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LEOPARD UNLEASHED Mac OS X Version 10.5

Apple® announced that it sold (or delivered in the case of maintenance agreements) over two million copies of Mac OS® X Leopard since its release on Friday, far outpacing the first-weekend sales of Mac OS X Tiger, which was previously the most successful OS release in Apple's history.

Sales included copies sold at Apple's retail stores, Apple Authorized Resellers, the online Apple Store®, under maintenance agreements and bundled with new Mac® computers. Leopard is the sixth major release of Mac OS X and is packed with more than 300 new features.

For related Leopard articles see below.

See Tips for using iChat in leopard on page 3.

Leopard install solutions and advice are posted on page 5.

Included in this article is advice to not use Disk Warrior or Tech Tools Pro until they have been updated to be compatible with Leopard.

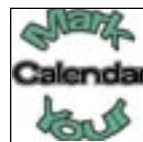
Also a LaCie ombudsman grades and comments on Apple's Time machine efforts and results.

The editor's experience installing Leopard is chronicled in an article on page 4, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.🍏

MacBook and MacBook Pro Laptops Get Updated

The MacBook is now equipped with the 64-bit Santa Rosa architecture and is available with Core 2 Duo processors at 2.0GHz and 2.2GHz. The MacBook also features the faster GMA X3100 graphics processor. Other specifications remain largely unchanged, including pricing, which remains at \$1,099 (2.0GHz/80GB/Combo), \$1,299 (2.2GHz/120GB/SuperDrive), and \$1,499 (2.2GHz/160GB/SuperDrive).

The high-end 15-inch MacBook Pro and 17-inch MacBook Pro can both be configured with a 2.6GHz Core 2 Duo processor in place of the standard 2.4GHz chip for an additional \$250. All MacBook Pros can also be ordered with a 250GB hard drive now; the upgrade costs \$150 to \$225 depending on stock configuration.🍏



🍏 BAC November Meeting 🍏

The November 10th meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core at the Homewood Library.

Topic will be announced, likely to be about backup advice.

Come enjoy coffee, donuts, cookies etc.

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Apple's 4th Quarter Results

Apple® announced financial results for its fiscal 2007 fourth quarter ended September 29, 2007. The Company posted revenue of \$6.22 billion and net quarterly profit of \$904 million, or \$1.01 per diluted share. These results compare to revenue of \$4.84 billion and net quarterly profit of \$542 million, or \$.62 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter. Gross margin was 33.6 percent, up from 29.2 percent in the year-ago quarter. International sales accounted for 40 percent of the quarter's revenue.

Apple shipped 2,164,000 Macintosh® computers, representing 34 percent growth over the year-ago quarter and exceeding the previous quarterly record for Mac® shipments by 400,000. The Company sold 10,200,000 iPods during the quarter, representing 17 percent growth over the year-ago quarter. Quarterly iPhone™ sales were 1,119,000, bringing cumulative fiscal 2007 sales to 1,389,000.

“We are very pleased to have generated over \$24 billion in revenue and \$3.5 billion in net income in fiscal 2007,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “We’re looking forward to a strong December quarter as we enter the holiday season with Apple’s best products ever.”

“Apple ended the fiscal year with \$15.4 billion in cash and no debt,” said Peter Oppenheimer, Apple’s CFO. 🍏



HINTS & TIPS

See Long Filenames

If you have some very long file names, the Finder may show only part of a name. You can place your cursor over in list or column view, and you will see the complete file name after a brief pause.

Hold down the Option key and the complete file name will show without a pause. The Option key trick also works in icon view.

Apple Barrel, Ridgecrest, CA

Apple Newsletters

Apple supplies a number of email newsletters. To me, the most important one is Apple eNews. To subscribe, go to <www.apple.com/enews/subscribe/> and select the newsletters you wish to subscribe (or unsubscribe) to.

Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR

Email Your Current Document

Here is a fun one. You can send any open document as an email attachment by simply dragging the icon in its title bar onto your email application in the Dock. Make sure to save first. Try it!

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Where'd My Acrobat Tools Go?

Some of Acrobat 8's toolbars have been simplified by removing some controls. You can add or remove items from toolbars by choosing View > Toolbars > More Tools. In the "More Tools" dialog box, select a toolbar and then check or uncheck the items you want to appear in that toolbar. The first you may want to add back in are "First Page" and "Last Page," and "Next" and "Previous" views.

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Steve Jobs on iPhone Software Development

Let me just say it: We want native third party applications on the iPhone, and we plan to have an SDK in developers' hands in February. We are excited about creating a vibrant third party developer community around the iPhone and enabling hundreds of new applications for our users. With our revolutionary multi-touch interface, powerful hardware and advanced software architecture, we believe we have created the best mobile platform ever for developers.

It will take until February to release an SDK because we're trying to do two diametrically opposed things at once—provide an advanced and open platform to developers while at the same time protect iPhone users from viruses, malware, privacy attacks, etc. This is no easy task. Some claim that viruses and malware are not a problem on mobile phones—this is simply not true. There have been serious viruses on other mobile phones already, including some that silently spread from phone to phone over the cell network. As our phones become more powerful, these malicious programs will become more dangerous. And since the iPhone is the most advanced phone ever, it will be a highly visible target.

Some companies are already taking action. Nokia, for example, is not allowing any applications to be loaded onto some of their newest phones unless they have a digital signature that can be traced back to a known developer. While this makes such a phone less than “totally open,” we believe it is a step in the right direction. We are working on an advanced system which will offer developers broad access to natively program the iPhone's amazing software platform while at the same time protecting users from malicious programs.

We think a few months of patience now will be rewarded by many years of great third party applications running on safe and reliable iPhones. 🍏

Tips for Using iChat in Leopard

Mac OS X 10.5: Using iChat Backdrop Effects

Backdrop Effects is a Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard iChat feature that “removes” the background of your video chat and replaces it with a picture of your choosing, leaving you in the foreground. It works much like a “green screen” used by actors in a Hollywood studio.

This works by taking a snapshot of the background when you are not chatting. Since the computer knows what the background is, parts of it can be replaced with images or movies. Since you were not part of the background when the snapshot happened, you will not be ignored, hence you or any other object will be able to move “on top of” the background.

Tips for using iChat Backdrop Effects

To avoid “holes” in your foreground image (in other words, in your image), make the background as uniform in color as possible, and make that color as different from colors in the foreground as possible. Your background image should not include color shades that match your clothing, hair, or skin tone. For example, if your Backdrop image is mostly a bright blue sky, and you are wearing a similarly bright blue shirt, “holes” may appear in your shirt where it overlaps the background sky.

If any part of the background moves after the detection, the moving objects will not be part of the background anymore. “Holes” will appear. You should pay attention to shadows that are part of the background but move when the user moves back in front of the camera. Make sure not to move your camera after the background snapshot takes place.

Reflective surfaces in the background should be avoided.

A dark room makes it harder for this effect to work. Make your area as well-lit as possible.

Note: You can press Command-Option-R to reset the background at any time in iChat. 🍏

Safari Confidential

Safari's Private Browsing feature (Safari > Private Browsing) is handy when you don't want nosy people to learn anything about your Web surfing. With Private Browsing enabled, Web pages are not added to the History menu, form information isn't saved for AutoFill, search terms are not added to the pop-up menu in the Web search box, and items are automatically removed from the Downloads window.

Design Tools Monthly



**CAUTION: THE NEW LEOPARD DOCK
IS SLIPPERY WHEN WET**

Leopard: My Experience

A 6:30pm arrival at the Summitt Apple store seemed to work just right.

Stood in line outside store for less than 5 minutes, got the t-shirt, stood in line for about 7 minutes in the store, bought the family pak version turned around and the line was gone.

The store was packed by the way, I couldn't find an available iMac to use.

Played with an iTouch iPod, incredibly thin, moved on to an iPod nano incredible thin and small. Small screen was detailed but still way too small for these old eyes.

Finally got access to an iMac with Leopard, assistant store manager recognized me and showed me the new help menu and mosaic screen saver.

Boris and Bill come by.

Seems like some people had waited to buy their iMacs and laptops till Leopard was out to save them the \$129. Every time someone left with a product they recieved a thunderous ovation from the employees stationed at the door.

The big install had to wait till Saturday late afternoon, post Mac board meeting, Pitt football game (a heart breaking fumble on 1 yard line in last minute). Cleaned up a few huge old movie files and any apps laying around I don't use to make sure I had enough disk space. Ended up with just under 12GB. Did a permissions repair twice and a whole backup to an external hard drive. OK now I was ready for the show, I think.

I swear these kind of OS installs cause me more apprehension than just about anything.

Put in the Leopard DVD and did a normal install, Apple seemed to recommend this if you had 10.4 installed and two people at the weekly BAC gathering seemed to have no issues with this type of upgrade.

At least two hours later, with the last "about a minute" message lasting 15 minutes the install was complete and it was ready to restart.

During restart the Adobe upgrade popped up, NOT NOW you idiots, dismissed the upgrade and completed the restart. Left it alone for a while but maybe not long enough. After seemed to be up and running find I started poking around at some of the features, about 3 minutes and a warning screen said I needed to do a restart. OK, after this restart and nother Adobe upgrade pop-up in the middle of the restart, this type I used the delete button on the upgrade. and finished the reboot. Again after about 7minutes the screen was washed from top to bottom with a slightly darker hue and a warnign screen saying I needed to restart again. this time no Abobe upgrade warning and I left the computer alone for a full ten minutes after the resart to make sure everything had been

finished.

Since this everything has worked fine, knock knock, applications are slow to open the first time as they get updated, Mail, Safari, iChat. Why do they have to be started to finish the install?

thought about setting up Time Machine but then remembered that my external hard drive was where my last working Mac OS was backed up so i decided against Time Machine until I had more flight time with Leopard, at least a month or two, until that familiar warm and fuzzy feeling us engineers get when we finally think something will work and our work is done.

Finally sleep over took me from the worry no doubt. Here I am the next morning and still up and running, showed mosaic to the wife and data detection in Mail but these did not convince her to let em upgrade her computer, she said everything works just fine now on her computer and would like to keep it that way. It will probably take a month or two for her to come around she doesn't like being on the cutting edge of technology (some call it the bleeding edge for a reason).

Guess what, software update had 3 updates available for Leopard less than 24 hours after it went on sale, Login Keychain, Garage Band and Remote User if I remember correctly.🍏

Search Tricks on Google and/or Yahoo

In both search engines, typing in a stock symbol shows the company name, latest price and a price chart, at the top of the Results page.

- Typing in a U.S. street address in Google gets you a link to a map of the location. Yahoo goes one step better – it actually shows the map on the Results page.

- Entering a U.S. landline phone number in Google or Yahoo gives you the name and address of the person to whom it belongs.

- Current weather conditions for U.S. cities can be displayed in Yahoo by typing the city name followed by the word "weather." In Google, type the word "weather" first, followed by the city name.

- In Yahoo, type in the name of a sports team and the word "scores," for the current score of a game in which the team is involved.

- In Google, type in certain fact-based questions, like "population of Boston" and you get the answer, not just a link to the answer.

- Type simple math problems, like 5×8.1999 , into the search boxes of either engine, the sites act like calculators, spitting back the results.

- Both sites will also perform conversions of weights and measures, and currency conversions, right

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LEOPARD INSTALL SOLUTIONS POSTED

Mac Rumors website has posted some tips and troubleshooting for the Leopard installation. Apple support page followed up with additional instructions.

The Installer Blue Screen hang is being blamed on Application Enhancer like Shape Shifter, need to delete these before installing, the work around after install is available here.

Essentially reinstall using Archive and Install, or for those of you who feel comfortable using command lines you can use the Terminal feature to remove the offending software.

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=306857>

<http://forums.macrumors.com/showthread.php?t=375444>

<http://discussions.apple.com/thread.jspa?threadID=1195031&tstart=0>

Another hang up has been the hard disk not appearing for choosing it during the installation process, apparently this can take as long as 20 minutes for it to appear.

Filemaker has announced November 19 as the available date for a Leopard upgrade, for more details see <http://www.filemaker.com/support/leopard.html>

Some users of older versions have reported no issues so far. FileMaker does not intend on issuing updates for earlier versions, pre FileMaker 9.

This is odd since File Maker is wholly owned by Apple.

Adobe has released a PDF document detailing compatibility with their array of products. Leopard users need to use Preview to access this document.

It appears Adobe intends to be fully compatible in January 2008.

Advice is to take your time, give the computer time to do its job and let the installation take as long as it takes which is a long time during and after installation. 🍏

LaCie Ombudsman Grades Apple on Time Machine from Computerworld

Apple Inc. gets an “A” for effort on Time Machine but barely a passing grade in execution, an executive at a major disk drive maker said today after answering questions from users frustrated with the company’s new backup and restore software. Mike Mihalik, an ombudsman and former vice president of engineering at LaCie Ltd., criticized Apple’s testing before the company launched its new Leopard operating system. “The two tech notes that it’s released clarify

MORE HINTS & TIPS

Copy Documents with an iSight

“To get the \$100 rebate, you must include the product’s UPC label or a photocopy.” “We’ll need a copy of your insurance card before we can process that claim.” “Do you have a copy of your receipt?” What do you do when you need to provide some sort of documentation but don’t have access to a photocopier or a fax machine? The built-in iSight camera on the Intel iMac, MacBook Pro, and MacBook, along with Apple’s Photo Booth software, could be the solution. Because the iSight has a very short focal length, you can stick a document or any other official object a couple of inches in front of it and get a nice, sharp picture of it.

To do so, open Photo Booth. Don’t select any effects. Hold your object — box, document, business card, or whatever — up to the camera. Move it as close or as far away as you need; the iSight will quickly put it in focus. (Don’t worry if you’re trying to capture text and it reads backward on screen; you can take care of that later.) Hold your object steady by resting your elbow(s) on the table, and click on the Camera button to begin the three-second countdown.

Once the picture is taken, drag it to your desktop from Photo Booth’s tray. You’ll see that it’s a JPEG file. If you aren’t trying to capture text, you can use that JPEG as is. If you are trying to capture text, double-click on the image to open Preview, select Tools: Flip Horizontal, crop as needed, and save the file.

~ Jay Lindell

Chris Breen’s Mac 911

Google & Yahoo Tips *cont’d from page 4*

in the Search Box, In Google, you just type in questions like “37 centimeters in inches.” In Yahoo, you begin such questions with the word “convert,” as in “convert 7,000 yen to dollars.”

- Both sites will let you type in certain kinds of numbers, like package-tracking numbers, to get immediate information. A vehicle identification number will get you the links to basic information about the car and an offer to buy more detailed reports on the vehicle.

Google has a guide at

www.google.com/features.html. Yahoo has a similar guide at tools.search.yahoo.com/shortcuts.

~ Walter Mossberg

Wall Street Journal

via LIMac Forum, Long Island, NY


what Apple should have done as part of the normal release,” said Mihalik, referring to a pair of recent support documents that address problems users have reported with the backup tool. Instead, he said, it was as if Apple “Said ‘oops, we forgot to check that.’” 🍏



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