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## Mac OS X Public Beta



Apple has released Mac OS X Public Beta, a preview version of the company's next-generation operating system. Mac OS X is a radical departure from the previous 9 versions of the Mac OS and is based on an open-source UNIX-based foundation named Darwin. Mac OS X features true memory protection, pre-emptive multi-tasking, and symmetric multiprocessing when running on the new dual-processor Power Mac G4 line. Mac OS X includes Apple's new Quartz™ 2D graphics engine (based on the Internet-standard Portable Document Format); In addition, Mac OS X features a new user interface named "Aqua," which combines superior ease-of-use with new functionality such as the "Dock," for organizing applications, documents and miniaturized windows. Mac OS X Public Beta includes many applications, including Apple's new Mail client and new versions of the QuickTime player and Sherlock Internet searching tool, as well as a beta version of Microsoft's Internet Explorer.

This is not the complete or final version of Mac OS X. This beta will expire on May 15, 2001 and at that point you will need the true final version of Mac OS X to access your hard drive. The Public Beta can run on the same partition as Mac OS 9.0.4 making it easy to install for those who are currently running Mac OS 9 (Mac OS 8.6 and earlier are not compatible with the beta installation).

Mac OS X Public Beta is designed to run on all Macintosh computers using PowerPC G3 and G4 processor chips, and requires a minimum of 128MB of memory (the original PowerBook G3 and processor upgrade cards are not supported).

Mac OS X version 1.0 will be released in early 2001 (presumably before the beta expires).

You can order a copy of Mac OS X Public Beta now from Apple's on-line AppleStore Canada for \$45 CDN + \$20 CDN shipping.

<http://store.apple.com/1-800-MY-APPLE/WebObjects/canadastore>

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## New iBooks Get FireWire, AV Out

Along with the Mac OS X Public Beta, Apple introduced new iBook computers at Macworld 2000 in Paris. The new iBook retail for \$200 less than before and now include both FireWire and an AV out port to drive TV monitors for presentations. RAM stays at 64 MB but processors are now either 366 or 466 MHz and hard drives are bumped to 10 GB. The Canadian base price is now \$2199 and the iBook SE model is now available with a DVD ROM drive.

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

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## Suitcase 9.0.1 / Suitcase Server 9

Extensis has updated Suitcase and Suitcase Server for compatibility with Adobe's OpenType fonts (see last few issues of Precursor PDF News) and also to improve server performance

<http://www.extensis.com/suitcase/>

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