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Apple Unveils New iMacs All New Line Features Sleek Aluminum 20- and 24-inch Designs

Apple® unveiled an all new all-in-one iMac® line featuring gorgeous 20- and 24-inch widescreen displays encased in elegant and professional aluminum and glass enclosures. The entire new iMac line features the latest Intel Core 2 Duo processors and a new, ultra-thin aluminum Apple Keyboard, built-in iSight® video camera for video conferencing and iLife® '08, making it the ultimate digital lifestyle desktop computer for both consumers and professionals. The 20-inch iMac now starts at just \$1,199, \$300 less than the previous 20-inch model, and the 24-inch iMac starts at just \$1,799, \$200 less than the previous 24-inch model.

“Our new design features the innovative use of materials, including professional-grade aluminum and glass, that are highly recyclable.” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. Redefining Apple’s signature all-in-one design, the new iMac integrates the entire computer system into a sleek, professional aluminum enclosure for a striking, clutter-free desktop. An elegant glass cover joins precisely to the aluminum enclosure creating a virtually seamless front surface. The new iMac’s 20- and 24-inch glossy widescreen displays provide incredibly crisp images, ideal for photos and movies using the all new iLife '08 suite of digital lifestyle applications that are included. The new ultra-thin aluminum Apple Keyboard is just 0.33 inches thin at its front edge. A new optional Apple Wireless Keyboard is a compact design that, with Apple’s wireless Mighty Mouse, offers a cable-free desktop.

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Apple displays in Best Buy

Best Buy stores have expanded their collaboration with Apple adding many more stores which feature an Apple display inside the Best Buy.

This started out with a limited test market which has resulted in the expanded coverage.

The Best Buy along Hwy. 280 in the Inverness area, next to Target, has one such Apple display clearly visible once inside the store. 🍏



🍏 BAC August Meeting 🍏

The August 11th meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core at the Homewood Library.

Join MacSpeech Chief Evangelist Chuck Rogers as he explores speech recognition on Macintosh featuring iListen.

Presentation at 10 AM at the Birmingham Apple Core User Group Meeting in Birmingham, AL.

Come enjoy coffee, donuts, cookies etc.

MacSpeech Chief Evangelist Chuck Rogers will also appear at 3PM Sunday August 12 at the Apple store at The Summit in Birmingham, AL.

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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.

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

iPhone Out-of-Warranty Battery Replacement Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the iPhone Battery Replacement Program?

If your iPhone requires service only because the battery's ability to hold an electrical charge has diminished, Apple will repair your iPhone for a service fee of \$79, plus \$6.95 shipping. Be sure to follow these instructions for optimizing battery life and troubleshooting battery charging issues before submitting your iPhone for battery replacement.

How much does it cost to participate in the program?

The program costs \$79, plus \$6.95 shipping. The program cost is \$85.95 per unit.

All fees are in US dollars and are subject to local tax. Service may not be available if your iPhone has been damaged due to accident or abuse. Please review Apple's Repair Terms and Conditions for further details.

Will the data on my iPhone be preserved?

No, the repair process will clear all data from your iPhone. It is important to sync your iPhone with iTunes to back up your contacts, photos, email account settings, text messages, and more. Apple is not responsible for the loss of information while servicing your iPhone and does not offer any data transfer service. Please do not send any accessories with your iPhone.

How long will service take?

The repair process normally takes three business days. See the iPhone Service FAQ for information about getting an AppleCare Service Phone for you to use with all of your data while your iPhone is being repaired. 🍏

Huntsville Apple Store

Bridge Stree Town Centre development to bring an Apple store to Huntsville in fall of 2007

This Main Street-type mall along I-565 on the city's southwest side is part of Cummings Research Park, which also includes residential and office space. It has been delayed several times, but a June 2006 site plan (pdf) of the available 550,000 s.f. retail space includes Apple as "In discussion/negotiating" for a 4,000 s.f. space in the middle of the site (#108). The city is home to Redstone Arsenal, NASA facilities and contractors. The mall will include multi-screen cinema, office space, residential area, 63 shops and restaurants, and a Westin Hotel. Features bridges over a 10-acre lake, water taxis, fountains and tree-lined walks, all with a French-Italian theme. The mall is scheduled for a late Summer 2007 opening. Job listings appeared on Monster.com on Feb. 26th. Job listing appeared on Apple's site March 1, 2007. 🍏

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

Updates

Skype 2.6.0.151

Firefox 2.0.6

iTunes 7.3.2 for Mac & Windows
iTunes 7.3.2 provides bug fixes to improve stability and performance.

August Door Prizes

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

iListen

The Top Selling Speech Solution for Mac OS X

You sit at your Mac. You tell it to open Microsoft Word. You speak in a natural rhythm, at a normal pace.

As you speak, your words appear on the screen. You are experiencing iListen from MacSpeech. For you, the future of computing has just arrived.

Speak and do just about anything you can do with your keyboard and mouse in Microsoft Word, Filemaker Pro, Microsoft Excel, Mail, Quicken, Photoshop, InDesign, QuarkXPress, Acrobat, and hundreds of others, virtually any application on your Mac.

iListen is real speech recognition, what the experts call continuous speech recognition. For the rest of us, that means "The ability to recognize easy, natural, normal human speech." iListen works the way you do. Naturally.

iListen is the state-of-the-art in speech recognition, powered by the Philips FreeSpeech™ engine. It is the most accurate, intuitive and user-friendly speech recognition product available for the Mac. And the fastest. Perhaps that's because iListen is and always has been a Mac only product.

Nothing is more natural than speaking, and nothing is better at turning speech into action on your Mac than iListen.


iListen's friendly user interface floats above other applications, giving you quick access to its most frequently used features.

iListen is also the only speech recognition program that allows you to employ Correction from any application into which you have dictated.

A real time saver!

With the optional TranscriptionPak, iListen can even transcribe your voice from an approved digital recorder or Video iPod - another MacSpeech exclusive.

If you can't type more than 100 words per minute for a half hour to an hour at a time, you should be talking, not typing.

<http://www.macspeech.com> 

Apple Introduces iLife '08

Major New Versions of iPhoto & iMovie

Apple® introduced iLife® '08, the most significant upgrade ever to Apple's award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications, featuring a major new version of iPhoto® and a completely reinvented iMovie®. iPhoto '08 automatically organizes photo libraries into Events that let users more easily manage their growing photo collections, and iMovie '08 introduces an entirely new way for users to quickly make movies and share them online. Both iPhoto and iMovie integrate seamlessly with the new .Mac Web Gallery, Apple's new service for .Mac members to instantly create and host stunning online websites for their photos and videos. iLife '08 also features iWeb™ '08, with live web widgets such as

Google Maps that let users create even more dynamic websites, and GarageBand™ '08, with its new Magic GarageBand feature that makes it fun and easy for both musicians and non-musicians to create great sounding songs.

iPhoto '08 automatically groups all photos into Events, each containing a day's worth of photos represented by a single picture. Users can simply move their mouse over an Event to instantly "skim" through all its photos. Users can split a single day's event into multiple events, such as a birthday party in the morning and a wedding in the evening, or merge events on multiple days into a single event, such as a weekend ski vacation. Users can hide photos they don't want to see every day but don't want to throw away, and a unified search allows users to instantly find all their photos across all Events by rating, date and keywords. Users can produce frame-worthy prints on a home printer with new Apple-designed photo themes, and order keepsake books with customizable dust jackets and professional quality hardcovers with elegant foil printing, new spiral-bound softcover books that can be laid flat for easy viewing, or new larger wall calendars.

With iMovie '08, Apple's movie-making software has been completely reinvented to let users rediscover and enjoy their video library, make movies in minutes instead of hours, and share their movies with family, friends or the entire world in a snap. iMovie '08 can import video from the latest AVCHD, HDV and DV camcorders, as well as from digital cameras, and displays a user's entire video library whether it's stored on internal or external drives. Users can preview any of their video clips by simply moving their mouse over the clip to "skim" through it forward or backward at any speed, including faster than real time. Users can select video as easily as selecting text, make a movie by simply dragging the selected video into a project, then easily add a soundtrack from iTunes®, voiceovers, and elegant effects and cinematic titles. iMovie '08 makes it as easy as a few clicks to enjoy your movies on an iPod®, iPhone™ or Apple TV®, or share with the entire world on YouTube.

For .Mac members, Apple is also introducing the stunning .Mac Web Gallery. .Mac Web Gallery is fully integrated with iPhoto '08 and iMovie '08, letting users share their photos and movies on the web with just a few clicks. .Mac Web Gallery automatically builds a website containing photo galleries and movies that can be viewed on any modern computer or iPhone. Photos can be downloaded to print at sizes up to 16x20, and movies can be viewed at higher-than-DVD resolution.

iWeb '08 offers new features to make websites more interactive by adding live web widgets such as Google Maps, targeted ads using Google AdSense and photos or movies from .Mac Web Galleries.

GarageBand '08 introduces Magic GarageBand, an easy and fun way for musicians and non-musicians alike to create a song. Price is \$79 and is available now.

New iMac *cont'd from page 1*

Packing professional performance into the convenience of an all-in-one design, the new iMac includes the latest Intel Core 2 Duo processors running up to 2.8 GHz with 4MB of shared L2 cache and up to 4GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory. The iMac line features ATI's next generation of graphics with the ATI Radeon HD 2600 PRO with 256MB of GDDR3 memory and the ATI Radeon HD 2400 XT with 128MB of GDDR3 memory. The new iMac now offers up to 1TB of internal storage to accommodate a user's growing library of digital photos, movies and music.

Providing the latest in high-performance connectivity options to quickly and conveniently transfer digital photos, music and video, the iMac includes built-in AirPort Extreme® 802.11n Wi-Fi networking, delivering up to five times the performance and twice the range of 802.11g;* Gigabit Ethernet; a total of five USB 2.0 ports (including two on the new Apple Keyboard); and one FireWire® 400 and one FireWire 800 port.

The new iMac, with its stunning design, features highly recyclable and durable materials including scratch-resistant glass and professional grade aluminum. The power-efficient iMac also meets the stringent new Energy Star 4.0 requirements.

Pricing & Availability

The new iMac line is available immediately. The new Apple Wireless Keyboard will ship by the end of August and will be available as a build-to-order option with the new iMac through the Apple Store (www.apple.com) for a suggested retail price of \$30 (US), or \$50 (US) when purchased along with the wireless Mighty Mouse, and as a standalone purchase for a suggested retail price of \$79 (US)

The new 20-inch 2.0 GHz iMac, for a suggested retail price of \$1,199 (US), includes:

- 20-inch widescreen LCD display;
- 2.0 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM; up to 4GB
- a slot-load 8x SuperDrive®
- ATI Radeon HD 2400 XT with 128MB GDDR3 memory;
- built-in iSight video camera;
- built-in AirPort Extreme 802.11n wireless net working & Bluetooth 2.0+EDR;
- 250GB Serial ATA hard drive; 7200 rpm;
- mini-DVI out (adapters for DVI, VGA and Composite/S-Video sold separately);
- built-in stereo speakers and microphone; and

The new 20-inch 2.4 GHz iMac, for a suggested retail price of \$1,499 (US), includes:


- 20-inch widescreen LCD display;
- 2.4 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;

- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM; up to 4GB;
- a slot-load 8x SuperDrive
- ATI Radeon HD 2600 PRO with 256MB GDDR3 memory;
- built-in iSight video camera;
- built-in AirPort Extreme 802.11n wireless net working & Bluetooth 2.0+EDR;
- 320GB Serial ATA hard drive; 7200 rpm;
- mini-DVI out (adapters for DVI, VGA and Composite/S-Video sold separately);
- built-in stereo speakers and microphone; and
- the new Apple Keyboard, Mighty Mouse and infrared Apple Remote.

The new 24-inch 2.4 GHz iMac, for a suggested retail price of \$1,799 (US), includes:

- 24-inch widescreen LCD display;
- 2.4 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM; up to 4GB;
- a slot-load 8x SuperDrive double-layer support
- ATI Radeon HD 2600 PRO with 256MB GDDR3 memory;
- built-in iSight video camera;
- built-in AirPort Extreme 802.11n wireless net working & Bluetooth 2.0+EDR;
- 320GB Serial ATA hard drive; 7200 rpm;
- mini-DVI out (adapters for DVI, VGA and Composite/S-Video sold separately);
- built-in stereo speakers and microphone; and microphone

Build-to-order options and accessories include: a 2.8 GHz Intel Core 2 Extreme processor, up to 4GB DDR2 SDRAM and up to a 1TB Serial ATA hard drive on the 24-inch iMac; up to 4GB DDR2 SDRAM and up to 750GB Serial ATA hard drive on the 2.4 GHz 20-inch iMac; and up to 4GB of DDR2 SDRAM and up to 500GB Serial ATA hard drive on the 2.0 GHz 20-inch iMac. Additional options include: new Apple Wireless Keyboard and wireless Mighty Mouse; AirPort Express® and AirPort Extreme Base Station (now with Gigabit Ethernet); the AppleCare Protection Plan; and pre-installed copies of iWork™ '08, Logic® Express 7, Final Cut® Express HD 3.5 and Aperture 1.5.

Other announcements included iWork '08, iLife '08, upgrades to the Mac Mini, and the .Mac service. 



The new aluminum Mac keyboard

Apple Reports Third Quarter Results Record June Quarter Revenue and Profit Mac Sales Set New Record

Apple® announced financial results for its fiscal 2007 third quarter ended June 30, 2007. The Company posted revenue of \$5.41 billion and net quarterly profit of \$818 million, or \$.92 per diluted share. These results compare to revenue of \$4.37 billion and net quarterly profit of \$472 million, or \$.54 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter. Gross margin was 36.9 percent, up from 30.3 percent in the year-ago quarter. International sales accounted for 40 percent of the quarter's revenue.

Apple shipped 1,764,000 Macintosh® computers, representing 33 percent growth over the year-ago quarter and exceeding the previous company record for quarterly Mac® shipments by over 150,000. The Company also sold 9,815,000 iPods during the quarter, representing 21 percent growth over the year-ago quarter.

"We're thrilled to report the highest June quarter revenue and profit in Apple's history, along with the highest quarterly Mac sales ever," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "iPhone is off to a great start—we hope to sell our one-millionth iPhone by the end of its first full quarter of sales—and our new product pipeline is very strong."

"We are very pleased to report strong financial results including cash flow from operations exceeding \$1.2 billion for the quarter," said Peter Oppenheimer, Apple's CFO. "Looking ahead to the fourth fiscal quarter of 2007, we expect revenue of about \$5.7 billion and earnings per diluted share of about \$.65." 🍏

Apple Introduces iWork '08 New "Numbers" Spreadsheet Added

Apple® introduced iWork™ '08, a significant upgrade to Apple's productivity software suite featuring new versions of Pages® and Keynote word processing and presentation applications, and introducing an innovative new spreadsheet application called "Numbers." Numbers introduces the concept of intelligent tables on a flexible canvas, a new approach that makes it easy to organize information, create calculations, analyze results and make spreadsheets look as great as they work. Pages '08 now features distinct modes for streamlined word processing and flexible page layout, a new contextual format bar and change tracking, and Keynote '08 now includes text effects, transitions and themes that help users easily compose spectacular presentations, and Smart Builds with easy-to-set-up A-to-B animations that make impressive animations easy for anyone to create.

Numbers '08 is a new approach to spreadsheets that allows people to organize their information, interact with their data and calculations and make their spreadsheets easy to understand and print. With multiple intelligent tables on a flexible

graphics canvas, users can rearrange information, resize and add columns—all without breaking their spreadsheet. Each table is a full-blown spreadsheet with automatic header and footer rows, easy sorting and filtering, and automatic cell naming so creating, reading and maintaining formulas is easy. Common functions can be dragged to any cell, and a total of 150 functions are available spanning a wide range of calculations, including numeric, date and time, financial and statistical. Interactive checkboxes and sliders let users change cell values easily to explore different scenarios and see their results instantly. Users can create stunning 2D and 3D charts that are automatically updated as data changes, then complement them with rich graphics, photos and text labels. Interactive printing makes it easy to fit a document on a single page or rearrange and resize tables and objects across multiple pages.

Pages '08 now has two distinct modes: streamlined word processing that makes it easy to create stunning documents in seconds; and flexible page layout, which gives users complete control over the position of objects on the page.

Keynote '08, Apple's industry-leading application for creating cinema-quality presentations, introduces new Smart Builds to make it easy for anyone to create spectacular animations by simply dropping graphics onto a slide. More advanced users can control every aspect of their animations with new A-to-B animations to define movement, rotation, scaling and opacity. Internet via podcasting or YouTube. The new Keynote also includes a collection of new text effects, transitions and themes.

iWork '08 can import Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and AppleWorks® word processing, presentation and spreadsheet files, and can export documents in Microsoft Office file formats or PDFs for easy sharing.

Pricing & Availability

iWork '08 is now available through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers for a suggested retail price of \$79 🍏

Microsoft and Apple Extend Font Licensing Agreement Seamless Web and software experience for Apple users

Microsoft Corp. and Apple today announced that they have renewed their font licensing agreement, giving Apple users ongoing use of the latest versions of core Windows fonts. Under the agreement, Apple and Microsoft are extending the seamless Web and software experience Apple users have enjoyed for years when using and viewing popular Microsoft fonts such as Times New Roman, Arial and Verdana. Apple customers, developers and Web designers can safely specify fonts knowing that their documents, presentations and web pages will appear as they are meant to be seen on screen and in print. 🍏



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