



Adobe Announces Acrobat 6

Adobe has announced Acrobat 6.0 Acrobat Reader 6 will be available for free by the end of May, as will two commercial products for the Mac: Acrobat Professional and Acrobat Standard. New tools in Acrobat 6.0 Professional enable users to quickly and reliably create high-quality Adobe PDF files, including PDF/X-compliant documents.

Acrobat 6.0 Professional for Mac OS 10.2.2 or higher will be available for an estimated street price of US \$449. Registered users of Acrobat 4.0 and 5.0 can upgrade to Acrobat 6.0 Professional for an estimated street price of US \$149. Acrobat 6.0 Standard will be available for an estimated street price of US \$299. Registered users of Acrobat 4.0 and 5.0 can upgrade to Acrobat 6.0 Standard for an estimated street price of US \$99.

Precursor Software Store pricing will be announced when the products ship.

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

Apple Announces Final Cut Pro 4

Apple has announced that Final Cut Pro 4 will be available in June. The new version will have more than 300 new features, including RT Extreme, for real-time compositing and effects, new high-quality 8- and 10-bit uncompressed formats and for the first time in an editing system costing less than \$100,000, full 32-bit floating point per channel video processing. Final Cut Pro 4 will also come with three completely new integrated applications—LiveType for advanced titling, Soundtrack for music creation and Compressor for full featured batch transcoding. Final Cut Pro 4 will be available for a suggested retail price of \$1499 CDN. Registered Final Cut Pro users can upgrade to Final Cut Pro 4 for \$599 CDN.

<http://www.apple.com/ca/finalcutpro>

Apple Announces Shake 3

Apple has also announced Shake 3 for a June delivery. It will include new Mac OS X only features such as the Shake Qmaster network render management software and unlimited network rendering licenses which allow visual effects artists to distribute rendering tasks across a cluster of Xserve servers or G4 computers. Shake 3 will be available for a suggested retail price of \$4,950 (US), and for Linux and IRIX for a suggested retail price of \$9,900 (US) with annual maintenance of \$1,485 (US).

<http://www.apple.com/ca/shake>

Apple Announces DVD Studio Pro 2

Apple announced that DVD Studio Pro 2, due in August, is completely new—rebuilt from the ground up. Pricing has been reduced dramatically to \$729 CDN (\$299 CDN for upgrades).

<http://www.apple.com/ca/dvdstudiopro>

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