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Mac OS X 10.5.7 Release Imminent

According to sources, the update is mostly aimed at fixing bugs (up to 80) spanning a wide range of system components and services. Among those components, graphics drivers, Time Machine, printing services, screen sharing services, MobileMe syncing, AirPort services, text services, and iCal. Leopard's standard, forward-facing apps, such as Mail, AddressBook, and system preferences, are also in need of attention, the source claims. Developers were also asked to focus their efforts on a problem with Safari not accepting certain types of cookies.

Apple launched Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard in late October 2007. Since then, Apple has updated the software six times, including enhancements, bug and security fixes, as well as occasional UI changes. The company's every move is watched closely by those familiar with the next iteration of Leopard, Mac OS X 10.6 aka Snow Leopard. Apple is expected to release the new OS version sometime during this summer.

We can trust the company to release the 10.5.7 maintenance update before WWDC '09, possibly in early May.

This should be the last release of an OS X 10.5 variant until "Snow Leopard" OS X 10.6

WWDC 2009 Preview

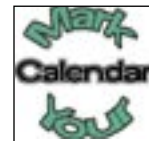
The Worldwide Developers Conference is sold out for this June, the rumor mills have started up with tales of fresh iPhones, faster, with more features to go along with the real-life iPhone 3.0 software update that is coming this summer as well.

June is also time for the annual "Back To School" program which throws in a \$200+ credit against buying an iPod at the same time as the purchase of an Apple computer that meets the 'qualified Apple products' guidelines. Be sure and read the fine print to see which products qualify and that both the computer and iPod must be purchased together.

Apple in the Enterprise: Servers, Storage, Services Apple Seminar in Prattville, AL.

Discover how to bring more power to your organization with powerful Apple servers, enterprise level

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Apple BAC May Meeting

The May meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core will begin at 10:00 am on March 14th and the topic will be a viewing of "Welcome To Macintosh" a documentary about Apple and the Mac through interviews with the folks that were there.

Arrive early and enjoy coffee, doughnuts and enlightening discussions.

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For Sale/Wanted

Do you have computer related items for sale or is there an item that you would like to purchase?

We will list the item in this space free of charge to current members.

Send information by the 25th of each month to the editor at: henryw@bellsouth.net.

Positions of Treasurer and Membership Chair are still desperately needed for BAC Board

BAC PROGRAMS NEEDED

The BAC is constantly in need of program ideas and speakers. A few of our planned topics for the coming year are:

- Presentations with Keynote
- iPhone development
- Cool stuff with Numbers
- Toast

If you have any ideas or contacts with potential presenters please let the board know. Apple logo

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. Apple logo

If Your Car Doesn't Offer iPod Integration, Try This

If your car doesn't appear on Apple's full integration web page, all is not lost. Many cars today offer the next best thing—a built-in auxiliary plug that lets you connect your iPod to your car's audio system and listen to your iPod through your car's speakers. All you need is an inexpensive 3.5mm male-to-male audio cable, which you can pick up at the local Radio Shack. Connect the cable to the headphone jack on your iPod and the auxiliary input in your car. (A more flexible option, at about \$40, is the Belkin Auto Kit for iPod with Dock Connector, which provides a separate volume control and charges your iPod's battery while the iPod is connected to the car and running.)

See also new product from Belkin on page 3.

Microsoft to End Support for Office 2004 for Mac in October

Microsoft's Macintosh Business Unit on Monday told Macworld that it will cease supporting Office 2004 on October 13, 2009.

"In line with Microsoft's standard Support Lifecycle policy, Office 2004 for Mac Mainstream Support will be retired October 13, 2009," the company said in a statement given to Macworld. "The MacBU is continuing to work on updates for Office 2008 for Mac and is hard at work on the next version of Office for Mac."

Office 2004 was originally released on July 13, 2004 and has been updated with security fixes and other updates ever since. Since the release of Office 2008, Microsoft has developed updates for both Office 2004 and Office 2008.

According to Microsoft's support Web site Office 2008 isn't scheduled to be "end-of-life until" April 9, 2013.

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Belkin Introduces Auto Charger with USB Connection

Belkin announced on Monday the \$15 Micro Auto Charger, a power accessory that plugs into an auto's accessory outlet (a.k.a., "cigarette-lighter jack") and provides a powered USB port; you use your iPod or iPhone's USB dock-connector cable to charge the player. Unlike most auto chargers, which protrude from your vehicle's accessory outlet, the Micro Auto Charger sits nearly flush with the jack's opening.

Belkin will also offer a \$20 version, the Micro Auto Charger with Charge Sync Cable for iPod and iPhone, that includes a USB dock-connector cable. The USB port on both models provides 1A of charging power.

The company also announced the \$30 Dual Auto Charger for iPhone and iPod, an auto charger that features two USB ports—one providing 1A of power (for iPhones and GPS units), the other 500mA (for iPods and most mobile phones)—to let you charge two devices simultaneously.

According to Belkin, the Dual Auto Charger is available immediately; the Micro Auto Charger models will be available in early May. http://catalog.belkin.com/IWCatProductPage.process?Product_Id=489424#

http://www.belkin.com/pressRoom/releases/uploads/04_20_09MicroCLA_DualAuto.html

Apple Seminar *cont'd from page 1*
mass storage, and business-class services.

Overview

If you think it takes a dedicated IT department to deploy and use a server, think again. An Apple Xserve, with Mac OS X Server is designed so you can easily set up and manage all of your business services, from Web sites to Shared Calendars - eMail to VPN. Mac OS X Server can do it all. Whether you are adding to your IT department or you are a small business owner just getting started with servers, this seminar will be valuable to you. Be the first to see Apple's most advanced Mac OS X Server ever.

Who should attend?

- Small and Medium sized business owners or entrepreneurs considering a server purchase
- IT Managers, IT Administrators
- IS Managers, IS Directors
- Server Architects
- Production Managers, Creative Team Managers, Sales Managers
- Any firm using Windows Server, AppleShare IP, or previous versions of Mac OS X Server
- Anyone interested in technology deployment

Tuesday, May 19, 2009: 06:30 PM-09:00 PM

The Marriott Legends at Capital Hill

Salon A, 2500 Legends Circle

Prattville, Alabama 36066

<http://www.seminars.apple.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/ASPRegistration.woa/wa/eventDetails?eventid=83635&s=300>

New Apple Store Policy Concerning iPhones That Are All Wet

Careless iPhone owners who have flipped their handset into a swimming pool-or glass of beer-can now reportedly save themselves the expense of purchasing a new handset under a new Apple store policy allowing the replacement of a liquid-damaged handset for \$199. The new policy applies

to out-of-warranty incidents that would normally require the purchase of a new phone, and also trigger an extension of the owner's two-year AT&T contract. Under the new policy, the iPhone owner simply pays a one-time \$199 price for a refurbished handset, and transfers the SIM card to the new device.

The iPhone is equipped with four liquid submersion indicators: one in the headset jack, one in the dock connector, and two on interior surfaces. The indicators have been used by Genius Bar staff to help determine if an owner's iPhone problem was caused by liquids, which are not covered by Apple's warranty. The policy change could be related to an easing of Apple's general repair policy, or as a way of clearing out an inventory of the current iPhone 3G stock ahead of a new model introduction this summer.

Bento for iPhone and iPod Touch

\$4.99

Bento for iPhone and iPod touch is the portable version of the wildly? popular personal database from FileMaker - that's easy to use as your iPhone!

It's never been easier to organize all the details of your busy life - in one iPhone application that works seamlessly with Bento 2.

Now your Bento information will always be at your fingertips in an incredibly cool and easy-to-use application designed specifically for the iPhone and iPod touch.

Get instant access to details when you're away from your Mac. View libraries and collections, create new records, edit details, sort data, modify forms - even use the iTunes-style search to find information quickly when you're on the go.

Choose from 25 pre-designed, ready-to-use database templates. Customize templates with a few taps to organize virtually any type of information you have.

* *Some field types require Bento 2.0v4 for Mac desktop software.

<http://www.filemaker.com/products/bento/iphone.html>

Hints&Tips

www.mac-hints-tips.com

Copying Text from a PDF

Q: When I want to copy a tip from the PDF, when I try to select it, it highlights across all columns. How do I copy text from just one column? ~ Charlotte Ruskowitz

A: Open the PDF in Preview, and while holding down the Option key, draw a box around the text you want. Copy, then Paste. I use TextEdit to clean up the text and remove unnecessary paragraph returns.

Paul Taylor

Pairing Your Apple Remote

Previously I wrote about how to use Front Row without an Apple remote. A few readers wrote in to find out how to pair their Apple remote with their Macs. As it is, all Macs and all Apple remotes ship unpaired.

This means you can use a single Apple remote to interfere with all IR-equipped Macs within range. This can lead to unintended annoyances and silly pranks.

At Small Dog Electronics, pranksters sometimes sneak up behind co-workers and use the remote to launch Front Row. For a moment, the victim is prone, wondering what's happening to their Mac as the shiny black Front Row interface takes over its screen.

Here's how to pair your Apple Remote, and prevent the above scenario from happening to you:

- Get extra close to your Mac (about 3 or 4 inches away).
- Point the remote at the Apple logo on the front of your Mac.
- Press and hold the Menu and Next/Fast-forward buttons simultaneously on the remote for 5 seconds.

Your Apple Remote is now paired with your computer. You can tell the remote is paired because you will see a chain-link style lock. To delete a pairing between the remote and your Mac, open System Preferences, click Security, and then click "Unpair" in the Security pane. (You may have to enter your Administrator password to make changes in the Security pane.)

You can also turn off your Mac's infrared reception. To do this:

- From the Apple menu, choose "System Preferences."
- Click "Security" to display the pane.
- Select the "Disable remote control infrared receiver" checkbox.

*~ Ed Shepard
Small Dog Electronics*

Fun With Dictionary

The other day I was looking up the definition of ducat (which means "coin," or "informal currency") and found a new feature of the Dictionary Widget of OS X 10.5 Leopard's Dashboard. There is now an additional feature within this widget utility other than the Dictionary and the Thesaurus. If you click on the pop-up menu on the Widget, you can now also select "Apple."

Doing so will grant you access to a glossary of Apple oriented terms and products. For example, if you type a "D" and select return, you are shown the definition of Dashboard. While access to this info likely won't save your life, it's a fun thing to check out for few minutes.

NOTE: If you like the Dictionary widget, but don't like having to constantly jump into Dashboard to activate it, instead you can use the Dictionary application included with Mac OS 10.4 Tiger and Mac OS 10.5 Leopard. By default the Dictionary application is stored in the application folder, but you can drag it into your dock for easy access. This application shares the same dictionary database used by the Widget.

Extra credit: if you keep the Dictionary app in your doc, you can drag text from most other applications onto the Dictionary icon to look up its meaning. And don't forget that Dictionary also includes a handy Thesaurus!

*~ Art Hendrickson
Small Dog Electronics*

Deleting ZIP Files

Q: Back when everything on the Internet was compressed in SIT format, I could set my StuffIt Expander preferences to automatically delete the compressed file after expanding. But now, there doesn't seem to be a way to do the same thing with ZIP files — is there?

A: You actually have a surprising amount of control over how your Mac handles ZIP files with a hidden application called Archive Utility, located at /System/Library/CoreServices/ArchiveUtility. Archive Utility lets you set a variety of preferences for working with ZIP files on your Mac.

Launch this program and then choose Archive Utility > Preferences to reveal a variety of choices for working with ZIP files (aka archives). You can choose the default locations for expanding and creating archives and to define the action that should happen afterwards. After expanding an archive, for example, you can move the ZIP file to the trash; delete the file, or leave the ZIP file alone.

*~ Scott Rose
Mac Life Magazine*

Remove Unwanted Information

A feature of Apple's Mail application is the ability to preempt recipients as you type into an address field of a message. If the receiver is a contact in Address Book, you need only type a few letters of their name or email address and

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hit return when done.

If you encounter unwanted or disused addresses, you either have outdated email information in Address Book or you have fallen prey to Mail's penchant for remembering every email address to whom you have ever sent emails

To access this list, open Mail, select Window from the menu and bar choose the Previous Recipients option. Here you can sort by name, email address or date last used.

Try the search box to locate particular entries.

To remove unwanted recipients, select them with your mouse and choose Remove From List. If the unwanted recipient is a contact in Address Book — indicated by an icon — you will also need to either remove them from Address Book or correct their details to avoid being offered the address again in future.

~ Ivan Radywonik
AUSOM News, Melbourne, Australia

Digital File-Shredder Widget

This week's widget conveniently, easily, and securely deletes files from your hard drive. Its three modes give you the level of protection required, from standard deletion to 35-pass Gutmann algorithm deletion. It's a lot cleaner than an "analog" paper shredder, and its animation is almost as satisfying.

Download this widget here: www.apple.com/downloads/dashboard/business/shredder.html

~ Art Hendrickson
Small Dog Electronics

Wrap Long Bookmarks in Acrobat

In some PDFs, the bookmarks can so long that they disappear beyond Acrobat's Bookmarks panel. Although Acrobat doesn't provide a way for us to wrap those bookmarks to multiple lines, you can. At the top of the Bookmarks pane, click the Options pop-up menu and choose "Wrap Long Bookmarks." This trick works for all PDFs.

Design Tools Monthly

Before and After

When you're working in the editing pane in iPhoto '08, you can always compare how your work has changed the picture from the original by pressing the Shift key. When the Shift key is down, iPhoto displays the picture as it was before you began making changes. This feature is very useful when you work with color casts, which often cause subtle changes that are hard to detect without a comparison.

*Excerpted from Apple Training Series: iLife '08 by Michael E. Cohen and Jeff Bollow with Richard Harrington
Peachpit Press*

Use an AirPort Base Station with Windows

Q: I have an AirPort Extreme Base Station connected to both my Windows desktop computer and an Apple laptop. I have no problem with my laptop, but I can't seem to get my Windows computer on the Internet.

I am prompted for a key code to access the Base Station, but the Base Station's password doesn't work. How can I use the Base Station with my Windows computer?

A: Your job is to determine exactly which string of code your Windows machine needs to access the Base Station. Apple's AirPort Utility program will show you the way.

Launch AirPort Utility (found in the Utilities folder within the Applications folder). Select your Base Station, and click on the "Manual Setup" button.

From the Base Station menu, choose "Equivalent Network Password," and a sheet will appear with the information you need.

If you configured the Base Station so that it uses WEP encryption, that sheet will display a hex-equivalent password.

This is the key code that Windows wants. You can highlight this text string, copy it, and then paste it wherever you like.

If instead you used a more up-to-date form of encryption — WPA/ WPA2 Personal — the sheet will reveal the "real" WPA password as well as its hex equivalent. Give the real password a go instead of entering that hex string. ~ Christopher Breen

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Create a Cheat Sheet

Sometimes, during or after presentations, you need to jump to a specific slide. Instead of searching through your presentation slide-by-slide, keep a list of your slides and their slide numbers handy; you can then check your list, find the desired slide's number, and navigate directly to it. To print a slide list in Keynote, first make sure that your page orientation is set to Portrait (File > Page Setup). Then go to File > Print, open the Printer drop-down menu, and select the "Outline" option in the Print section. Then click on "Print."

~ Rik Myslewski
Macworld Magazine

Don't Forget Your Fonts

If you're going to play a Keynote presentation on an unfamiliar computer, bring along copies of all the fonts used in the presentation. A Keynote file includes all the photos, music, and QuickTime files, but not your presentation's

fonts. ~ Rik Myslewski
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Leica Camera D-Lux 4 \$150.00 Rebate ends February 31, 2009

Leica Camera M8 \$1500.00 Rebate ends February 31, 2009

Leica Lens For M8 Some have a \$300.00 rebate ends February 31, 2009

Some iPods are on sale.

Also, Meade telescopes are in stock.



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