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iLIFE '08

iPhoto

Now iPhoto automatically organizes your library by Events.

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/>

iMovie

Completely redesigned to help you make movies in minutes.

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/imovie/>

Warning, people have experienced a loss of functionality when using iMovie '08 versus iMovie '06 while there are aspects which are improved the level of control has been diminished. For those wishing to continue using iMovie '06 please visit the following site for a free download of iMovie '06.

<http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/imovieHD6.html>

MobileMe Gallery

iLife and MobileMe let you share photos and movies online with a click.

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/#mobileme/>

GarageBand

Make music, audition instruments, even create your own virtual band.

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/>

iWeb

Create websites that are more custom, more complete, more you.

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iWeb/>

iDVD

Create Hollywood-style DVDs featuring your movies and slideshows. Learn more

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iDVD/>

QUICK TIPS THEATER

Don't let the title "Business" at the top of the page scare you away, this Apple web page has many video tutorials which can be used by everyone.

Videos that you have viewed previously are checked and remain checked when you visit the site later. This allows you to easily track which ones have been previously viewed.

<http://www.apple.com/business/theater/>

WIRELESS IN BIRMINGHAM Map of wireless locations

<http://www.ipsaonline.org/wifi/>



🍏 BAC October Meeting 🍏

The October 13th meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core at the Homewood Library will be a program presented by Mr. Herb Patterson concerning iLife '08. As always bring questions to discuss before and after the meeting.

Come enjoy coffee, donuts, cookies etc.

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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

iTUNES UPDATE, again

Apple on Oct. 2nd released iTunes 8.0.1 to fix several important issues with HDTV episodes, Genius playlists, and accessibility.

The 58.5MB download, available through Software Update, primarily addresses a flaw in iTunes TV episode downloads which would inadvertently overwrite the HD versions of shows with the additional standard-definition copy meant for transfer to iPhones and iPods.

It also mends problems with the new Genius auto-playlist feature, including maintaining seamless playback while starting a new Genius playlist from a given track. Syncing these playlists with iPods has also been improved.

Other updates include better update checks for software updates through the App Store, syncing spoken menus to fourth-generation iPod nanos and better accessibility through VoiceOver in Mac OS X.

Performance and stability have also reportedly been improved with the update.



Door Prize

A black rigid cloth bag with carrying handle and shoulder strap.

8 inches wide by 18 inches long x 11 inches wide.

Don't forget our new training CDs for Leopard MAC OS X 10.5.

Also we still have the OS X 10.4 "Tiger" training CDs available as well.

Contact Luther Fuller for more information or go to our website.

RUMOR MILL

Seth Weintraub of 9to5Mac, a blogger with good sources within the Macintosh community, is reporting that Apple has invented a new manufacturing process for MacBooks.

"It is totally revolutionary, a game changer. One of the biggest Apple innovations in a decade. The MacBook manufacturing process up to this point has been outsourced to Chinese or Taiwanese manufacturers like Foxconn. Now Apple is in charge. The company has spent the last few years building an entirely new manufacturing process that uses lasers and jets of water to carve the MacBooks out of a brick of aluminum. (Yes, this sounded a bit crazy to us as well. But our source is adamant so bear with us. He says Apple has built a manufacturing process that would make Henry Ford proud.)"

Henry Ford? Yowza.

At the same time, Mike Schramm from TUAW.com writes that Nvidia is offering sneak peaks of the product to employees. He speculates that the units may include "some extra Nvidia power," presumably to turn the MacBook into a more serious game machine.

Something up his sleeve? (Credit: CNET News)

Of course, some or all--or none--of the above may be accurate. The hype cycle always works the Mac faithful into a lather, and this time the meter is simply off the charts. The "brick," as it's being referred to, may shape up to be quite the story. (And Apple definitely could use a different narrative after a steady stock decline topped off by a phony Steve Jobs rumor.) But if the breakthrough isn't as revolutionary as the early leaks suggest, will we be talking about the brick the way we now recall the Segway? Just wondering.

Apple Ultracompact USB Power Adapter Exchange Program

Apple has determined that under certain conditions the new ultracompact Apple USB power adapter's metal prongs can break off and remain in a power outlet, creating a risk of electric shock. We have received reports of detached blades involving a very small percentage of the adapters sold, but no injuries have been reported.

The ultracompact USB power adapters were supplied with every iPhone 3G sold in the following countries, and may also have been purchased separately as an accessory:

US, Japan, Canada, Mexico, Several Latin American countries

Note: Apple USB power adapters supplied with original iPhones or supplied with iPhone 3G units sold in other countries are not affected.

Customer safety is always Apple's top priority, and therefore we have voluntarily decided to exchange every ultracompact power adapter for a new, redesigned adapter, free of charge.

Users with ultracompact power adapters should immediately stop using them until they exchange them for a new, redesigned ultracompact adapter.

In the meantime, they should charge their iPhone 3G by connecting it to their computer with the USB cable that came with their iPhone or by using a standard-sized Apple USB Power Adapter (with fold up prongs) or with a third party adapter designed to work with the iPhone, such as a car charger.

Identifying your adapter

If you purchased an iPhone 3G in any of the countries listed above, you received the ultracompact USB adapter.

Compare your USB power adapter to the pictures below. If it matches, we will provide a replacement adapter in exchange for your current one.

If you have purchased this ultracompact adapter as a stand-alone accessory, you may also exchange it for a new one.

Replacement adapters have a single green dot on the bottom, like this:



If you have an ultracompact adapter with a green dot on the bottom, you already have a new, redesigned adapter and do not need to participate in this exchange program.

The Exchange Process

Replacement adapters will be available starting Friday, October 10, 2008.

There are two ways to exchange your current ultracompact Apple USB power adapter for a new, redesigned adapter.

Order a replacement adapter via the web. These replacement adapters will ship within one week of your order.

Exchange your adapter at an Apple Retail Store starting on October 10.

We'll need to collect your iPhone 3G's serial number as part of the exchange process.

If you apply via the web, you will also need to provide your name and address so that we can send you a new adapter along with a shipment box so that you can return the affected adapter to Apple.

If you visit an Apple Retail Store, you need to bring your affected adapter(s) and your iPhone 3G(s) with you to complete the exchange process.

If you live in Latin America, we will announce the appropriate exchange program information before October 10.

Thank you for your cooperation with this exchange program, and we apologize for any inconvenience. 🍏

Apple Drops SDK NDA

Today the iPhone SDK NDA has been dropped and all of you that have been wanting to get into iPhone Development can now sign up for the developer program, then get out there and ask questions, find resources, and get to building your iPhone Apps!

SDK is the Software Development Kit and the NDA is the Non-Disclosure Agreement.

To help you out, here are 5 resources that should help you along the way!

1. Cprogramming.com - If you've never coded anything in your life before - then you're going to have to start at the beginning - and that's with learning the basics of C and C++ coding. Cprogramming.com is a great resource for learning the basics and getting yourself ready to take on more challenging tasks.

2. [Apple Blog SDK Tutorial](#) - Long before the SDK NDA was dropped, The Apple Blog released this great tutorial to show you how to build a simple RSS Reader using the iPhone SDK.

3. [iPhone Dev Central](#) - This site is also a great resource for tutorials, including many video tutorials, to help you get a handle on programming for the iPhone.

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iPhone, iPod TOUCH Apps

With the removal of "All iPhone Apps" link from the iTunes App Store, it's become harder to find the newest App Releases. To fill the void, readers can use AppShopper.com, a new site (of mine) that tracks New Apps, Updates and Price Changes for iPhone and iPod Touch applications.

The main view gives you a reverse chronological view of the latest changes found in the App Store. If you are interested specifically in just New Apps or just Price Changes, those can be easily filtered. Categories can also be listed individually.

A few useful examples:

<http://appshopper.com/new> - new apps

<http://appshopper.com/prices> - price drops and increases

<http://appshopper.com/new/free> - new free apps

<http://appshopper.com/prices/free> - apps that are now free

<http://appshopper.com/games/new> - all new games

Many additional features in the works (including search), but the core functionality is in place.

APP REVIEW

Top Free Useful Apps

Around Me - Find restaurants, supermarkets, coffee, bars movie theaters and gas stations near your current location.

Requires iPhone 3G with GPS for accuracy. Unable to set location

Fring - Place all of your social networking tools into one location, Skype, AIM, ICQ, MSN, Google Talk and Twitter. Pulls in your contact information from contacts as well.

Use the chat only features in AIM and Yahoo and Twitter or place calls using the cell phone or Skype -Out service

Shazam - Allows your iPhone to listen to music and then notify you of the artist and album. Not perfect but right more often than wrong with mainstream music.

Stanza - Electronic book reader

Apple Remote - Remotely control iTunes on your computer from your iPhone or iPod Touch.

Epocrates Rx - Sign up required, also available on your desktop

Look up medications, find their pricing, pictures of the pills and read about cautions.

Check multiple drugs and do an interaction check for harmful side effects.

Top Paid Apps Useful

Recorder - Record your voice memo or if unable to type record a message and send to someone in your address book. The person will get an e-mail message to click on a link that will be active for 10 days.

Top Paid Apps Just For Fun

Koi Pond - \$0.99

Marvelous graphics of Koi swimming on your screen. Touch the water and see and hear the water ripple. Watch the fish dart away from the touch. Shake the iPhone/iPod Touch and sand food appears which attracts the fish to feed.

Hold your finger in the water and the fish will come to nibble.

iChalky - \$0.99

Motion driven stick figure which looks like it was drawn with chalk on a chalkboard.

Grab a hand and drag him around or play music and watch him dance.

Everett: Hidden Expedition - \$0.99

Hidden object game in wonderfully rendered sights from around the world.

Stay tuned for more reviews, share your thoughts on other apps. 🍏

Apple Drops SDK *cont'd from page 3*

4. iPhone Dev SDK - This community is available to help you with questions, troubleshooting, and many other resources as you continue to develop your iPhone Apps.

5. MacYenta - Let's say you have a great idea for an iPhone App, but you're just not a coder. Not problem! Use MacYenta to find a coder that you can hire or partner with, and get your App in production!

There are many more iPhone SDK resources out there, and the number of books, sites, and other helpful info is sure to grow now that the NDA has been lifted. Feel free to leave links to other resources in the comments below. 🍏

Canon MP610 Review

By Bill Henry

The Canon Pixma MP610 multifunction device is a scanner, copier and printer.

It comes with useful software which aids in running the various aspects of this machine.

Setup was fairly simple but there are an endless numbers of shipping tapes to remove before installing ink and actually getting down to business. Unfortunately getting down to business has been the weak point.

The scanning functions have performed admirably however the printing functions have yet to yield one satisfactory print.

Contact with Canon has proved fruitless with their only recommendation to take it to the Printer Connection on Oxmoor for service. See address and phone below.

Numerous tries to debug the problem have also been without success.

The MP850 model and the MP610 have both been rated well by various publications. It was impossible to find any untis in the area to look at or purchase locally.

Mail order seemed to be the only way to get one's hands on these.

Overall disappointment with this Canon product, looks like it will be back to Epson for me or consider an HP. printer for my next purchase. My Epson 740i is ten years old and hanging in there albeit a bit behind the times performance wise.

My next review will be concerning:
THE PRINTER CONNECTION,
120 OXMOOR BLVD, STE F,
BIRMINGHAM AL 35209
205-945-0361 🍏

iPhone Takes Voice Directions sort of

Dial Directions on Monday announced the availability of Say Where (Free, App Store), which it's billing as the first ever iPhone application to let users speak locations and business searches (instead of typing) to access popular websites for mapping, reviews and information.

Among the features of the new app are:

- Voice-recognition of locations – Users can say any place: an address, intersection, business search, or point of interest (like “524 Broadway”, “Delfina Pizzeria” or

“dog parks”)

- Voice-entry to popular location-based content like Google Maps, CitySearch, Yelp and others

Ed. Note:

My experience is good and bad.

First to activate the voice listening you need to hold down a button while you speak and wait to see if it understood you.

This still beats typing it out when it works.

At first it seemed to work flawlessly but when I got to more obscure street names it failed time after time. 🍏

Kernel Panic

To solve this problem:

Reinstall Mac OS X if you've recently changed a system file

If you know that you have moved or renamed a Mac OS X system file or folder, then you must reinstall Mac OS X. It won't work to just replace the specific item.

If you have not changed any Mac OS X system files or folders, try the following procedures.

Restart your computer

Choose Apple menu > Restart. Most of the time the kernel panic is an isolated event that requires no further action.

Restart with the X key

Hold down the X key and choose Apple menu > Restart. This October force the computer to start up using your Mac OS X system.

If the computer starts up, release the X key. Choose Apple menu> System Preferences, and then click Startup Disk. Make sure that the disk containing Mac OS X is selected.

Restart with the Option key

If you are unable to start up using the X key, choose Apple menu > Restart and immediately hold down the Option key.

When icons start to appear in the center of the screen, release the Option key. Select the disk that contains Mac OS X, and then click the forward arrow to continue starting up.

Reset PRAM

If the above attempts are unsuccessful, shut down your computer; then turn it on again and immediately hold down the Command-Option-P-R keys. When you hear the startup sound for the second time, release the keys. Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, and then click Startup Disk. Make sure that the disk containing Mac OS X is selected

Important: Resetting parameter random-access memory (PRAM) October change some system settings and preferences. Use System Preferences to restore your settings.

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