

Iomegaaware 2.1!

Iomega has made available new ZIP/JAZZ software it has been shipping with its new 250MB Zip drives. The new Iomegaaware 2.1 package updates all Iomega Zip/Jazz utilities to solve all known issues (particularly with USB drives). It also includes new versions of Iomega's FindIt, CopyMachine and QuickSync. *Precursor Systems* recommends all Power PC users to update to the new version. (This can be carried out at your next scheduled maintenance visit by request). <ftp://ftp.iomega.com/pub/english/maciom21en.hqx>

StuffIt Deluxe 5.5

Aladdin has updated StuffIt Deluxe for Mac OS 9 in two ways –one free, the other \$19.95 U.S.: StuffIt Deluxe 5.x -> 5.1.5 updater works only on installed copies of StuffIt Deluxe 5.1 and provides compatibility with Mac OS 9 (it does not offer the new features of StuffIt Deluxe 5.5 although some of these are available in other ways –see Expander and DropStuff below). If you are keeping costs down and you already own StuffIt Deluxe 5.1.x then this is the way to go.

<http://www.aladdinsys.com/deluxe/update.html>

StuffIt Deluxe 5.5 is a \$19.95 upgrade for owners of any other version of StuffIt Deluxe. It offers a 20% performance improvement over version 5.1.x along with feature enhancements to MagicMenu and most significantly, the ability to encode selfextracting .exe files for the PC.

Precursor Systems recommends all Power PC users with versions of StuffIt Deluxe prior to version 5.0 upgrade to the new version 5.5. (This can be carried out at your next scheduled maintenance visit by request).

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Aladdin DropStuff 5.5 is an upgrade to the company's Shareware drag-and-drop compressor. It also offers the speed enhancement and the ability to encode .exe files for PC. Registered owners of Deluxe 5.x will avoid the annoying shareware registration notices.

<http://www.aladdinsys.com/dropstuff/downloads/dropstuff5.sit>

Aladdin Expander 5.5 is the latest version of the companies Freeware expansion utility. *Precursor Systems* recommends all Power PC users to update to the new version. (This can be carried out at your next scheduled maintenance visit by request).

http://www.aladdinsys.com/expander/downloads/aladdin_exp55.hqx

Adobe Acrobat 4.0.5!

Adobe has updated its free Acrobat Reader to include Search capabilities, form functionality and an integrated Internet "Buy" component for purchasing copyrighted material.

<ftp://ftp.adobe.com/pub/adobe/acrobatreader/mac/4.x/ar405eng.bin>

New Acrobat Plugins: Parity with Windows

Adobe has finalized the Mac versions components of Acrobat that shipped originally only with the PC version of the program. The plug-ins enable the use of Digital Signatures, the automated capture of entire web sites to PDF, a page comparison utility, and an integrated email function. The plugins are free to Acrobat 4.0 owners.

<http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/5bee.htm>

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Norton Utilities 5.0.2

Symantec has released an update to Norton Utilities to cover various problems. The new update is available only through the company's new LiveUpdate software which ships with Norton Utilities for the Macintosh 5.0 (in fact, the LiveUpdate component even updates itself from 1.5 -> 1.5.1). To apply the update you utilize the LiveUpdate software that comes with your NUM 5.0.

Norton Antivirus 6.0.1

Symantec has released an update to Norton Antivirus 6.0. Like the HUM 5.0.2 update above, the new update is available only through the company's new LiveUpdate software which ships with Norton antivirus for the Macintosh 6.0 (in fact, the LiveUpdate component even updates itself from 1.5 -> 1.5.1). To apply the update you utilize the LiveUpdate software that comes with your NAV 6.0.

ixMicro ix3D 2.0

ixMicro has released new video drivers which fix all known issues with its video cards including those that shipped with some Apple products as part of Apple's bundle. *Precursor Systems* recommends updating to the new version during your next scheduled maintenance. (Please contact us if you are not sure if you have an ixMicro card in your G3).
<http://www.ixmicro.com/techsupport/ix3d.html>

Apple OpenGL 1.1.2

Apple has updated its new OpenGL 3D video software. Open GL 1.1.1 shipped with Mac OS 9 and is required with some newer ATI video cards like the RAGE 128 with 16MB RAM. You can update manually using the URL below or, with Mac OS 9 you can utilize the automatic Software Update control panel.

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11545>

AppleShare Client 3.8.6

AppleShare Client 3.8.6 resolves a problem with connections to Mac OS X Servers. The software requires Mac OS 8.1 or higher. *Precursor Systems* does not recommend users to update to the new version unless it is required for Mac OS X server.

Optima CDR Access/Reader 4.0

Optima Technologies has emerged from receivership with updates to its CDR Access software that bring full compatibility up to Mac OS 9. The CDR Reader control panel is free. The CDR Access software is a \$35 U.S. update.

<http://www.optimizech.com/cdrupdate40.html>