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LEOPARD: A SNEAK PEEK SPACES and TIME MACHINE

SPACES

You do a lot on your Mac. So what happens when all those projects pile up? Easy. Use Spaces to organize all your windows into groups and banish clutter completely. A Space for everything and everything in its Space. Only with Mac OS X Leopard.

Rearrange the rooms

Create a Space for work. Create a space for play. With the click of a function key, you can drag all your application windows onto different Spaces. Keep all your work projects in one Space and that fun flick you made in iMovie in another. Create a communication Space for iChat and Mail. Organize your Spaces however you want just by dragging windows into them. You can even rearrange your Spaces with drag-and-drop ease — shift a Space and every window in it comes along for the ride.

Make yourself at home

When you're working in one Space and you want to move to another, you can get a bird's eye view of all your Spaces, or just toggle between them using a few simple keyboard commands. Even the Dock is down with Spaces: When you click on an icon there, Leopard whisks you away to the Space (or Spaces) where you have that application open.

Pick your patterns

Configure your Spaces by visiting the Dashboard and Exposé preference pane in System Preferences.

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Use Podcasts to Learn the Latest about Your Mac

If you own a Mac you own iTunes. There are multiple iPod Casts available both audible and video.

MacBreak (video) is hosted by Leo Laporte, yea that guy that used to be on the computer channel.

MacBreak Weekly (audio)
 Inside Mac News
 the Mac Cast
 ScreenCasts Online (video)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



BAC December Meeting

The December 9th meeting of the Birmingham AppleCore will held at the Back Nine in Lee Branch shopping center on Hwy. 280 just south of Greystone, on the right heading out of town. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. From Birmingham take Hwy. 280 South (East) approx. 10 miles and turn right onto Doug Baker Boulevard (near Drivers Way) then left towards Rave. Come join us for holiday festivities, please RSVP any officer.

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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) has been permanently discontinued a final copy will be available in the disk library. 🍏

Notable Updates

Security Update 2006-007 is recommended for all users and improves the security of the following components: AirPort, ATS, CFNetwork, Finder, Font Book, Font Importer, Installer, OpenSSL, PHP, PPP, Samba, Security Framework, VPN, WebKit, gnuzip, perl

Apple provides detailed information about this update in this tech note. Of particular interest is a fix for Airport software which potentially allowed wireless network attacks on older Macs.

INTEL-based Macs Firmware updates

Apple has posted firmware updates on its support Web site for Intel-based Macs — MacBooks, MacBook Pros, Mac minis, Mac Pros and iMacs are all included on the list.

The update, which changes the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) firmware used on these computers, fixes several Boot Camp, startup, and wake-from-sleep issues on these machines.

Please read the instructions thoroughly before attempting these updates. Also, a firmware restoration CD image is available for download, to help recover computers that may not handle this update correctly for whatever reason.

<http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/>

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=303364>

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=303880>

Donald J. Rosenberg Joins Apple as General Counsel

Apple® today announced that Donald J. Rosenberg, senior vice president and general counsel of IBM, will join the company as its senior vice president and general counsel, reporting to Apple CEO Steve Jobs.

“We’re thrilled to welcome such a seasoned professional to our executive team,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “Don has a broad range of experience that includes litigation, securities, intellectual property and antitrust, and he will be responsible for overseeing all legal matters and government affairs for Apple.”

In his over 30 years at IBM, Rosenberg has held numerous positions including senior vice president and general counsel of the IBM Corporation; vice president and assistant general counsel for litigation; and counsel to IBM’s mainframe division, where he played a key role in formulating its policies with regard to intellectual property protection. His focus on securities, intellectual property and competition issues has involved extensive interaction with the SEC, the US Department of Justice and the European Economic Commission.

Rosenberg received a B.S. in Mathematics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law where he was an editor of the Law Review. 🍏

December Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC December meeting; a free brunch to all members and their guest attending. 🍏

FOUR UTILITIES WORTH A LOOK

RCDefaultApp is a Mac OS X 10.2 or higher preference pane that allows a user to set the default application used for various URL schemes, file extensions, file types, MIME types, and Uniform Type Identifiers (or UTIs; MacOS 10.4 only). MacOS X uses the extension and file type settings to choose the application when opening a file in Finder, while Safari and other applications use the URL and MIME type settings at other times for content not related to a file (such as an unknown URL protocol, or a media stream).

RCDefaultApp also allows setting the application when digital cameras or FireWire webcams such as iSight are connected to the computer. For completeness' sake, there are also settings that mimic the existing "CDs and DVDs" preference pane, which allows setting the action to take when various types of CDs and DVDs are inserted into the computer.

Finder's Get Info panel can be used to set the default application for file extensions and file types, but it's not intuitive. Apple's Internet preference pane in MacOS X 10.0 through 10.2 (Jaguar) allowed you to set the Web and Email applications, but no other URL handlers. In MacOS X 10.3 (Panther), these settings have moved to Safari's and Mail's preferences — meaning you have to run those applications if you want to choose to not use them. Similarly, the digital camera preference is located in Image Capture's preferences, and the webcam preference is a checkbox in iChat's preferences. RCDefaultApp allows the setting of all of this information, and ties everything together in one preference pane.

RCDefaultApp also allows entries to be disabled, such as URL schemes that have security issues ;-)

www.rubicode.com

MoRU is an application that provides an enhanced interface to Apple's Spotlight searching tool found in Mac OS X 10.4. MoRU allows you to create more powerful searches than is possible using the basic Spotlight interface, while improving usability.

MoRU was designed not just as a searching tool, but as a utility that keeps recently used documents and applications right at your fingertips. All searches in MoRU are automatically sorted according to when each item was most recently modified, opened, or created, which means that items that you have worked on recently will be right at the top of the search results. As files are modified, opened, or created, they bubble to the top of the list, keeping them easily accessible.

www.windstormsoftware.com

PodDisk is designed to make it easy and intuitive to copy music off iPod; it enables you to do so within the Finder, or whatever application that can read files. In short, it's just another tool that enables you to copy your own music from

your iPod.

iPodDisk is designed to make it easy and intuitive to copy music off iPod; it enables you to do so within the Finder, or whatever application that can read files.

Features

Tight integration with Finder

To be accurate, iPodDisk isn't a tool that copies songs from iPods; instead, it enables other applications to do so by emulating an iDisk drive. After it starts, iPodDisk automatically opens a Finder window:

ipoddisk.ourbiti.com

VLC media player 0.8.5


- It is a free cross-platform media player
- It supports a large number of multimedia formats, without the need for additional codecs
- It can also be used as a streaming server, with extended features (video on demand, on the fly transcoding, ...)

www.videolan.org 

Have no fear. SuperDuper v2.1.3 is here!

SuperDuper is the wildly acclaimed program that makes recovery painless, because it makes creating a fully bootable backup painless. Its incredibly clear, friendly interface is understandable, easy to use, and SuperDuper's built-in scheduler makes it trivial to back up automatically. And it runs beautifully on both Intel and Power PC Macs!


SuperDuper's interface confirms all your actions in simple, clear language to ensure that the end result is exactly what you intended.

Available for download and use for free or purchase for \$27.95 and unlock additional features. 

www.shirt-pocket.com

APPLE STORE AT THE SUMMITT LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES

Apple is currently seeking qualified candidates for several positions at the new Apple Store in The Summitt shopping center.

The positions available are Mac Genius, Creative, Mac Specialist and Inventory Control Specialist. If you or anyone you know are interested visit the Apple web site for further information and how to apply. A BAC officer can provide you with additional information also. The new store will be #225. 

www.apple.com/jobs/us/store/

Apple Unveils New MacBook With Intel Core 2 Duo Processors

Apple® unveiled its new line of MacBook™ consumer notebooks that now include Intel Core 2 Duo processors. Just one-inch thin, the new MacBooks are up to 25 percent faster than the previous generation and feature a built-in iSight® video camera for on-the-go video conferencing, Apple's MagSafe™ Power Adapter that safely disconnects when under strain, and iLife® '06, Apple's award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications.

"MacBook has helped drive Apple's notebook market share to over 10 percent in US retail, and the new MacBooks will be among this holiday season's most exciting new products," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "With Intel Core 2 Duo processors across the entire line, these new MacBooks are up to 25 percent faster than their predecessors."

With prices starting at just \$1,099, the new MacBook lineup includes three models: sleek white 1.83 GHz and 2.0 GHz MacBook models, and a stunning black 2.0 GHz MacBook model. With Intel's latest Core 2 Duo processors, the new MacBook is up to 25 percent faster than the previous MacBook and up to six times faster than the iBook®, making it even easier for consumers to manage and enjoy their digital content with iLife '06.* Consumers will also benefit from the added power in the new 2.0 GHz models, including double the memory and greater storage capacity than the previous generation, as well as a double-layer SuperDrive™ for burning professional-quality DVDs.

The new MacBook features a gorgeous 13-inch glossy widescreen display, ideal for enjoying videos, DVDs and photos with Apple's breakthrough Front Row media experience. The MacBook is just one-inch thin and includes a built-in iSight video camera for video conferencing on-the-go with friends or family using iChat AV, recording a video podcast or iMovie® using iLife '06, or taking fun snapshots with Photo Booth.

Designed for the mobile lifestyle, the MacBook includes Apple's MagSafe Power Adapter that magnetically connects the power cord to the MacBook and safely disconnects under strain, preventing the notebook from falling off its work surface. Apple now also offers a new MagSafe Airline Adapter that makes using a MacBook on an airplane even more convenient by connecting to in-seat power ports for continued productivity throughout the duration of a flight. The MacBook also includes Apple's Sudden Motion Sensor, designed to protect the hard drive in case of a fall, and a simple and intuitive Scrolling TrackPad for scrolling through long web pages or panning across large photographs.

The lightweight MacBook design includes built-in Airport Extreme® and Bluetooth 2.0+EDR (Enhanced Data

Rate), making it ideal to take anywhere consumers work and play—from the office, to the classroom and the local WiFi hot spot. With the latest high-performance connectivity options, each MacBook includes built-in 10/100/1000 BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet, two USB 2.0 ports, a FireWire® 400 port, combination analog and optical digital audio input and output ports and a mini-DVI video output to connect up to a 23-inch Apple Cinema HD Display.

The MacBook comes with iLife '06, the next generation of Apple's award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications featuring iPhoto®, iMovie HD, iDVD®, GarageBand™ and iWeb™, the latest 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.** The MacBook also comes with the latest release of the world's most advanced operating system, Mac OS® X version 10.4.8 Tiger, including Safari™, Mail, iCal®, iChat AV, Front Row and Photo Booth, running natively on the Intel-based notebook.

Pricing & Availability

The new MacBook is available immediately through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers. The Apple MagSafe Airline Adapter is available for a suggested retail price of \$59 (US).

The 1.83 GHz, 13-inch white MacBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,099 (US), includes:

- 13.3-inch glossy widescreen 1280 x 800 display with 250 cd/m2 brightness;
- 1.83 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 512MB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 2GB;
- 60GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 5400 rpm, with Sudden Motion Sensor;
- a slot-load Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) optical drive;

The 2.0 GHz, 13-inch white MacBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,299 (US), includes:

- 13.3-inch glossy widescreen 1280 x 800 display with 250 cd/m2 brightness;
- 2.0 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 2GB;
- 80GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 5400 rpm, with Sudden Motion Sensor;
- a slot-load 6x SuperDrive with double-layer support (DVD+R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW) optical drive;

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The 2.0 GHz, 13-inch black MacBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,499 (US), includes:

- 13.3-inch glossy widescreen 1280 x 800 display with 250 cd/m2 brightness;
- 2.0GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 2GB;
- 120GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 5400 rpm, with Sudden Motion Sensor;
- a slot-load 6x SuperDrive with double-layer support (DVD+R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW) optical drive;
- Intel Graphics Media Accelerator 950;

All models come with the following:

- Mini-DVI out (adapters for DVI, VGA and Composite/S-Video sold separately);
- built-in iSight video camera;
- Gigabit Ethernet port;
- built-in AirPort Extreme wireless networking and Bluetooth 2.0+EDR;
- two USB 2.0 ports and one FireWire 400 port;
- one audio line in and one audio line out port, each supporting both optical digital and analog;
- Scrolling TrackPad;
- the infrared Apple Remote; and
- 60 Watt MagSafe Power Adapter. 🍏

Apple Teams Up With Air France, Continental, Delta, Emirates, KLM & United to Deliver iPod Integration

Apple® announced it is teaming up with Air France, Continental, Delta, Emirates, KLM and United to deliver the first seamless integration between iPod® and in-flight entertainment systems. These six airlines will begin offering their passengers iPod seat connections which power and charge their iPods during flight and allow the video content on their iPods to be viewed on the their seat back displays.

“There is no better traveling companion than an iPod, and now travelers can power their iPods during flight and even watch their iPod movies and TV shows on their seat back displays,” said Greg Joswiak, Apple’s vice president of Worldwide iPod Product Marketing. “We’re excited to work with Air France, Continental, Delta, Emirates, KLM and United to offer iPod users an even better in-flight experience.”

In-flight iPod connectivity will be available to Air France, Continental, Delta, Emirates, KLM and United passengers beginning in mid 2007. Additionally, Apple is working with Panasonic Avionics Corporation to bring even more leading airlines in-flight iPod connectivity in the future. The iPod

ecosystem continues to flourish with more than 3,000 accessories made specifically for iPod that range from fashionable cases to speaker systems, and more than 70 percent of 2007-model US automobiles currently offer iPod connectivity. 🍏

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Add rows and columns until you have all the desktop real estate you need. Arrange your Spaces as you see fit, then assign what function keys you want to control them. You can also lock specific applications to specific Spaces, so you’ll always know where, say, Safari or Keynote is at all times.

TIME MACHINE

Set it, then forget it

The first time you attach an external drive to a Mac running Mac OS X Leopard, Time Machine asks if you’d like to back up to that drive. Set up the drive and Time Machine takes care of everything else, automatically, in the background, so you can get on with your digital life.

Back up everything

Right from the start, Time Machine in Mac OS X Leopard makes a complete backup of all the files on your system. That includes your system files, applications, accounts, preferences, music, photos, movies, documents — everything you keep on your Mac. As you make changes, Time Machine only backs up what changes, all the while maintaining a comprehensive layout of your system. That way, Time Machine minimizes the space required on your backup device. Since backups are stored on your device by date, you can browse through your entire system as it appeared on any date. And that’s what makes Time Machine different from any backup application you’ve ever tried.

Go back in time

With Time Machine, you can restore your whole system from any past backups and peruse the past with ease. Can’t find a file you want? Enter Time Machine’s time-based browser to see a snapshot of how your entire system looked on any given day — file by file. When you find the file you want, just select it and restore it. Time Machine brings it into the present. You can do the same with a group of files, whole folders, even your entire system. With a single click. 🍏



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