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Apple's New MacBook



New iBook replacement is as simple as Black & White...

Apple® recently unveiled the newly designed MacBook™ which replaces the iBook line of Macs. Called the world's most advanced consumer notebook featuring the Intel Core Duo processor and a gorgeous new 13-inch glossy widescreen display, all in a sleek design that is up to five times faster than the iBook® and up to four times faster than the old 12-inch PowerBook®.* Together with the 15- and 17-inch MacBook Pros, the new MacBook completes Apple's Intel-based portables lineup and replaces both the iBook and the 12-inch PowerBook. Apple's entire portables lineup now offers Intel Core Duo processors; a built-in iSight™ video camera for video conferencing on-the-go; breakthrough Front Row media experience with Apple Remote; and several advanced features including DVI with dual display support, optical digital audio input and output, Gigabit Ethernet, Sudden Motion Sensor, Scrolling TrackPad and MagSafe™ Power Adapter.

"Apple began the transition to Intel Core Duo-based notebooks in February with the 15-inch MacBook Pro, and now just 90 days later we have completed the transition with the release of the all new MacBook," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. *"The complete MacBook lineup leads the industry with Apple's trademark innovative design and advanced mobile features—from top to bottom it is the best notebook line that we have ever offered."*

With prices starting at just \$1,099, the MacBook lineup includes three models: a 1.83 GHz and 2.0 GHz MacBook in a newly designed, sleek white enclosure and a 2.0 GHz MacBook in a stunning new black enclosure. The new MacBook offers performance up to five times faster than the iBook and up to four times faster than the 12-inch PowerBook with a completely new system architecture including a 667 MHz front-side bus and 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory expandable to 2GB. At about one-inch thin, the new MacBook is 20 percent thinner than the iBook and features a gorgeous new 13-inch glossy widescreen display. With a display that is 79 percent brighter than the iBook and the 12-inch PowerBook, the MacBook provides incredibly crisp images with richer colors, deeper blacks and significantly greater contrast. At a resolution of 1280 x 800, the MacBook display provides 30 percent more viewing area than the iBook and the 12-inch PowerBook.



Art's Shareware Picks...

(Member written by Art Payne)

Welcome to the ONLY Monthly column in The Applegram. Many years ago, I used to write a similar column called "Download This" in The Applegram but it slowly got pushed aside as my duties for the User Group increased. Since I am always short on content for The Applegram (Hint, Hint), I figured I would revive the Column with a new name.

Fetch Art for iTunes 1.2.0

Free

DESCRIPTION

Fetch Art for iTunes is a small program that will fetch album art for one or more songs using Amazon's XML interface, allow you to preview the art that was found, and add the art you want to iTunes. The program is controlled through the iTunes Script menu: once it is installed, album art can be downloaded by selecting one or more songs in iTunes and choosing "Fetch Art" from the Script menu.



COMMENTS

If you have a Video iPod and like to rip songs from your CD collection this is a "MUST HAVE". It is pretty devent about getting popular songs from the Amazon Database as long as the song info is correct.



REQUIREMENTS

Mac OS X 10.3 or later, iTunes 4.0 or later.

<http://www.macupdate.com/info.php/id/12083>

Google Earth 3.1.0621.0

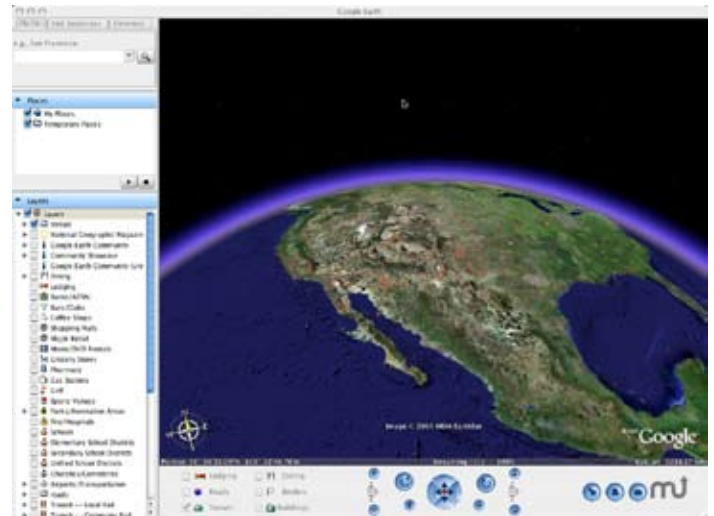
Free

DESCRIPTION

Google Earth puts a planet's worth of imagery and other geographic information right on your desktop. View exotic locales like Maui and Paris as well as points of interest such as local restaurants, hospitals, schools, and more.



Want to know more about a specific location? Dive right in -- Google Earth combines satellite imagery, maps and the power of Google Search to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips.



Fly from space to your neighborhood. Type in an address and zoom right in.

Search for schools, parks, restaurants, and hotels. Get driving directions. Tilt and rotate the view more...

COMMENTS

Pretty cool app for a time waster. The Mac version was released a while after the PC version. Good app for seeing if the grass is REAL:LY GREENER in your neighbors backyard.

REQUIREMENTS

Mac OS X 10.3 or later,

<http://www.macupdate.com/info.php/id/20124>

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Apple Take-Back Program

(Member written by Art Payne)



Years ago, Michigan Apple Members Carl Pendracki and Russ Ferbitz used to “adopt” older Macs donated from members when they upgraded to newer Macs in hopes that they could be put to use by other members or even people without computers. It was a great plan in its day and time, but after Apple began to develop Mac OS X and essentially killed off Mac OS 9, the Michigan

Apple member Computer donation program sort of went by the wayside. At that time, anything less than a G3 processor simply was undesirable and often considered unusable to any of the members. A lot of the old 68k machines that were work-horses in the 90’s were put out to pasture.

Apple® recently announced the launch of its free computer take-back program, offering US customers environmentally friendly recycling of their old computer when they buy a new Mac®. Beginning today, the Apple Store® (www.apple.com) and Apple retail stores will give US customers the option of recycling their unwanted PCs, regardless of the manufacturer. When a customer chooses to participate in the program, Apple will send an email with instructions and a label for free shipping and recycling. Customers simply package their recyclable equipment and attach the label provided. All equipment received by the program is recycled domestically and no hazardous material is shipped overseas.

Apple’s recycling programs have processed more than 21 million pounds of electronics worldwide since 1994. Apple continues to offer a free iPod® recycling program through its US retail stores, providing environmentally friendly disposal of any unwanted iPod and a 10 percent discount on the purchase of a new iPod. The company also operates a free drop-off recycling service at its headquarters in Cupertino for used computer systems and home electronics.

More information on Apple’s recycling programs and industry-leading environmental policies is available online at apple.com/environment.

Apple’s free computer take-back program is offered to customers in the 48 contiguous United States.

Although Apples FREE computer Take Back program is great and helps the environment, we suggest that members contact the Michigan Apple FIRST to see if the Mac computer or iPod would be of use to other members. Many G3 based Mac’s and all G4 Mac computers still may have a usable life and may be a welcome upgrade or second computer for other members or friends and family of members. We could run an Ad in the Applegram or post it on the forum to help get the unwanted Mac to someone who could make use of it.

If your old computer was a Windows based computer, please RUSH and order the box to send it to Apple!



Apple’s New MacBook

(Continued from Cover)

Every new MacBook comes with a built-in iSight video camera for video conferencing on-the-go using iChat AV, or recording a video Podcast or iMovie® or to use Photo Booth, Apple’s fun-to-use application that lets users take quick snapshots, add entertaining visual effects and share their pictures with the touch of a button. The new MacBook gives customers a simple way to enjoy their digital lifestyle content wherever they go—including music, photos and videos from across the room using the Apple Remote, and Front Row. Users can effortlessly access shared iTunes® playlists, iPhoto® libraries and video throughout their home via Bonjour™, Apple’s zero configuration wireless networking built into Mac OS® X.

Designed to withstand the rigors of life on the go, every MacBook comes with Apple’s MagSafe Power Adapter which safely disconnects from the notebook when there is strain on the power cord, helping to prevent the notebook from falling off its work surface and includes Apple’s Sudden Motion Sensor that is designed to protect the hard drive in case of a fall, and all MacBooks include a Scrolling TrackPad to easily scroll through long web pages or pan across large photographs.

With the latest high-performance connectivity options, every new MacBook includes built-in 10/100/1000 BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet for high-speed networking, built-in AirPort® Extreme 802.11g WiFi for up to 54 Mbps fast wireless networking**, built-in Bluetooth 2.0+EDR (Enhanced Data Rate), two USB 2.0 ports, combination analog and optical digital audio input and output ports, and a mini-DVI video output to connect up to a 23-inch Apple Cinema HD Display.

Every MacBook includes iLife ‘06, Apple’s award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications featuring iPhoto, iMovie HD, iDVD®, GarageBand™ and iWeb™, a new iLife application that makes it super-easy to create amazing websites with photos, blogs and Podcasts and publish them on .Mac for viewing by anyone on the Internet with just a single click. All the iLife ‘06 applications run natively on the new Intel-based MacBooks for maximum performance.

Every MacBook also comes with the latest release of the Mac OS X, version 10.4.6 “Tiger” including Safari™, Mail, iCal®, iChat AV, Front Row and Photo Booth, running natively on Apple’s Intel-based notebook line. Mac OS X Tiger includes an innovative software translation technology called Rosetta that lets customers run most Mac OS X PowerPC applications seamlessly.*** Intel-based Mac customers have more than 1,700 Universal applications to choose from and the list is growing each day with hundreds of developers including Adobe, Quark and IBM’s Lotus division announcing support for Mac OS X Intel-based applications. An updated list of Universal applications for Mac OS X is available at guide.apple.com/universal.

More Info: <http://www.apple.com/macbook/>



Classified Ads - For Sale

Apple Imagewriter II COLOR Dot Matrix Printer
\$ = Trade or BEST OFFER.

ImageWriters were a main staple of printing on the Mac. The ImageWriter II printer added 7 colors so the Macintosh (using color aware applications) could print color. WYSIWYG printing in the 80's. Cost \$595 back then. Includes cables and software.



HP 3820 USB Inkjet Printer.
\$ = Trade or BEST OFFER.

PC or Mac Compatible color USB printer does up to 600 dpi & 12 ppm Black or 2400 dpi & 10 ppm in color. Includes Software and Cables.



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Some of the titles of interest to Michigan Apple Users include:

Running Boot Camp A Step-by-Step Guide to a Pit- fall-Free Installation of Windows XP on a Mac

By Chuck Toporek
April 2006
PDF Price: \$7.99 USD
32 Pages

PDF description
When Steve Jobs jumped on stage at Macworld San Francisco 2006 and announced the new Intel-based Macs, the question wasn't if, but when someone would figure out a hack to get Windows XP running on these new "Mactels."

Enter Boot Camp, a new system utility that helps you partition and install Windows XP on your Intel Mac. Boot Camp does all the heavy lifting for you. You won't need to open the Terminal and hack on system files or wave a chicken bone over your iMac to get XP running. This free program makes it easy for anyone to turn their Mac into a dual-boot Windows/OS X machine.



Running Boot Camp guides you step-by-step through the entire installation process, including upgrading your Mac's Firmware, creating the Macintosh Drivers CD to make XP work properly with your Mac's hardware, and using the Boot Camp Assistant to partition your hard drive and install Windows XP. You'll also learn how to avoid common pitfalls (such as previously partitioned drives and wrong disk permissions). And finally, you'll find out which Mac functions don't work in XP and which XP features backfire on a Mac. With this invaluable guide at your side, you'll finish configuring your dual-boot Mac in as little as two hours, avoiding numerous hazards and annoyances along the way.

All About Your iPod Photo

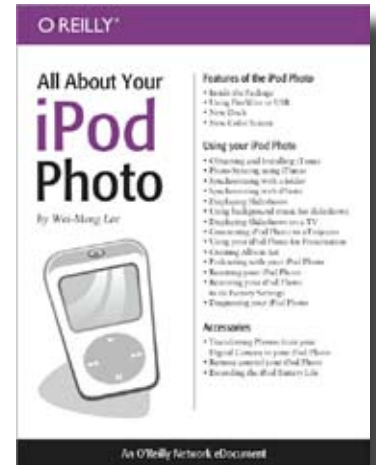
By Wei-Meng Lee
Book Price: \$5.95
PDF Price: \$5.95
January 2005
42 Pages:

PDF description
Apple has recently released the iPod photo, a fourth generation (4G) iPod capable of displaying color photos. With its new enhanced color screen, you can now do more than ever with your iPod--it's no longer just a music player. If you are the proud owner of the new iPod photo you'll be eager to know all the cool things are that you can do with your new toy. This eDoc includes many useful tips and tricks for using your iPod photo.

"All About Your iPod Photo" covers all of the features of this exciting new device, detailed instructions on how to use the iPod photo, and a section on the most useful accessories available. From synchronizing your iPod with iPhoto, to using your iPod to give presentations, to podcasting, just about anything you can do with the iPod photo is covered. "All About Your iPod Photo" is a must-have document for owners of Apple's latest entry in the iPod line.

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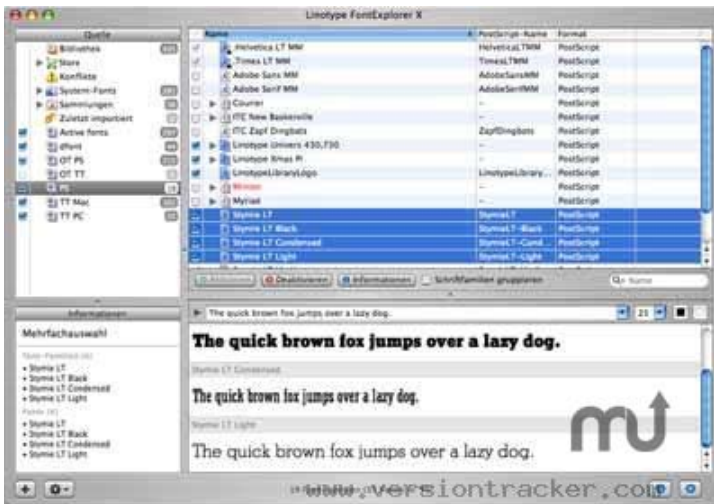
Art's Shareware Picks...

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Linotype FontExplorer X 1.0.1

DESCRIPTION

FontExplorer X sets a new standard for font management software. After several relatively sad years for all font users who were looking for a professional font manager, Linotype is pleased to fill the gap with the new FontExplorer X. Font management has never been so simple, and font sorting, font shopping and font discovery are now more fun than ever. FontExplorer X gives computer users all the font functions they could need, and lets them decide how deeply they wish to dive into various font themes.



COMMENTS

Good replacement for Font Book if you want more control over your Fonts. I Like the iTunes like interface and love the preview of the fonts. If you have the dollars available, the ability to buy just the right Font with a few clicks is also pretty darn cool!

REQUIREMENTS

Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later.

<http://www.macupdate.com/info.php/id/19514>

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Board Meeting Minutes

May 2006

In attendance: Ron Hartmus, President; Anthony Moore, Secretary; Art Payne, Vendor Relations; Barb Quincey, Director-at-Large; Russ Ferbitz, Membership Director; Keith Burby, Community Relations; Chris Thompson, Publications Director

Absent: Dave Birdsong, Vice-President; David Wood, Treasurer

Called to Order: 7:35

Membership Report: 56 Members; 3 Expired

Treasurer Report: \$1,081 Total

We looked for but could not find the plug in the ceiling to plug in a signal extender. (Note: It was installed after this meeting.)

The Board contemplated who would be good to ask to join the board and be the Membership Director. James was mentioned as a possibility but he travels a lot for work and may be unable.

Ron suggested that we may want to try some audio iChat for the Board Meetings so we don't have to drive to the hall to conduct it.

Tony said we should get a screen for the projector. It was said that we believe a screen is supposed to be installed as part of the renovation project.

Art asked if we should offer iPod Shuffle's as door prizes. That was o.k'd.

It was asked how many of our members have iPods? Ron suggested that we could put together a survey on his database that members could fill out via the web. Any member that completes the survey will get a ticket to win an iPod Nano. It was mentioned that this should be in the June Applegram and be given away in August. Art, also, suggested using Survey Monkey. We will gather questions for the survey at the June Board Meeting.

June:

General Meeting: Apple Buffet

Advanced Meeting: Duplicating DVD's and CD's

July:

General Meeting: Casual game demos

Advanced Meeting: Advanced game demos

Adjourned: The secretary left the meeting a bit early.



Membership Report

Memberships Expiring

Mary Ellen Craig
Walter Dean
Patricia Kelly
Art Payne

Membership Renewals

Kathryn Dawson
Victor Eicher
Ellen Hechler
William Kelly
Alain Lecompte
Lloyd Weeks
David Wilson

Happy Birthday

Millie Bergman
Andy Biggs
Albin Burkacki
James O'Dell
Ken Rehse
Elaine Tokarski

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Michigan Apple Calendar of Events

Times & Location

June General Meeting (06/13/06)

Topics include:

The Apple Buffet

Mac Help and Ultimate Q & A!

July General Meeting (07/13/06)

Topic: Fun & Games on your Mac

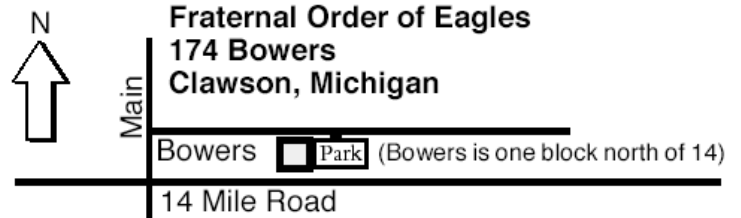
For SIG Meeting Topics

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Please Attend and Bring a Friend.

- **General Meeting: Thursday, June 8th, 2006**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI
- **Advanced User SIG: Thursday, June 15th**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI
- **Green Apple SIG: Cancelled until July**
6:30PM, Panera Bread, Southfield Rd. Lathrup Vil. MI
- **Board Meeting: Thursday, June 22th, 2006**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI



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