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BIRMINGHAM APPLE STORE SET TO OPEN

April 14 Grand Opening at the Summit

The Apple store grand opening has been announced for April 14th at 10:00 am at the Summit shopping center at the intersection of Interstate I-459 and US Highway 280.

The Apple store is located between Parisians and Restoration Hardware.

See page 5 for map of the Summit.

<http://www.apple.com/retail/thesummit/week/20070415.html>

Grand Opening

To celebrate our Grand Opening, we're featuring a week of exciting events. In our store, we'll have a variety of unique and educational presentations, demonstrations and workshops — all free of charge.

T-shirt Giveaway

The first 1000 people to visit the Apple Store receive a free Apple t-shirt.

Sweepstakes

Enter the Grand Opening Sweepstakes to win a Digital Lifestyle Collection valued at \$2573.95.

One Grand Prize winner will receive a black 13-inch 2.0GHz Intel Core Duo MacBook, one-year membership to ProCare, an iPod nano, an iPod Hi-Fi, iWork, one-year membership to .Mac, and an AppleCare Protection Plan for MacBook. Ten First Prize winners each will receive a one-year ProCare membership. No purchase necessary. All entries must be de

posited by 4:00 p.m. (EST) on Sunday, April 15, 2007. See official rules and details. 🍏

Tip of the Month

Finding the Combined Size of More than One Document

Let's say you have several files on your desktop, and before you copy them all onto your jump drive, you want to find out their combined size. Here's how it's done: Select all the files for which you want the combined size, then press Command-Option-I, which brings up the Multiple Item Info dialog, complete with a list of how many files are selected and their combined size. 🍏



BAC April Meeting

The April 14th meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core will be held at the Homewood Library, Room 116.

The topic will be Marketing with a Mac by Kristie LaRochelle of *kp studios*.

See the article on page 1 in March PEEL and visit the links to the websites to learn more about the April meeting.

Coffee and etc. as always.

Have you checked out our redesigned web site lately? Many thanks and kudos to Dr. Ragnar Flatland for his efforts to update and enhance our website as our new webmaster.

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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.

About the Mac OS X 10.4.9 Update (delta)

The Mac OS X 10.4.9 Update (delta) updates Mac OS X 10.4.8 to version 10.4.9 on both Intel-based Macs and PowerPC-based Macs. (If you are updating from a previous version of Mac OS X 10.4.x to 10.4.9 see this article.)

Important: Please read before installing

* You may experience unexpected results if you have third-party system software modifications installed, or if you've modified the operating system through other means. (This does not apply to normal application software installation.)

* The installation process should not be interrupted. If a power outage or other interruption occurs during installation, use the standalone installer (see below) from Apple Downloads to update.

* If issues occur during installation—for example, Software Update quits unexpectedly, please see this article.

Installation

To update your Mac to Mac OS X 10.4.9, use Software Update or the standalone installer. You only need to use one of these methods to update your computer.

Software Update

Software Update, located in the Apple menu, will automatically check for the latest Apple software using the Internet. (Software Update might have linked you to this article to learn more about the update.) If your computer is not up to date, software updates for your computer will appear that you can install. Note that an update's size may vary from computer to computer when installed using Software Update. Also, some updates must be installed prior to others, so you should run Software Update more than once to make sure you have all available updates.

Standalone installer

Download the update installer and run it manually. This a useful option when you need to update multiple computers

but only want to download the update once. Two versions of the stand-alone installer are available from Apple Downloads: a delta and combo.

* The delta update for PowerPC and Intel-based Macs installer (described in the article you're reading) updates Mac OS X 10.4.8 to 10.4.9.

* The combo update installer (described in this article) updates Mac OS X 10.4, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.4.4, 10.4.5, 10.4.6, 10.4.7, or 10.4.8 to 10.4.9.

What's included?

The following improvements apply to both Intel- and PowerPC-based Macs unless otherwise noted:

.Mac

* Improves automatic iDisk syncing for customers whose .Mac username contains a period (.).

* Improves overall .Mac Sync performance.

* Addresses an issue with automatic and periodic syncing as set in the .Mac System Preferences panel.

* Reduces .Mac Sync timeouts when syncing large data sets.

* Prevents large amounts of Address Book data from being changed without authorization.

* Addresses an issue which could result in properly unregistering a computer.

* Addresses issues related to syncing a large number of changes to .Mac

* Prevents third-party syncing applications from presenting an extraneous initial sync alert.

Bluetooth

* Addresses a wake-from-sleep issue for Kensington PilotMouse Mini Bluetooth devices when used with a MacBook.

* Resolves issues in which Bluetooth-based devices might not respond after sleep on some computers.

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OS X 10.4.9 *continued from page 2***iChat, iCal, and iSync**

- * Resolves an issue in which iCal reminders may appear off to the side of the screen.
- * Resolves an issues in which some events added to particular dates may not display correctly.
- * Event notes are now synced between iCal and Nokia N70 phones.
- * Adds iSync support for more devices.
- * Includes iChat support for USB Video Class webcams.

Networking and modem

- * Addresses a permissions issue when copying a file with extended attributes from an AFP share of an Xsan volume, via the Finder.
- * Resolves an issue when using kerberos authentication with Active Directory if the user is a member of many groups.
- * Resolves performance issues with Intel-based iMacs that could occur when determining high-speed network switches.
- * Improves reliability when faxing in France or Belgium via an external Apple USB Modem.
- * Adds support for WPA2 encryption in Network Diagnostics.
- * Addresses an issue with automatic AirPort connections that use different authentication methods.
- * Addresses an issue in which Network Preferences may unexpectedly quit after disconnecting a network-aware USB device while Network Preferences is open.
- * Addresses an issue with iMac's maintaining manual duplex settings.
- * Internal Apple modem drivers now offer the same robustness as external Apple modem drivers.
- * External USB modems now report DLE-d for busy tone detection.
- * Adds modem support for Russia.
- * Fax receiving now works when the country code is set to France.
- * Resolves an issue with dialing a modem in pulse mode to an ISP.
- * Resolves an issue in the Open dialog when browsing AFP volumes within applications using Rosetta.
- * Resolves a printing issue that could occur with applications using Rosetta, while logged in as Active Directory User that has an SMB home directory.

Printing

- * Resolves a printing issue with applications using Rosetta while logged in as an Active Directory User with SMB home directory.

- * Resolves an issue in which temporary files might use excessive disk space when printing to some third-party printers.


Aperture

For information on the benefits this update includes for Aperture, see this article.

Third-party

- * Resolves issues for these third-party applications that use Rosetta: LEGO StarWars, Adobe InDesign, H&R Block TaxCut, Big Business' Big Business 5.1.0.
- * Resolves an issue in which Adobe Arno Pro Italics fonts might not install in Font Book.
- * Resolves an issue for Microsoft Word in which OpenType Fonts may not display correctly; this update also addresses OpenType font issues using Word 2004.

Other

- * Improves the reliability of OpenGL-accelerated graphics in Blizzard's World of Warcraft.
- * Improves the reliability of OpenGL-based applications on Mac Pro computer with Nvidia graphics cards.
- * Includes updated security certificates.
- * Includes the Daylight Savings Time Update (released February 15, 2007) which contains the latest worldwide time zone and Daylight Saving Time (DST) rules as of January 8, 2007.
- * Resolves a toggling issue when zooming using the Command-Alt-8 key combination (Universal Access).
- * Resolves an issue in which some USB printers may stop printing in Classic.
- * Addresses an issue in Classic in which an iMac G5's built-in iSight camera might stop responding.
- * Improves validation of disk images.
- * Includes improved support for USB devices in Classic.
- * Improves support for files with ".ac3", ".m2v", and ".m4v" filename extensions.
- * Improves performance when transferring from a P2 USB reader in the Finder.
- * Resolves an issue in which DVD player might not play a track that's longer than 3 hours.
- * Addresses a display issue that could occur in X11.app running in 256-color mode on an Intel-based Mac.
- * Addresses EAP-FAST in PAC mode issue in a TLS session.
- * Addresses an issue in which incorrect encoding could be used for the files created by the "New Text File" Automator action on Intel-based Macs.
- * Includes recent Apple security updates. 

APPLE UPDATES MAC PRO DESKTOP

Professional velocity.

8-core or quad-core Mac Pro workstation

Meet the latest addition to the Mac Pro family: The world's first 3.0GHz, 8-core Intel Xeon-based Mac Pro. Consider the bar officially raised.

Performance standard

No matter which Mac Pro model you choose — 8-core or quad-core Intel Xeon — each delivers advanced performance, workstation graphics, and unparalleled expansion in so many possible configurations, your imagination has finally met its match.

Eight cores or four

Opt for the 8-core Mac Pro and you get the power of two Quad-Core Intel Xeon "Clovertown" processors running at 3.0GHz. Or choose a quad-core Mac Pro featuring two Dual-Core Intel Xeon "Woodcrest" processors and decide how fast they fly: 2.0GHz, 2.66GHz, or 3.0GHz. At 3.0GHz, the quad-core Mac Pro runs up to 2x faster than the Power Mac G5 Quad.1


Unparalleled expansion

Mac Pro accommodates up to four drives and 3TB of storage, offers eight DIMM slots to fill with up to 16GB of RAM, and provides up to two SuperDrives. It also gives you four PCI Express slots and lots of I/O options for ultimate flexibility.

Killer graphics

Looking for high-performance workstation graphics? You've come to the right place. Three graphics card options let you choose the card that meets your specific needs. And every one lets you connect up to two displays, including at least one 30-inch Apple Cinema HD Display.

More than 33 million possible configurations


You're the expert. With build-to-order options available for processors, graphics cards, memory, hard drives, optical drives, and other features and components, the über-configurable Mac Pro lets you build your personal dream machine. The Mac you've been waiting for. 

APPLE LOWERS PRICES FOR CINEMA DISPLAYS

\$599 - 20" Cinema Display

\$899 - 23" Cinema Display

\$1799 - 30" Cinema Display

The new prices represent \$100 discounts for the 20" and 23" and \$200 discounts on the 30" Display. Apple last updated the Cinema Displays in August with price drops and improved specifications. 

Apple Inc. and The Beatles' Apple Corps Ltd. Enter into New Agreement

Apple® Inc. and The Beatles' company Apple Corps Ltd. are pleased to announce the parties have entered into a new agreement concerning the use of the name "Apple" and apple logos which replaces their 1991 Agreement. Under this new agreement, Apple Inc. will own all of the trademarks related to "Apple" and will license certain of those trademarks back to Apple Corps for their continued use. In addition, the ongoing trademark lawsuit between the companies will end, with each party bearing its own legal costs, and Apple Inc. will continue using its name and logos on iTunes®. The terms of settlement are confidential.

Commenting on the settlement, Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO said, "We love the Beatles, and it has been painful being at odds with them over these trademarks. It feels great to resolve this in a positive manner, and in a way that should remove the potential of further disagreements in the future."




iTunes Introduces Complete My Album

Turns Individual Songs Into Complete Albums
at Reduced Prices

Apple® today announced Complete My Album, a groundbreaking new iTunes service that allows customers to turn their individual tracks into a complete album at a reduced price by giving them a full 99 cent credit for every track they have previously purchased from that album.

"iTunes continues to revolutionize the digital music industry by offering music fans innovative ways to explore and enjoy new music," said Thomas Hesse, president, Global Digital Business and US Sales, Sony BMG Music Entertainment. "With Complete My Album, iTunes is giving music fans the best of both worlds—the ability to discover great new music by buying just the single and a credit toward the purchase of the complete album."

Complete My Album offers customers up to 180 days after first purchasing individual songs from any qualifying album to purchase the rest of that album at a reduced price. When users buy any song on iTunes the corresponding album will immediately appear on their personalized Complete My Album page with the reduced price listed. For example, a user who's already purchased three 99 cent singles and decides to buy the corresponding \$9.99 album would be able to download the remaining songs to complete the album for just \$7.02, without having to buy the singles again. 



Map of The Summit shopping center indicating the location of the new Apple Store.

APPLE SELLS THE 100 MILLIONTH IPOD

Apple® announced that the 100 millionth iPod® has been sold, making the iPod the fastest selling music player in history. The first iPod was sold five and a half years ago, in November 2001, and since then Apple has introduced more than 10 new iPod models, including five generations of iPod, two generations of iPod mini, two generations of iPod nano and two generations of iPod shuffle. Along with iTunes® and the iTunes online music store, the iPod has transformed how tens of millions of music lovers acquire, manage and listen to their music.

The iPod has also sparked an unprecedented ecosystem of over 4,000 accessories made specifically for the iPod that range from fashionable cases to speaker systems, and more than 70 percent of 2007-model US automobiles currently offer iPod connectivity. 🍏

TOPXNOTES FREE UPDATE

TopXNotes 1.2.1 has the following changes:

ADDED FEATURES

Go to Note to Notes Menu

CHANGED FEATURES

Passworded notes now show note number in note title instead of just "Passworded Note"

FIXED

Find Bugs-

- * cmd+F should bring Find dialog forward if the dialog is already open

- * Fixed an issue where Find failed on attempt to Find something and Replace it with a space or with nothing.

- Fixed an incorrect version error message

- Fixed an obscure bug that would cause TopXNotes to not launch when placed in Login Items, on certain versions of the Mac OS and on certain hardware only.

- Minor selection bugs fixed. 🍏



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