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Apple News

Apple introduces the new iPhone 3G. new iPhone 3G combines all the revolutionary features of iPhone with 3G networking, built-in GPS, and iPhone 2.0 software that supports Microsoft Exchange ActiveSync and runs hundreds of third party applications built with the iPhone SDK. Available in 22 countries on July 11, iPhone 3G comes in two models: an 8GB model priced at \$199 (US) and a 16GB model priced at \$299

Announcing the MobileMe Internet service. The new MobileMe Internet service delivers push email, push contacts and push calendars to native applications on iPhone, iPod touch, Macs and PCs. A subscription-based service with 20GB of storage for \$99 (US) per year for individuals and \$149 (US) for a Family Pack, MobileMe provides a suite of elegant, ad-free web applications — Mail, Contacts and Calendar, a Gallery for viewing and sharing photos, and iDisk for storing and exchanging documents — that deliver a desktop-like experience through any modern browser.



The WWDC

by Alan Webster

At the WWDC (World Wide Developers Conference) Apple showed what they are going to release in the near future. The conference is to give the developers of the software and hardware that work with Apple products a chance to compare notes and get inspired.

One thing that people noticed right away, Steve Jobs had lost weight and looked thin. After his bout with Pancreatic cancer, people, including investors, are worried that it had returned. Apple says that he had the flue recently. They are legally liable if they withhold information on the health of the CEO. We will have to hope for the best.

Apple introduced the new iPhone and it uses 3G networking, which allows for faster wireless internet access than is on the existing iPhone. It also has a GPS chip built in that allows the phone to know precisely where it is. It can be used for direction finding with google maps. Apple says this new iPhone has "twice the speed at half the price". The price of the initial purchase of the phone has dropped, but ATT raised the price of the services they offer, so after the two year contract, the customer actually pays more in the end. So far, ATT is the only authorized provider of service for the iPhone in the United States. Let's hope for competition in the future.

Apple introduced MobileMe, which is replacing .Mac. All the features of .Mac will remain, but more features will be added at the same \$99 price for a year. Apple is positioning itself for the future. Cellphones are not just phones anymore, they are computers and many of the things that they do are done through the internet. Instead of programs being loaded onto the phone, they are on the Apple MobileMe website and they are used there. That is why they are called web applications and they are the wave of the future. As more and more people have high speed internet access they can use programs online.

To see an example of this, look at www.photoshop.com/express where you

can upload and modify your pictures without having a program on your computer or even on your iPhone. It doesn't matter what type of computer you are using, or operating system, as long as you have a web browser to go to the site, you can use the program. This has Microsoft worried, because they only really have two main moneymaking products- Windows and Office. What if consumers could just go on the internet and use a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation software? Sounds like what Google is doing. It doesn't matter what operating system you use, just as long as you can get online.

A large amount of web-surfing is being done with cellphones and this will increase in the future. MobileMe can be used on a Mac, iPhone, iPod Touch or a PC.

.Mac Morphs into MobileMe

by Jeff Carlson tidbits.com

Pleasing copyeditors everywhere, Phil Schiller announced MobileMe, a new online service that replaces the awkwardly named .Mac ("dot-Mac"). The changed name should also make the service more appealing to Windows users, who can currently use many aspects of the service even if they don't have Macs. In essence, MobileMe is a spruced-up version of .Mac, but with one significant difference: Dubbed "Exchange for the rest of us" by Apple, MobileMe uses Microsoft's ActiveSync technology to keep email, contacts, events, photos, and files updated on the fly, so that a user can sync their data without having to tether an iPhone or iPod touch to a computer via a USB connection, or even have the mo-

mobile device in the same location as the computer. MobileMe will also continue to offer the usual .Mac features like iDisk online storage, Web galleries of photos and movies, and iLife integration. Apple has also increased the base storage amount to 20 GB, up from .Mac's 10 GB. MobileMe works with native Mac OS X applications like iCal and Mail; under Windows, the same functionality applies to Outlook, Outlook Express, and Windows Contacts under Windows XP or Vista. Although still costing \$99 per year (with a free 60-day trial), the idea is that MobileMe is less a separate service and more of an extension of what you already do on your Mac, PC, iPhone, or iPod touch. For example, your email messages and mailboxes will apparently instantly be the same, whether on your iPhone or your computer, a feature that many users should welcome with open arms. And, contacts and calendar items will sync automatically. As a final example, a photo you snap with an iPhone can be immediately uploaded to your MobileMe gallery, and viewed by anyone accessing the service via computer, iPhone, or Apple TV. When I wrote earlier that MobileMe is spruced up, I didn't mean to downplay the new look and feel. Apple excels at user experience, and this iteration promises to make you forget you're using a Web browser. Transferring files to and from your iDisk is a drag-and-drop operation in a browser, just as it is in the Mac OS X Finder. What about .Mac? Current .Mac users can visit the .Mac home page to find details on getting ready for MobileMe, retaining their mac.com email addresses, and how to start using a new me.com email address. MobileMe is expected to become available in early July with the iPhone 2.0 software, though Apple's Web pages list only "coming soon." For Macintosh users, the

service will require at least Mac OS X 10.4.11 Tiger, but Apple Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard in order to access all the features. You'll also need Safari 3 or Firefox 2 for the Mac. Windows users will need Safari 3, Firefox 2, or Internet Explorer 7.

Mail and its Hidden Headers

by Chris Breen

Like many people, reader S. B. is concerned about spam. He writes:

"Mail's junk mail filters work pretty well for my use, but sometimes I need to open a message in the junk mail folder to determine if it is really spam or if it is coming from a new contact. I always keep the preview pane closed. In older programs I could view long headers or the raw source without opening the actual message. But in Mail, that is not an option, as these menu items are grayed out until you open the message. Is there a way around this? I realize that the junk mail filter does not initially load images, but I don't know if it still pings the spammer's server."

As you've observed, Mail doesn't offer that option. Microsoft Entourage lets you view both long headers as well as the message's raw source in a separate window. And Mozilla Thunderbird, while it won't show headers with the preview closed, it will display the message's raw source.

But before you dash off to install a different email application, let's examine the real threat here. And that threat is HTML links--

particularly links to graphics that, when loaded, send a little "yoo hoo!" message to the spammer, letting them know that they've found a live one. To keep these images at bay in Mail, choose Mail -> Preferences, click the Viewing tab, and make sure that the Display Remote Images in HTML Messages option is unchecked. This should keep you safe.

All you have to do from this point on is to be careful about loading images or clicking links in your messages. If you don't trust or don't know the source, take what you can from the text and leave the links and potential graphics alone.

If you're still spooked by the idea of viewing headers along with a preview of a message--even without HTML turned on--you can follow this little tip from Macworld's Gemmeister, Dan Frakes: Give Limit Point Software's MailCM a try. This is a contextual menu plugin/pref pane that, among other things, lets you copy a message's headers without opening or previewing the message. Of course you'll have to then paste that header into a text document or empty email message in order to examine its contents, which seems like an incredible pain in the neck to me. But then, I'm not easily spooked.

Excluding items when searching

Reader Steve Good isn't feeling so good about the Finder's ability to find--or, in this case, exclude--files. He writes:

"I want to find all the images on my Mac not in iPhoto, and all music not in iTunes. I don't want to automatically add them; I want to

find them. The Finder's Find command (and OS X) seems completely incapable of excluding a location (i.e look everywhere except the iPhoto Library folder and its interior folders). Since this seems beyond OS X, what's the shareware app to use?"

It's not completely beyond OS X. Just open the Spotlight system preference, click the Privacy tab, navigate to your user folder in the Finder, and drag the folders or items you'd like to exclude into the Privacy window--in your case the iTunes folder and iPhoto Library package. When you next conduct a Spotlight or Finder search, you'll find all items except those within the iTunes folder and iPhoto Library.

If you're looking for a utility that allows you to do this kind of thing without turning to Spotlight's preferences, check out Houdah Software's HoudaSpot 2.1 (Leopard-only). Rob Griffiths bestowed four mice on HoudaSpot 2 early last month, and for good reason. It allows you to create custom searches based on Spotlight data that are otherwise impossible. Among its many charms is the ability to easily exclude folders and their contents from your searches. If you're running Leopard, it's definitely worth a look.

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