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Subject: Re: Apple sucks

Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Fri, 02 Nov 2007 18:30:01 GMT

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All computers suck. All computers are great. Which is not to imply that all computers are the same.

BTW, love him or hate him, Al Gore's name is two words. People can generally spell your name correctly once you win half the Nobel - and please don't forget all the scientists who share the prize, some of whom are here in Colorado.

Anyhoo, planned obsolescence does suck. OTOH, there's some argument to made for a cutoff point before which computers are too slow to reasonably handle new features.

Apple's approach for OSX 1.5 is, from what I remember, that for this release G3s are not supported. G4s under a certain clock speed are also not supported, although I've heard if you change a line on the install script it will still work. I quibble with this cutoff, all G4s should be supported IMO.

How old does a CD drive have to be in order to not support `_reading_` a DVD? I would bet that all the supported computers can read a DVD.

I wasn't aware that you can't boot from an outboard drive. Another alternative might be over a firewire direct connection from the reader on another Mac, might be worth a try if you're attempting to install on a non-supported system.

If that doesn't work and you have an old G3, OSX 1.4 is still very viable.

I'm waiting on the update to OSX 1.5, just in case, to allow a bit of time for developers to catch up and any first release bugs to be addressed.

Cheers,

-Jamie

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Probably better on dual processor boxes, like you say, but single  
processor machines are also supported.

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You're still at 10.2?

If 10.5 doesn't work out for that box, you might consider upgrading to  
10.4. It would be a noticeable improvement.

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Show me a bootable external DVD drive compatible with an older iBook FW400/USB 1.0.

Never seen such a thing.

And while we are talking about Apple, why does every damn new folder come up with an effing toolbar? What do I need a nav toolbar on every folder for anyway?

grrrr

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Posted by [Steve Helm](#) on Fri, 02 Nov 2007 19:34:45 GMT

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Relax...

MacFixit.com has a workaround:

"Run Leopard (Mac OS X 10.5) on pre-867MHz systems

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Fri, 02 Nov 2007 19:47:57 GMT  
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I use them on occasion. I use one for local gas prices, one for weather, yellow pages, ebay watcher, a converter, a one off envelope address printer, cord computer, a tuner, a NIX manual, Dictionary Thesaurus, sticky notes, etc.

Lots of cool stuff out there.

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That's it. If I remember, they do those things well. Instead, I usually use a web resource.

I wish they would do a production professional OS. Stripped down to just what we really need. It used to be easy to make your own with OS9, but today we are struggling with stuff meant for consumers, because the computer outfits see production as simply another app instead of something you dedicate a machine to.

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Mac guy/Gal still want to run Leopard of a Mac Quadra (LoL!!).. Yes, we know how much you have invested \$\$\$..Let it go. Stay with the OS is was primed for..

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That's what goes inherently against our interests. The idea that there is something wrong with using an older machine!

I can still  
Run Sonic Solutions on a Quadra and OS6xx and do world class mastering. If you bought the resulting CD, you would not go "oh-hey this was made on a Quadra" you would go "good CD!" Same with editing movies and TV on a 9600 and Avid.

But the computer puds see it as just another app and no matter WHAT you can do with an older machine you are supposed to pony up (or bend over) every few years for new machines.

The military guys have an acronym for everything.

My favorite is BOHICA. Bend Over, Here it Comes Again...

We Paris users are the "Last of the Bohicans"

heh heh

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The word is Leopard is optimized and runs faster than Tiger does on older machines. It is speculation and assumption to say Leopard won't run well on older Macs. It's FUD to say you have to go buy a new Mac to run Leopard. Although a new Mac would be nice; )

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 02 Nov 2007 22:37:07 GMT  
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For some reason BSD based \*NIXs are always HUGE. Never been able to figure out why, but maybe I should. You can still get Ubuntu 7.10 on a single live CD, boot it, and install the whole damn thing from that one disc. And that INCLUDES and office suite, productivity apps, media players, and so on. Pretty good. My Debian installs are all done from 150MB netinstall images.

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TCB

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