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iMAC SPECIAL EDITION !!!

Jobs unveils iMac!

In the same room where he introduced the original Macintosh in 1984, Steve Jobs yesterday unveiled Apple's new consumer computer: the iMac. According to Jobs, the iMac makes using the internet as easy as using a Macintosh, and that's good. The iMac will arrive in August "fully loaded" for as little as $1,299 US.

-233MHz PowerPC G3 processor
-512K backside level 2 cache
-32MB, expandable to 128MB SDRAM
-4GB IDE hard disk drive
-24x (max) speed CD-ROM drive
-Built-in 15-inch monitor (13.8-inch viewable)
-2MB, exandable to 4MB SGRAM
-Built-in 10/100BASE-T Ethernet
-Built-in 33Kbps modem
-Two 12Mbps Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports
-4Mbps infrared technology (IrDA) port
-Built-in stereo speakers with SRS sound
-Mac OS 8.1
-Apple USB Keyboard
-Apple USB Mouse

Iomega Smoothes Over ZIP Plus!

Reports on the Internet indicate that Iomega is attempting to "appease" those who wish to return their Iomega Plus because of the recently announced problems using it (Please see *Precursor PDFNews* 7:5). Iomega reportedly will exchange the ZIP Plus for a regular Zip drive and six free Zip disks. Iomega is at:
http://www.iomega.com/

SAM Takes On New Worm

There is a new Macintosh worm called 'AutoStart 9805'. The AutoStart 9805 worm affects only PowerPC based systems. The worm spreads via QuickTime's AutoPlay feature and can corrupt files ending in .dat, .cod, .csa, and .data. The worm will attempt to spread to any mounted HFS or HFS+ volume. New virus definitions for SAM 4.5.x are available on-line to detect and remove this worm. Find them on-line at:
http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/download/us-sam.html
(**NB.** Precursor Systems recommends using SAM 4.5.3 on all systems).