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Apple offers 8GB (PRODUCT) RED iPod nano

11.03.06 - Peter Cohen - Playlist

(PRODUCT) RED is a special initiative to raise money for the Global Fund to help fight HIV/AIDS in Africa. Apple is already participating in the program with a special red version of its iPod nano; initially, the company sold a \$199 4GB version. Now a \$249 8GB version joins the line. Apple will contribute \$10 from the sale of each (PRODUCT) RED edition iPod nano to the Global Fund.

Under the hood, the (PRODUCT) RED nano is exactly the same as Apple's other iPod nano models — it's a flash-based digital music player that works with music you've ripped into iTunes or downloaded from the iTunes store. Its color display shows you album art and digital photos you've synced from iTunes.

Apple estimates that the 8GB (PRODUCT) RED nano can store about 2,000 songs — twice the effective capacity of its 4GB sibling. It features the same dimensions, so it can use the same accessories from Apple and third parties designed for second-generation iPod nano players.

The 8GB iPod nano (PRODUCT) RED features redesigned earbud headphones, a dock connector and a USB 2.0 cable to connect to a Mac or PC.

MacBook Pro Core 2 Duos Only 10% Faster?

11.05.06 - Remy Davison - Insanely Great Mac

Apple claims its new MacBook Pro Core 2 Duo (Merom) notebooks are up to 39% faster than the Core Duo MBP it replaces. But Macworld put this claim to the test recently.

But if you have an old-gen MBP, you shouldn't feel too put out by driving a superseded model. Using the Speedmark bench test, the Merom MBP is exactly 10% faster, when one compares the equivalent old and new MBP 2.16GHz models. But it is about 24% faster with the non-native Photoshop. It's significantly faster with MPEG-2 encoding (around 30%).

It's little better with an iMovie filter, but a 27-second time saving with MP3 encoding is significant if you import a lot of MP3s (and who doesn't?). With the same video card as the old model, games like UT 2004 don't achieve noticeably better frame rates, while zipping archives doesn't take much less time either.

Worth the upgrade? Well, more capacious HDDs, a FireWire 800 port on the 15" and more standard RAM. Perhaps UB-fied Adobe CS apps would show a bigger difference. A useful speed gain with Merom — but a compelling one?

Tonight's Agenda

Help desk until 6:45 with Tom

6:45 MagicTime!

New members - Brian
Dues (\$3) - Ray
Ambassador & Industry news - Lyle
Shareware - Ray
Items to buy or sell

7:30 The Apple + Nike Sport Kit

run by Lynn McAlpine
(more info on p.2)



8:00 Wrap-up - Brian



Please consider dining at C&M. With more diners, we ensure that meeting costs remain low. Thank You!!

MacBook Core 2 Duo rolls

11.08.06 - M. Sharp - Insanely Great Mac

Apple has announced the "new" MacBook with Core 2 Duo processors, which the company claims is up to 25 percent faster. This iteration also features a built-in iSight video camera for on-the-go video conferencing and an optional MagSafe adapter.

"MacBook has helped drive Apple's notebook market share to over 10 percent in US retail, and the new MacBooks will be among this holiday season's most exciting new products," said Philip Schiller, senior vice president, worldwide product marketing. "With Intel Core 2 Duo processors across the entire line, these new MacBooks are up to 25-percent faster than their predecessors."

With prices starting at just \$1,099, the new MacBook lineup includes three models: sleek white 1.83 GHz and 2.0 GHz MacBook models. All three can now take twice the memory and offer greater storage capacity than the previous generation, as well as an optional double-layer SuperDrive.



Latest MacBook Pro "Core 2 Duo"	2.16 GHz 15.4"	2.33 GHz 15.4"	2.33 GHz 17.0"
Intel Processor:	T7400	T7600	T7600
Processor Speed:	2.16 GHz	2.33 GHz	2.33 GHz
Hard Drive Size:	120 GB†	120 GB†	160 GB†
Standard RAM:	1 GB*	2 GB*	2 GB*
Video Memory:	128 MB	256 MB	256 MB
Dual-Layer SuperDrive:	6X	6X	8X
USB 2.0 Ports:	2	2	3
Display Size:	15-Inch	15-Inch	17-Inch
Native Resolution:	1440x900	1440x900	1680x1050
Apple Part No:	MA609LL	MA610LL	MA611LL/A
Price:	US\$1999	US\$2499	US\$2799

†Additionally, the 15-Inch models can be configured with a 160 GB 5400 RPM or a 200 GB 4200 RPM drive, and the 17-Inch model can be configured with a 100 GB 7200 RPM or 200 GB 4200 RPM drive.

*The MacBook Pro "Core 2 Duo" 2.16 15" ships with a single 1 GB memory module and one slot free. The remaining configurations ship with both slots populated with a 1 GB module. [from Everymac.com 10.25.06](http://www.everymac.com)

2 Parallels simplifies installation

11.3.06 - M. Sharp - Insanely Great Mac

Parallels has announced the addition of the Installation Assistant to its namesake virtualization environment for the Mac, which provides a powerful, easy to use Express Windows OS Installation Mode for Windows XP and Windows Vista that completely automates the virtual machine setup and Windows installation processes.



"Our easy-to-use, automated installation and networking tools make running Parallels Desktop for Mac an even more attractive option for running Windows, especially for non-technical users who simply want to get Windows up and running and connected to the internet with as little hassle and headache as possible," said Benjamin Rudolph, marketing manager. "We are delivering on our promise of delivering powerful technology that is simple to use for anyone, even the most non-technical users."

In addition to the Installation Assistant, the new build of Parallels Desktop for Mac offers Shared Networking, a powerful new networking mode that lets users seamlessly connect their virtual machines to the internet via a cable modem, LAN, broadband card, Wi-Fi connection, or dial-up modem, without any manual network reconfiguration.

Parallels Desktop sells for \$80 at retailers nationwide, including the Apple Store. Get a 15-day trial version at www.parallels.com/en/download/desktop/

The Apple + Nike Sport Kit

Here are four sites to visit for more information on this weeks presentation.



For a brief video on how it works: www.nike.com/nikeplus/

Download the user manual at: manuals.info.apple.com/en/Nike+_iPod_User_Guide.pdf

For Frequently Asked Questions (General) docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=303933

To calibrate see: docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=303986

For a third party review see: playlistmag.com/reviews/2006/09/nikeipod/index.php



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Symantec details OS X 'Macarena' virus

11.03.06 - Peter Cohen - MacCentral

Symantec has posted details about what it calls a "low risk level" virus affecting MacOS X called OSX.Macarena. The company has already updated the daily virus definitions file used by its Norton Anti-Virus software for the Mac to address the problem.

Peter Ferrie's writeup for Symantec describes OSX.Macarena as "a proof of concept virus that infects files in the current folder on the compromised computer." OSX.Macarena "infects other files when they are executed in the current directory, regardless of file name or extension."

Writing for The SANS Institute (a resource for information security training and certification), Section 66 security consultant Swa Frantzen said, "to be honest the virus is no big deal in itself. But it is yet another warning for a lot of parties involved."

"As we said before the ability to have viruses and all sorts of other malware is inherently available in all modern operating systems, Mac, Linux, BSD, ... included," Frantzen added.

"It is a warning to get antivirus protection for those Macs, even if the shopkeeper told you you do not need it, even if there are no viruses in the wild today, even if it's hard to buy it."

and then there's this...

Scaring people sells anti-virus software

11.05.06 - M. Sharp - Insanely Great Mac

As is their wont, Ars Technica has published an emotionally-satisfying editorial response to the latest Mac malware non-threat—OSX.Macarena.

Now, we're all supposed to run—not walk—out and buy anti-virus software because it's so necessary. I mean, six proof of concept viruses have been found since February. An outbreak of the Mac flu that will slice, dice, and clobberify your Mac is imminent. After all, we're panicking.

Yes, we are once again being presented with yet another case of "hyper-ventilating hypochondriac hysteria" as Macarena hasn't actually harmed anyone and isn't likely to.

Even the masters of hypochondria, Symantec, have admitted that Macarena has received their lowest alert rating.

Another day, another bogus reason to buy anti-virus software...



the macintosh user group store
www.applemugstore.com
Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 07
User ID: **ipod** Password: **nano**

iTunes Store offering cut-rate classic albums

11.5.06 - M. Sharp - Insanely Great Mac

On Halloween Day, IGM reported that Universal Music had decided to cut prices on over 1,500 back-catalog albums. Today, sharp-eyed iTunes Store patrons will note a new icon on the site's homepage—Great Albums, Great Price, Classic Rock—advertising reduced prices on a three dozen titles from \$7.92.

Here's a bit of spin:



There is a hole in our heart and it's about the size of Thin Lizzy's Jailbreak. We at iTunes try to make sure that we keep up and in touch with music in all of its current forms. But truth be told, we spend a lot more time jamming to tracks like Heart's Dreamboat Annie, Bob Seger's Night Moves and the entirety of Journey's Escape. In order to share the loves we're offering you these full albums—as well as some of the best records ... ever: try Bob Dylan's Highway 61 Revisited, the Band's Music from Big Pink and the Rolling Stone's Exile on Main Street, all at a discounted rate.

Although 36 titles is well short of the 1,500 titles promised by Universal, this may be just the beginning.



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