

MacBook, MacBook Pro updated

The MacBook and MacBook Pro notebook lines now include 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, with up to 512MB of video memory, and Apple's innovative Multi-Touch trackpad, first introduced in MacBook Air. Read all about the new machines online at the Apple Store.

Mac OS X 10.5.2 released



The Mac OS X 10.5.2 Update, recommended for all users running Mac OS X Leopard, includes general operating system fixes that enhance the stability, compatibility and security of your Mac. Some are already calling it the mother of all upgrades. The new software updates Stacks with a List view option, a Folder view option and an updated background for Grid view. It also addresses legibility issues with the Finder menu bar with an option to turn off transparency in Desktop & Screen Saver preferences and adjusts menus to be slightly-less translucent overall. The combo updater can be found at:

<http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/mac-os-x-10.5.2-comboupdate.html>

For detailed information, go to: <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=307109>

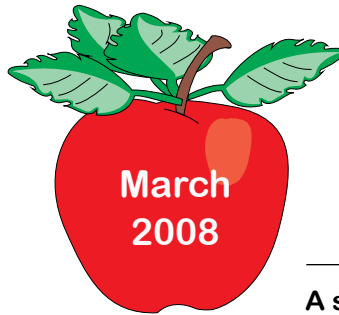
iPod shuffle now at 2GB, 1GB drops to \$49

The 2GB iPod shuffle (\$69) replaces the 1GB model for \$10 less, while the 1GB model has been reduced to \$49. Both sizes are available in all colors.



MacBook, MacBook Pro Keyboard Firmware Update 1.0

The MacBook, MacBook Pro Keyboard Firmware Update 1.0 (requires 10.5.2) addresses an issue where the first key press may be ignored if the computer has been sitting idle, along with other issues. It installs an application in the Utilities folder called "Built-in Keyboard Firmware Update." The updater application will automatically open. Once open, the instructions within the application will complete the update. It can also be manually run later by double-clicking



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the updater in the Utilities folder. It supports the following products via the software updater:

- MacBook (Late 2006)
- MacBook (Mid 2007)
- MacBook (Late 2007)
- MacBook Pro (17-inch Core 2 Duo)
- MacBook Pro (15-inch Core 2 Duo)
- MacBook Pro (Mid 2007, 2.4/2.2GHz)
- MacBook Pro (Late 2007, 2.4/2.2GHz)

Toshiba kills off HD DVD

Toshiba has stopped future development and manufacturing of HD DVD players, recorders and PC drives. The move is one of Toshiba's costliest to-date, hundreds of millions of dollars. The company was dealt a blow on 2/15 when Wal-Mart said it would abandon the HD DVD format, becoming the latest in a series of top retailers and movie studios to rally behind Blu-ray technology for high definition DVDs.

Apple TV Guided Tour video

Apple has posted the Apple TV Guided Tour video at:

<http://www.apple.com/appletv/guidedtour/index.html>

SOFTWARE

iAlertU (free, 752K) is an alarm system for your MacBook or MacBook Pro computer. It uses the built in sudden motion sensor (SMS) device to detect movement of your machine and triggers an audible and visual alarm. The alarm can also be triggered by keyboard and mouse/trackpad movement. The alarm is designed to continue sounding even after the MacBook screen has been closed. It's activated and deactivated using the infrared remote control included with

every computer. User adjustable settings let you decide which type of alarm triggers you want.

<http://www.macupdate.com/info.php/id/21282/ialertu>

Targus' Ultra Mini USB 2.0 4-port hub (\$20) allows you to connect 4 USB



devices to your notebook at a transfer rate of 480 Mbps, without an AC adapter. It is very small and light at just 3.67" x 0.86" x 0.74" and 1.1 oz. It works with Mac OS X right out of the box.

http://www.targus.com/us/product_details.asp?sku=ACH74US

The iPhone software update 1.1.4 and iPod touch software update 1.1.4 include bug fixes and supersede all previous versions. Updates are available via iTunes.

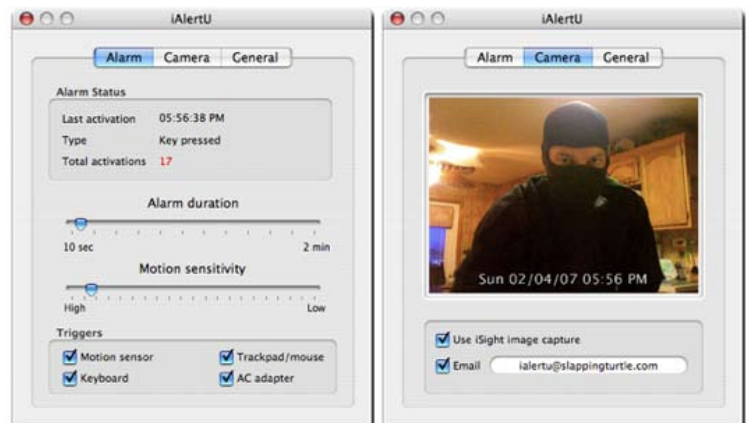
Apple's major upgrade, Aperture 2, is available as a 30-day trial download (77.2 MB) at:

<http://www.apple.com/aperture/trial/>

iPod classic Firmware 1.1.1 appears to fix a problem where an audible hiss was apparent when the unit was turned off. It's available through the update feature in iTunes.

iPhoto 7.1.3 addresses issues with wire-bound books and cards and is available via Software Update and at:

<http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/iphoto713.html>



FinderPop 2.1 (donationware, 592K download) allows users to customize the Finder's contextual menu with custom content. Requires OS X 10.4 or higher.
<http://www.finderpop.com/>

MacTracker 4.2 (donationware) is a detailed database of every Mac device ever made.
<http://www.mactracker.ca>

For you old-time Mac gamers, the Return to Dark Castle demo (70 MB) is available as a free download at:
http://www.superhappyfunfun.com/games/gam_returntodc.html



You can now record your favorite records to your Mac or iPod with the Numark TTI USB turntable. It includes a built-in universal dock to easily transfer your old vinyl collection to your iPod. Included software archives your records to CD or MP3. Sweetwater Sound has them for \$300.
<http://www.numark.com/tti>



JIBBLE

SanDisk and Toshiba will soon start making flash memory on a new 43-nanometer manufacturing process that will result in SSDs later this year with capacities that should approach those of today's mainstream 2.5-inch hard drives, ranging between 120GB and 160GB.

Fortune's Top 20 Most Admired Companies features Apple Inc. atop the list, beating out the likes of Berkshire Hathaway (2), General Electric (3), Google (4), BMW (14), and Microsoft (16).

As of March 2nd, the MacBook Air is in such high demand that Apple is having trouble maintaining the device in stock.

Google has said that it has seen 50 times more searches from the iPhone than from any other mobile handset.

Starbucks and AT&T have announced plans to offer AT&T Wi-Fi service at more than 7,000 company-operated Starbucks locations. The partnership will result in a mix of free and paid Wi-Fi services at Starbucks stores, including two free hours of Wi-Fi access per day for Starbucks Card holders.

TIPS

To have iTunes display a list of all duplicates, simply go to the View menu and choose "Show Duplicates". You can then choose what to do with them.

In iPhoto 08 Events, each event is represented by one photo, which is the first photo in the grouping. You can change that by skimming across the Event's photo's until you find the one you want, and then press the spacebar.

Some Mac users still do not realize that PDF technology is built into Mac OS X. You can automatically create PDF files from any Print dialog box. If you've installed Acrobat or Acrobat Reader, you may find that you can no longer view PDFs in Safari. To work around this, launch Acrobat or Acrobat Reader, go to Preferences>Internet and uncheck "Display PDF in browser using."

The print-to-PDF feature of Mac OS X has improved a lot in Leopard. It now includes security options. When you go to "Print" and choose "Print as PDF", there is a new button "Security Options...". What it lets you add is password protection. You can choose a password to open the document, a password to copy text from the document or a password to print.

Animated GIFs do not play within Preview. Instead you need to drag the file to your Safari or Firefox icon.

To change the default for animated GIFs, click the GIF file icon and press Command-I. Under Open With, select your favorite browser from the drop-down menu and then click the Change All button.

You can scroll down in your web browser by using the Spacebar. Scrolling back up is as simple as Shift-Spacebar. If the cursor is currently in a text box, it may not work.

Your Mac can read you the top stories from your favorite news sites. Here's how:

1. To enable text-to-speech, go to System Preferences > Speech. On the Text to Speech tab, check the box next to "Speak selected text when the key is pressed," and in the next dialog box, press the key combination you want, such as Command-Control-S. Choose a voice, and exit System Preferences.
2. Go to a news site in Safari, such as CNN.com. Click on a story, then click the printer-friendly option and select the text. Press Command-Control-S.

Command-Delete sends a selected item to the Trash. Command-Shift-Delete empties the Trash.

In InDesign CS3, use the ESC key to jump from a text box to the selection tool.

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.

