QuarkXPress 4.1!

Quark has finall ybegun shipping the 4.1 updater to registered users. First shipments went out at the beginning of December and some Canadian users may receive their update this year. The new version adds QuarkLink, which lets you communicate with Quark from within QuarkXPress via a Web-based customer service link, Improved support for PDF and scripting, and HTML, and most importantly, Improved stability and performance.

The internet is already wringing with bugs reports some of which have been confirmed by Quark Technical Support, as spotted on a Quark Forum: "There is a known problem that can cause a lag of several seconds in QuarkXPress 4.x on Mac OS 9, if a large number of fonts are loading through the Fonts folder or via a font utility such as ATM 4.5.2. This problem has been reported to Quark's QA department for investigation."

Now Up-to-Date / Contact 3.8

Power On Software has finally released its update to the NOW Up-to-Date and Contact. Version 3.8 comes with Now Web Publisher at no extra charge and finally offers complete compatibility with Mac OS 8.5 through 9. Updates are available for $39.95 U.S. (Coming soon will be a version 3.9 which will finally offer hotsync capability to 3Com Palm computers).

http://www.poweronsoftware.com/site2/html/products/nutdc.html

Adobe Photoshop 5.5 Altivec Plugins!

Adobe has free G4 compatible AltiVec plugins for Photoshop 5.5. If you have a G4 Power Mac scoot on over and pick them up.

http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/5c3e.htm

Low End G4 Gets "Sawtooth" Logic Board

Apple's Power Mac G4 mini-towers have not been on the market long but have been through several incarnations already. After initially being announced at 400, 450 and 500 MHz Apple downgraded porcessor speed by 50 MHz in each category. Now, the low end model has been replaced with a unit that uses the same logic board as its too older brothers. For the exact same price as the outgoing 350MHz model owners will now receive dual channel rather than single channel USB ports –which now support boot-up from removeable media, a third FireWire port for internal connections, and a DVD/CD drive in place of the plain CD-ROM.

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