD disc image and burn away. He suggests using the slowest speed available to improve your chances that the DVD will play on all DVD players. Also, when burning a DVD, avoid running complex programs that use the hard drive a lot.

Design Tools Monthly

Chaos to Order

Q: When I work with iTunes making up a playlist, I am frustrated by the fact that iTunes insists on an alphabetic listing of all songs. This precludes any balancing of the list. Is there any way around this that will allow me to burn a disc in the order I prefer? ~ Howard Agger

A: At the top of each column, you’ll see a header such as Name, Time, Artist, etc. These are actually buttons that control the organization of the items in the playlist. Click Time, for example, and the playlist will organize itself from longest to shortest song; click it again and it will reverse this order. To have an unstructured playlist, click to the left-most column header. (It is blank and you’ll see a series of numbers under it). As soon as you click it, you can drag-and-drop tracks in any order you want.

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Keynote Tips

If you use Keynote to make presentations, check out <http://www.keynoteuser.com/tips/index.html> for tips, tutorials and some special discounts.

~ Victoria Maciulski

Fat Bits, Conejo Valley MUG

iPhoto Libraries

Yes, that’s plural — you can have more than one iPhoto Library stored on your hard disk, and switch between them as you need to. There can be a couple of reasons you might want to do this. If you have only a CD burner, and not a DVD burner, you might want to limit each library to a size that fits onto one CD for easy backup. (People with very large photo collections may need to limit them to what fits on a DVD!) Sometimes you may want to keep a separate library for images related to a single trip, job, or event.

If you’re using iPhoto 5, simply hold down the Shift and Option keys while launching iPhoto, and you’ll be presented with a dialog enabling you to select a library to open, or to create a new one.

If you’re using iPhoto 4 or earlier, you’ll need to get hold of iPhoto Library Manager and follow its simple instructions. (There are alternatives, but this is the one I’m familiar with. It is free from <http://www.versiontracker.com> and similar download sites.) Even if you have iPhoto 5, you may be interested in some of the additional features of iPhoto Library Manager.

When switching among multiple libraries, you’ll encounter an Open dialog in which you have to locate the library to be used. This of course means that you need to keep track of their locations on your hard disk. The default library (the one originally set up when you started using iPhoto) is in your Pictures folder — it’s a folder named iPhoto Library.

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APPLE BATTERY RECALL

Apple has determined that certain lithium-ion rechargeable batteries containing cells manufactured by Sony Corporation of Japan pose a safety risk that may result in overheating. The affected batteries were sold worldwide, in systems and separately, from October 2003 through August 2006 for use with the following computers: 12-inch iBook G4, 12-inch PowerBook G4, 15-inch PowerBook G4.

Apple is voluntarily recalling the affected batteries and has initiated a worldwide exchange program to provide you with a new replacement battery, free of charge. This program is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and other international safety authorities.

Issue: The affected batteries could overheat, posing a fire hazard. Apple received nine confirmed reports in the United States of these batteries overheating. Apple urges you to stop using your battery and to order a replacement battery immediately. After removing the recalled battery from the iBook or PowerBook, you should plug in the AC adapter to power the computer until a replacement battery arrives.

Product: Please use the chart below to identify the battery model and serial numbers that apply to your iBook or PowerBook. If the first 5 digits of your battery's 12-digit serial number fall within the noted ranges, please order a replacement battery immediately. To view the model and serial numbers labeled on the bottom of the battery, you must remove the battery from the computer. The battery serial number is printed in black or dark gray lettering beneath a barcode.

No other Apple notebook computers are affected by this recall.

Computer model

12-inch iBook G4

Battery model number is A1061

Battery serial number range:

ZZ338 - ZZ427

3K429 - 3K611

6C519 - 6C552 ending with S9WA, S9WC, or S9WD

12-inch PowerBook G4

Battery model number is A1079

Battery serial number range

ZZ411 - ZZ427

3K428 - 3K611

15-inch PowerBook G4

Battery model number is A1078 and A1148

Battery serial number range:

3K425 - 3K601

6N530 - 6N551 ending with THTA, THTB, or THTC

6N601 ending with THTC

Note: If your battery's serial number does not match any

of the ranges listed above, you do not have to exchange your battery.

What to do: To begin the battery exchange process, go to the Apple website at <http://support.apple.com/battery-program>. You will be asked for the serial number of your computer, the serial number of your battery, and a ship-to address. After serial number verification, a new battery will be shipped to you free of charge. You may exchange up to three batteries through the website. When you receive the replacement battery, please use the same shipping packaging and the included prepaid shipping label to return the recalled battery to Apple for proper disposal. If you do not have access to the website listed above, you can call Apple at 800-275-2273 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., central standard time, seven days a week, for further assistance. 🍏

Apple & Creative Announce Broad Settlement Ending Legal Disputes

Apple® and Creative Technology, Ltd. announced a broad settlement ending all legal disputes between the two companies. Apple will pay Creative \$100 million for a paid-up license to use Creative's recently awarded patent in all Apple products. Apple can recoup a portion of its payment if Creative is successful in licensing this patent to others. In addition, the companies announced that Creative has joined Apple's "Made for iPod" program and will be announcing their own iPod® accessory products later this year.

"Creative is very fortunate to have been granted this early patent," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "This settlement resolves all of our differences with Creative, including the five lawsuits currently pending between the companies, and removes the uncertainty and distraction of prolonged litigation." 🍏





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