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Apple Updates Popular MacBook

Faster Intel Core 2 Duo Processors, 1GB of Memory and Larger Hard Drives Across the Line

Apple® updated its MacBook® consumer notebooks with faster Intel Core 2 Duo processors, 1GB of memory and larger hard drives in every model. The MacBook is just one-inch thin and features built-in 802.11n wireless networking for up to five times the performance and twice the range of 802.11g.* Every MacBook also includes 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.

"The MacBook is a huge hit with customers, and is one of the reasons that Mac sales are growing three times faster than PC sales," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "The new MacBook is faster, has even more memory and storage, and is an ideal notebook for customers' growing library of digital music, photos and movies."

Featuring a gorgeous 13-inch glossy widescreen display, the one-inch thin MacBook comes in three models: sleek white 2.0 GHz and 2.16 GHz MacBook models, and a stunning black 2.16 GHz MacBook model. The MacBook includes a built-in iSight video camera for video chatting 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

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iPhone Introduction Date Announced

The release for sale date of the new iPhone by Apple is scheduled for Friday June 29th, 2007.

Three new TV ads by AT&T (formerly Cingular) and Apple confirm this date.

iPhone combines three amazing products — a revolutionary mobile phone, a widescreen iPod with touch controls, and a breakthrough Internet communications device with desktop-class email, web browsing, maps, and searching — into one small and lightweight handheld device. iPhone also introduces an entirely new user interface based on a large multi-touch display and pioneering new software, letting you control everything with just your fingers. So it ushers in an era of software power and



Apple BAC June Meeting

The June 9th meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core at the Homewood Library. The topic of the meeting will be a demo of Elgato's EyeTV hardware and software. William Bankson will be our guide. See page 2 and the following web address for more info:

www.elgato.com

Come enjoy coffee, donuts, cookies etc.

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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.

***Treasurer still needed for
Board of Directors***

EyeTV Hybrid delivers free over-the-air digital television as well as analog TV via antenna and standard cable. Use the composite video and S-Video breakout cable to receive premium channels, digital cable and satellite TV via set top box, and to connect a game console for an excellent live play experience. Not only can you watch Standard Definition digital TV (SDTV), but also High Definition (HDTV – where available) with a Dual PowerPC G5 or an Intel Core Duo processor Mac. EyeTV Hybrid features a USB 2.0 interface, requires no external power supply, and contains a full-size coaxial plug. EyeTV Hybrid does software encoding of analog signals; please note the quality of analog recordings depends on processor power. 🍏

One-Click Long-File-Name Fix

If you're working in a window set to Column view, you're going to run into this all the time — files with long names have the end of their names cut off from view, because the column isn't wide enough. That doesn't sound like that big of a problem, until you start working with more descriptive file names, and you can't see which file is "European Front End Silver Car" and which is "European Back End Silver Car" because everything from "European" to "Silver Car" is cut off.

Luckily, there's a quick fix — just double-click on the little tab at the bottom of the vertical column divider bar, and the column will expand just enough so you can see even the longest file name of any file in that column. Option-double-click on the tab, and every column expands to show the longest name in each column. Pretty darn sweet! 🍏

June Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC June meeting; Copies of "Take Control" by Adam Engst. 🍏

McAfee Site Advisor Firefox Plugin

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<http://www.siteadvisor.com/>

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sophistication never before seen in a mobile device, completely redefining what you can do on a mobile phone.

<http://www.apple.com/iphone/ads/>

Steve Jobs to Kick Off Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference 2007

Apple® announced that Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO, will kick off its Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) with a keynote address beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007 at San Francisco's Moscone West. At WWDC, Apple plans to show developers a feature complete version of Mac OS® X Leopard and give them a beta copy to take home for final testing. Leopard is scheduled to ship in October.

The five-day event, scheduled to run from June 11 to June 15, will deliver more than 150 sessions and labs aimed at getting the most out of Leopard. The conference will also include new content to serve a wide range of developers, including Mac OS X Immersion Monday, designed to quickly get developers who are new to the Mac® up to speed; a content and media track that shows developers the best ways to integrate animation, motion graphics, video, rich-media and web-based content into their applications; and dozens of hands-on labs that offer a unique opportunity to work directly with Apple engineers.

Other activities at Apple's WWDC 2007 include:

- presentations from Apple engineers who will provide an in-depth look at Leopard, from its open source foundation to new technologies and innovations like Xcode® 3.0, Dashcode, Core Animation, Time Machine, iChat Theater and more;
- practical hands-on sessions where attendees can learn Apple's own coding strategies and techniques for creating Cocoa bindings, building Automator actions and integrating iCal® events into an application;
- technology labs where attendees can work one-on-one with Apple engineers on topics such as Cocoa, Open GL and AJAX; and
- special events, including the Apple Design Awards and Stump the Experts.🍏

One-to-One Personal training at the Apple Store

There's no better way to learn more, or learn it faster, than with One to One personal training sessions at the Apple Store.

Our trainers — experts in all things Apple — create a program customized to your level of experience. You can choose individual sessions covering everything from getting started on a Mac to making more out of your memories. Or explore any topic you like. All for just \$99 per year.

Personal training sessions are designed to move at your pace and provide the support and guidance you need, whether you're new to Mac or ready to master the latest pro software.

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ProCare membership starts with a complete setup of your Mac. Then stay up and running with premium benefits like same-day service at the Genius Bar, Rapid Repairs, yearly tune-ups, and more. All for just \$99 per year, for up to three computers. Ask a Mac Specialist about ProCare. Your Mac will thank you.

Already a member?

If you joined ProCare before May 2, 2007, we've got some great news. We've expanded personal training, one of the most popular ProCare services, into its own program called One to One. We've also added great new features to ProCare to keep you and your Mac in top form. And the biggest news of all? You get to take full advantage of both programs for the rest of your membership.🍏



MacBooks Updated *continued from page 1*

that magnetically connects the power cord to the MacBook and safely disconnects when under strain, and the latest generation of 802.11n wireless networking for up to five times the performance and twice the range of 802.11g.

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 MacBook also comes with the latest release of the world's most advanced operating system, Mac OS® X version 10.4.9 Tiger, including Safari™, Mail, iCal®, iChat AV, Front Row and Photo Booth.

Pricing & Availability

The new MacBook is available immediately through the Apple Store (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers.

The 2.0 GHz, 13-inch white MacBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,099 (US), includes:

- 13.3-inch glossy widescreen 1280 x 800 display;
- 2.0 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 667 MHz front-side bus;
- 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 Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) optical drive;
- Intel Graphics Media Accelerator 950;
- 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® 802.11n 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.

The 2.16 GHz, 13-inch white or black MacBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,299 (US), includes:

- 13.3-inch glossy widescreen 1280 x 800 display;
- 2.16 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 667 MHz front-side bus;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, ex-

pandable to 2GB;

- 120GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 5400 rpm, with Sudden Motion Sensor;
- a slot-load 8x SuperDrive with double-layer support (DVD+R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW) optical drive;
- Intel Graphics Media Accelerator 950;
- 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 802.11n wireless networking and Bluetooth 2.0+EDR;
- two USB 2.0 ports and one FireWire 400 port;
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PDF: The Smaller PDF Secret Control

This is another one of those “secret, buried-in-a-vault” killer tips that addresses something Mac OS X users have complained about: The file sizes of PDFs that Mac OS X creates are sometimes too big (vs. Adobe's Acrobat PDFs). believe it or not, there's a way to get smaller PDFs. Here's how: launch TextEdit, then choose Print from the File menu. From the PDF pop-up menu in the bottom-left corner of the dialog, choose Compress PDF. That's it. It'll compress the PDF and call it a day.

However, if you're charging by the hour, and let's pretend you are, you have a wonderful time-consuming option: Choose Print from the File menu, and from the second Presets pop-up menu choose ColorSync. From the Quartz Filter menu that appears, choose Add Filters. Click on the three-oval icon in the top-left corner of the dialog that appears, click on the filter named Reduce File Size, and then click-and-hold on the arrow button to the right of the filter and choose Duplicate Filter. This creates an unlocked filter you can edit.

Now click on the triangle to the left of the duplicate filter to show its options; this is where you choose what you want. I recommend clicking on the arrow to the left of Image Compression and dragging the magic slider that lets you control the amount of JPEG compression your PDF images receive. For smaller file sizes, drag the Quality Slider toward Minimum. Now go back to TextEdit and in the Print dialog, choose Colorsync from the second Presets pop-up menu, choose your new filter from the Quartz Filter pop-up menu and click Print. That's it. (Whew!) 🍏



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