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Apple Introduces New MacBook and MacBook Pro Models Multi-Touch Trackpad Comes to MacBook Pro

Apple® updated its popular MacBook® and MacBook Pro notebook lines with the latest Intel Core 2 Duo processors, larger hard drives and 2GB of memory standard in most models. In addition, MacBook Pro includes the latest NVIDIA graphics processors, now with up to 512MB of video memory, and Apple's innovative Multi-Touch™ trackpad, first introduced in MacBook Air™. All Mac® notebooks include a built-in iSight® video camera for video conferencing on-the-go*, Apple's MagSafe® Power Adapter that safely disconnects when under strain and built-in 802.11n wireless networking for up to five times the performance and twice the range of 802.11g.**

The new MacBook Pro features the latest Intel Core 2 Duo technology with up to a 2.6 GHz processor with 6MB of shared L2 cache; up to 4GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory and up to a 300GB hard drive, plus NVIDIA GeForce 8600M GT graphics with up to 512MB of video memory. Every MacBook Pro now includes a trackpad with Multi-Touch gesture support for pinch, rotate and swipe, making it more intuitive than ever to zoom and rotate photos in iPhoto® or Aperture™ 2 or browse web pages in Safari™; an illuminated keyboard that makes it ideal for dimly lit environments such as airplanes, studios or conference halls and a built-in ambient light sensor, which automatically adjusts the brightness of the keys as well as the brightness of the display for optimal visibility.

iPhoto Promotion Extended

Apple said that it would extend its winter promotion of iPhoto books and calendars through March 7 due to issues with its online ordering system.

In late December, Apple send out a mailing advertising a 20 percent discount on iPhoto books and calendars through the end of February, with North American users being instructed to use the coupon codes NAWinterBook08 and NAWinterCal08.

However, on Friday several iPhoto users reported that the coupon codes associated with the Apple offer won't be accepted by Apple's online ordering system.

Ed. note: Codes are case sensitive



Apple BAC March Meeting

The March 8th meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core at the Homewood Library will feature a demonstration of Skype and iChat software used to communicate over the internet and place calls to phones from your computer.

Come enjoy coffee, donuts, cookies etc.

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Starbucks and AT&T

Starbucks' decision to tap AT&T to provide wireless hotspots at its retail outlets could pave the way for an expanded, potentially free network for users of the iPhone and possibly the iPod touch.

Details of each of the updates are as follows:

iPhoto 7.1.2

iPhoto 7.1.2 [14.2MB] addresses issues when publishing photos to a .Mac Web Gallery, improves overall stability, and fixes a number of other minor issues. More specifically, Apple said the patch rectifies an issue where a format string vulnerability could allow a remote attacker to cause arbitrary code execution. iPhoto 7.1.2 addresses the issue through improved handling of format strings when processing photocast subscriptions.

ProKit 4.5

ProKit 4.5 [22.4MB] improves reliability for Apple's professional applications and is recommended for all users of Final Cut Studio, Final Cut Express, Aperture, Logic Studio and Logic Express.

Braille Display Update 1.0

Braille Display Update 1.0 [448K]: Mac OS X v10.5 Leopard includes a powerful screen reading technology for the blind called VoiceOver that supports a variety of refreshable Braille displays. When you have a supported Braille display connected to your computer, VoiceOver automatically detects it and sends it information about what is displayed on the screen. This installer adds support in Mac OS X v10.5 Leopard for the following additional refreshable Braille displays:

- GW Micro BrailleSense
- GW Micro SyncBraille 20
- GW Micro SyncBraille 32
- HandyTech Easy Braille
- HandyTech Braille Star 40
- HandyTech Braille Star 80

**iPod shuffle Now Just \$49
New 2GB Model Priced at \$69**

Apple® announced that its iPod® shuffle, the world's most wearable music player, is now even more affordably priced at \$49 and that it is introducing a new 2GB model of the iPod shuffle for \$69. The popular iPod shuffle is just half a cubic inch in volume, weighs just half an ounce, features an aluminum design with a built-in clip and comes in five colors—silver, blue, green, purple and a (PRODUCT) RED special edition.

“At just \$49, the iPod shuffle is the most affordable iPod ever,” said Greg Joswiak, Apple’s vice president of Worldwide iPod Product Marketing. “The new 2GB model lets music lovers bring even more songs everywhere they go in the impossibly small iPod shuffle.”

The iPod is the world's most popular family of digital music players with over 140 million sold. The lineup includes iPod shuffle, the world's most wearable iPod; iPod classic holding up to 40,000 songs*; the incredible iPod nano with video playback and the breakthrough iPod touch with a revolutionary Multi-Touch™ user interface. iPod owners can choose from a vast ecosystem of accessories with over 4,000 products made specifically for the iPod including cases, fitness accessories, speaker systems and iPod connectivity in over 75 percent of US automobiles.

Pricing & Availability

The new 1GB iPod shuffle is available immediately for a suggested retail price of \$49 (US) through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers. The 2GB iPod shuffle will be available later this month for a suggested retail price of \$69 (US) through the Apple Store (www.apple.com),

LEOPARD 10.5.2 UPDATE

Apple has released the Mac OS X 10.5.2 Leopard update. The 180MB download is now available via Software Update, and a restart is required after installation:

The 10.5.2 Update is recommended for all users running Mac OS X Leopard and includes general operating system fixes that enhance the stability, compatibility and security of your Mac.


For detailed information on this update, please visit this website: <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=307109>.

For detailed information on security updates, please visit this website: <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=61798>.

A number of improvements are detailed, but some highlights are listed here:

- Airport: Improves connection reliability and stability
- Back to my Mac: Adds support for more third-party routers, as detailed in this article.
- Dock: Updates Stacks with a List view option, a Folder view option, and an updated background for Grid view.
- Desktop: Addresses legibility issues with the menu bar with an option to turn off transparency in Desktop & Screen Saver preferences.
- Desktop: Adjusts menus to be slightly-less translucent overall.
- iSync: Adds support for Samsung D600E and D900i phones.
- RAW Image: Adds RAW image support for several cameras, as detailed in this article.
- Safari: Addresses issues with Safari reliably resolving certain domains.
- Time Machine: Adds a menu bar option for accessing Time Machine features (the menu extra can be enabled in Time Machine preferences).
- Time Machine: Improves backup reliability when computer name contains slash or non-ASCII characters.
- Time Machine: Addresses issues in which some external drives are not recognized by Time Machine.

The final build number of Mac OS X 10.5.2 is 9C31, the same as the last developer's build. Once you install Mac OS X 10.5.2, readers should recheck their software update, as the Leopard Graphics Update appears once 10.5.2 is installed.

Standalone Combo Updater (353MB) is also available. 

SuperDuper 2.5 released, backup software now Leopard compatible

Shirt Pocket on Tuesday announced the release of SuperDuper 2.5, a new version of their backup and archival utility for Mac OS X. SuperDuper costs \$27.95 to register, and version 2.5 is a free update for registered users.

SuperDuper enables you to create a fully bootable backup. It features a built-in scheduler and uses clear language to describe what's going to happen. Shirt Pocket says the software is complementary to Time Machine, Leopard's own built-in backup system, as SuperDuper can create bootable backups.

Besides Leopard support, features new to the 2.5 release include improves Spotlight handling, a "Run Now" feature for scheduled copies, icon preservation for destination volumes and performance improvements.

<http://www.macnn.com/articles/08/02/14/first.looks.superduper/>

<http://www.shirt-pocket.com/SuperDuper/SuperDuperDescription.html>

Disk Warrior 4.1 file and folder utility updated for leopard compatibility.

<http://www.macnn.com/articles/08/02/15/first.look.at.diskwarrior/>

<http://www.alsoft.com/DiskWarrior/index.html> 

iPod Touch and iPhone Updated

Apple on Tuesday added new models of the iPhone and iPod touch with more storage capacity. The company is now offering a 16GB version of the iPhone for \$499, and a 32GB version of the iPod touch for \$499. both new devices are available immediately.

The iPhone and the iPod touch are also available in smaller capacities for users who don't need as much storage space or users who want to spend less. The iPhone is still available in an 8GB model for \$399, and the iPod touch comes in two other models -- 16GB for \$399 and 8GB for \$299.

No other changes have been made to the devices. The iPhone is available for purchase through Apple's online store, Apple's retail stores and AT&T retail and online stores. The iPod touch is available from apple and Apple Authorized Resellers.

Hints&Tips

www.mac-hints-tips.com

Find Every Mac Made

Macracker 4.2 (donationware) is a detailed database of every Mac device ever made.

<<http://www.mactracker.ca>>

The Juice, Fort Wayne IN

How to Burn Data on a Single CD Multiple Times

Many people have asked us how to “reuse” a regular blank CDR, so they can burn data to it multiple times. This is typically called session burning. You can purchase dedicated applications do this (such as Toast or Disco), but you can also use Disk Utility which is built into OS 10.4. It takes a little planning to make this work, but it can help you cut down on the number of CDs you have to burn (and buy).

This great tip comes from Apple:

First create a new folder and give it a descriptive name. Now put the files you want to burn into that folder. Go to your Applications folder and open the Utilities folder. Double-click on the Disk Utility application.

After it launches, in the menu bar at the top of the screen choose File > New > Disk Image from Folder. When the “Open” dialog box appears, find the folder you created earlier with the data you want to burn, and click “Image.” A “Save” dialog appears. You can leave the name as is or choose a new name (ignore the other options in this dialog box). Click Save. In a few moments, a disk image of your folder’s contents will appear in the list on the left side of the Disk Utility dialog. Click on that icon, and then click the burn button at the top left of the Disk Utility application.

When you click the Burn button, a dialog will appear asking to insert a disc. Do so, then click once the blue downward-facing triangle on the right side of this dialog to show more options. Click on the checkbox for “Leave disc appendable.” Now Click the “Burn” button.

Your data will now be written to that CD. To add more files later, just insert that same CD and use this same process all over again. Note that when you get to that final burn dialog, the button won’t say “Burn” this time, instead it will say “Append” because you’re adding these files to the same disc.

Don’t forget to remove the files you already burned to this disc from the folder you created above (and the DMG file it creates) before you make your next disc image.

Note that this is different than using a CDRW (compact

di

sk re-writable). A CDRW can be erased and re-burned multiple times (however it’s not recommended to do this more than 10 times per disk). However, CDRWs don’t work in all drives, and are expensive. This tip is designed for cheaper and more durable CDR’s. ~ Ed

Small Dog Electronics

Block Flashing GIFs

Do you hate those flashing ads that show up on so many web pages these days, the ones that bounce around, looking like break dancers on a double dose of Jolt?

SafariPlus <<http://web.mac.com/jrc/SafariPlus/> > or <<http://www.macupdate.com/info.php/id/20159/safari-plus>> offers the option of blocking looping GIFs. It may take a bit of fussing to be sure you have the right version for your setup, but is reputed to work well.

If you use Firefox, you can get Flashblock and all your headaches will be gone! <<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/433>>

Flashblock blocks all the Flash content. If you want to see a particular Flash presentation (some videos are played via Flash), you just click on it and it plays.

Mouse Tales, NorthCoast MUG, Berea, OH

Word 2007 Converter

Microsoft Word 2007 for Windows uses a new file format that cannot be read by the current versions of Word for Mac OS.

Panergy’s DocXConverter (\$20) converts Word 2007 documents to Rich Text Format (RTF), which can be read by many different software applications, including the current version of Microsoft Word for Mac.

<www.panergy-software.com>

Design Tools Monthly

Stop Those Samples

Do you want to stop QuickTime from automatically going to the web and downloading a sample movie? Open QuickTime, open Preferences. Uncheck the “Show Content Guide Automatically” button.

Mouse Droppings, Corvallis, OR

DO YOU HAVE YOUR PHOTOS AND MUSIC BACKED UP?

I DIDN'T THINK SO, SHAME SHAME DOUBLE SHAME

MacBook and MacBook Pro Updates

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Featuring a gorgeous 13-inch glossy widescreen display, and with prices still starting at just \$1,099, the new MacBook lineup comes in three models and includes faster processors and larger hard drives across the line; sleek white 2.1 GHz and 2.4 GHz models with 120GB or 160GB 5400 rpm hard drives and a stunning black 2.4 GHz model with a massive 250GB 5400 rpm hard drive, previously only available as an option. The 2.4 GHz MacBook models ship with 2GB of memory standard, expandable up to 4GB across the line.

Every MacBook and MacBook Pro includes a built-in iSight video camera for video conferencing on-the-go; Apple's MagSafe Power Adapter that magnetically connects the power cord and safely disconnects when under strain; the latest generation of 802.11n wireless networking for up to five times the performance and twice the range of 802.11g; built-in 10/100/1000 BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet for high-speed networking; Bluetooth; analog and digital audio inputs and outputs; USB 2.0; FireWire® and a built-in SuperDrive®.

Mac members can use the new Back to My Mac feature to browse and access files on their home computer from a Mac over the Internet while out on the road.

Pricing & Availability

The new MacBook and MacBook Pro models are now shipping and will be available through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers.

The 2.1 GHz, 13-inch white MacBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,099 (US), includes:

- 13.3-inch glossy widescreen 1280 x 800 display;
- 2.1 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor with 3MB shared L2 cache;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 4GB;
- 120GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 5400 rpm, with Sudden Motion Sensor;
- a slot-load Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) optical drive;

The 2.4 GHz, 13-inch white MacBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,299 (US), includes:

- 13.3-inch glossy widescreen 1280 x 800 display;
- 2.4 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor with 3MB shared L2 cache;
- 2GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 4GB;
- 160GB 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;

The 2.4 GHz, 13-inch black MacBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,499 (US), includes:

13.3-inch glossy widescreen 1280 x 800 display;
2.4 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor with 3MB shared L2 cache;

2GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 4GB;

- 250GB 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;


The 2.4 GHz, 15-inch MacBook Pro, for a suggested retail price of \$1,999 (US), includes:

- 15.4-inch widescreen LED-backlit 1440 x 900 LCD display;
- 2.4 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor with 3MB shared L2 cache;
- 2GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 4GB;
- 200GB 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;
- NVIDIA GeForce 8600M GT with 256MB GDDR3 memory;

The 2.5 GHz, 15-inch MacBook Pro, for a suggested retail price of \$2,499 (US), includes:

- 15.4-inch widescreen LED-backlit 1440 x 900 LCD display;
- 2.5 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor with 6MB shared L2 cache;
- 2GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 4GB;
- 250GB 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;
- NVIDIA GeForce 8600M GT with 512MB GDDR3 memory;

The 2.5 GHz, 17-inch MacBook Pro, for a suggested retail price of \$2,799 (US), includes:

- 17-inch widescreen 1680 x 1050 LCD display;
- 2.5 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor with 6MB shared L2 cache;
- 2GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM, expandable to 4GB;
- 250GB 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;
- NVIDIA GeForce 8600M GT with 512MB GDDR3 memory; 

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