## SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

iPhoto 8.1.1 addresses several issues involving poor performance and accuracy of the facial recognition feature. Users that imported photos of people with iPhoto 8.1 should choose the Detect Missing Faces option to correctly match the faces. The update also fixes a bug with book ordering and iPod touch support.

The iPod nano 5G 1.0.2 update offers fixes for normal/slower/faster audio podcast playback, corrects an issue with headphone controls when using Voice Over, allows Genius Mixes to work with Nike+iPod and other issues.



EarthDesk 5.1.1 (\$25; free trial) replaces your desktop with an image of the Earth showing current sun, moon and city illumination, as well as real-time global cloud

coverage. It includes political, enhanced satellite and natural maps that can be zoomed at rate of 50% up to 400%. With 3 maps, 11 projections and 10,000 cities, EarthDesk is truly a map-lover's dream. http://www.xericdesign.com/earthdesk.php

WireTap Studio 1.1.0 and Snapz Pro X 2.2.2 are the latest versions of 2 awardwinning applications, one that allows you to manipulate and manage your audio, and the other for recording anything on your Mac's screen. Both products are free upgrades for registered users.

http://www.AmbrosiaSW.com/utilities/wiretap/ http://www.AmbrosiaSW.com/utilities/snapzprox/

The free 200-page 2010 iPod + iPhone Buyers' Guide is packed with information on the latest and greatest new accessories, apps and games, featuring over 20 different sections.

http://www.ilounge.com/index.php/news/comments/download-now-ilounges-2010-ipod-iphone-buyers-guide/



Touch DJ (\$20) is the the first full-featured DJ application on the iPhone platform, offering real-time independent manipulation of two MP3 files, including scratching, looping, positioning, equalization, effects and and pitching.



NAVIGON has submitted a new version of MobileNavigator, v1.4.0, to the App Store. The update provides turn-byturn navigation similar to the company's stand-alone GPS devices. It functions in portrait and landscape modes and includes voice directions as well as simulated street views.

Thirty must-have games for the iPhone and iPod touch are at:

http://www.loopinsight.com/2009/12/01/thirtymust-have-games-for-the-iphone-or-ipod-touch/



Etymotic's newest hf3 headset has an inline microphone with 3-button remote control for volume and track Works control. with iPhone 3GS, iPod touch 2G,

nano 4G/5G, Classic 09 and shuffle 3G. (Site not udated.)

http://www.etymotic.com/

PDF2Office Professional for the Mac converter tool (\$59; trial available) can recreate PDF documents in Microsoft Word, as well as PowerPoint and RTF, retaining the construction and layout of the original. It retains paragraphs, applies styles and regroups graphic elements. It also extracts images and creates tables. All the formatting conversion is done automatically, requiring nothing of the user. http://www.recosoft.com/products/pdf2office/ macintosh/macpro5.htm

HandBrake 0.9.4 eliminates trade-offs between the time it takes to encode a video, the amount of compression used and the picture quality.

http://handbrake.fr/index.php?article=10

PanoramaMaker (free beta) turns any group of overlapping photos into a high quality panoramic image. You can create a panorama automatically with just few clicks, or assemble and stitch pictures manually in complicated cases. It can also assemble a tiled panorama from several rows of photos even if they were taken with different focal lengths.

http://www.stoik.com/PanoramaMaker\_Mac/

Airlock (\$7.77; trial available) is a new security program that locks or unlocks a Mac based on the proximity of an iPhone or iPod's Bluetooth receiver. A Mac locks when a handheld goes out of range, then unlocks again when the device returns. It also accepts a user's account password as backup, in case a handheld is unavailable or its battery dies.

http://themha.com/airlock/





Epson's PictureMate Show PM 300 (\$300) can print full-color 4x6-inch photos and has a seven-inch display with 800x480 pixel resolution with 12 different slideshow formats. A remote control handles the photos displayed on the screen. The printer has the highest resolution in its class at 5760x1440, and can produce a print in as little as 37 seconds.

http://www.epson.com/cgi-bin/ Store/consumer/consDetail.jsp?BV\_ UseBVCookie=yes&oid=63084666

## **TIPS**



With so many Adobe Acrobat Reader vulnerabilities this year, some are suggesting that Apple's Preview should be used to open PDF files. To change

your default PDF viewer, Control-click (or right-click) any PDF file and select Get Info. In the Open With section of the Get Info window, choose Preview from the pop-up menu and click the Change All button.

Learn how to copy music off your iPod at: http://www.macworld.com/article/143903/2009/11/copy\_music\_ipod.html?lsrc=nl\_mwipod\_h\_crawl

If you click-and-hold the Dock's Trash icon, a contextual menu appears showing Open and Empty Trash. Press and hold the Command key and Empty Trash turns into Secure Empty Trash.



In Mail 4.1, you no longer need to type the http://part of a URL to make it clickable for the recipient.

The new Magic Mouse lets you navigate forward and backward between web pages in Safari or Firefox with a two-finger swipe. The same two-finger swipe also moves you forward and back in iCal. It works just the same as clicking the forward and back arrows around the day/week/month view control at the top of the iCal window.

To replace your traditional Christmas newsletter with an iWeb website, go to: http://www.macworld.com/article/143860/2009/11/newsiweb.html?lsrc=nl\_mwweek\_h\_cbstories

To silence an incoming iPhone call...

- 1) Press the power button once to silence the ringer. (The phone still rings on the caller's end, then goes to voicemail.)
- 2) Press the power button twice to send the call directly to voicemail.

The iPhone doesn't capture a photo until you release the shutter button. Instead of tapping the button to take a photo, press and hold the button as you frame your shot. On the iPhone 3GS, you can still tap the screen to set a focus area with the shutter button held down. When you're ready to take the picture, release the button. This technique minimizes camera movement because you don't have to both press and release the button with your finger.

Looking for Mac screensavers? Go to: http://www.pure-mac.com/screensaver.html

After upgrading from 10.5.8 to 10.6.1 on your laptop, you may be unable to connect to wireless networks unless you had connected to them under 10.5.8. Open Library > Preferences > SystemConfiguration and trash the entire contents of the folder. Also delete all locations in System Preferences > Network and recreate the location Automatic. Reboot and the problem should be solved.



Firefox (versions 3.5 and up) has the ability to zoom in and out of a web page, adjusting both text and graphics, without affecting

the rest of the screen. You can access this feature via the menus (View > Zoom In or Zoom Out) and via keyboard shortcuts (Command-equals to zoom in; Commandminus to zoom out; Command-0 to reset). You can also zoom via your mouse's scroll wheel. Press Control-Command (Control-Option also works) and move the scroll wheel up or down.

To change the icon of an application, find the icon you want, press Command-I (Get Info), click on the icon you want and press Command-C (Copy). Command-I on the icon to be changed. Click once on the icon you don't like and press Command-V (for Paste). Your file now has the new icon.

## **JIBBLE**

On 10/20, Apple hit a market value of \$180.12 billion, or more than 6 times that of Dell. And since 1997, Apple stock has surged a jaw-dropping 5,957%. Mac sales have grown faster than the rest of the PC market in 19 of the last 20 quarters.

There have been no viruses in nine years for the over 30 million Mac OS X computers that are currently online.

Games represent one in five of the programs that have made it into the Apple app store in the 16 months since its launch.

The Washington Times has declared the iPhone 3GS "Product of the Decade."

In the third quarter of 2009, Apple shipped 7.4 million iPhones worldwide.

Apple now owns the term "TabletMac," originally filed by Axiotron, a company who replaces a MacBook screen with a Wacom pen-based screen.

For an hour on 12/3, Microsoft's search engine Bing was completely non-functional.

Motorola sold about 100,000 Droid phones in their first weekend on the market. Apple sold 1 million iPhone 3GS units in its first weekend, and another 1 million of the previous 3G version.

The iTunes Store now stocks 300 HD films.

Facebook has 300 million regular users, Twitter another 30 million.

The app store records 100 million downloads per month.

Windows Mobile lost 28% of its smartphone market share between the third quarter of 2008 and the third quarter of 2009.

Dell's work force fell by 9,300 last year.

Windows 7 is vulnerable to 8 out of 10 viruses that it was exposed to during testing.

Nearly 34 million Americans are carrying smartphones, of which 23.8 million are touchscreen devices.

Apple currently owns a 91% share of the \$1,000+ computer market.

An interesting read on Ken Segall, the man who dreamed up the name 'iMac' and wrote the Think Different campaign, is at: http://www.cultofmac.com/20172/20172

Thirty-six percent of Apple computer owners have incomes greater than \$100,000, compared to 21 percent of all consumers. The average Apple household owns 48 Consumer Electronic devices. The average computer household owns about 24.

RadioShack will introduce the iPhone in its 4,470 stores across the U.S. in 2010.

Apple holds just 8% of the global handset market's sales but made 32% of the profit in the industry in the first half of this year. The average iPhone owner pays AT&T \$2,000 during the two-year contract.