



## Mac OS X 10.3 Panther – Oct. 24



We try not to “crow” about the Mac OS in this newsletter but the introduction of Mac OS X 10.3 Panther makes it very hard not to.

The new version of Mac OS X will be available October 24 (from Precursor and other authorized Apple resellers) and it is a *Must Have* for anyone with a G4 or better computer. Panther is the fourth major release of OS X software in the last three years and it is filled with 150 improvements and features –and they are not minor.

First off, Apple actually lowered the price ! That’s right Mac OS X Panther is **only \$179**.

The biggest change may be the **New Finder**. Apple has once again extended ease-of-use by making a customizable and intelligent Finder that puts your most used folders into a top level, easy-to-get-to panel in every Window. As Steve Jobs would say “Its beautiful”.

And did we mention **Exposé** – a revolutionary advance in window technology that lets you quickly minimize and identify or explode every window on screen to find the one you want to go to in record time. You’ve got to see this –it way cool!

**File Vault** lets you encrypt your entire Home directory with 128-bit encryption on the fly with a single click. Take your notebook anywhere with real security that is as easy as turning on a light!

**iChat AV** is built right in so that you can use Apple’s incredible, zero configuration iSight camera (see *Precursor PDFNews* 18/01) to easily video conference with your friends or customers.

Apple has juiced up its **Mail** client with both threading and Exchange compatibility.

Disappointed with the snail-like performance of Adobe’s new Acrobat 6? Just use Apple’s **Preview** which is now *the fastest PDF Viewer on the planet!*

And like all versions of Mac OS X before it, Panther is solid as a rock with the power of UNIX underneath.

Apple has some update options short of purchasing the new version. If you purchased a new Mac or Mac OS X 10.2 on or after October 8 you are eligible for a fulfillment copy of 10.3 for the sum of \$29.95 via the Mac OS Up-to-date program. And any purchaser of a G5 is also eligible for this –date of G5 purchase irrelevant.

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## Mac OS X Server 10.3

What’s a Panther without a Panther Server? October 24 will bring a new Panther Server with new lower pricing. The 10 license version goes down \$50 to \$699 and the unlimited license version drops \$100 to \$1399.

Panther Server is also chock-a-block full of improvements including: Samba 3; Kerberos Authentication; Support for 16TB volumes; Inkjet print queue support; PostScript to PDF conversion. It now has its DNS configurator and built-in VPN Server.

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