

MACWORLD EXPO SPECIAL EDITION !!!



Mac OS X = March 24

Steve Jobs first order of business at this week's Macworld Expo in San Francisco was to set the release date of Mac OS X for Saturday, March 24.

Mac OS 9.1 Now On-line

Also introduced at Macworld Expo is Apple's possibly last revision to the pre OS X system—Mac OS 9.1. The new update for Mac OS 9.0.4 is available from Apple on CD for a shipping charge or you can download it from Apple's site. For owners of earlier systems it can be purchased from the Apple Store or Precursor Systems.

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

Apple's New Power Mac G4s

After discounting current models Apple has introduced new Power Macintosh G4s at Macworld Expo. The new G4s have built-in CDRW drives, an extra PCI slot, all new digital audio and a 133 MHz bus requiring PC-133 RAM. Four new processor speeds are available 433, 533, 667, and 733 MHz. Only the two lower speed models are immediately available, and only the 533 is available as a dual processor model (build to order configuration only).

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

Titanium PowerBook G4



Along with the new Power Macs, apple introduced the new PowerBook G4 with a G4 processor, a 5.3 lb. titanium case and 15.2" "mega-wide" screen. The new design is only 1" thick and 9.5 inches deep. Take note that the old black plastic cased G3 PowerBook is still available at a substantial discount.

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

AppleShare IP 6.3.3

To use Mac OS 9.1 with AppleShare IP you will require the ASIP 6.3.3 update available only as a CD update from Apple for owners of ASIP 6..2. The Canadian coupon for \$29.95 to existing owners is quite restrictive and must be postmarked by January 15th. Precursor customers with ASIP are urged to order this upgrade.

http://www.apple.com/appleshareip/text/pdf/ASIP633upgrade_Coupon_CAN.pdf



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Iomega Host Powered ZIP 250

Iomega is now shipping the 250 MB USB ZIP drive which takes its power from the USB bus and requires no power brick/cord.

http://www.iomega.com/zip/products/usb250_powered_01.html

Iomega Announces Peerless

Also at Macworld, Iomega announces a new drive technology called Peerless. Due at mid-year, Peerless is a series of removable media hard drives the size of a PDA that will offer ten times the performance of CDRW etc. When available, prices will be \$129 (5GB), \$159 (10GB) and \$199 (20GB). Initially, FireWire and USB 1.1 interfaces will be available but Iomega is also promising SCSI and USB 2.0 interfaces at a later date.

Newer Technologies Closes Doors

Newer Technologies, maker of MAXPower CPU upgrades has closed its doors over the holidays. Reports are already coming in on the internet that the Newer G4 upgrades are not compatible with Mac OS 9.1. (Precursor has been recommending Sonnet Technologies upgrade cards for over a year now).



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