Apple introduces 13-inch MacBook Pro

Apple has rebranded the 13-inch MacBook into its MacBook Pro linea significant upgrade at a lower price than the original aluminum MacBook it replaces. The new 13-inch MacBook Pro models include a seven hour builtin battery, an SD card slot, a FireWire 800 port, an illuminated keyboard and NVIDIA's GeForce 9400M integrated graphics processor. It's available in two models: a 2.26 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo, 2GB RAM and a 160GB hard drive for \$1,199 and a 2.53 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo, 4GB RAM and a 250GB hard drive for \$1,499. All of the MacBook Pro models, including an update to the 15" model, now include Apple's built-in battery for up to seven hours of battery life.



Apple has also quietly bumped the speed of the \$999 white MacBook Core 2 Duo processors from 2GHz to 2.13GHz and increased the hard drive to 160GB, with faster 800MHz DDR2 memory than its last iteration.

MacBook Air updated, cheaper

The MacBook Air is now available in two models starting at \$1,499 for a 1.86 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo system with a 120GB hard drive and NVIDIA GeForce 9400M



graphics. The other option is a 2.13 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo system with a 128GB solid state drive and NVIDIA GeForce 9400M graphics for \$1,799.



OS X 10.6 in Sept for \$29

Apple has stated that it has nearly finalized the OS X 10.6 Snow

Leopard operating system, and said will be available in September as a \$29 upgrade for OS X 10.5 users.



Apple premieres iPhone 3GS

Shipping on June 19th, the iPhone 3G S uses the same exterior design as the 3G, but the interior is "entirely new," able to load apps two to three times faster and render websites as much as three times faster.

A new three-megapixel camera debuts with autofocus, better ISO sensitivity and macro capabilities. A video capture feature is rated at 30fps in 640x480

resolution with audio and can be shared via e-mail, MMS, MobileMe and YouTube. A "voice-dialing" function is enabled by holding the Home button, which pops up the voice control and enables "call" or "dial" commands. The control scheme can also be used to play iPod audio by speaking an artist or playlist name or saying "play more songs like this" to spawn a Genius playlist. Asking "what's playing now" will read out current track info.



Other features include a magnetometer with a compass app and hardware support for Nike+, as well as data encryption including iTunes backups.

Battery life has been raised to nine hours for Wi-Fi, 10 hours for video, 30 for music, 12 hours for GSM calling and 5 hours for 3G data.

Available in both black and white, the 16GB model is \$199, while a 32GB version is \$299. The iPhone 3G is expected to remain available in 8GB form for \$99. A 15-minute guided tour of the iPhone 3G S is at:

http://www.apple.com/iphone/guidedtour/

Safari 4 released

Safari 4 for Mac OS X (free) requires Mac OS X Leopard 10.5.7 or Mac OS X Tiger 10.4.11 and Security Update 2009-002, a minimum 256MB of memory and is designed to run on any Intel-based Mac or a Mac with a PowerPC G5, G4 or G3 processor and built-in FireWire.

http://www.apple.com/safari

SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

PhotoCalc for iPhone/iPod touch is essentially a photographers toolbox, providing a group of widgets to do all the primary calculations for you as well as giving you additional information that could be crucial to getting just the

right shot. From its stunning accuracy to an impressive library of incredibly useful information, PhotoCalc has managed to impress me time and time again and has become a much-welcomed addition to my camera bag. Read the full review at: http://www.macworld.com/article/140604/2009/05/photocalc.html

The TapStick (\$30 in July) is a new accessory for the 3G iPod shuffle. Available in black or white, the TapStick is a polycarbonate case that fits around the front and sides of the shuffle, extending its length by approximately half an inch, providing the same volume and playback controls as Apple's headphones. The TapStick plugs into the iPod shuffle's headphone/control jack, which provides

its own jack for connecting your headphones, thus letting you use any headphones with the 3G shuffle. A 3-foot audio cable is included for connecting your shuffle to a car stereo or home stereo system. http://www.scosche.com/products/productiD/1848



iCommand is another 3G shuffle accessory that provides the use of your favorite headphones instead of the Apple-branded devices.

http://www.ozaki.us/en/2009/icommand/

Mactracker (donationware) is the most comprehensive and easy to use resource on Apple products anywhere. It includes the model's original price, where available, etc. Each info window has a Notes tab that allows you to add your own comments that relate to the selected



model. With the "My Models" section you can add details about your own models, such as serial number, purchase date and warranty. It also allows you to gauge the real-world performance with scores from Primate Labs Geekbench 2. It's also free for the iPhone/iPod touch at the app store.

http://www.mactracker.ca/

The Scosche IP2IN1 (\$25) allows you to recharge most devices, including iPod, cell phones, etc. in your home or car using a standard USB cable. http://scosche.com/products/sfID1/210/sfID2/343/productID/532



The Hulu Desktop application (free, beta) is a full-featured application that allows users to turn a 2.0GHz dual core Mac or Windows PC into a Hulu media center. It makes Hulu's entire library of content more readily available to users without having to rely on a web browser. It enables access to TV shows, movies and short video clips with commercial sponsorship rather than download charges. http://www.hulu.com/labs/hulu-desktop

The DSLR Remote (\$10) is designed to work with Canon EOS DSLRs as a wireless cable release, triggered by an iPhone app. From your iPhone, you can control settings, such as the white balance, as well as a shutter release. All Canon cameras with Live View can receive a



live stream of the camera's viewfinder on the iPhone. The DSLR Remote app is available from the iTunes App Store. A "lite" version will be available soon for \$1.99 that only fires the shutter. The required server software that runs on your Mac is a free download from the onOne website. http://www.ononesoftware.com/

http://www.cameratown.com/news/news.cfm?id=7708

JIBBLE

The New York underground Apple store generated \$440 million in annual sales last year. The SoHo store did \$100 million.

170 million people visit Apple Stores yearly.

HP will lay off about 2 percent of its work force, or about 6,000 employees, in the next 12 months

Twice as many smartphone users have chosen AT&T over any other U.S. carrier.

139 million smartphones were sold worldwide last year, up 14% from 2007.

Sony reported its first annual net loss in 14 years and forecasts a bigger loss this year.

Dell's first-quarter earnings tumbled 63%, and sales dropped 23%. Desktop computer sales fell 34%, notebooks were down 20%, and their corporate server computers declined 25%.

TIPS

Want to view something in the Trash without dragging it out first? Select it while in the Trash and hit the spacebar.

You can exclude items from your Time Machine backup if you follow these simple steps: Choose Apple Menu>System Preferences



and then click Time Machine. Open Time Machine Preferences and click Options. Choose the item(s) that shouldn't be backed up and click Add (+) or drag the items to the list. To remove an item(s) from the list, select it and click Remove (-). Click Done. Note: If you choose to omit the System folder from backups, a confirmation message appears asking if you want to also exclude other system files.

The easiest way to reformat a flash drive is to launch Disk Utility (Applications/ Utilities), select the flash drive from Disk Utility's list of drives, click the Erase tab, choose MS-DOS (FAT) from the Volume Format pop-up menu, and click the Erase button. The drive will be erased with the selected format and will be usable on both Macs and Windows PCs.

Mac OS X 10.5 lets you use its built-in tools to prevent others from casually observing the content of the documents you're working on, or encrypt the contents of your Home folder, preventing someone who steals or gains access to your Mac from seeing or copying your files. Find out how by watching the Mac OS X Quick Tip at: http://www.apple.com/business/theater/?sr=hotnews/#tutorial=securingsystem?sr=hotnews.rss

Preview gives you the ability to print several different images on a single sheet of paper. They can be the same or different images. Open



your image using Preview 4.x. Rightclick on the image icon, select "Open With," and then select "Preview" or open Preview 4 and drag the image across the Dock icon. Select View > Sidebar. A sidebar will open containing an icon of your image. Drag additional images onto the sidebar. You can drag different images, or drag images of the same picture if you want to print multiples of the same photo. Drag as many as you want to fit on one page. When you're ready to print, click on the first icon in the sidebar and Command-Click on each of the other images. Select File > Print Selected Images. Mark your settings and click Print.