Apple Speed Bumps!

Apple has come out with a new iMac that now has a 333 MHz processor (up from 266 MHz). The new ones won't arrive for a couple of weeks. In the meantime, any old stock is being cleared out at $1499.00 CDN. Your chance for a good deal won't last long. Along with iMac upgrades, Apple will be tweaking the G3 Blue and Whites in the coming weeks. Basically, the prices will stay the same but the processor in each category will get an extra 50 MHz of clock (i.e. the 300, 350 and 400 MHz models will come as 350, 400 and 450 MHz respectively).

The Melissa Virus and the Mac

Many of you may have heard in the mainstream media about the Melissa virus that attacked PCs recently. This virus was hooked into the Microsoft's email and word processor products. Since it relied mainly on the Outlook mail engine and not Outlook Express very few –if any– Mac installations were affected. No Precursor Systems customers have such an installation and so no action was necessary to protect against this virus. Precursor Systems maintains a watch on Mac platform viruses and will warn you if and when any special actions need be taken.

StuffIt Expander 5.1.2 and DropStuff 5.1.2

Aladdin Systems has fixed various bugs in its latest Freeware and Shareware compression products. We recommend updating to the newest versions which can be found at:
http://www.aladdinsys.com/expander/expander_mac_login.html
http://www.aladdinsys.com/dropstuff/macindex.html

Acrobat Reader 4.0 Online

Adobe has released the free Acrobat Reader version 4.0. The commercial Acrobat 4.0 is due later this month (updates for $99 US). Get the free reader at:
http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html

Various Apple Updates

Apple has a bug fix to the latest revision of ColorSync. Version 2.6.1 is online now at:
http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11286
FireWire software for the new G3 Blue and Whites has been updated to version 2.0:
http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11316
Apple Modem Update 1.3.1 for PowerBook G3 and iMac is online at:
http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11315
Apple Ultra2 SCSI Card update for the new Blue and Whites (note: will not work with the Adaptec version of this card) is available at:
http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11317