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I think so??? I'm Sure Jamie will be able to tell us tomorrow.

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Hey Thad! I was checking Dell's prices, I didn't see any Core 2 Duo lap tops for $750.00. I could be wrong, but it looks like they start at $1299. I wonder what they would cost similarly configured?

I think Apple typically makes more margin per unit, well that's what I've read. As a dealer margins were always tight. In the past Apple manufactured

proprietary hardware, and they just didn't sell the number of units that
PC manufactures did to have low prices. With Intel, it's a whole new ball
game for Apple. I would think Dell still buys 10 times as much stuff from
Intel as Apple does. Dell probably gets better pricing.

I have seen Dell do a thousand dollar rebate on their lap tops. When that
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The black laptop case was worth an extra $200 to you. But I would have
bought the white one. And I would have bought it at a discount through
one of those sources we told you about.

It's odd to hear you complain about Mac prices, and then when you get a chance to buy one (for someone else), you pay MORE than you have to, only to complain about it. I can't figure out why people come to you for OSX Mac advice, it's obviously not your forte and you hate 'em.

Granted, the argument for Apple hardware superiority has been made in the past, when Apple did their own motherboards, fancy cooling designs and chose different processors than those blessed by Microsoft.

But that was then. Your rant is out of date. The difference now is mainly software and design. Not insignificant areas, but it's a change.

A "glass half full" kinda person, would probably see this as a good thing. Apple leveraging standard components, fast new processors, BSD, and adding value in design and software. Based on Mac sales, there seems to be a thriving market for that. (Not with you or LaMont, of course - but that's OK, someone has to buy the other stuff to keep the overall market somewhat alive, so thanks.)

For my part, I am not complaining about my "old" dual G5 with an Apple designed motherboard, and "obsolete" PowerPC processors that kick through my work pretty dang blazingly (PDB), on an almost unusable OSX operating system. Oops, I was channeling you for a second there. Meant to say, a reasonably elegant OSX operating system. :^)

BTW, I was surprised by the change in direction at Apple. I haven't needed an Intel Mac yet, but it looks like the current machines are decent and fast. Since my current main production machine is doing fine, I can afford to wait for a few more dishes in the buffet, such as desktops with 8 CPU cores, and laptops that can address more than 3GB RAM.

It's interesting to hear all the complaints about Apple seemingly rooted in the past. That's where most of my Apple complaints exist, too. Like OS8 and 9 having major multitasking and memory allocation limitations. And Logic losing soft synth output. Those were NOT the days.

Glad we're past all that.

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You go, bro! And while you're at it, since you're good at this stuff, get some of that Linux audio software working better so we can all move to open source. Then we'll have nothing to argue about. ;^)

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They all seem to be pretty busy with other projects.

It was the most recent lineup, with Dave LaRue on bass and Jerry Goodman
on violin, along with T Lavitz, Steve Morse and Rod Morgenstein. LaRue,
Morse and drummer Van Romaine played first as the Steve Morse Band.
Later Romaine joined the full Dregs lineup for their encore which
started with a blazing drum duet.

There were some minor stumbles with arrangements here and there. First show kinda stuff. Didn't phase anyone. Amazing players, and a great night of music.

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cs=04&kc=6W300&l=en&oc=bndwe4j&s=bsd

Core Duo laptop, 15.4" screen, DVD burner, 1 GB memory. $750

There are better deals on occasion but this is the current sweet spot. I
set up two of them last week.

TCB

"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>Hey Thad! I was checking Dell's prices, I didn't see any Core 2 Duo lap
tops
>for $750.00. I could be wrong, but it looks like they start at $1299.
I
>wonder what they would cost similarly configured?
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>I think Apple typically makes more margin per unit, well that's what I've
>read. As a dealer margins were always tight. In the past Apple manufactured
>proprietary hardware, and they just didn't sell the number of units that
>PC manufactures did to have low prices. With Intel, it's a whole new ball
>game for Apple. I would think Dell still buys 10 times as much stuff from
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<mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote:

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> Oh ya,did I mention,it runs both OSX and XP
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Which since they are the same hardware, begs the question as to why any core 2 duo computer can't run OSX. Oh, that's right, Steve J. won't let us. :-)

So...what's the more flexible, cost effective, scalable hardware? ;-)
This is all in good fun, btw. Just for sake of conversation more than anything....

Serious Q: Can you buy a Mac core 2 duo that is compatible with a quad core cpu? I am doubting it since there are only a few motherboards that support both currently, and I believe the current core 2 duo Macs were designed

before quads really hit the market, but I am curious if anyone knows.

The kicker on this one for me is that I can build a core 2 duo PC today for less than, or about the same cost of the same core 2 duo cpu Mac but with more PCI/PCIe slots, more Sata ports, higher buss speed, more RAM, dual DVI, wireless bluetooth, *and* be able to upgrade to a quad core cpu by simply dropping one in whenever I want. (That's what I'll be putting together in the next month - it's already spec'd out and ready to order). That's a significant consideration for me (and yes, I've been through Apple and Dell's custom configurators, as well as a few others - I still come out better doing my own from Newegg).

That's a much better investment for me at least. The OS is secondary for me to a large degree - just a means to an end that depends more on hardware than the OS. Now if I could buy OSX standalone, I could have an AppleggPC running WindowsOSX. I would also mix logos and make a fruit salad. ;-)
I had considered a Mac this time around, or maybe later this year, but so far the above advantage is still outweighing the convenience of a plug it in and turn it on solution.

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Posted by TCB on Sun, 14 Jan 2007 22:29:12 GMT
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that is in the Macbook is a whopping $75. And you have a wealth of other

options, since Dell figures the person buying the computer might deserve
a chance to make some choices about what they buy.

None of which has anything to do with the original point I made, which is
that the mystical higher quality components in Macs simply don't exist.

TCB

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cs=04&kc=6W300&l=en&oc=bndwe4j&s=bsd
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>>Core Duo laptop, 15.4" screen, DVD burner, 1 GB memory. $750
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>>There are better deals on occasion but this is the current sweet spot.
I
>>set up two of them last week.
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>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>Hey Thad! I was checking Dell's prices, I didn't see any Core 2 Duo lap
>>tops
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>>>read. As a dealer margins were always tight. In the past Apple manufactured
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Posted by Dedric Terry on Sun, 14 Jan 2007 22:36:35 GMT
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(at least not beyond a certain point as processors/socket types change), and
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Nuendo already runs on Macs, but for some reason the univ. binary version has yet to make an appearance. Could be summer NAMM or even fall for that though. Vegas? I really doubt a Mac version will ever appear.

I wouldn't hold my breath for a PC version of Logic. That was a pretty definitive platform-centric decision at the time, but who knows.

Dedric

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Posted by Deej [4] on Sun, 14 Jan 2007 23:14:35 GMT
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I'm building a new one right now with an AMD 64 4800 x 2 CPU that's going to have 3 x EDS cards in it pretty soon. I've had some "issues" with it though. Strange stuff, but I'm getting there. this is one of the coolest mobo's I've ever seen as far as being able to assign IRQ's to individual PCI slots, but,

of course, like Paris, it's a discontinued model and rarer'n hen's teeth. Of course, being a Mac guy instead of a normal person, you don't get to rejoice in the ability to assign IRQs.

;o)

"Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:45aa8362@linux...
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>>>> the
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>>>> philosophies and implementations create different user experiences. How
>>>> much of that difference matters to you will influence your desire to
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>>>> difference...
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Posted by Deej [4] on Sun, 14 Jan 2007 23:15:59 GMT
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>>> http://configure.us.dell.com/dellstore/config.aspx?c=us&
cs=04&kc=6W300&l=en&oc=bndwe4j&s=bsd
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>>> Core Duo laptop, 15.4" screen, DVD burner, 1 GB memory. $750
>>>
>>> There are better deals on occasion but this is the current sweet spot.
> I
>>> set up two of them last week.
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>>> tops
>>>> for $750.00. I could be wrong, but it looks like they start at $1299.
>>> I
>>>> wonder what they would cost similarly configured?
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>>>> I think Apple typically makes more margin per unit, well that's what I've
>>>> read. As a dealer margins were always tight. In the past Apple manufactured
>>>> proprietary hardware, and they just didn't sell the number of units that
>>>> PC manufactures did to have low prices. With Intel, it's a whole new
> ball
>>>> game for Apple. I would think Dell still buys 10 times as much stuff
> from
>>>> Intel as Apple does. Dell probably gets better pricing.
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>>>> I have seen Dell do a thousand dollar rebate on their lap tops. When
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>>>>>> This is pretty old news. When Apple announced the Intel switch more
> than
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> low
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>>>>>> onboard graphics instead of something snazzier. The Macbook Pro has
> the
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>>>>>> they give input to those companies. Up until last year Apple chose
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> that
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>>>>>> I like Apple's desktop case design. Really easy to get into and change
>>>>>> memory, drives, etc.; quiet and cool running airflow. The laptop designs
>>>>>> have varied at accessibility, sometimes compromising for thinness. For
>>>>>> example my PowerBook is easy to access for memory upgrades but not for
>>>>>> HD upgrades. That may have changed in the new ones.
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>>>>>>> and the same list from a Dell 640m (two of which I've also set up
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>>>>>>> I would have given a _slight_ preference to the Dell, mostly because
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>>>> larger
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>>>>>>> In better news, I wound up on modular synth dreamland for about five
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>> to
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>>>>>>>>> Intel
>>>>>>>>> and Motorola. Both do much the same thing, but with a different
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>>>>>>>>> framework -
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for
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>>>>>>>>> math -
>>>>>>>>> vice versa for the Intels, though the differences were more in
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>>>>>>>>> structure
>>>>>>>>> and form of the instruction set, rather than actual functions -

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>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>> main difference the later versions inherited. The problem with

>>>>>>>>> Moto
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>>>>>>>>> is they
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>>>>>>>>> parts are

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Windows XP Pro SP2 with free upgrade to Vista:

$2356 shipped.

Not sure what motherboard or drives Apple uses - I think our last Mac used Samsung. Memory and DVD/CD drive - also not sure. So I may have spent more than necessary on this example. Apple also probably gets a bulk rate on cpus so that can save a little over paying $700 each as an individual buyer.

fwiw....

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>>>>>> Cheers,
>>>>>> -Jamie
>>>>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
>>>>>>
>>>>>>
>>>>>> DJ wrote:
>>>>>>> I really thought hard about jumping into this, especially since I
>
>>>>>>> wasn't
>>>
>>>>>>> accused of hating Macs, but it's worse than arguing politics.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> :O)
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>>>>>>> "Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote in message
>>>>>>> news:C1CFB853.6939%dterry@keyofd.net...
>>>>>>>> On 1/14/07 9:53 AM, in article 45aa5d12@linux, "Jamie K"
>>>>>>>> <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> You're right Dedric, they're all computers. They have always used
>>>>>>>>> similar components and people argued about the differences. Now
> that
>>>>>>>>> they use pretty much the same components, there's still room to
>

>>>>>>>>> discuss
>>>>>>>>> what differences remain.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> The difference between OSX and, say, Vista, is more than the look
>>> of
>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>> GUI and logos. While there are strong similarities, different
>>>>>>>>> philosophies and implementations create different user
>>>>>>>>> experiences.
>>> How
>>>>>>>>> much of that difference matters to you will influence your desire
>>> to
>>>>>>>>> waste time on these threads. :^)
>>>>>>>>> Of course - I was just giving you guys a hard time because you
>>>>>>>>> seemed
>>> to
>>>>>>>>> be
>>>>>>>>> arguing the same point from different perspectives. It's always
> best
>>> to
>>>>>>>>> evaluate tech gear for what it is rather than how it is marketed.
>>>>>>>>> But if you just want to get down the hill and don't see much
>>>>>>>>> difference
>>>>>>>>> in how you get there, a snowboard is as good as skis. No real
>>>>>>>>> difference...
>>>>>>>>> Skis are better :-) ...and it's important to enjoy the whole
>>>>>>>>> mountain,
>>>
>>>>>>>>> not
>>>>>>>>> just the groomed runs.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> BTW - iPhone is very cool. I don't have a new PDA, or cutting edge
>>>
>>>>>>>>> phone,
>>>>>>>>> so maybe there are other options too, but the touch screen and
>>>>>>>>> orientation
>>>>>>>>> detection rock. Too expensive for now though. If they come down,
>>> I
>>>>>>>>> might
>>>>>>>>> consider getting one if it isn't too bulky for a phone.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> Regards,
>>>>>>>>> Dedric
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> Cheers,
>>>>>>>>> -Jamie
>>>>>>>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
>>>>>>>>>

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>>>>>>>>>>>> Intel
>>>>>>>>>>>> processors.
>>>>>>>>>>>> You know me, never up on much in that wild and crazy world of
>
>>>>>>>>>>>> tech.
>>>>>>>>>>>> Guess not, for Apple anyway. This is old news. Processors,
>>>>>>>>>>>> onboard
>>>>>>>>>>>> graphics chipsets on the low end, and, heck, doesn't Intel do
> the
>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>> entire
>>>>>>>>>>>> motherboard now? So now, what were you complaining about?
>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> Pardon me dropping in uninvited.... but...umm... what exactly are
>>> you
>>>>>>>>>> guys
>>>>>>>>>> arguing about? ;-)
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> An Intel cpu is an Intel cpu. Don't know what motherboards the
> new
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> Macs
>>>>>>>>>> use, but undoubtedly they are also available on Newegg or
>>>>>>>>>> TigerDirect
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>>>>>>>>>> for a
>>>>>>>>>> PC - the same goes for every other part, other than the case and
>>> the
>>>>>>>>>> OS.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> The Motorola boards were made for Apple (probably exclusively)
>>>>>>>>>> because,
>>>>>>>>>> well, no one else used Motorola cpus for a PC (mostly for other
>>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>>>> devices). I learned assembly language on 808x and 68k processors
>>> -
>>>>>>>>>> Intel
>>>>>>>>>> and Motorola. Both do much the same thing, but with a different
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> framework -
>>>>>>>>>> 68k's were a little better suited for graphics, but not so much

> for
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> math -
>>>>>>>>>> vice versa for the Intels, though the differences were more in
> the
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> structure
>>>>>>>>>> and form of the instruction set, rather than actual functions -
>
>>>>>>>>>> that's
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>> main difference the later versions inherited. The problem with
>
>>>>>>>>>> Moto
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> is they
>>>>>>>>>> couldn't get their clock speeds down with their design - it was
> a
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> limited
>>>>>>>>>> design there. I think it is smart of Apple to finally ditch them
>>> and
>>>>>>>>>> go for
>>>>>>>>>> Intel (or AMD as was considered for a while I believe).
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> Motherboard manufacturers just make boards to run whatever cpu
> is
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> selling
>>>>>>>>>> enough to warrant making a board for it, so now you could
>>>>>>>>>> probably
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> drop most
>>>>>>>>>> any core 2 duo compatible mobo in a Mac and it should run, unless
>>> the
>>>>>>>>>> OS is
>>>>>>>>>> setup to lock out all but spec'd boards, or tolerances with other
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> parts are
>>>>>>>>>> too low.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> With comps today, when it comes down to it, the only real
>>>>>>>>>> difference
>>>
>>>>>>>>>> is what
>>>>>>>>>> the GUI and the logos look like.
>>>>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>>>> The rest is no more of a variation on a theme than you get going
>>> from
>>>>>>>>>> Borders to Barnes & Noble.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> Regards,
>>>>>>>>>> Dedric
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Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by Deej [4] on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 04:38:43 GMT
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Let me know how your new
> build
> goes for that PARIS box I'll be needing help when I build mine.

I'll kepp you guys posted. I decided to use the HD that I was going to be
the system drive in my Pariws rig today so I need to get another HD. After
that I'
ll finish the build. I'm going to order a Seagate or two for this DAW, I
think, and they don't sell them here in the snow covered wilderness.
I'll be glad to help when you start your build.

;o)
Deej
"Nappy" <mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote in message news:45aaffc2$1@linux...
>
> I agree,they are both from the same cloth. I thought you were kiddin but
> was'nt
> sure. Thanks for clearing that up. I use to be afraid of PC's but since
> owning
> one
> I've come to the conclusion that they are just computers. I like OSX a bit
> better than
> XP mainly because I know the keyboard shotcuts better. If I could get OSX
> to run
> on a PC with to much trouble I would do it in a Heartbeat,if fact when I
> build my
> PARIS PC box I'll try and get it to boot into OSX. Let me know how your
> new
> build

> goes for that PARIS box I'll be needing help when I build mine.
>
> respect
> Nappy
>
> "DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
>>Nappy. I forgot to put a smiley after my post. I was definitely kiddin'
>
>>around. Despite my misgivings about Mr. Jobs, I'm seeing some upside to
> Macs
>>these days. Old habits die hard though and IMHO, Jobs and Gates are cut
> from
>>the same cloth. I guess that's what irks me the most about Mac....the
>>"pseudo high road" mentality. they are both boxes full of componentry with
>
>>OS'es that appeal to certain folks, as you said.
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>>Regards,
>>;o)
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>>>
>>> DJ,
>>> I know a web cam does'nt do audio. I'm a bit dissapointed in you.
>>> I'm not trying to make the point that the Mac is a better computer,I'm
>
>>> just
>>> pointing out some things that the Macbook has that the Dell does'nt.
>>> Really my response is to Thad being the PC opposite of James. You seem
> to
>>> forget all his talk of Debian which has nothing to do with audio. I
>>> could
>>> care less
>>> which laptop you use as long as you are happy with it. Sure you can
>>> build
>>> a PC
>>> Core duo 2 box for cheaper than a Mac,but you can't run OSX on it. If
> your
>>> mad
>>> that Steve Jobs wont let you run OSX on a PC thats another story. All
> I'm
>>> saying is If you put all
>>> that hatred for Steve Jobs a side you should see that owning a Mac is
> not
>>> a bad idea
>>> seeing you have all the software available to you and switching would
> be

>>> painless
>>> since you would not have to buy all new software. You could run Wavelab
> if
>>> you want as well as LOgic on the same box,what is so wrong about that?
>>>
>>> You see,Thad has still not address the desktop Mac which have 2 Duel
>>> core
>>> Xeon
>>> prosessors for $2499,try building one of them for cheaper,ask Chris
>>> Ludwig
>>>
>>> if he can build one with the same specs for cheaper. I like Macs because
>>> like it
>>> or not they have software that I use that only runs on a Mac and I can
> run
>>> any
>>> software that runs on XP on it as well and from were i sit thats makes
>
>>> good
>>> sense to me. Now if they come out with a PC version of Aperture and
>>> Logic
>>> then I'll get
>>> a PC. Sure I'd like to run OSX on a PC,but hating Steve Jobs is not
>>> going
>>> to stop me
>>> from using the software I want. Remember the old saying,"Find the
>>> software
>>> you want to use and pick the platform that supports it" The Mac supports
>>> both
>>> platforms.
>>>
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>>>>>
>>>>> And a web cam built in it.
>>>>>
>>>>> "Nappy" <mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote:
>>>>>>
>>>>>>The Macbooks have core duo 2 cpu's,try again.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> http://configure.us.dell.com/dellstore/config.aspx?c=us&

cs=04&kc=6W300&l=en&oc=bndwe4j&s=bsd
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Core Duo laptop, 15.4" screen, DVD burner, 1 GB memory. $750
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>There are better deals on occasion but this is the current sweet
>>>>>>>spot.
>>>>> I
>>>>>>>set up two of them last week.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>TCB
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Hey Thad! I was checking Dell's prices, I didn't see any Core 2 Duo
>>> lap
>>>>>>>tops
>>>>>>>>for $750.00. I could be wrong, but it looks like they start at
>>>>>>>>$1299.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>I
>>>>>>>>wonder what they would cost similarly configured?
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>I think Apple typically makes more margin per unit, well that's what
>>>
>>>>>>>>I've
>>>>>>>>read. As a dealer margins were always tight. In the past Apple
>>>>>>>>manufactured
>>>>>>>>proprietary hardware, and they just didn't sell the number of units
>>> that
>>>>>>>>PC manufactures did to have low prices. With Intel, it's a whole
> new
>>>>> ball
>>>>>>>>game for Apple. I would think Dell still buys 10 times as much
>>>>>>>>stuff
>>>>> from
>>>>>>>>Intel as Apple does. Dell probably gets better pricing.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>I have seen Dell do a thousand dollar rebate on their lap tops.
>>>>>>>>When
>>>>> that
>>>>>>>>happens, Apple will not be able to compete.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> http://www.dell.com/content/products/category.aspx/notebooks
?c=us&cs=19&l=en&s=dhs
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>>>>>>>>James
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>>>>>>>>>processors.
>>>>>>>>>You know me, never up on much in that wild and crazy world of tech.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>My point, which I stated fairly clearly, was that I have often
>>>>>>>>>heard
>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>argument made that the reason Apple hardware is pricier than an
>>>>>>>>>equivalent
>>>>>>>>>Dell or home build is because they use superior components in their
>>>
>>>>>>>>>machines.
>>>>>>>>>That's nonsense. Having seen their 'low end' laptop which runs
>>>>>>>>>about
>>>>> $1300
>>>>>>>>>I can say for sure that aside from the slot loading optical drive
> and
>>>>>>a
>>>>>>>>nice
>>>>>>>>>black case it's a slight downgrade from a $750 Dell. If the optical
>>>
>>>>>>>>>drive
>>>>>>>>>and case are worth 45% more to you, than that's fine.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>BTW - Debian Etch is relatively easy get working on these. If I had
>>>
>>>>>>>>>more
>>>>>>>>>money than sense I'd get one as a Debian machine because it's
>>>>>>>>>black.
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>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>TCB
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>Where's the fuel? You mean you finally noticed that Apple has gone
>>> to
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Intel for hardware designs, and onboard graphics on the low end
>>>>>>>>>models?
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>This is pretty old news. When Apple announced the Intel switch
>>>>>>>>>more
>>>>> than
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>a year ago, this was one of the reasons given. The Macbook is
>>>>>>>>>their

>>>>> low
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>end laptop, and probably the biggest cost reduction was using the
>>>>>>>>>>onboard graphics instead of something snazzier. The Macbook Pro
> has
>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>snazzier stuff, but it's still off the shelf with OSX drivers.
>>>>>>>>>>Apple
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>doesn't and hasn't ever AFAIK developed their own graphics
>>>>>>>>>>chipsets.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>Well heck, they don't develop their own CPUs either, although I
>>>>>>>>>>imagine
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>they give input to those companies. Up until last year Apple chose
>>>>>>>>>>different CPU models than were blessed by Microsoft, and tried to
>>> gain
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>an advantage from the differences. Now they are using the same
>>>>>>>>>>CPUs
>>>>> that
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>Microsoft likes, so any advantage is going to be from design and
>>>>>>>>>>software.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>I like Apple's desktop case design. Really easy to get into and
>
>>>>>>>>>>change
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>memory, drives, etc.; quiet and cool running airflow. The laptop
>>>>>>>>>>designs
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>have varied at accessibility, sometimes compromising for thinness.
>>> For
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>example my PowerBook is easy to access for memory upgrades but not
>>> for
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>HD upgrades. That may have changed in the new ones.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>Mac laptop sales are rising, other manufacturers are copying their
>>>
>>>>>>>>>>form
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>factor, but if you ever buy one (other than overpaying for a
>>>>>>>>>>Macbook

>>>>>>for
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>someone else, and then complaining about it) I'll be amazed. Sorry
>>> you
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>had to subject yourself to working on a Mac today, but even
>>>>>>>>>>sorrier
>>>>> you
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>had to infect it with XP. ;^)
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>>> -Jamie
>>>>>>>>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
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>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>TCB wrote:
>>>>>>>>>>> So, I had to set up XP on a Mac Book today. The child of an
>>>>>>>>>>> important
>>>>>>>>>>person
>>>>>>>>>>> on my office had one and, surprise, most of the games a 12 year
>>> old
>>>>>>>>likes
>>>>>>>>>>> to play don't have Mac versions.
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> So, once and for all I can put to rest the notion that Apple
>>>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>>>>is
>>>>>>>>>>> somehow 'super special' and thus justifies the higher price.
>>>>>>>>>>> Intel
>>>>>>>chipset,
>>>>>>>>>>> Intel integrated graphics, Atheros wireless, Marvell NIC,
>>>>>>>>>>> generic
>>>>>> firewire
>>>>>>>>>>> controller. The CD/DVD burner was the slot loading kind, so
>>>>>>>>>>> that's
>>>>>>>slightly
>>>>>>>>>>> cool (unless you want to pop out the CD before the machine boots
>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> when
>>>>>>>>>>it's
>>>>>>>>>>> nice to have a physical switch), but that's about the only thing
>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> unusual
>>>>>>>>>>> about the hardware. If you were to show me the XP device list
> for
>>>>> a
>>>>>>>>Mac

>>>>>>>>>Book
>>>>>>>>>> and the same list from a Dell 640m (two of which I've also set
> up
>>>>> recently)
>>>>>>>>>> I would have given a _slight_ preference to the Dell, mostly
>>>>>>>>>> because
>>>>>>>>it
>>>>>>>>>uses
>>>>>>>>>> an Intel wireless chipset that does b/g/n and bluetooth on one
>
>>>>>>>>>> chip,
>>>>>>>>and
>>>>>>>>>> I've had very good luck with those wireless cards. A 640m also
> has
>>>>>>a
>>>>>>>>larger
>>>>>>>>>> screed and costs around $750.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> In better news, I wound up on modular synth dreamland for about
>>> five
>>>>>>>>hours
>>>>>>>>>> last night, wiring up my John Bowen Pro Wave into modular
>>>>>>>>>> patches
>>>>> and
>>>>>>>>>using
>>>>>>>>>> it to feed vocoders and all of the things that make computer
>>>>>>>>>> recording
>>>>>>>>>worth
>>>>>>>>>> it. Then I forgot to save the presets, but hey, that's the way
> it
>>>>> goes.
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>>>>>>>>>> TCB
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Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by LaMont on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 04:53:09 GMT
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Ha.. You wish.. I'd be the first to order that "new" version of Logic PC..BUT!!,
Only if it's a Complete Re-write that has :

-Sample accurate editing..
-Super fast audio editing..
-Killer Mixing graphics.
-tempo conforming incoming audio(Acid. apple loops)
-Hide the enviorments
-Hide any look of the old tired Logic Audio look..
-Put back VST (still faster than audio units)
:)

"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
>
>Ah, we were talking about lap tops!
>
>I think your going to see some great desk tops come from Apple in the next
>few months, I wouldn't count them out just yet!
>
>Since you are talking about audio, I will speculate here a bit and say,
I
>think you may see PC software developers write more programs for the Intel
>Macs. Maybe even your favorite programs! Adobe made announcements at MacWorld,
>I wonder what NAMM, Music Messa, and NAB will bring. I wonder if there
will
>be a Logic version for PC??? LaMont will still hate it no matter what;

>) LOL!
>
>James
>
>
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>><mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote:
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>>>
>>> Oh ya,did I mention,it runs both OSX and XP
>>>
>>>
>>Which since they are the same hardware, begs the question as to why any
>core
>>2 duo computer can't run OSX. Oh, that's right, Steve J. won't let us.
>:-)
>>

>>So...what's the more flexible, cost effective, scalable hardware? ;-)
>>This is all in good fun, btw. Just for sake of conversation more than
>>anything....
>>
>>Serious Q: Can you buy a Mac core 2 duo that is compatible with a quad
core
>>cpu? I am doubting it since there are only a few motherboards that support
>>both currently, and I believe the current core 2 duo Macs were designed
>>before quads really hit the market, but I am curious if anyone knows.
>>
>>The kicker on this one for me is that I can build a core 2 duo PC today
>for
>>less than, or about the same cost of the same core 2 duo cpu Mac but with
>>more PCI/PCIe slots, more Sata ports, higher buss speed, more RAM, dual
>DVI,
>>wireless bluetooth, *and* be able to upgrade to a quad core cpu by simply
>>dropping one in whenever I want. (That's what I'll be putting together
>in
>>the next month - it's already spec'd out and ready to order). That's a
>>significant consideration for me (and yes, I've been through Apple and
>>Dell's custom configurators, as well as a few others - I still come out
>>better doing my own from Newegg).
>>
>>That's a much better investment for me at least. The OS is secondary for
>me
>>to a large degree - just a means to an end that depends more on hardware
>>than the OS. Now if I could buy OSX standalone, I could have an AppleggPC
>>running WindowsOSX. I would also mix logos and make a fruit salad. ;-)
>>I had considered a Mac this time around, or maybe later this year, but
so
>>far the above advantage is still outweighing the convenience of a plug
it
>in
>>and turn it on solution.
>>
>>I think that's where a lot of audio PC users are (not average users, but
>>power/tech savvy users). It isn't so much about "us against them" as
>>different requirements and decision making approaches - some want to turn
>on
>>the switch and not think about it; others want to get a fast system and
>>hotrod it even more, and the time is paid for in the gains made in workflow
>>later.
>>
>>My personal decision making process is simply one of numbers and my own
>>application - if it makes more sense (power, speed, cost, upgradeability,
>>software support without crossgrade costs), then a Mac is fine. So far,
>>that cost has been noticeably higher than staying with a PC. I don't care
>>which anyone chooses, as long as you see both sides equally.

>>
>>My main reason for entering this thread is to balance what James said about
>>PC users - that the conversations turn into bashing Macs, but I see it
both
>>ways. Mac users are also pretty adamant about Macs being an overall better
>>choice. My other reason...okay, it's kind of fun in a twisted sort of
way.
>>;-) It's fun to talk geek/tech with other pro audio folks from time to
>>time. Nice diversion from actually getting work done with these beasts.
>:-)
>>
>>Regards,
>>Dedric
>>
>

Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by Nappy on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 04:57:29 GMT
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Dedric,
If you add all the software that comes with it and the elegant design plus
the fact that you can run both OSX and XP and you don't have to build it
makes
up for the 90 plus dollars you save. I'm just saying it makes sense for a
Pro to buy.
You can do what you want,but you can't deny that its a good value. I'm not
a die
hard Mac person,in fact I'm going to build a PC to run PARIS on,it makes
more sense.
PC motherboards still offer PCI slots,and buying an old Mac that boots to
OS9 is a step backwards. All I'm saying is don't let your feelings about
Steve Jobs stop you from making a move to a Mac if it gives you more options.
Lets face it,Thad and James represent two extremes of opinions,I'm talking
about options as far as
software goes,yes hardware wise PC's have more options,but as was already
stated
they both have the same or some of the same hardware so I give the Mac the
advantage to Mac for software options. Thats My point.

Is saving 90 plus dollars worth it?

respect
Nappy
PS please respond

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>>
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>
>
>Hey Nappy -
>
>From Newegg.com,
>dual 2.66 Xeon
>Gigabyte server motherboard,
>1G Corsair DDR2 Ram (2x512),
>250G Western Digital SATA 3G drive
>NVidia GeForce 7300 256M card
>Sony DVD/CD combo drive (+/- DVDR), 16x
>Antec power supply
>Coolermaster case
>Windows XP Pro SP2 with free upgrade to Vista:
>
>$2356 shipped.
>
>Not sure what motherboard or drives Apple uses - I think our last Mac
>used Samsung. Memory and DVD/CD drive - also not sure. So I may have spent
>more than necessary on this example. Apple also probably gets a bulk rate
>on cpus so that can save a little over paying $700 each as an individual
>buyer.
>
>fwiw....
>
>Regards,
>Dedric
>

Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by Dedric Terry on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 05:14:21 GMT
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Hey Nappy - first I'm just posting as a friendly comparison of perspectives, not a one is "better" than the other debate, just to be sure you don't misunderstand my intent, or think that I'm trying to degrade the value of a Mac - great systems and nice design on a lot of levels. :-)

The only software I saw in the Apple store config was optional - iLife, etc, and not included in the $2499. (Bluetooth, etc. also additional). Doesn't

really leave much, if anything different from what comes with Windows XP. Sure, iPhoto, iMovie are nicer than Windows, but I don't use those at all as they are really just home user apps anyway.

Software advantage depends on what you need it for - for Logic, there's no other choice. If it's for home use, or even just buying off the shelf, then preference really has everything to do with it.

I agree on PCI slots, hardware, etc. that's my big reason for staying with PCs, that and they are just easier to use as sample library farms (and multiple PCs also certainly work fine with a Mac/Logic as the main sequencer/host).

Actually for the $90 saved, I would also be getting higher quality RAM (at least based on what past models have used), possibly a better hard drive, more PCI slots, and more options on the motherboard out of the box, but yeah, it's only really relevant for guys like me that try to get the most out of it for a specific purpose. And yes it is in a pro use where the extra 5-10% can make a difference - even spending an extra $90 or so I could get 2G which is a minimum for what I do - to add an extra 1G it's an extra $299 (assuming the buyer would want to go DIY to save $200).

Of course that doesn't make the Mac any less of a pro solution - it's a great solution.

It's preference - that's all I'm saying. There aren't stark contrasts that often seem to be purported in these threads. For most people it's shades of silicon and grey; but for some users, those shades are much more than a $90 difference or a half day spent building a system.

Regards,
Dedric

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>> 250G Western Digital SATA 3G drive
>> NVidia GeForce 7300 256M card
>> Sony DVD/CD combo drive (+/- DVDR), 16x
>> Antec power supply
>> Coolermaster case
>> Windows XP Pro SP2 with free upgrade to Vista:
>>
>> $2356 shipped.
>>
>> Not sure what motherboard or drives Apple uses - I think our last Mac
>> used Samsung. Memory and DVD/CD drive - also not sure. So I may have spent
>> more than necessary on this example. Apple also probably gets a bulk rate
>> on cpus so that can save a little over paying $700 each as an individual
>> buyer.
>>
>> fwiw....
>>

>> Regards,
>> Dedric
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Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by Nappy on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 05:14:58 GMT
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I agree,they are both from the same cloth. I thought you were kiddin but was'nt sure. Thanks for clearing that up. I use to be afraid of PC's but since owning one
I've come to the conclusion that they are just computers. I like OSX a bit better than
XP mainly because I know the keyboard shotcuts better. If I could get OSX to run
on a PC with to much trouble I would do it in a Heartbeat,if fact when I build my
PARIS PC box I'll try and get it to boot into OSX. Let me know how your new build
goes for that PARIS box I'll be needing help when I build mine.

respect
Nappy

"DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
>Nappy. I forgot to put a smiley after my post. I was definitely kiddin'

>around. Despite my misgivings about Mr. Jobs, I'm seeing some upside to Macs
>these days. Old habits die hard though and IMHO, Jobs and Gates are cut from
>the same cloth. I guess that's what irks me the most about Mac....the
>"pseudo high road" mentality. they are both boxes full of componentry with

>OS'es that appeal to certain folks, as you said.
>
>Regards,
>;o)
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>
>"Nappy" <mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote in message news:45aaeb8d$1@linux...
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>> DJ,
>> I know a web cam does'nt do audio. I'm a bit dissapointed in you.
>> I'm not trying to make the point that the Mac is a better computer,I'm

>> just
>> pointing out some things that the Macbook has that the Dell does'nt.
>> Really my response is to Thad being the PC opposite of James. You seem
to
>> forget all his talk of Debian which has nothing to do with audio. I could
>> care less
>> which laptop you use as long as you are happy with it. Sure you can build
>> a PC
>> Core duo 2 box for cheaper than a Mac,but you can't run OSX on it. If
your
>> mad
>> that Steve Jobs wont let you run OSX on a PC thats another story. All
I'm
>> saying is If you put all
>> that hatred for Steve Jobs a side you should see that owning a Mac is
not
>> a bad idea
>> seeing you have all the software available to you and switching would
be
>> painless
>> since you would not have to buy all new software. You could run Wavelab
if
>> you want as well as LOgic on the same box,what is so wrong about that?
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>> or not they have software that I use that only runs on a Mac and I can
run
>> any
>> software that runs on XP on it as well and from were i sit thats makes

>> good
>> sense to me. Now if they come out with a PC version of Aperture and Logic
>> then I'll get
>> a PC. Sure I'd like to run OSX on a PC,but hating Steve Jobs is not going
>> to stop me
>> from using the software I want. Remember the old saying,"Find the software
>> you want to use and pick the platform that supports it" The Mac supports
>> both
>> platforms.
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>>>>
>>>> And a web cam built in it.
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>>>> "Nappy" <mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>The Macbooks have core duo 2 cpu's,try again.
>>>>>
>>>>>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
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>>>>>> http://configure.us.dell.com/dellstore/config.aspx?c=us&
cs=04&kc=6W300&l=en&oc=bndwe4j&s=bsd
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Core Duo laptop, 15.4" screen, DVD burner, 1 GB memory. $750
>>>>>>
>>>>>>There are better deals on occasion but this is the current sweet spot.
>>>> I
>>>>>>set up two of them last week.
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>>>>>>TCB
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>>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>Hey Thad! I was checking Dell's prices, I didn't see any Core 2 Duo
>> lap
>>>>>>tops
>>>>>>>for $750.00. I could be wrong, but it looks like they start at $1299.
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>>>>>I
>>>>>>wonder what they would cost similarly configured?
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>>>>>>>I think Apple typically makes more margin per unit, well that's what
>>
>>>>>>I've
>>>>>>>read. As a dealer margins were always tight. In the past Apple
>>>>>>>manufactured
>>>>>>>proprietary hardware, and they just didn't sell the number of units
>> that
>>>>>>>PC manufactures did to have low prices. With Intel, it's a whole
new
>>>> ball
>>>>>>>game for Apple. I would think Dell still buys 10 times as much stuff
>>>> from
>>>>>>>Intel as Apple does. Dell probably gets better pricing.
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>>>>>>>I have seen Dell do a thousand dollar rebate on their lap tops. When
>>>> that
>>>>>>>happens, Apple will not be able to compete.
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>>>>>>> http://www.dell.com/content/products/category.aspx/notebooks
?c=us&cs=19&l=en&s=dhs
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>>>>>>>>>That's right, Jamie, I finally noticed that Apple is using Intel
>>>>>>>>>processors.
>>>>>>>>>You know me, never up on much in that wild and crazy world of tech.
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>>>>>>>>>My point, which I stated fairly clearly, was that I have often heard
>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>argument made that the reason Apple hardware is pricier than an
>>>>>>>>>equivalent
>>>>>>>>>Dell or home build is because they use superior components in their
>>
>>>>>>>>>machines.
>>>>>>>>>That's nonsense. Having seen their 'low end' laptop which runs about
>>>> $1300
>>>>>>>>>I can say for sure that aside from the slot loading optical drive
and
>>>>>a
>>>>>>>>nice
>>>>>>>>>black case it's a slight downgrade from a $750 Dell. If the optical
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>>>>>>>>>drive
>>>>>>>>>and case are worth 45% more to you, than that's fine.
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>>>>>>>>>BTW - Debian Etch is relatively easy get working on these. If I had
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>>>>>>>>>more
>>>>>>>>>money than sense I'd get one as a Debian machine because it's black.
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>>>>>>>>>TCB
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>>>>>>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>Where's the fuel? You mean you finally noticed that Apple has gone
>> to
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Intel for hardware designs, and onboard graphics on the low end
>>>>>>>>>models?

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>>>>>>>>>This is pretty old news. When Apple announced the Intel switch more
>>>> than
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>a year ago, this was one of the reasons given. The Macbook is their
>>>> low
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>end laptop, and probably the biggest cost reduction was using the
>>>>>>>>>onboard graphics instead of something snazzier. The Macbook Pro
has
>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>snazzier stuff, but it's still off the shelf with OSX drivers. Apple
>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>doesn't and hasn't ever AFAIK developed their own graphics chipsets.
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>>>>>>>>>Well heck, they don't develop their own CPUs either, although I
>>>>>>>>>imagine
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>they give input to those companies. Up until last year Apple chose
>>>>>>>>>different CPU models than were blessed by Microsoft, and tried to
>> gain
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>an advantage from the differences. Now they are using the same CPUs
>>>> that
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Microsoft likes, so any advantage is going to be from design and
>>>>>>>>>software.
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>>>>>>>>>I like Apple's desktop case design. Really easy to get into and

>>>>>>>>>change
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>>>>>>>>>memory, drives, etc.; quiet and cool running airflow. The laptop
>>>>>>>>>designs
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>have varied at accessibility, sometimes compromising for thinness.
>> For
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>>>>>>>>>example my PowerBook is easy to access for memory upgrades but not
>> for
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>>>>>>>>>HD upgrades. That may have changed in the new ones.
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>>>>>>>>>Mac laptop sales are rising, other manufacturers are copying their
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>>>>>>>>>form
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>>>>>>>>>factor, but if you ever buy one (other than overpaying for a Macbook
>>>>>for
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>>>>>>>>>someone else, and then complaining about it) I'll be amazed. Sorry
>> you
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>>>>>>>>>had to subject yourself to working on a Mac today, but even sorrier
>>>> you
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>>>>>>>>>had to infect it with XP. ;^)
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>>>>>>>>>> important
>>>>>>>>>person
>>>>>>>>>> on my office had one and, surprise, most of the games a 12 year
>> old
>>>>>>likes
>>>>>>>>>> to play don't have Mac versions.
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>>>>>>>>>> So, once and for all I can put to rest the notion that Apple
>>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>>>is
>>>>>>>>>> somehow 'super special' and thus justifies the higher price. Intel
>>>>>chipset,
>>>>>>>>>> Intel integrated graphics, Atheros wireless, Marvell NIC, generic
>>>> firewire
>>>>>>>>>> controller. The CD/DVD burner was the slot loading kind, so that's
>>>>>slightly
>>>>>>>>>> cool (unless you want to pop out the CD before the machine boots
>>
>>>>>>>>>> when
>>>>>>>>>>it's
>>>>>>>>>> nice to have a physical switch), but that's about the only thing
>>
>>>>>>>>>> unusual
>>>>>>>>>> about the hardware. If you were to show me the XP device list
for
>>>> a
>>>>>>Mac
>>>>>>>>>>Book
>>>>>>>>>> and the same list from a Dell 640m (two of which I've also set
up

>>>> recently)
>>>>>>>>>> I would have given a _slight_ preference to the Dell, mostly
>>>>>>>>>> because
>>>>>>>it
>>>>>>>>uses
>>>>>>>>>> an Intel wireless chipset that does b/g/n and bluetooth on one

>>>>>>>>>> chip,
>>>>>>>and
>>>>>>>>>> I've had very good luck with those wireless cards. A 640m also
has
>>>>>a
>>>>>>>larger
>>>>>>>>>> screed and costs around $750.
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>>>>>>>>>> In better news, I wound up on modular synth dreamland for about
>> five
>>>>>>>hours
>>>>>>>>>> last night, wiring up my John Bowen Pro Wave into modular patches
>>>> and
>>>>>>>>>using
>>>>>>>>>> it to feed vocoders and all of the things that make computer
>>>>>>>>>> recording
>>>>>>>>>worth
>>>>>>>>>> it. Then I forgot to save the presets, but hey, that's the way
it
>>>> goes.
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Posted by excelav on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 07:59:30 GMT
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From Apples web site. Included software with Mac Pro

of these system applications:

DVDs, building websites, and composing music

Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>Hey Nappy - first I'm just posting as a friendly comparison of perspectives,
>not a one is "better" than the other debate, just to be sure you don't
>misunderstand my intent, or think that I'm trying to degrade the value of
a
>Mac - great systems and nice design on a lot of levels. :-)
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>The only software I saw in the Apple store config was optional - iLife,
etc,
>and not included in the $2499. (Bluetooth, etc. also additional). Doesn't
>really leave much, if anything different from what comes with Windows XP.
>Sure, iPhoto, iMovie are nicer than Windows, but I don't use those at all
as
>they are really just home user apps anyway.
>
>Software advantage depends on what you need it for - for Logic, there's
no
>other choice. If it's for home use, or even just buying off the shelf,
then
>preference really has everything to do with it.
>
>I agree on PCI slots, hardware, etc. that's my big reason for staying with
>PCs, that and they are just easier to use as sample library farms (and
>multiple PCs also certainly work fine with a Mac/Logic as the main
>sequencer/host).
>
>Actually for the $90 saved, I would also be getting higher quality RAM (at
>least based on what past models have used), possibly a better hard drive,
>more PCI slots, and more options on the motherboard out of the box, but

>yeah, it's only really relevant for guys like me that try to get the most
>out of it for a specific purpose. And yes it is in a pro use where the
>extra 5-10% can make a difference - even spending an extra $90 or so I could
>get 2G which is a minimum for what I do - to add an extra 1G it's an extra
>$299 (assuming the buyer would want to go DIY to save $200).
>
>Of course that doesn't make the Mac any less of a pro solution - it's a
>great solution.
>
>It's preference - that's all I'm saying. There aren't stark contrasts that
>often seem to be purported in these threads. For most people it's shades
of
>silicon and grey; but for some users, those shades are much more than a
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it
>> makes
>> up for the 90 plus dollars you save. I'm just saying it makes sense for
a
>> Pro to buy.
>> You can do what you want,but you can't deny that its a good value. I'm
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>> a die
>> hard Mac person,in fact I'm going to build a PC to run PARIS on,it makes
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Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by excelav on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 10:21:25 GMT
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"DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
>hmmmm.....can you just stop them from running in the background and

>then reenable them like the Administrative Tools options in windows?
>
>Thanks,
>
>Dej

The only software that runs in the back ground is DashBoard, and you can disable it, or completely remove it. But I don't think it's much of a hit on the system.

I'm still not sure why you think Mac OSX is bloated? I'm not sure why you think the first thing you would have to do is get under the hood and start ripping things out??? To me it would be like you getting a new 600 hp. Dodge Viper, and the first thing you want to do is rip out the AC system and passenger seat to make it faster, when all your going to do is drive it on the street. I would use a Mac out of the box for 6 months and worry about optimizing it later. However, if you want to hot rod a Mac, this is one of the sites.

http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/

Some of what you call bloat, like GarageBand you might find useful for song writing. Until you use it for a while, you won't know. Your thinking that you need a dedicated optimize audio work station, and that's Ok, but with a Mac you really can use it for everything without it being a problem. I guess it's a different line of thinking.

Honestly, I think it could be a bit of a hard transition for a hard core PC user. I think at first, nothing will be where you want it to be. I think it would be like being dropped off in a huge city you never been in. A place where they drive on the opocit side of the street and nobody speaks your language. It is to some extent like a whole different world. You'd have the basics down in an hour or two. After a year of honest effort, you will either hate it, or be totally hook. Either way, you'll truly know if a Mac is for you.

I'm not telling you to get a Mac, I think if you do, you will miss all your PC tinkering. Then again, I know you'll find away.

James

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>>>So how do I get rid of 90% of the bloat that is advertized as being
>>>loaded
>>
>>>on the Mac? Is that as simple as everything else it does?
>>>
>>>;o)
>>
>> System stuff you can strip out but I would do some reading first.
>> Language
>> libraries would be first on my list. Programs, just drag them to the

>> trash
>> and flush the toilet. It's easy!
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>> James
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>>>> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>Heh. True, and good thing too. Don't forget to keep track of your costs
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>>>>>in all this, so next time we discuss which platform is actually
>>>>>"cheaper" we remember to take into account all these systems you keep
>>>>>building. :^)
>>>>>
>>>>>Cheers,
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>>>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
>>>>>
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>>>> Soon it will be Vista surgery time, ouch! ;)
>>>>
>>>> http://www.apple.com/getamac/
>>>>
>>>> ...and it goes on, and on!
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>>>>>
>>>>>DJ wrote:
>>>>>> I'm building a new one right now with an AMD 64 4800 x 2 CPU that's
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>>>>>> going
>>>> to
>>>>>> have 3 x EDS cards in it pretty soon. I've had some "issues" with
it
>>
>>>>>> though.
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>>>>>> Strange stuff, but I'm getting there. this is one of the coolest
>>>>>> mobo's
>>>> I've
>>>>>> ever seen as far as being able to assign IRQ's to individual PCI
>>>>>> slots,
>>>> but,
>>>>>> of course, like Paris, it's a discontinued model and rarer'n hen's
>>>>>> teeth.
>>>> Of
>>>>>> course, being a Mac guy instead of a normal person, you don't get
to
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>>>>>>>>>> similar components and people argued about the differences. Now
>> that
>>>>>>>>>> they use pretty much the same components, there's still room to
>>
>>>>>>>>>> discuss
>>>>>>>>>> what differences remain.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> The difference between OSX and, say, Vista, is more than the look
>>>> of
>>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>> GUI and logos. While there are strong similarities, different
>>>>>>>>>> philosophies and implementations create different user
>>>>>>>>>> experiences.
>>>> How
>>>>>>>>>> much of that difference matters to you will influence your desire
>>>> to
>>>>>>>>>> waste time on these threads. :^)
>>>>>>>>> Of course - I was just giving you guys a hard time because you

>>>>>>>>> seemed
>>>> to
>>>>>>>>> be
>>>>>>>>> arguing the same point from different perspectives. It's always
>> best
>>>> to
>>>>>>>>> evaluate tech gear for what it is rather than how it is marketed.
>>>>>>>>>> But if you just want to get down the hill and don't see much
>>>>>>>>>> difference
>>>>>>>>>> in how you get there, a snowboard is as good as skis. No real
>>>>>>>>>> difference...
>>>>>>>>> Skis are better :-) ...and it's important to enjoy the whole
>>>>>>>>> mountain,
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>>>>>>>>> not
>>>>>>>>> just the groomed runs.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> BTW - iPhone is very cool. I don't have a new PDA, or cutting
edge
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>>>>>>>>> phone,
>>>>>>>>> so maybe there are other options too, but the touch screen and
>>>>>>>>> orientation
>>>>>>>>> detection rock. Too expensive for now though. If they come down,
>>>> I
>>>>>>>>> might
>>>>>>>>> consider getting one if it isn't too bulky for a phone.
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>>>>>>>>>>>> entire
>>>>>>>>>>>> motherboard now? So now, what were you complaining about?
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>>>>>>>>>>> Pardon me dropping in uninvited.... but...umm... what exactly
are
>>>> you
>>>>>>>>>>> guys
>>>>>>>>>>> arguing about? ;-)
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> An Intel cpu is an Intel cpu. Don't know what motherboards the
>> new
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>>>>>>>>>>> Macs
>>>>>>>>>>> use, but undoubtedly they are also available on Newegg or

>>>>>>>>>>> TigerDirect
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>>>>>>>>>>> for a
>>>>>>>>>>> PC - the same goes for every other part, other than the case
and
>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>>> OS.
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> The Motorola boards were made for Apple (probably exclusively)
>>>>>>>>>>> because,
>>>>>>>>>>> well, no one else used Motorola cpus for a PC (mostly for other
>>>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>>>>> devices). I learned assembly language on 808x and 68k processors
>>>> -
>>>>>>>>>>> Intel
>>>>>>>>>>> and Motorola. Both do much the same thing, but with a different
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>>>>>>>>>>> framework -
>>>>>>>>>>> 68k's were a little better suited for graphics, but not so much
>> for
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>>>>>>>>>>> math -
>>>>>>>>>>> vice versa for the Intels, though the differences were more in
>> the
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>>>>>>>>>>> structure
>>>>>>>>>>> and form of the instruction set, rather than actual functions
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>>>>>>>>>>> that's
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>>>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>>> main difference the later versions inherited. The problem with
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>>>>>>>>>>> Moto
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>>>>>>>>>>> is they
>>>>>>>>>>> couldn't get their clock speeds down with their design - it was
>> a
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them
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>>>>>>>>>>> Intel (or AMD as was considered for a while I believe).
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>> is
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>>>>>>>>>>> selling
>>>>>>>>>>> enough to warrant making a board for it, so now you could
>>>>>>>>>>> probably
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>>>>>>>>>>> any core 2 duo compatible mobo in a Mac and it should run, unless
>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>>> OS is
>>>>>>>>>>> setup to lock out all but spec'd boards, or tolerances with other
>>>>
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Posted by excelav on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 10:37:45 GMT
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http://guides.macrumors.com/Uninstalling_Applications_in_Mac _OS_X

uninstaller software:

http://mac.softpedia.com/get/System-Utilities/Uninstaller.sh tml

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>>Thanks,
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> The only software that runs in the back ground is DashBoard, and you can
> disable it, or completely remove it. But I don't think it's much of a hit
> on the system.

OK.that's great!!

>
> I'm still not sure why you think Mac OSX is bloated?

Because it's got so much stuff bundled with it that it totally unnecessary
for my needs.

I'm not sure why you
> think the first thing you would have to do is get under the hood and start
> ripping things out???

I just have to do this. I don't even know why anymore. ;o)

To me it would be like you getting a new 600 hp. Dodge
> Viper, and the first thing you want to do is rip out the AC system and
> passenger
> seat to make it faster, when all your going to do is drive it on the
> street.

But I'm not driving it on the street. My office computer is my street

machine and it's got tons of crap on it that I'd never want on a DAW.

> I would use a Mac out of the box for 6 months and worry about optimizing
> it later. However, if you want to hot rod a Mac, this is one of the
> sites.
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> http://www.xlr8yourmac.com/

Yeah. I'm familiar with that site. I used to read Thad's articles there.
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> Some of what you call bloat, like GarageBand you might find useful for
> song
> writing. Until you use it for a while, you won't know. Your thinking
> that
> you need a dedicated optimize audio work station, and that's Ok, but with
> a Mac you really can use it for everything without it being a problem. I
> guess it's a different line of thinking.

Definitely different and no offense, but this goes to the root of my misgivings about Macs. There have been so many outright lies told by Apple vis-a-vis performance that the company has no credibility (with me at least). Plus, I don't like the little smartass on their commercials. ;o)

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> Honestly, I think it could be a bit of a hard transition for a hard core
> PC user. I think at first, nothing will be where you want it to be. I
> think
> it would be like being dropped off in a huge city you never been in. A
> place
> where they drive on the opocit side of the street and nobody speaks your
> language. It is to some extent like a whole different world.

I know. I own a Mac now. My wife uses it. I just give it sidelong dirty looks whenever I'm in it's presence and it's always ****'ing up.

You'd have
> the basics down in an hour or two. After a year of honest effort, you
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Yes, it would definitely get *personalized* before too long.
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> PS how are the kids? You do have 2 if I recall?
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We do - thanks for asking. They are doing great! Aidan is 6 and in kindergarten, and Bren is 19 months - both are a lot of fun - sweet kids. How's your family? How are you?

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>> extra 5-10% can make a difference - even spending an extra $90 or so I could
>> get 2G which is a minimum for what I do - to add an extra 1G it's an extra
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>Actually for the $90 saved, I would also be getting higher quality RAM (at
>least based on what past models have used), possibly a better hard drive,
>more PCI slots, and more options on the motherboard out of the box, but
>yeah, it's only really relevant for guys like me that try to get the most
>out of it for a specific purpose. And yes it is in a pro use where the
>extra 5-10% can make a difference - even spending an extra $90 or so I could
>get 2G which is a minimum for what I do - to add an extra 1G it's an extra
>$299 (assuming the buyer would want to go DIY to save $200).

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>Of course that doesn't make the Mac any less of a pro solution - it's a
>great solution.
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>It's preference - that's all I'm saying. There aren't stark contrasts that
>often seem to be purported in these threads. For most people it's shades
of
>silicon and grey; but for some users, those shades are much more than a
$90
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>Dedric
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>> Dedric,
>> If you add all the software that comes with it and the elegant design
plus
>> the fact that you can run both OSX and XP and you don't have to build
it
>> makes
>> up for the 90 plus dollars you save. I'm just saying it makes sense for
a
>> Pro to buy.
>> You can do what you want,but you can't deny that its a good value. I'm
not
>> a die
>> hard Mac person,in fact I'm going to build a PC to run PARIS on,it makes
>> more sense.
>> PC motherboards still offer PCI slots,and buying an old Mac that boots
to
>> OS9 is a step backwards. All I'm saying is don't let your feelings about
>> Steve Jobs stop you from making a move to a Mac if it gives you more options.
>> Lets face it,Thad and James represent two extremes of opinions,I'm talking
>> about options as far as
>> software goes,yes hardware wise PC's have more options,but as was already
>> stated
>> they both have the same or some of the same hardware so I give the Mac
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>> advantage to Mac for software options. Thats My point.
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>>> dual 2.66 Xeon
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>>> 1G Corsair DDR2 Ram (2x512),
>>> 250G Western Digital SATA 3G drive
>>> NVidia GeForce 7300 256M card
>>> Sony DVD/CD combo drive (+/- DVDR), 16x
>>> Antec power supply
>>> Coolermaster case
>>> Windows XP Pro SP2 with free upgrade to Vista:
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>>> $2356 shipped.
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>>> Not sure what motherboard or drives Apple uses - I think our last Mac
>>> used Samsung. Memory and DVD/CD drive - also not sure. So I may have
spent
>>> more than necessary on this example. Apple also probably gets a bulk
rate
>>> on cpus so that can save a little over paying $700 each as an individual
>>> buyer.
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>>> fwiw....
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>>> Dedric
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Posted by TCB on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 16:46:46 GMT
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TCB

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>>>>>>>black case it's a slight downgrade from a $750 Dell. If the optical
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>>>>>>>drive
>>>>>>>and case are worth 45% more to you, than that's fine.
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>>>>>>>BTW - Debian Etch is relatively easy get working on these. If I had
>
>>>>>>>more
>>>>>>>money than sense I'd get one as a Debian machine because it's black.
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>>>>>>>TCB
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>>>>>>>>Where's the fuel? You mean you finally noticed that Apple has gone
>to
>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Intel for hardware designs, and onboard graphics on the low end
>>>>>>>>models?
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>>>>>>>>This is pretty old news. When Apple announced the Intel switch more
>>> than
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>a year ago, this was one of the reasons given. The Macbook is their
>>> low
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>end laptop, and probably the biggest cost reduction was using the
>>>>>>>>onboard graphics instead of something snazzier. The Macbook Pro has
>>> the
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>snazzier stuff, but it's still off the shelf with OSX drivers. Apple
>>>>
>>>>>>>>doesn't and hasn't ever AFAIK developed their own graphics chipsets.
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>>>>>>>>Well heck, they don't develop their own CPUs either, although I
>>>>>>>>imagine
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>they give input to those companies. Up until last year Apple chose
>>>>>>>>different CPU models than were blessed by Microsoft, and tried to
>gain
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>an advantage from the differences. Now they are using the same CPUs
>>> that
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Microsoft likes, so any advantage is going to be from design and

>>>>>>>>software.
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>>>>>>>>I like Apple's desktop case design. Really easy to get into and change
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>memory, drives, etc.; quiet and cool running airflow. The laptop

>>>>>>>>designs
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>have varied at accessibility, sometimes compromising for thinness.
>For
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>example my PowerBook is easy to access for memory upgrades but not
>for
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>HD upgrades. That may have changed in the new ones.
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>>>>>>>>Mac laptop sales are rising, other manufacturers are copying their
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>>>>>>>>form
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>>>>>>>>factor, but if you ever buy one (other than overpaying for a Macbook
>>>>for

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>>>>>>>>someone else, and then complaining about it) I'll be amazed. Sorry
>you
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>>>>>>>>had to subject yourself to working on a Mac today, but even sorrier
>>> you
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>>>>>>>>had to infect it with XP. ;^)
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>>>>>>>>Cheers,
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>>>>>>>person
>>>>>>>>> on my office had one and, surprise, most of the games a 12 year
>old
>>>>>likes
>>>>>>>>> to play don't have Mac versions.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> So, once and for all I can put to rest the notion that Apple
>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>is
>>>>>>>>> somehow 'super special' and thus justifies the higher price. Intel
>>>>chipset,
>>>>>>>>> Intel integrated graphics, Atheros wireless, Marvell NIC, generic
>>> firewire
>>>>>>>>> controller. The CD/DVD burner was the slot loading kind, so that's
>>>>slightly
>>>>>>>>> cool (unless you want to pop out the CD before the machine boots
>
>>>>>>>>> when
>>>>>>>it's
>>>>>>>>> nice to have a physical switch), but that's about the only thing
>
>>>>>>>>> unusual
>>>>>>>>> about the hardware. If you were to show me the XP device list for
>>> a
>>>>>Mac
>>>>>>>Book
>>>>>>>>> and the same list from a Dell 640m (two of which I've also set
up
>>> recently)
>>>>>>>>> I would have given a _slight_ preference to the Dell, mostly because
>>>>>>it

>>>>>>>uses
>>>>>>>>> an Intel wireless chipset that does b/g/n and bluetooth on one
chip,
>>>>>>and
>>>>>>>>> I've had very good luck with those wireless cards. A 640m also
has
>>>>a
>>>>>>larger
>>>>>>>>> screed and costs around $750.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> In better news, I wound up on modular synth dreamland for about
>five
>>>>>>hours
>>>>>>>>> last night, wiring up my John Bowen Pro Wave into modular patches
>>> and
>>>>>>>>using
>>>>>>>>> it to feed vocoders and all of the things that make computer
>>>>>>>>> recording
>>>>>>>>worth
>>>>>>>>> it. Then I forgot to save the presets, but hey, that's the way
it
>>> goes.
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Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by excelav on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 19:23:32 GMT
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Hey Deej!

Be careful, some of those demo machines are FUBARed! Some people actually try to hack and sabotage them. Or is that your purpose? ;)

On your PC you have a good cognitive map of where every thing is and how it works. Like I said, Mac OSX will be like being dropped off in a strange city. A good way to get a better understanding of Mac OSX is to read all the info here:

http://www.apple.com/support/mac101/

I know this is going to sound obvious or elementary, but another good source of information is under the help menu in OSX. Just type in a keyword or short question, but start with the mac101 first.

After you go through mac101, then check this out.

http://www.apple.com/support/switch101/

I think that Apple will release the Core 2 Quad 8 processor machine in the next 3 to 4 months. By July for sure. I would wait to buy, if that's what your thinking. Their release schedule is all different now with the Intel chips???

James

"DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
>Links saved!!! Thanks. I'm gonna go down to our local Mac store and have

>some fun with their demo machines. gotta try this stuff.
>
>;oD
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>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote in message
>news:45ab4b69$1@linux...
>>
>> Well, here's more.
>>
>> http://aroundcny.com/technofile/texts/mac031004.html
>>
>> http://guides.macrumors.com/Uninstalling_Applications_in_Mac _OS_X
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>> uninstaller software:
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>> http://mac.softpedia.com/get/System-Utilities/Uninstaller.sh tml
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>> http://www.allume.com/mac/springcleaning/updates.html
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>> http://www.appzapper.com/
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>> "DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
>>>So how do I get rid of 90% of the bloat that is advertized as being
>>>loaded
>>
>>>on the Mac? Is that as simple as everything else it does?
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>>>;o)
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>>>news:45aacb64$1@linux...
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>>>> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>Heh. True, and good thing too. Don't forget to keep track of your costs
>>>>
>>>>>in all this, so next time we discuss which platform is actually
>>>>>"cheaper" we remember to take into account all these systems you keep
>>>>>building. :^)
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>>>>>
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>>>> Soon it will be Vista surgery time, ouch! ;)
>>>>
>>>> http://www.apple.com/getamac/
>>>>
>>>> ...and it goes on, and on!
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>>>>>
>>>>>DJ wrote:
>>>>>> I'm building a new one right now with an AMD 64 4800 x 2 CPU that's
>>
>>>>>> going
>>>> to
>>>>>> have 3 x EDS cards in it pretty soon. I've had some "issues" with
it
>>
>>>>>> though.
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>>>>>> Strange stuff, but I'm getting there. this is one of the coolest
>>>>>> mobo's
>>>> I've
>>>>>> ever seen as far as being able to assign IRQ's to individual PCI
>>>>>> slots,
>>>> but,
>>>>>> of course, like Paris, it's a discontinued model and rarer'n hen's
>>>>>> teeth.
>>>> Of
>>>>>> course, being a Mac guy instead of a normal person, you don't get
to
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>>>>>> rejoice

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>>>>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message
>>>>>> news:45aa8362@linux...
>>>>>>> Don't get a Mac Deej. If we don't hear at least one story every month
>>>>
>>>>>>> about an amazing cobbled together Deej DAW contraption, we will die.
>>>> ;^)
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>>>>>>>> I really thought hard about jumping into this, especially since
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>>>>>>>> wasn't
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>> that
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>>
>>>>>>>>>> discuss
>>>>>>>>>> what differences remain.
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>>>>>>>>>> The difference between OSX and, say, Vista, is more than the look
>>>> of
>>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>> GUI and logos. While there are strong similarities, different
>>>>>>>>>> philosophies and implementations create different user
>>>>>>>>>> experiences.
>>>> How
>>>>>>>>>> much of that difference matters to you will influence your desire

>>>> to
>>>>>>>>>> waste time on these threads. :^)
>>>>>>>>> Of course - I was just giving you guys a hard time because you

>>>>>>>>> seemed
>>>> to
>>>>>>>>> be
>>>>>>>>> arguing the same point from different perspectives. It's always
>> best
>>>> to
>>>>>>>>> evaluate tech gear for what it is rather than how it is marketed.
>>>>>>>>>> But if you just want to get down the hill and don't see much
>>>>>>>>>> difference
>>>>>>>>>> in how you get there, a snowboard is as good as skis. No real
>>>>>>>>>> difference...
>>>>>>>>> Skis are better :-) ...and it's important to enjoy the whole
>>>>>>>>> mountain,
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>>>>>>>>> not
>>>>>>>>> just the groomed runs.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> BTW - iPhone is very cool. I don't have a new PDA, or cutting
edge
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>>>>>>>>> phone,
>>>>>>>>> so maybe there are other options too, but the touch screen and
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>>>>>>>>>>>> guys
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>>>>>>>>>>>> An Intel cpu is an Intel cpu. Don't know what motherboards the
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>>>>>>>>>>>> Macs
>>>>>>>>>>>> use, but undoubtedly they are also available on Newegg or
>>>>>>>>>>>> TigerDirect
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>>>>>>>>>>>> for a
>>>>>>>>>>>> PC - the same goes for every other part, other than the case
and
>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>>>> OS.
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>>>>>>>>>>>> The Motorola boards were made for Apple (probably exclusively)
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>>>>>>>>>>>> well, no one else used Motorola cpus for a PC (mostly for other
>>>>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>>>>>> devices). I learned assembly language on 808x and 68k processors
>>>> -
>>>>>>>>>>>> Intel
>>>>>>>>>>>> and Motorola. Both do much the same thing, but with a different
>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>> framework -
>>>>>>>>>>>> 68k's were a little better suited for graphics, but not so much
>> for
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>> the

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>>>>>>>>>>> structure
>>>>>>>>>>> and form of the instruction set, rather than actual functions
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>>>>>>>>>>> main difference the later versions inherited. The problem with
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>>>>>>>>>>> drop most
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>>>> the
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>>>>>>>>I can say for sure that aside from the slot loading optical drive
>and
>>>>>a
>>>>>>>nice
>>>>>>>>black case it's a slight downgrade from a $750 Dell. If the optical
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>>>>>>>>drive
>>>>>>>>and case are worth 45% more to you, than that's fine.
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>>>>>>>>BTW - Debian Etch is relatively easy get working on these. If I had
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>>>>>>>>more
>>>>>>>>money than sense I'd get one as a Debian machine because it's black.
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>>>>>>>>TCB
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>>>>>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>Where's the fuel? You mean you finally noticed that Apple has gone
>>to
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>>>>>>>>>Intel for hardware designs, and onboard graphics on the low end

>>>>>>>>>models?
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>>>>>>>>>This is pretty old news. When Apple announced the Intel switch more
>>>> than
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>a year ago, this was one of the reasons given. The Macbook is their
>>>> low
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>end laptop, and probably the biggest cost reduction was using the
>>>>>>>>>onboard graphics instead of something snazzier. The Macbook Pro
has
>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>snazzier stuff, but it's still off the shelf with OSX drivers. Apple
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>>>>>>>>>doesn't and hasn't ever AFAIK developed their own graphics chipsets.
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>>>>>>>>>Well heck, they don't develop their own CPUs either, although I

>>>>>>>>>imagine
>>>>>>>>>

>>>>>>>>>they give input to those companies. Up until last year Apple chose
>>>>>>>>>different CPU models than were blessed by Microsoft, and tried to
>>gain
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>>>>>>>>>an advantage from the differences. Now they are using the same CPUs
>>>> that
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Microsoft likes, so any advantage is going to be from design and
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>>>>>>>>>software.
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>>>>>>>>>I like Apple's desktop case design. Really easy to get into and
change
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>>>>>>>>>memory, drives, etc.; quiet and cool running airflow. The laptop
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>>>>>>>>>designs
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>have varied at accessibility, sometimes compromising for thinness.
>>For
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>>>>>>>>>example my PowerBook is easy to access for memory upgrades but not
>>for
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>>>>>>>>>HD upgrades. That may have changed in the new ones.
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>>>>>>>>>Mac laptop sales are rising, other manufacturers are copying their
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>>>>>>>>>form
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>>>>>>>>>factor, but if you ever buy one (other than overpaying for a Macbook
>>>>>for
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>>>>>>>>>someone else, and then complaining about it) I'll be amazed. Sorry
>>you
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>>>>>>>>>had to subject yourself to working on a Mac today, but even sorrier
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>>>>>>>>>had to infect it with XP. ;^)
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>>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>> -Jamie
>>>>>>>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
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>>>>>>>>>> So, I had to set up XP on a Mac Book today. The child of an

>>>>>>>>>> important
>>>>>>>>person
>>>>>>>>>> on my office had one and, surprise, most of the games a 12 year
>>old
>>>>>>likes
>>>>>>>>>> to play don't have Mac versions.
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>>>>>>>>>> So, once and for all I can put to rest the notion that Apple
>>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>>>is
>>>>>>>>>> somehow 'super special' and thus justifies the higher price. Intel
>>>>>chipset,
>>>>>>>>>> Intel integrated graphics, Atheros wireless, Marvell NIC, generic
>>>> firewire
>>>>>>>>>> controller. The CD/DVD burner was the slot loading kind, so that's
>>>>>slightly
>>>>>>>>>> cool (unless you want to pop out the CD before the machine boots
>>
>>>>>>>>>> when
>>>>>>>>>>it's
>>>>>>>>>> nice to have a physical switch), but that's about the only thing
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>>>>>>>>>> unusual
>>>>>>>>>> about the hardware. If you were to show me the XP device list
for
>>>> a
>>>>>>Mac
>>>>>>>>>Book
>>>>>>>>>> and the same list from a Dell 640m (two of which I've also set
>up
>>>> recently)
>>>>>>>>>> I would have given a _slight_ preference to the Dell, mostly because
>>>>>>>>it
>>>>>>>>>uses
>>>>>>>>>> an Intel wireless chipset that does b/g/n and bluetooth on one
>chip,
>>>>>>>>and
>>>>>>>>>> I've had very good luck with those wireless cards. A 640m also
>has
>>>>>a
>>>>>>>>larger
>>>>>>>>>> screed and costs around $750.
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>>>>>>>>>> In better news, I wound up on modular synth dreamland for about
>>five
>>>>>>>>hours
>>>>>>>>>> last night, wiring up my John Bowen Pro Wave into modular patches
>>>> and

>>>>>>>>using
>>>>>>>>>> it to feed vocoders and all of the things that make computer
>>>>>>>>>> recording
>>>>>>>>worth
>>>>>>>>>> it. Then I forgot to save the presets, but hey, that's the way
>it
>>>> goes.
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Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by Nappy on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 21:30:03 GMT
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My family is great,
I've got Ruth who is 5 and in kindergarten as well,and David who is 8 and
in the
second grade,he's into basketball along with his brother Nathaniel who will
be
12 Feb 1st. I'm doing good,just waiting on a kidney. My sister is going though

testing to see if she is a match,if so then I could be getting a transfer
as soon as the summer. All the best to you and your family.

respect
Nappy

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>>>> the fact that you can run both OSX and XP and you don't have to build
>> it
>>>> makes
>>>> up for the 90 plus dollars you save. I'm just saying it makes sense
for
>> a
>>>> Pro to buy.
>>>> You can do what you want,but you can't deny that its a good value. I'm
>> not
>>>> a die
>>>> hard Mac person,in fact I'm going to build a PC to run PARIS on,it makes
>>>> more sense.
>>>> PC motherboards still offer PCI slots,and buying an old Mac that boots
>> to

>>>> OS9 is a step backwards. All I'm saying is don't let your feelings about
>>>> Steve Jobs stop you from making a move to a Mac if it gives you more
>>>> options.
>>>> Lets face it,Thad and James represent two extremes of opinions,I'm
talking
>>>> about options as far as
>>>> software goes,yes hardware wise PC's have more options,but as was already
>>>> stated
>>>> they both have the same or some of the same hardware so I give the Mac
>> the
>>>> advantage to Mac for software options. Thats My point.
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>>>> Is saving 90 plus dollars worth it?
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>>>> respect
>>>> Nappy
>>>> PS please respond
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>> Ludwig
>>>>>>
>>>>>> if he can build one with the same specs for cheaper. I like Macs because
>>>>>
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>>>>> Hey Nappy -
>>>>>
>>>>> From Newegg.com,
>>>>> dual 2.66 Xeon
>>>>> Gigabyte server motherboard,
>>>>> 1G Corsair DDR2 Ram (2x512),
>>>>> 250G Western Digital SATA 3G drive
>>>>> NVidia GeForce 7300 256M card
>>>>> Sony DVD/CD combo drive (+/- DVDR), 16x
>>>>> Antec power supply
>>>>> Coolermaster case
>>>>> Windows XP Pro SP2 with free upgrade to Vista:
>>>>>
>>>>> $2356 shipped.
>>>>>
>>>>> Not sure what motherboard or drives Apple uses - I think our last Mac
>>>>> used Samsung. Memory and DVD/CD drive - also not sure. So I may have
>> spent

>>>>> more than necessary on this example. Apple also probably gets a bulk
>> rate
>>>>> on cpus so that can save a little over paying $700 each as an individual
>>>>> buyer.
>>>>>
>>>>> fwiw....
>>>>>
>>>>> Regards,
>>>>> Dedric
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Subject: Re: To add fuel to the fire
Posted by Deej [4] on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 21:52:51 GMT
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James,

"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:45abc6a4$1@linux...
>
> Hey Deej!
>
> Be careful, some of those demo machines are FUBARed! Some people actually
> try to hack and sabotage them. Or is that your purpose? ;)

Well.....as we were discussing, I need to see how much of the existing OS
I can hack, right? I figured I'd have some fun on someone else's machine.
;oD
>
> On your PC you have a good cognitive map of where every thing is and how
> it works. Like I said, Mac OSX will be like being dropped off in a
> strange
> city. A good way to get a better understanding of Mac OSX is to read all
> the info here:
>
> http://www.apple.com/support/mac101/
>
> I know this is going to sound obvious or elementary, but another good
> source
> of information is under the help menu in OSX. Just type in a keyword or
> short question, but start with the mac101 first.
>
> After you go through mac101, then check this out.

>
> http://www.apple.com/support/switch101/
>
> I think that Apple will release the Core 2 Quad 8 processor machine in the
> next 3 to 4 months. By July for sure. I would wait to buy, if that's
> what
> your thinking. Their release schedule is all different now with the Intel
> chips???
>
> James
>Thansk for the info. I'll look into it. right now I'm installing windows on
>a new HD with the AMD dual core to see what happens with 3 x EDS cards that
>were loaned to me a couple of months ago. I figure I need to get this
>experiment done since the guy who loaned them to me has been nice enough
>not to hunt me down and break my knees for being such a slacker on this.

Cheers,

Deej

> "DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
>>Links saved!!! Thanks. I'm gonna go down to our local Mac store and have
>
>>some fun with their demo machines. gotta try this stuff.
>>
>>;oD
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>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote in message
>>news:45ab4b69$1@linux...
>>>
>>> Well, here's more.
>>>
>>> http://aroundcny.com/technofile/texts/mac031004.html
>>>
>>> http://guides.macrumors.com/Uninstalling_Applications_in_Mac _OS_X
>>>
>>> uninstaller software:
>>>
>>> http://mac.softpedia.com/get/System-Utilities/Uninstaller.sh tml
>>>
>>> http://www.allume.com/mac/springcleaning/updates.html
>>>
>>> http://www.appzapper.com/
>>>
>>> "DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
>>>>So how do I get rid of 90% of the bloat that is advertized as being
>>>>loaded
>>>

>>>>on the Mac? Is that as simple as everything else it does?
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>>>>;o)
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>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote in message
>>>>news:45aacb64$1@linux...
>>>>>
>>>>> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Heh. True, and good thing too. Don't forget to keep track of your
>>>>>>costs
>>>>>
>>>>>>in all this, so next time we discuss which platform is actually
>>>>>>"cheaper" we remember to take into account all these systems you keep
>>>>>>building. :^)
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>> -Jamie
>>>>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
>>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> Soon it will be Vista surgery time, ouch! ;)
>>>>>
>>>>> http://www.apple.com/getamac/
>>>>>
>>>>> ...and it goes on, and on!
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>>>>>>DJ wrote:
>>>>>>> I'm building a new one right now with an AMD 64 4800 x 2 CPU that's
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>>>>>>> going
>>>>> to
>>>>>>> have 3 x EDS cards in it pretty soon. I've had some "issues" with
> it
>>>
>>>>>>> though.
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>>>>>>> Strange stuff, but I'm getting there. this is one of the coolest
>>>>>>> mobo's
>>>>> I've
>>>>>>> ever seen as far as being able to assign IRQ's to individual PCI
>>>>>>> slots,
>>>>> but,
>>>>>>> of course, like Paris, it's a discontinued model and rarer'n hen's
>>>>>>> teeth.
>>>>> Of
>>>>>>> course, being a Mac guy instead of a normal person, you don't get

> to
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>>>>>>> rejoice
>>>>>
>>>>>>> in the ability to assign IRQs.
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>>>>>>> ;o)
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>>>>>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message
>>>>>>> news:45aa8362@linux...
>>>>>>>> Don't get a Mac Deej. If we don't hear at least one story every
>>>>>>>> month
>>>>>
>>>>>>>> about an amazing cobbled together Deej DAW contraption, we will
>>>>>>>> die.
>>>>> ;^)
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>>>>>>>> Cheers,
>>>>>>>> -Jamie
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>>>>>>>> DJ wrote:
>>>>>>>>> I really thought hard about jumping into this, especially since
> I
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>>>>>>>>> wasn't
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>>>>>>>>> accused of hating Macs, but it's worse than arguing politics.
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>>>>>>>>> :O)
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>>>>>>>>> "Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote in message
>>>>>>>>> news:C1CFB853.6939%dterry@keyofd.net...
>>>>>>>>>> On 1/14/07 9:53 AM, in article 45aa5d12@linux, "Jamie K"
>>>>>>>>>> <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> You're right Dedric, they're all computers. They have always
>>>>>>>>>>> used
>>>>>>>>>>> similar components and people argued about the differences. Now
>>> that
>>>>>>>>>>> they use pretty much the same components, there's still room to
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>>>>>>>>>>> discuss
>>>>>>>>>>> what differences remain.
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>>>>>>>>>>> The difference between OSX and, say, Vista, is more than the
>>>>>>>>>>> look

>>>>> of
>>>>>>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>> GUI and logos. While there are strong similarities, different
>>>>>>>>>> philosophies and implementations create different user
>>>>>>>>>> experiences.
>>>>> How
>>>>>>>>>> much of that difference matters to you will influence your
>>>>>>>>>> desire
>>>>> to
>>>>>>>>>> waste time on these threads. :^)
>>>>>>>>> Of course - I was just giving you guys a hard time because you
>
>>>>>>>>> seemed
>>>>> to
>>>>>>>>> be
>>>>>>>>> arguing the same point from different perspectives. It's always
>>> best
>>>>> to
>>>>>>>>> evaluate tech gear for what it is rather than how it is marketed.
>>>>>>>>>> But if you just want to get down the hill and don't see much
>>>>>>>>>> difference
>>>>>>>>>> in how you get there, a snowboard is as good as skis. No real
>>>>>>>>>> difference...
>>>>>>>>> Skis are better :-) ...and it's important to enjoy the whole
>>>>>>>>> mountain,
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>>>>>>>>> not
>>>>>>>>> just the groomed runs.
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>>>>>>>>> BTW - iPhone is very cool. I don't have a new PDA, or cutting
> edge
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>>>>>>>>> phone,
>>>>>>>>> so maybe there are other options too, but the touch screen and
>>>>>>>>> orientation
>>>>>>>>> detection rock. Too expensive for now though. If they come
>>>>>>>>> down,
>>>>> I
>>>>>>>>> might
>>>>>>>>> consider getting one if it isn't too bulky for a phone.
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>>>>>>>>>>> Pardon me dropping in uninvited.... but...umm... what exactly
> are
>>>>> you
>>>>>>>>>>> guys
>>>>>>>>>>> arguing about? ;-)
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> An Intel cpu is an Intel cpu. Don't know what motherboards the
>>> new
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>>>>>>>>>>> Macs
>>>>>>>>>>> use, but undoubtedly they are also available on Newegg or
>>>>>>>>>>> TigerDirect
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>>>>>>>>>>> for a
>>>>>>>>>>> PC - the same goes for every other part, other than the case
> and
>>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>>> OS.
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> The Motorola boards were made for Apple (probably exclusively)
>>>>>>>>>>> because,
>>>>>>>>>>> well, no one else used Motorola cpus for a PC (mostly for other
>>>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>>>>> devices). I learned assembly language on 808x and 68k
>>>>>>>>>>> processors
>>>>>> -

>>>>>>>>>>>> Intel
>>>>>>>>>>>> and Motorola. Both do much the same thing, but with a
>>>>>>>>>>>> different
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>>>>>>>>>>>> framework -
>>>>>>>>>>>> 68k's were a little better suited for graphics, but not so much
>>> for
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>>>>>>>>>>>> math -
>>>>>>>>>>>> vice versa for the Intels, though the differences were more in
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>>>>>>>>>>>> structure
>>>>>>>>>>>> and form of the instruction set, rather than actual functions
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>>>>>>>>>>>> that's
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>>>>>>>>>>>> main difference the later versions inherited. The problem with
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>>>>>>>>>>>> probably
>>>>>
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>>>>> the
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Posted by Dedric Terry on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 22:12:09 GMT
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The one I was looking at was - socket 771.

Dedric

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Posted by LaMont on Mon, 15 Jan 2007 22:17:53 GMT
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Dedric,
From Newegg.com, dual 2.66 Xeon Gigabyte server motherboard,

Is this board Dual 2 core (Xeon) compatiblle??

Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>On 1/15/07 9:45 AM, in article 45aba181$1@linux, "Nappy"
><mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote:
>
>>
>> Understood!
>> I'm not as computer savvy as most here which factors into my decision

to
>> go with a Mac. I agree,preferance is everything.
>Hey Nappy -
>
>We all debate these things as if they really matter, but it's just a means
>to an end. Macs are great systems - the best comp is the one that serves
>you best.
>>
>> PS how are the kids? You do have 2 if I recall?
>> I remember when your first was born.
>
>We do - thanks for asking. They are doing great! Aidan is 6 and in
>kindergarten, and Bren is 19 months - both are a lot of fun - sweet kids.
>How's your family? How are you?
>
>Regards,
>Dedric
>>
>> Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:
>>> Hey Nappy - first I'm just posting as a friendly comparison of perspectives,
>>> not a one is "better" than the other debate, just to be sure you don't
>>> misunderstand my intent, or think that I'm trying to degrade the value
of
>> a
>>> Mac - great systems and nice design on a lot of levels. :-)
>>>
>>> The only software I saw in the Apple store config was optional - iLife,
>> etc,
>>> and not included in the $2499. (Bluetooth, etc. also additional). Doesn't
>>> really leave much, if anything different from what comes with Windows
XP.
>>> Sure, iPhoto, iMovie are nicer than Windows, but I don't use those at
all
>> as
>>> they are really just home user apps anyway.
>>>
>>> Software advantage depends on what you need it for - for Logic, there's
>> no
>>> other choice. If it's for home use, or even just buying off the shelf,
>> then
>>> preference really has everything to do with it.
>>>
>>> I agree on PCI slots, hardware, etc. that's my big reason for staying
with
>>> PCs, that and they are just easier to use as sample library farms (and
>>> multiple PCs also certainly work fine with a Mac/Logic as the main
>>> sequencer/host).
>>>

>>> Actually for the $90 saved, I would also be getting higher quality RAM
(at
>>> least based on what past models have used), possibly a better hard drive,
>>> more PCI slots, and more options on the motherboard out of the box, but
>>> yeah, it's only really relevant for guys like me that try to get the
most
>>> out of it for a specific purpose. And yes it is in a pro use where the
>>> extra 5-10% can make a difference - even spending an extra $90 or so
I could
>>> get 2G which is a minimum for what I do - to add an extra 1G it's an
extra
>>> $299 (assuming the buyer would want to go DIY to save $200).
>>>
>>> Of course that doesn't make the Mac any less of a pro solution - it's
a
>>> great solution.
>>>
>>> It's preference - that's all I'm saying. There aren't stark contrasts
that
>>> often seem to be purported in these threads. For most people it's shades
>> of
>>> silicon and grey; but for some users, those shades are much more than
a
>> $90
>>> difference or a half day spent building a system.
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>>> Dedric
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>>>> Dedric,
>>>> If you add all the software that comes with it and the elegant design
>> plus
>>>> the fact that you can run both OSX and XP and you don't have to build
>> it
>>>> makes
>>>> up for the 90 plus dollars you save. I'm just saying it makes sense
for
>> a
>>>> Pro to buy.
>>>> You can do what you want,but you can't deny that its a good value. I'm
>> not
>>>> a die
>>>> hard Mac person,in fact I'm going to build a PC to run PARIS on,it makes
>>>> more sense.

>>>> PC motherboards still offer PCI slots,and buying an old Mac that boots
>> to
>>>> OS9 is a step backwards. All I'm saying is don't let your feelings about
>>>> Steve Jobs stop you from making a move to a Mac if it gives you more
>>>> options.
>>>> Lets face it,Thad and James represent two extremes of opinions,I'm
talking
>>>> about options as far as
>>>> software goes,yes hardware wise PC's have more options,but as was already
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>>>> they both have the same or some of the same hardware so I give the Mac
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>That has zero to do with what I posted originally. My point was that I have
>heard for YEARS that Apple somehow uses these super high grade components
>that make their hardware more expensive. I haven't had to set up a Mac in
>a few years, and of course the PowerPC versions were comparatively opaque
>unless I would go to the trouble of putting Yellow Dog on them. Which I
didn't.
>But, because a co-workers' kid wanted to play a Windows game on his Macbook

>I had a chance to look at what kind of hardware is in a $1400 Apple laptop.
>The answer is pretty much the same stuff that's in a $750 Dell laptop, give
>or take a copy of iLife and a web cam on the Mac and a bigger screen on
the
>Dell.
>
>There are plenty of arguments for owning a Mac, the biggest one being personal
>preference. I was only seeking to put another of them to bed, that they
use
>bending end components that put their hardware in another class than what
>I use. Quite simply, they don't, and the move to generic Intel hardware
makes
>that quite clear.
>
>TCB

Not to worry! you can get an IT guy to upgrade the Dell lap top with a video camera! LOL!

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>I like Macs because
>>like it
>>or not they have software that I use that only runs on a Mac and I can
run
>>any
>>software that runs on XP on it as well and from were i sit thats makes
good
>>sense to me. Now if they come out with a PC version of Aperture and Logic
>>then I'll get
>>a PC. Sure I'd like to run OSX on a PC,but hating Steve Jobs is not going
>>to stop me
>>from using the software I want. Remember the old saying,"Find the software
>>you want to use and pick the platform that supports it" The Mac supports
>>both
>>platforms.
>>
>>respect
>>Nappy
>>
>>"DJ" <www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com> wrote:
>>>How many tracks can that webcam record and play back?

>>>
>>>"Nappy" <mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote in message news:45aa864c$1@linux...
>>>>
>>>> And a web cam built in it.
>>>>
>>>> "Nappy" <mgrant01@san.rr.com> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>The Macbooks have core duo 2 cpu's,try again.
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>>>>>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
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>>>>>> http://configure.us.dell.com/dellstore/config.aspx?c=us&
cs=04&kc=6W300&l=en&oc=bndwe4j&s=bsd
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>>>>>>Core Duo laptop, 15.4" screen, DVD burner, 1 GB memory. $750
>>>>>>
>>>>>>There are better deals on occasion but this is the current sweet spot.
>>>> I
>>>>>>set up two of them last week.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>TCB
>>>>>>
>>>>>>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Hey Thad! I was checking Dell's prices, I didn't see any Core 2 Duo
>>lap
>>>>>>tops
>>>>>>>for $750.00. I could be wrong, but it looks like they start at $1299.
>>>>>
>>>>>>I
>>>>>>>wonder what they would cost similarly configured?
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>>>>>>>I think Apple typically makes more margin per unit, well that's what
>>
>>>>>>>I've
>>>>>>>read. As a dealer margins were always tight. In the past Apple
>>>>>>>manufactured
>>>>>>>proprietary hardware, and they just didn't sell the number of units
>>that
>>>>>>>PC manufactures did to have low prices. With Intel, it's a whole
new
>>>> ball
>>>>>>>game for Apple. I would think Dell still buys 10 times as much stuff
>>>> from
>>>>>>>Intel as Apple does. Dell probably gets better pricing.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>I have seen Dell do a thousand dollar rebate on their lap tops. When
>>>> that

>>>>>>>happens, Apple will not be able to compete.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> http://www.dell.com/content/products/category.aspx/notebooks
?c=us&cs=19&l=en&s=dhs
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>James
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>That's right, Jamie, I finally noticed that Apple is using Intel

>>>>>>>>processors.
>>>>>>>>You know me, never up on much in that wild and crazy world of tech.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>My point, which I stated fairly clearly, was that I have often heard
>>>> the
>>>>>>>>argument made that the reason Apple hardware is pricier than an
>>>>>>>>equivalent
>>>>>>>>Dell or home build is because they use superior components in their
>>
>>>>>>>>machines.
>>>>>>>>That's nonsense. Having seen their 'low end' laptop which runs about
>>>> $1300
>>>>>>>>I can say for sure that aside from the slot loading optical drive
>and
>>>>>a
>>>>>>>nice
>>>>>>>>black case it's a slight downgrade from a $750 Dell. If the optical
>>
>>>>>>>>drive
>>>>>>>>and case are worth 45% more to you, than that's fine.
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>>>>>>>>BTW - Debian Etch is relatively easy get working on these. If I had
>>
>>>>>>>>more
>>>>>>>>money than sense I'd get one as a Debian machine because it's black.
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>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>TCB
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>>>>>>>>Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Where's the fuel? You mean you finally noticed that Apple has gone
>>to
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Intel for hardware designs, and onboard graphics on the low end

>>>>>>>>>models?

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>>>>>>>>>This is pretty old news. When Apple announced the Intel switch more
>>>> than
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>a year ago, this was one of the reasons given. The Macbook is their
>>>> low
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>end laptop, and probably the biggest cost reduction was using the
>>>>>>>>>onboard graphics instead of something snazzier. The Macbook Pro
has
>>>> the
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>snazzier stuff, but it's still off the shelf with OSX drivers. Apple
>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>doesn't and hasn't ever AFAIK developed their own graphics chipsets.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Well heck, they don't develop their own CPUs either, although I

>>>>>>>>>imagine
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>they give input to those companies. Up until last year Apple chose
>>>>>>>>>different CPU models than were blessed by Microsoft, and tried to
>>gain
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>an advantage from the differences. Now they are using the same CPUs
>>>> that
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Microsoft likes, so any advantage is going to be from design and
>
>>>>>>>>>software.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>I like Apple's desktop case design. Really easy to get into and
change
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>memory, drives, etc.; quiet and cool running airflow. The laptop
>
>>>>>>>>>designs
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>have varied at accessibility, sometimes compromising for thinness.
>>For
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>example my PowerBook is easy to access for memory upgrades but not
>>for
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>HD upgrades. That may have changed in the new ones.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Mac laptop sales are rising, other manufacturers are copying their
>>

>>>>>>>>>form
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>factor, but if you ever buy one (other than overpaying for a Macbook
>>>>>for
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>>>>>>>>>someone else, and then complaining about it) I'll be amazed. Sorry
>>you
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>>>>>>>>>had to subject yourself to working on a Mac today, but even sorrier
>>>> you
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>had to infect it with XP. ;^)
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>>>>>>>>>Cheers,
>>>>>>>>> -Jamie
>>>>>>>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>TCB wrote:
>>>>>>>>>> So, I had to set up XP on a Mac Book today. The child of an
>>>>>>>>>> important
>>>>>>>>>person
>>>>>>>>>> on my office had one and, surprise, most of the games a 12 year
>>old
>>>>>>likes
>>>>>>>>>> to play don't have Mac versions.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> So, once and for all I can put to rest the notion that Apple
>>>>>>>>>> hardware
>>>>>>>>>is
>>>>>>>>>> somehow 'super special' and thus justifies the higher price. Intel
>>>>>>chipset,
>>>>>>>>>> Intel integrated graphics, Atheros wireless, Marvell NIC, generic
>>>> firewire
>>>>>>>>>> controller. The CD/DVD burner was the slot loading kind, so that's
>>>>>>slightly
>>>>>>>>>> cool (unless you want to pop out the CD before the machine boots
>>
>>>>>>>>>> when
>>>>>>>>>it's
>>>>>>>>>> nice to have a physical switch), but that's about the only thing
>>
>>>>>>>>>> unusual
>>>>>>>>>> about the hardware. If you were to show me the XP device list
for
>>>> a
>>>>>>>Mac
>>>>>>>>>Book

>>>>>>>>>> and the same list from a Dell 640m (two of which I've also set
>up
>>>> recently)
>>>>>>>>>> I would have given a _slight_ preference to the Dell, mostly because
>>>>>>>it
>>>>>>>>uses
>>>>>>>>>> an Intel wireless chipset that does b/g/n and bluetooth on one
>chip,
>>>>>>>and
>>>>>>>>>> I've had very good luck with those wireless cards. A 640m also
>has
>>>>>a
>>>>>>>larger
>>>>>>>>>> screed and costs around $750.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> In better news, I wound up on modular synth dreamland for about
>>five
>>>>>>>hours
>>>>>>>>>> last night, wiring up my John Bowen Pro Wave into modular patches
>>>> and
>>>>>>>>>>using
>>>>>>>>>> it to feed vocoders and all of the things that make computer
>>>>>>>>>> recording
>>>>>>>>>>worth
>>>>>>>>>> it. Then I forgot to save the presets, but hey, that's the way
>it
>>>> goes.
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