
Adobe Announces Photoshop 6

Adobe announced Photoshop 6.0 at this week's Seybold conference. Photoshop 6.0 is bursting with feature enhancements and interface improvements. Beta testers, eager to finally be able to talk, have mentioned the "agony" of going back to version 5.5. Photoshop 6 includes –among many other things– tighter integration with ImageReady 3.0; a new type engine that finally allows the direct entry and manipulation of text; and the ability to save Photoshop files in PDF native (similar to Illustrator 9).

Photoshop 6 can be ordered now and is expected to be shipped in late September. Upgrades from previous versions are \$199 US. Photoshop 6.0 will include a 30-day trial version of Adobe GoLive 5.0. and a limited time offer to purchase GoLive for \$99 US (normally \$299 US).

<http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop/main.html>

Macromedia Flash 5 Ships

Macromedia is now shipping what has quickly become its signature product: Flash version 5.0. According to the company, the new version offers breakthrough integration between Freehand and Flash. Flash 5 is available for \$399 US. Owners of previous versions can upgrade for \$149 US or get the FreeHand 9 flash 5 suite for \$249 US.

<http://www.macromedia.com/software/flash/>

Adobe GoLive Extensions

Adobe has introduced extensions to GoLive to support the new WML (Wireless Markup Language) for handheld devices to be available August 31.

<http://www.adobe.com/products/golive/main.html>

Apple FireWire 2.5

Apple has released an update to FireWire. Version 2.5 (which already comes with Apple's new iMac, G4 and G4 Cube models) can now handle more than 10 devices and fixes a problem that could occur on shutdown. Mac OS 9.0 or higher is required.

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11838>

Mac OS X beta 9•13•2000

At Seybold this week, Steve Jobs promised to release Mac OS X beta on September 13 at the MacWorld Expo 2000 in Paris. Said Jobs "I hope that some of the new products we're making are to your liking, if they are, please let us know. If we're lacking in any way, please let us know because we are committed 100 percent to making the coolest computers for you guys."



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