
• **SPECIAL: DOUBLE-SIZED Issue!!!**

Precursor Welcomes PCSense to the web!

Precursor Systems is pleased to announce that the Precursor Web Server is now host to PCSense Magazine. PCSense - the Personal Computer E'Zine joins its award-winning sister publication MacSense - the Macintosh E'Zine on the Precursor Server. The December issue of PCSense is available at <http://www.pcsense.com/pcsense/>.

Readers of FaxNews will already know that MacSense —available at <http://www.macsense.com/macsense/>— is the Ziff-Davis winner of the best electronic publication for the Mac in 1995. The magazines' parent company, MacSense Communications, is located in Nepean, Ontario.

Open Transport 1.0.8!

Apple has released a four disk update to Open Transport —its networking software for PCI Macs (including the 7200, 7500, 8500 and 9500 series). Although the new software comes with a disk labelled for 68K Macs, Open Transport 1.0.8 is only for PCI Macintoshes. Older 68K and PowerPC Macs will be supported by the upcoming version 1.1. The new 1.0.8 software disks are available in Precursor's Licensed Apple software conference on the Precursor BBS.

System 7.5.2 Printing Update 1.1!

The new System 7.5.2 Printing Update 1.1 from Apple contains three components to address a variety of printing problems under the new System 7.5.2 that ships with PCI Macs. The one disk set includes LaserWriter 8.3.2: a new printer driver; Serial DMA 2.0.2: a new serial driver to cure various serial port problems on all AV and Power Macs; and, System 7.5.2 Printing Fix 1.1 to cure networking printing problems on both EtherNet and LocalTalk for PCI Macs. Printing Update 1.1 is available on the Precursor BBS under Files:Apple Stuff:Print Drivers.

FreePPP 1.0.2!

The new PCI Macs have a variety of problems connecting to the Internet. Make sure you are using the latest version of Open Transport (see above) and then add FreePPP 1.0.2. This new PPP protocol takes care of most of the problems associated with new PCI Macs and is also good for most other Macs. This version of PPP offers a variety of fixes and feature improvements over the original MacPPP 2.0.1 but make sure you read the Release Notes which cover a variety of specific problems and incompatibilities. FreePPP 1.0.2 is available on the Precursor BBS in our Special Internet area [from the Precursor Desktop go Special:Internet Stuff:TCP/IP]

ColorSync Plug-Ins!

Apple has released some neat new Photoshop Plug-ins for its Color Management software, ColorSync 2.0. The ColorSync 2.0 Plug-In Modules provide an easy way for users to obtain high quality reproduction of color images. With the three modules you will be able to: Accurately print the image viewed on your monitor; Accurately print or view the image you have scanned; Embed a profile in your image to be specified as the image's source; Make color separations for any press printing condition; Use your in-house device to preview what your image will look like on the printing press; and, Execute any custom color matching needed. The modules are available on the Precursor BBS in our licensed Apple software area Apple Stuff:Updates & Utils.

Acrobat Plug-Ins!

Adobe has released a bushel of free Plug-In modules for its Acrobat 2.0 and 2.1 software. These Plug-Ins were created by developer support and engineering teams as examples of what can be done to customize and extend Adobe Acrobat. The free Plug-Ins and utilities currently available include:WebLink Plug-In; SuperPrefs Plug-In; SuperCrop Plug-In; AutoClose Plug-In; AutoIndex Plug-In; OLE Server Plug-In; Monitor Setup Plug-In; EPS Links; and, PDF Type Utility. The free plug-ins are available on the Precursor BBS in our Files:Electronic Pub. Stuff conference.

New QuarkXPress Filters!

QuarkXPress 3.32 is still delayed but the company has released new Import/Export filters for Microsoft Word and WordPerfect. The new filters come in both 68K and PPC version and are available on the Precursor BBS in the Files:Quark Stuff folder.

Now Utilities 5.0.2!

Now Software has released an updater for its Now Utilities that solves many problems with PCI Macs running System 7.5.2. You need to have version 5.0.1 for the 5.0.2 updater to work. Both 5.0->5.0.1 and the 5.0.1->5.0.2 updaters are available on the Precursor BBS in our Files:Updaters Stuff conference.

New: APS PowerTools / FWB HD Toolkit!

APS has announced it is shipping version 4.0 and has provided a patch to make version 3.5 into version 3.6 and take care of various PCI-related problems. FWB has released HDT 1.8 and has also released an Unlock Volume fix for prior versions of HDT. PowerTools 3.6 patcher and HDT Unlock Volume Fix are available on the Precursor BBS in Files:Updates Stuff.

RAM Doubler 1.6

Connectix RAM Doubler 1.6 provides fixes to make it compatible with new PCI Macs. Get the updater from the Files:Updaters Stuff conference on the Precursor BBS.