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New PowerBooks; Big and Small

Apple notched up the drool-factor at Macworld Expo in San Francisco by introducing two new PowerBooks. The new PowerBook 17" model features a 17" cinema aspect screen (1440x900 pixels) with ambient light sensing–illuminated keyboard. It has a 1 GHz G4/60 GB Drive and slot-loading SuperDrive. Battery life is 4.5 hours. It is thinner than the previous 15" model and weighs only 6.8 lb. BlueTooh and AirPort Extreme networking are built-in. [$5299 CDN]
The new 12" model is even smaller than the old PowerBook Duo! It houses a 867 MHz G4, 40 GB drive, slot loading Combo Drive and can be ordered with a SuperDrive. Weight is 4.6 lbs and battery life is 5 hours. BlueTooth is built-in and it will except an AirPort Extreme module. [$2899 CDN]
Steve Jobs mentioned that starting with these new PowerBooks, all new models will be incapable of booting from OS 9 –although they will continue to run Classic.
http://www.apple.com/ca/powerbook/

Apple's Safari Browser

Apple brought out a new internet browser at the expo called Safari. Based on open standards, it features 3x the speed of Internet Explorer and comes with a beautifully simplified interface. Of course it is Mac OS X only. The public veta (version 0.8) is now available for download.
http://http://www.apple.com/ca/safari/

Apple Keynote

Apple took another stab at the Microsoft suite of products by introducing presentation software called Keynote for $149 CDN. Keynote offers amazing transformations and gorgeous themes all easy-to-use interface. This Mac OS X only software can import and export to PowerPoint as well as QuickTime and PDF.
http://http://www.apple.com/ca/keynote/

Apple iLife

Apple revved up it's digital hub strategy by bringing out new versions of iMovie (3), iPhoto (2), and iDVD (3) all integrated with each other and with iTunes 3.0 and packed into a new $75 CDN retail product called iLife. You will be able to download iMovie, iPhoto and iTunes on January 25. IF you need iDVD 3 then you need to buy the iLife package.
http://http://www.apple.com/iLife/

Apple Final Cut Express

Apple has carved out some of the more esoteric production capabilties of Final Cut Pro and created Final Cut Express which offers professional digital video editing features at the a new low price of $449 CDN.
http://http://www.apple.com/ca/finalcutexpress/

Apple AirPort Extreme

Apple's new AirPort Extreme is based on the 802.11g standard which is (at 54 Mbs) almost 5x as fast as the original AirPort (802.11b) when both ends boast the new AirPort. It is also backwards compatible with the old AirPort and will throttle down to the old speed (11Mbs) when necessary. The new base-station gets a big price drop (to $299 CDN) and now includes a USB port to attach adnd share a USB printer. The new modules so far only fit in the new PowerBooks (see above).
http://http://www.apple.com/ca/airport/

Apple iSync 1.0 and iCal 1.0.2

Apple completed iSync with improved performance and better Palm integration. It can now also synchronize .Mac address books. It requires a new version of iCal which also improves performance and stability. Both are free downloads.
http://http://www.apple.com/ca/iSync/
http://http://www.apple.com/ca/iCal/

Adobe InDesign 2.0.2

Adobe introduced the InDesign 2.0.2 updater. It fixes various issues in version 2.0.1 and deals with some installation problems that were inherent in a 2.0.2 updater released earlier in December 2002.
http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/detail.jsp?ftpID=1968
InDesign 2 – Precursor Price $1129 CDN Upgrade Price $159 CDN PageMaker Upgrade Price $469 CDN

Quark 5 on Special

The ever-generous Quark has a Macworld Expo/New Year's special where you can purchase a Quark 5 upgrade for 50% off. Until January 10 Quark 5 is $149 US from version 4 and $$199 US from version 3.
http://www.quark.com/products/xpress/50_discount/