

Headphones only partially compatible with iPhone

PICT Apple's new Earphones and In-Ear Headphones with Remote and Mic (\$29, \$79) are only partially compatible with the iPhone and iPhone 3G. A Knowledge Base article titled "Compatibility of wired headset models with iPod and iPhone models" explains that the volume controls will not work with iPhone or iPhone 3G — only the playback remote and microphone are compatible. The premium In-Ear headphones include independent woofer and tweeter drivers, which should stand up to comparable dual driver headphones that usually sell for three or four times as much.



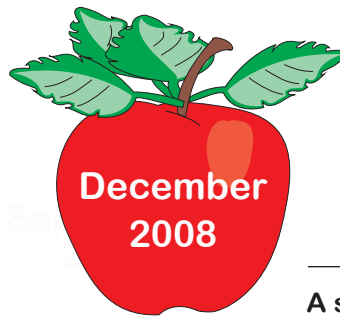
SanDisk secure Cruzer Enterprise supports Mac

SanDisk has updated the SanDisk Cruzer Enterprise USB flash drive (sizes up to 8GB), adding cross-platform security support for Mac OS X. Users can log-in or shut down access to the encrypted partition, manage passwords, or edit contact information, languages, and other preferences. Users can also configure the device to enter a "lockdown" mode after a set number of incorrect password attempts.

[http://www.sandisk.com/OEM/ProductCatalog\(1340\)-Cruzer_Enterprise_USB_Security_at_Multiple_Tiers.aspx](http://www.sandisk.com/OEM/ProductCatalog(1340)-Cruzer_Enterprise_USB_Security_at_Multiple_Tiers.aspx)

Adobe to layoff 600

Adobe has announced that it will lay off 600 employees while it restructures its business. They have also joined Belkin and Seagate in not having a booth on the MacWorld-San Francisco show floor in January. Instead, they will have representatives on-hand for a full day of demos, mid-way through the week. The



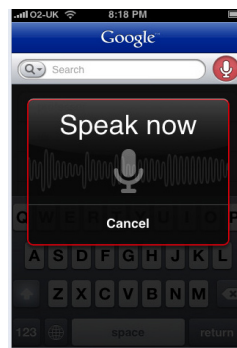
The Juice

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company blames its revenue troubles on a lack of demand for Creative Suite 4 since its October launch. They are now offering trial demonstration versions of all Creative Site applications, such as Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and others, for a full 30 days in a fully functional manner.

Google Mobile iPhone app with voice search available

The new version of Google's Mobile iPhone application that includes voice search recognition is now available as a free download on the App Store, making it possible to do a Google web search using only your voice. Just hold the phone to your ear, wait for the beep, and say what you're looking for. There is also no longer a need to specify where you are, because the Google Mobile App now has Search with My Location.



Walmart and SAMs to carry 4GB iPhone?

Apple may be prepared to deliver a sharply discounted iPhone with Walmart in mind, rumors suggest. An anonymous source has indicated that Walmart stores may soon receive a \$99 model, made with the tradeoff of a lower 4GB storage capacity. Apple and AT&T currently sell the iPhone for minimum of \$199, and only in capacities of 8 or 16GB. The company will likely offer a 32GB edition sometime in the next year.

SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

Apple's new "green" 24-inch LED Cinema Display is now shipping (\$899). It's

the first Apple display to be designed specifically for the MacBook.

<http://store.apple.com/us/product/MB382LL/A?cid=AOS-US-AFF-FEED>

The MacBook, MacBook Pro Trackpad Firmware Update 1.0 addresses an issue where trackpad clicks may not be recognized on MacBook and MacBook Pro (Late 2008) systems.

http://support.apple.com/downloads/MacBook_MacBook_Pro_Trackpad_Firmware_Update_1_0

Safari 3.2.1 (via the Software Updater) includes stability improvements and is recommended for all Safari users.

QuickTime 7.5.7 allows standard definition iTunes movies to play over the new MacBooks' DisplayPort to older displays. Use the Software Updater.

iTunes 8.0.2 improves stability and performance and provides a number of important bug fixes. Available via the Software Updater.

iPhone 2.2 (available by syncing to iTunes) enhancements include the display address of dropped pins in Maps, share location via email, a decrease in call setup failures and dropped calls, a preference to turn on/off auto-correction in Keyboard Settings, improvements to Mail, improved sound quality of Visual Voicemail messages and more.

The Apple TV software version 2.3 adds a few refinements to the company's "digital living room" appliance. In an earlier update, Apple added the capability to use the Apple TV as an AirTunes speaker: you can start playing music from your Mac in one room, and have it play in the living room via the Apple TV, in another room via an AirPort Express, and so on. With the 2.3 update, the Apple TV can now be the music source, streaming to AirPort Express units or other Apple TVs on your home network.

<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3187>

A significant bug fix for the fourth-generation iPod nano adds support for Apple's new headphones and introduces a toggle to turn off Cover Flow, among other things. You can get the update by connecting the iPod to the computer, selecting the iPod from the left-side device list in iTunes and then selecting the "Check for update" option.

The QuickerTek iPod/iTouch/G3 iPhone external battery charger (\$45) offers up to 30 Hours of extra music, or 6 Hours of extra video or 3 Hours of extra talk time.



iMuffs (\$150) bring cordless freedom to your iPod with crystal-clear sound up to 40' away. Ergonomic controls allow you to pause or skip track. You can also take calls from your iPhone or Bluetooth phone with the integrated microphone. Rechargeable.

<http://www.wi-gear.com/products/imuffs/mb220.php>



Joost, the Flash-based, global web video service, has launched a Joost application for the iPhone and iPod touch that enables users to enjoy thousands of hours of anime, comedy, drama, movies, music, documentaries, sci-fi and sports over their Wi-Fi connections. Joost is ad-supported and free for users.

Firefox 3.0.4 is now available at:
<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/products/download.html?product=firefox-3.0.4&os=osx&lang=en-US>

The Sling.com video portal website is aimed at competing with sites hosting commercially produced content like Hulu or Joost. It primarily syndicates content from about 90 major TV and online producers, including channels Hulu omits, such as CBS. It also offers a similar range of full-length movies.

Parallels Desktop 4.0 (\$80; upgrade \$40) adds a boatload of features and improves performance.

<http://www.parallels.com/desktop/>

Target has an iPhone App that helps you come up with gift ideas. Once the app is downloaded, you pick male or female and an age range. Then you shake the phone to come up with a potential gift idea. At this point, the screen looks like a snow globe with white flakes falling to reveal a yoga mat or ornament. Take it a step further and you can buy the gift on Target.com or find a nearby store that has the item in stock. Using your address book, you can also identify someone that you want to give the item to.

The ezSpace UFO (\$30) is a six-outlet e x p a n d e r with built-in 1050-joule surge protection. It provides enough room to fit a power transformer on every outlet and can be plugged into the wall or used as a four-foot extension cord. It's available at Target, Sears, Home Depot, etc.

<http://www.ezgear.com/UFO/UFO.html>



Gadget4All is offering a roll-up mousepad (\$22) that has an integrated speaker, four USB 1.1 ports and a 3.5mm stereo jack that allows users to connect iPods via their headphone connection. An on-off button and volume knob gives users basic control of the device.

http://www.gadget4all.com/prod_detail.php?prod_id=00565



Adobe Camera Raw 5.2 updates the Photoshop plug-in with raw file support for seven new digital cameras.

<http://www.adobe.com/downloads/updates/>

BuyDig.com has reduced Microsoft Office 2008 Media Edition from \$430 to \$99.

MacConnection.com is offering the new aluminum 2.0GHz MacBook for \$1149 after mail in rebate.

DiscLabel 5.4, the CD and DVD label design software, adds 15 new templates with designs for holidays, gifts and businesses

(\$35.95 new, free update, 12.7 MB)
<http://www.smileonmymac.com/DiscLabel/>

HandBrake 0.9.3 (OS 10.5 only) is a significant update to the open-source video conversion program, most commonly used for converting DVDs to MPEG-4 video files. The latest version extends HandBrake's capabilities so it can convert from any input source, not just DVDs.

<http://handbrake.fr/>

The LaCie CurrentKey, in an appealing coin design, is a USB 2.0 flash drive that can be revealed by a simple twist. \$20 for 4GB, \$30 for 8GB.



<http://www.lacie.com/us/products/product.htm?pid=11186>

If you want to edit your pictures without flopping down hard cash for Photoshop or Elements, check out Photoshop Express (free). Along with some standard editing tools, it lets you store and share your images.

<http://www.photoshop.com/express>

JIBBLE

A slowing global economy had little impact on Apple's computer business last month, as consumers drove Mac sales up 28 percent during the month of October compared to the same month one year ago.

There are now 10,000 applications for iPhone/iPod Touch. Downloads have topped 300 million applications. Games account for about a fourth of them.

Pandora has stated that two million iPhone users have downloaded and installed its radio application to date.

Palm is trimming its workforce of 1050 employees in an effort to remain competitive.

The second-generation iPod touch is substantially faster than the first, according to a game developer.

The iPhone had a failure rate of 5.6% in its first year of ownership, compared with 11.9% for BlackBerrys and 16.2% for the Treo.

Apple has sold 13 million iPhone units since the device's debut in July 07.

As of 11/24, the United States debt was \$10,667,243,526,081.49 (\$10.6+ trillion).