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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Sat, 03 Nov 2007 06:30:37 GMT

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Posted by [rick](#) on Sat, 03 Nov 2007 08:42:38 GMT

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Dedric

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software. Too bad about his experience, and he's certainly got big time
media-techno credentials, but his experience is not the norm by far.

FWIW

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Posted by [Cujjo](#) on Sun, 04 Nov 2007 00:48:17 GMT
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I was thinking the same thing...wait..
Like a first year model car..although I've done that twice too :=(

"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

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>Let me derail this for just a moment...
>
>Dang! that was some good writing! It's hard to write about tech
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>Ok, now let me say that it is time... time to wait.
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Posted by [Steve Helm](#) on Sun, 04 Nov 2007 02:18:22 GMT
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While I have no doubt this sad account of a Leopard install is accurate, if one reads carefully it is obvious that the source of problem experienced is the PPC partition on an Intel box. (quoted below) However this installation scenario it is a complete anomaly and extremely rare. Hundreds of thousands of Tiger users have successfully upgraded to Leopard without any problem. I have upgraded a Quad G5, a two G4 laptops, and a two Macbook Pros all without a hitch.

My MBP running Logic Studio 8 (no more dongle) and Metric Halo MIO 2882 DSP) had no problem whatsoever. They are both fantastic and reliable.

Once in Leopard, Time Machine, Spaces, Finder with Cover-flow/Quickview, and improved Spotlight all preform magnificently!

As with any OS upgrade, the major caveat to watch out for is making sure all apps and drivers are updated to support the new OS. If you are a professional that relies on your DAW daily it is important to do your homework before upgrading. Apogee and MOTU users among others should advisably wait for their apps and drivers before jumping to Leopard.

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Sun, 04 Nov 2007 22:07:36 GMT
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I'd be interested in hearing about your Ubuntu experiences, Dedic.

As for OSX 10.5, from what I'm seeing people report in general I don't expect any significant problems when I do the upgrade. I'm not aware of any changes in system disk formatting from what I already have, so whatever the issue was with that blog doesn't seem to apply to me (or most people).

But I'm waiting for two reasons. A) It's good to let the dust settle before jumping on a new OS upgrade and B) case in point: one of my animation programs has a reported display bug on 10.5 and I'm doing a lot of animation right now, with some pretty heavy deadlines. When they get their update out and I get past these deadlines I'll check into it again.

I'm especially looking forward to multiple desktops and integrated automated backups.

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKruz.com

Dedic Terry wrote:

> On 11/3/07 3:15 PM, in article 472ce635@linux, "Jamie K"
> <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
>
>> Actually OSX has an "archive and install" option that is automatic. From
>> what I'm reading, the vast majority of people are having no significant
>> installations troubles with the 10.5 update. The example you cited is
>> not at all typical, from what I'm reading.
>
> That's good to hear. Operating systems are starting to look more like
> run-your-life systems. I just want it to sit there quietly and be seen only
> as a desktop and not heard - no update prompts, no warnings, etc (I have my
> WinXP systems running very quietly). ;-) Although, OSX and WinXP pale in
> comparison to all of the copy protection we have to deal with in plugins etc
> (I'm sure that's a big breath of fresh air with Logic - no dongle).
>> Apple has also automated upgrading from one machine to another. Again,
>> very easy.
>>
>> Erasing your hard drive is a different matter, and not necessary. But if
>> you do, then you are courting some amount of hassles with 3rd party app
>> registrations and such.
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> The issue with Shelly's case was apparently a bug that saw the system drive
> as an Apple partition, but I presume Leopard uses a different partition
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