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UMAX VistaScan 3.0

After umpteen versions of 2.x.x, UMAX has come up with a major update to its VistaScan software. Version 3.0 has a new user interface and appears to scan faster and more accurately: http://support.umax.com/drivers/index.shtml (choose Astra 1220U to get the 3.0 version)

Netscape 4.0.7

Netscape has provided a fix for the security flaw that could allow unscrupulous webmasters to read your cache file contents (including passwords, credit card numbers, etc.): ftp://ftp3.netscape.com/pub/communicator/4.07/shipping/english/mac/

FAXsft 5.0.4

There is a new version of FAXsft for those Power Mac G3 owners with built-in modems. Other updates for regular FAXsft 5.0 and FAXsft Pro 5.0 are also on-line: http://www.stflnc.com/software.htm#5.0.4

CorelDRAW 8 AutoStart Virus

Some shipments of Corel's new CorelDRAW 8 have been infected with the AutoStart Virus. Corel is recalling and destroying all boxes with the following lot numbers: 00068775, 00068805, 00068923, 00068928, 00068977, 00068983, 00069056 and 0006911. Lot numbers can be found on a sticker located on the back panel, bottom right corner of the CorelDRAW 8 for Power Macintosh packaging. Contact Corel Customer Service at 1-800-772-6735.

NetDoubler 1.5.2 Finale

Asanté has finally released NetDoubler 1.5.2 which corrects the QuarkXPress 4 problems found in March of this year. This could be the last version since Mac OS 8.5 (due in mid-October) is said to have monster improvements in networking speed. http://www.asante.com/homepages/ndhome.html

Graphics Accelerator Virus

Graphics Accelerator (with an invisible hex 01 character at the beginning of its name) has appeared on the Internet. This nasty file –purporting to speed screen redraw– actually targets your files adding unnecessary resources. When deleted it tends to replicate itself! Worst of all, between 6:00 am and 7:00 am on the 6th or 12th of the month it is set to delete all non-applications from your start-up disk. Note: The recently posted SAM and NAV 10/98 virus definitions do not include information about this. Laffey Computer Imaging has created an AppleScript to remove this file. Get it at: http://www.laffeycomputer.com/software.html