



Mac OS 9.2.2



This issues PDFNews shows a wealth of new OS X software but Apple has tweaked Classic once more for compatibility with X and to increase efficiency with G3 and G4 computers. Version 9.2.2 updates 9.2.1 which is a free update to 9.1 which was a free update to 9.0.x.

What version of OS 9 should you be running? Ask Precursor to review your situation and we will install the necessary updates for you to prevent incompatibilities.

If you have Mac OS 8.6 and are looking to upgrade the best deal is to purchase Mac OS X (comes with 9.2.1).

If you have Mac OS 9.2.1 installed then Mac OS 9.2.2 is available via the Software Update Control Panel. A separate downloadable file is also available:

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=75186>

Mac OS X – Precursor Price \$199

Microsoft Office X 10.0



The so-called “Killer App” for OS X is finally here. Microsoft has released a fully recreated version of Office especially for OS X. No expense has been spared to make this dingus take full advantage of the Aqua interface. At Precursor, we are already using it and we love it –and that's saying a lot since we are not normally big fans of Microsoft.

Take note those of you who are spreading one copy of Office around the office: In version v.X Microsoft employs a network serial number check so only one copy of a serial number can run at one time. Also, note that Microsoft's license for Office allows you to install the software on two different computers so long as it is in use on only one at a time.

Office X retails for \$699 CDN. Through January 18/02 those who own Office 2001 or Word + Entourage SE 2001 qualify for a special upgrade price of \$149 US available at Microsoft's web site.

http://www.microsoft.com/mac/officex/prodinfo/t_halfoff.asp

Office v.X – Precursor Upgrade Price \$429

Office v.X – Precursor multi-copy license pricing – Call (204) 793-1880

Virtual PC X 5.0



Connectix has come out with Virtual PC 5.0. New features include Mac OS X native support; OS X/OS 9 Interoperability; Undoable Drives; Windows XP Support; Multiprocessor support in OS X; DVD data support; and enhanced usability.

<http://www.connectix.com/products/vpc5m.html>

Virtual PC 5.0 – Precursor Upgrade Price \$129

Virtual PC 5.0 with Windows 98 – Precursor Price \$329

Virtual PC 5.0 with Windows 2000 Pro – Precursor Price \$399

Virtual PC 5.0 with Windows XP Home – Precursor Price \$329



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Apple FinalCut Pro 3.0

Apple continues its conquest of Hollywood with the new FinalCut Pro 3. Version 3.0 is fully Mac OS X native and offers G4 real-time effects, a new OfflineRT format and high-quality color-correction capabilities. According to Apple it's like getting "\$50,000 worth of editing tools for \$1000" (numbers are in US dollars).

FinalCut Pro is available from the Apple Store online for \$1599 CDN with upgrades costing \$479 CDN.

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

Apple iDVD X 2.0.5

Apple fixed up its iDVD product that comes with G4s equipped with the SuperDrive for burning DVDs. Version 2.0.5 includes enhancements to the burning process and bug fixes.

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=120091>

Apple DVD Player 3.0.1

Apple has increased the performance and stability of its DVD Player and as a bonus has made it compatible with the DVD equipment in Blue and White G3s and older PCI-based G4s.

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=120089>

Adobe After Effects 5.5

Adobe's After Effects has been upgraded to take advantage of the power of Mac OS X. Many new features have been added to efficiently produce motion graphics and visual effects for film, video, multimedia, and the Web. Adobe is accepting Pre-orders now at their web-site.

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

FileMaker Pro X 5.5v2

FileMaker gets updates to both the OS 9 and OS X versions of 5.5. the update provides the usual bug fixes and minor feature enhancements. A new version of the WebCompanion plug-in (5.5v3) is available separately.

<http://www.filemaker.com/support/updaters.html>

Netscape 6.2.1

Netscape has bumped version 6 (see *Precursor PDFNews* 15/09) from 6.2 to 6.2.1. As usual, no info on the changes is available. Updates are available for both the Classic and OS X versions.

<http://home.netscape.com/computing/download/index.html>



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Apple Authoring Support 1.1.5

Fixes issues with ISO burns and adds compatibility for a few newer SONY drives.
<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=120006>

MYOB AccountEdge 2.0 5.5.5

MYOB has an update to AccountEdge 2.0 for both Classic and OS X versions. Note that Canadian division of MYOB has been sold to Intuit Canada.
<http://Www.myob.intuitcanada.com/>

QuicKeys X 1.0.2

QuicKeys for OS X has been updated to fix a few bugs.
<http://Www.quickeys.com/products/qkx.html>

Microsoft Entourage X 10.0.1

Entourage for OS X has been fixed to connect to HotMail accounts
https://www.microsoft.com/mac/DOWNLOAD/OFFICEX/Hotmail_forX.asp

AppleWorks X 6.2.2

Apple has optimized AppleWorks for Mac OS X 10.1.1. If you are using Mac OS 9.x and AppleWorks 6.1.2 then you don't need the upgrade.
<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=120090>

CorelDRAW 10.0

The good folks at Corel just won't give up! CorelDRAW is now completely OS X native. It is available individually or as a Suite including CorelDRAW, PHOTO-PAINT, R.A.V.E., & CorelTRACE. Pricing in US Dollars (full/upgrade) are CorelDRAW Suite \$549/\$239 and CorelDRAW \$349/\$169.
<http://www3.corel.com/cgi-bin/gx.cgi/AppLogic+FTContentServer?pagename=Corel/Product/Details&id=CC1YQJZ NFC>

NOW Up-to-Date & Contact X 4.1

PowerOn Software has made over Now Up-to-Date and Contact to be fully OS X native. Both single client and server apps are included. Hot-syncing with Palm devices is supported (no hotsyncing in OS X until Palm provides support –which they have promised to do by the end of the year). No changes from the latest Classic version 4.0.3. The update is free to owners of version 4 for Classic and costs \$119.95 US or \$49.95 US to upgrade from NOW version 3.x.
<http://Www.poweronsoftware.com/products/nudc/>



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