

MAC OS 8.5 SPECIAL EDITION !!!

Mac OS 8.5 — a new Mac for \$99!

Apple is touting the just released Mac OS 8.5 as "a new Mac for \$99" (\$99 U.S. of course). We at Precursor Systems tend to agree. This is a must have update for any Power Macintosh owner. Find out more about it on [page two of this issue](#).

QuarkXPress 4.0.4!

Quark Inc. continues to weed out the many bugs introduced with version 4. The fourth updater QuarkXPress 4.0.4 has now appeared on-line along with a list of things fixed at: http://www.quark.com/quarkxpress/qxpfix_1.html

Norton Disk Doctor 4.0.1!

If you have migrated to Norton Utilities 4.0 you had better run –don't walk– to pick up this patch for the Disk Doctor component. Disk Doctor 4.0.1 fixes two serious problems in version 4.0 that could lead to a loss of your disk!
http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/files/num/norton_utilities_version_4x_for_macintosh.html

Microsoft Office 98 Patch for 8.5

Microsoft has an Office 98 Updater for Mac OS 8.5 available via the web, The patch addresses four issues:

1. menu delays and color quirks
2. pagination line-height problems with Times, Helvetica, Courier, or Symbol fonts
3. Euro character translation problems in Word for Windows
4. FastSave problems with all Mac OS versions

<http://www.microsoft.com/macoffice/85update.htm>

Stuffit Deluxe 5.0

Aladdin Systems has announced it is accepting pre-orders for Stuffit Deluxe 5.0, expected to ship at the end of October. The new upgrade includes tighter compression, Mac OS 8.5 compatibility, support for more expansion formats like MacBinary III, additional email program support for Outlook Express, and "much more".
<http://www.aladdinsys.com>

Mac OS 8.5!



Apple began shipping Mac OS 8.5 on Saturday Oct. 17. Precursor Systems' existing Designer Support Plan customers may request to have Mac OS 8.1 installed at their next scheduled maintenance visit. Production Support Plan customers may have the update installed immediately. Customers will be contacted this week to schedule an upgrade visit. (Please note: You must obtain your own copy(s) of Mac OS 8.5 —Precursor Systems price is \$149.95 shipping included).

The new OS has much more in the way of improvements than we could possibly list here. In summary, expect better stability, improved performance, simpler and fewer control panels, better file management and more.

Some specific areas to look for

Faster copying over the network and to disks

Improved copying performance now lets you copy files over a network faster than ever. Copying to hard disks and removable disks such as Zip disks and CDs is also improved.

AppleScript improvements

With improvements in AppleScript, scripts can run up to three to five times faster. More control panels and tasks are scriptable; for example, you can now automate networking tasks. You can also attach a script to a folder and launch the script by performing actions such as opening the folder or copying a file to it.

QuickDraw improvements

Improvements in QuickDraw graphics and text reduce the time it takes to display images on your screen and let you scroll faster.

Open and Save Dialogs

The Open and Save dialog box has been radically revised for the first time since 1984 to make it non-modal, resizable, and to give it some of the features of 3rd party utilities like SuperBoomerang. Hallelujah! (Most programs need to be revised to take advantage of this) when updating to the new version of the operating system. The Mac OS 8.1 CD will include a full OS install capability (as opposed to just an ability to update an existing Mac OS 8.0 System Folder, which is what is available free on the Web).

More on how to get it

If you purchased either OS 8.1 or a new Mac after September 17 or an iMac you are eligible for a low price \$19.95 upgrade. Coupons are available on-line and at your Apple Dealer. (Drop us a line and we can email you one!)

Complete details on Mac OS 8.5 are available at the Mac OS 8.5 Home Page:

<http://www.apple.com/macOS/>