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## Apple News

### Macs Trounce PCs in Popular Mechanics “Ultimate Lab Test”

In what columnist Glenn Derene (popularmechanics.com) billed as the “Ultimate Lab Test for New Desktops & Laptops,” both the iMac and MacBook soundly outperformed Vista-running PCs. “In our speed trials,” reports Derene, “Leopard OS trounced Vista in all-important tasks such as boot-up, shutdown and program-launch times. We even tested Vista on the Macs using Apple’s platform-switching Boot Camp software—and found that both Apple computers ran Vista faster than our PCs did.”

Apple has increased its percentage of U.S. computer sales to 6.2%, making it the 4th largest computer seller here. It has been helped along by sales of the iPod and iPhone that encourage users to buy a Mac when they get a new computer.



## Apple Fixes Safari Bug

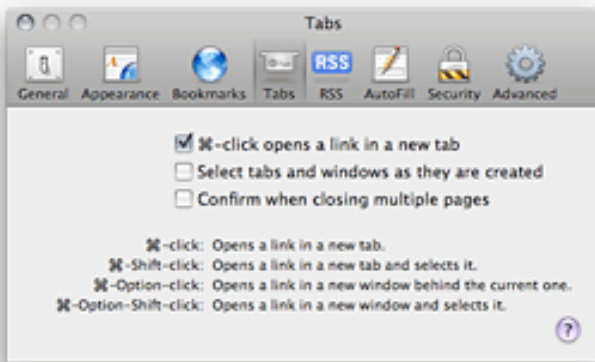
Apple has released a patch to fix a flaw in Safari that allowed a hacker to take over a Macintosh computer at a hacker conference. He was awarded a \$10,000 prize, but could not release information about the flaw until Apple fixed it. It has been fixed in Safari 3.1.1 that is

now available. The flaw in Safari was actually in how it used Java. The winner of the prize designed a website that could take advantage of this flaw to take over the Macbook he was attempting to hack. This problem has only been seen in the conference, not on the internet --yet. Safari 3 users should upgrade to this newest 3.11 version.

## Using Tabs in Safari

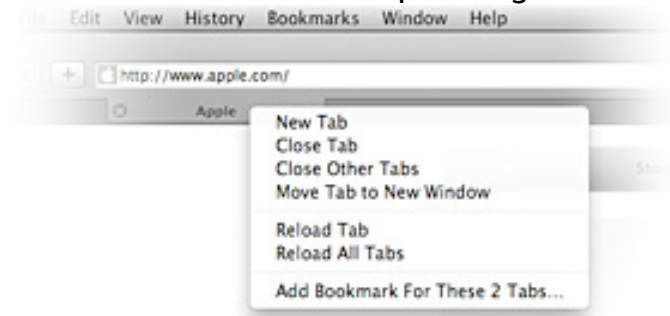
### Apple Pro Tip

If you sometimes find your desktop cluttered with multiple browser windows, try using tabs in Safari. Tabs let you open multiple web pages in a single Safari window, so you can easily flip between them. They're one of the best ways to amp up your web-browsing experience — especially once you've tamed them via a few simple key commands. This tip covers the



basic moves. First, make sure Safari is configured for tabbed browsing. From the Safari menu, select Preferences and click on the Tabs icon. Select the "Opens a link in a new tab" option, but leave the others unchecked for now. But take a moment to read the fine print, since it covers some of the tricks we're about to tackle.

Now open a web page in Safari and try it out. Click on a link while pressing the



Command key, and the link opens in a new tab nestled behind the current page. Holding down Command-Shift creates a new tab and brings the new page to the front. You can also open an empty tab by typing Command-t, then type in a URL or load a bookmarked web page. To close a tab, select it and type Command-w, or click on the small x on the left side of the tab. You can reorder tabs within the Tab Bar simply by dragging them to the left or right. And you can switch from one tabbed page to another via key commands: Type Command-shift- ] (or Command-Shift-Right Arrow Key) to move forward to the next tab to the right, and Command-shift-[ (or Command-Shift-Left Arrow Key) to go to the next tab to the left. For more cool tab tricks, try Control-clicking on any tab. Or simply right-click Mighty Mouse, and use the contextual menu that appears to create new tabs, close them, move them to new windows, reload them, or bookmark them.

# Local data migration

by Chris Breen

Reader John Spahr is finally ready to make a commitment and needs just the gentlest push to seal the deal. He writes:

*"My Mac Pro has two hard drives. One of them has Tiger installed on it, which is what I normally use. I installed Leopard on the other to see what it was like. Now that 10.5.2 is out, I'm ready to use Leopard on a regular basis but my third-party applications aren't cooperating. When I launch them from the Tiger drive some can't find their registration and others are missing support files or the custom settings I've created. Is there a way to clean up this mess?"*

Use Migration Assistant. Most people think of Migration Assistant as a one-time tool you use when you want to move data from an old Mac to a new one, but it works locally as well.

Boot from the Leopard drive and navigate to the Utilities folder within the Applications folder at the root level of the drive. Launch Migration Assistant, press the Continue button on the first screen to get started, and enter your Administrator's password when prompted. On the Migration Method screen select the From a Time Machine Backup or Other Disk option and click Continue. On the next screen you'll be prompted for a system to transfer from. Select your Tiger disk.

You'll then be prompted to select the users whose data you'd like to transfer information from. At the very least, you should select your user account. You can choose other ac-

counts if you'd also like to transfer their settings and data.

You're then prompted to select the kind of items you'd like to transfer. You'll have the greatest success by leaving all three options--Applications, Files and Folders, and Library--checked. (Note that if you have a newer version of an application on your Leopard drive, it won't be replaced by an older version from the Tiger drive. The newer version will remain.)

Click the Continue button and wait as Migration Assistant goes about its business.

## No slo-mo in iMo '08

Reader Susan wonders about a feature that appears to be missing from iMovie '08. She writes:

*"In iMovie '08 I can't seem to find the effects I had with the previous version of iMovie, specifically the slow-motion effect. What's going on?"*

While iMovie HD and iMovie '08 share the same given name, their similarity pretty much ends there. They are two completely different applications and many of the features found in iMovie HD are missing in the latest version of iMovie (and, to be fair, there's some vice versa here--iMovie '08 has some compelling features not found in the older version of the program). Regrettably, that slow-motion effect is one of the features missing in iMovie '08.

You have a couple of options. The first is to bid iMovie '08 adieu and return to the version of iMovie distributed with iLife '06. If the copy you had is gone, you can download a fresh copy from Apple's website. iMovie HD and iMovie '08 will live in harmony in your Applications folder so you needn't delete iMovie '08 when you install the older version.

The other option is to continue working in iMovie '08, extract the clip you want to slow down, slow it down, and then bring the sloth-like version back into iMovie. Karsten Schluter explains the process on this page. Here's the gist:

First, locate your clip. You do this by selecting the clip in iMovie's Event Library pane. In the clip pane to the right, Control-click (Right-click) on the clip and choose Reveal in Finder from the contextual menu. The Mac switches to the Finder to reveal the highlighted clip.

Now download a copy of Jan Schotsman's free JES Deinterlacer. JES Deinterlacer has a few talents but the one we're specifically interested in is its ability to slow down or speed up a movie file. To do this, open your clip in the program (just drag it to the application icon), click the Project tab, and edit the Movie Speed field. If you'd like the movie to play half as fast, for example, enter .5 in this field. A tenth as fast would merit a .1 entry. You can leave the other settings alone.

Select the Output tab, click the Put button, choose a location for your slowed-down clip, and click the OK button at the bottom of the window. JES Deinterlacer will export your clip in slo-mo.

Now simply import the edited clip into iMovie '08 and edit at will.

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## Hard Drive Full?

If your hard drive is running out of free space, consider a bigger hard disk. Replacing an internal hard disk isn't quite as simple as snapping in a RAM chip, so you might want to consider an external drive. And an external drive has the added advantage of being easy to use with a Mac other than your own. There is a 500 GB Western Digital My Book external USB 2.0 hard drive for \$139 at the Apple Store, but note that some older Macs with G4 processors can't start up from a USB 2.0 drive and require a drive with FireWire.

Apple also has an Iomega hard drive of the same size, but it has firewire and USB 2.0. Cost is \$149 and the Startup problem is solved.