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Apple Leads Desktop Movie-Making Revolution

Killer App. iMovie now available for Free!

Apple Computer Inc. has announced that iMovie™, its ground-breaking video editing software which was previously only available for iMac users, is now available as a free download for PowerBook and Power Mac G4 users.

iMovie was introduced in October 1999 and has earned rave reviews as the easiest to use video editing software, allowing users to create their own pro-quality movies.

"In seven months, iMovie has become the most popular video editing software in the world," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "Due to popular demand, we're bringing this amazing Apple software to a



wider range of Mac users, at no charge."



With iMovie, users can import video from a digital video camcorder directly into their FireWire®-enabled iMac DV, iMac DV Special Edition, Power Mac G4/G3 or G3 PowerBook, rearrange clips and add special effects like cross-dissolves and

scrolling titles.

With the exception of buying an iMac DV, the only option Mac and Windows users have had to edit video has been to spend hun-

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See "iMovie"*

<http://www.seorf.ohio.edu/~aamug/>

Next AAMUG Meeting:

**7:00pm
Wednesday
May 17th**

*in the
AAC Lab
101 Alden Library*

Scheduled Topic:

**"Hands On"
with iMovie**

A DV Camera will be used for shooting clips. Then you'll get to use iMovie to edit those clips.

Hands On with iMovie at the May AAMUG Mtg.

This program is super easy to use. Try out iMovie in person at the May 17th AAMUG meeting. A digital camcorder will be available to take movies and iMovie will be installed on 2 or more computers where you can try your hand at movie editing.



Shoot.



Edit.



Enhance.



Enjoy.



iMovie

dreds of dollars on video editing software like Final Cut Pro or Avid Cinema.



The fact that iMovie is not only easier to use than some of the more expensive editing programs, but is free as well, could easily make iMovie the dominant player in desktop video.

Although Apple claims that it only works on computers with Firewire ports, the reality is that iMovie works on most G3 computers—you just can't directly connect the DV camcorder to a computer that doesn't have a Firewire port. DV video could conceivably be downloaded onto a Mac with a Firewire port, where the data could be transferred to a CD-R, external hard drive, or other removable media and then edited on another machine.

For example, suppose you have a computer lab where you want students to be able to use iMovie. In reality, only one computer needs to have a Firewire port for connecting the camera. The film can then be transferred to other non-Firewire iMacs for editing and QuickTime movie creation.

iMovie can be used to work with still images as well as video. I created a slide show with pictures of my father who passed away 5 years ago. I made smooth transitions between slides, added screen

titles, and then imported from a CD the song "Willow" by Paul McCartney to play in the background. This was a very moving tribute to my father that required only a

G3 mac, a computer scanner, iMovie, and no need for a DV camera.

Completed iMovies can be stored on your computer, as well as:

- transferred back to a camcorder for viewing on a standard TV or VHS videotape;
- saved as a QuickTime file and e-mailed to family members or friends;
- streamed from a personal web site built using HomePage, one of Apple's four iTools available at www.apple.com; or
- shared over the Internet in a public folder via iDisk, another of Apple's iTools that provides 20 megabytes of personal Internet-based storage on Apple's Internet Servers.

iMovie is immediately available as a free download from Apple's web site, <http://www.apple.com/imovie>



. A CD version is also available for \$19.99 by calling 800-293-6617.

To find out more about this really cool free software, be sure to check out the next AAMUG

meeting on May 17th where there will be a "hands on" demonstration with a DV camera and iMovie. Bring a couple of zip disks and you can download your own copy for free at the meeting. iMovie extra add-ons from Apple's website will also be available for copying.

—Written by D.Lee Beard, with portions of this article adapted from an Apple press release.

For Sale:

Mac Plus

Capture a piece of computer history and purchase this Mac Plus



comptuer. The cost is only \$10. Original keyboard, mouse and external hard drive are available for sale as well. Call 797-1317 to find out more.

If you have a computer related item that you would like to get rid of, you can post that item for sale in the AAMUG newsletter for free by contacting the Editor at dlbeard@mac.com*

**Posting a For Sale item in the newsletter is only free to AAMUG Members.*



Apple Second Quarter Profits: \$233M

Revenues up 27 percent; Profits up 72 percent

CUPERTINO, California— Apple® has announced financial results for its fiscal 2000 second quarter ending April 1, 2000. For the quarter, the Company posted a net profit of \$233 million, or \$1.28 per diluted share. These results compare to a net profit of \$135 million, or \$.84 per diluted share, achieved in the year-ago quarter. Revenues for the quarter were \$1.94 billion, up 27 percent from the year-ago quarter, and gross margins were 28.2 percent, up from 26.3 percent in the year-ago quarter. International sales accounted for 51 percent of the quarter's revenues.

The quarter's results included a \$73 million after-tax gain from the sale of 1.5 million shares of ARM Holdings plc.,

which contributed \$.40 to earnings per diluted share. Without non-recurring items, the Company's net profit was \$160 million, an increase of 72 percent from the year-ago quarter and earnings per diluted share increased 47 percent from the year-ago quarter. Sales of 1,043,000 units drove year-over-year unit growth of 26 percent.

"We are thrilled with the quarter—especially the strong demand for our PowerMac G4s and new PowerBooks," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "In addition, Apple continued to strengthen its leadership in desktop movies with iMovie for consumers and Final Cut Pro for professionals."

"Strong demand for our professional

products combined with superb operational efficiency resulted in very strong earnings," said Fred Anderson, Apple's CFO. "Apple finished the quarter with \$3.6 billion in cash and short-term investments."

Apple also announced that its Board of Directors has approved a two-for-one split of its common stock. Subject to shareholders approving an increase in authorized shares at Apple's annual meeting tomorrow, each shareholder of record at the close of business on May 19, 2000 will receive one additional share for every outstanding share held on the record date, and trading will begin on a split-adjusted basis on June 21, 2000.

[Consolidated Statements -- pdf link](#)

"I LOVE YOU" Virus: *You're Safe if you use the Mac OS*

The recent virus which hit the news and was named "I LOVE YOU," and copycat viruses using similar Visual Basic programming code, does not affect most Macintosh users.

This kind of virus, which is really a hidden program (.exe file) cannot run on the Mac OS. If you use something like Virtual PC to run Windows and you use it to check your mail, then your Mac could be affected on the Windows side.

Given that this virus and most viruses cannot run on the Mac OS, the Macintosh is the safest computer not only for home users but for government users as well. The security of the Apple Computer

servers is what led the US Army to use Macs for their web sites.

This recent virus attack is a perfect example of why places like Ohio University have an advantage by using both Windows and Macintosh computers. If they were to set up all of their computers on the Windows platform, they could set themselves up for hav-

ing their entire network shut down by such a virus.

Nevertheless, it is probably a good idea to be cautious and keep updated virus protection software on your computer. Keep in mind that if you use Windows on your Macintosh, your Windows part of your disk drive can be affected by Windows viruses. —*D.Lee Beard*

How to Avoid Viruses

- »Buy virus protections software AND keep it updated monthly. One such program is VIREX which you can find out more about by going to www.nai.com
- »Avoid opening e-mail attachments from ANYONE unless they are someone you know AND have notified you beforehand of the attached file



A Parable of a Mac user Meeting a Windows User?

Note from the Editor: I found this interesting little story on the internet and couldn't help but see some parallels with some interactions between computer users.

As I was walking down the street the other day, I noticed a man working on his house. He seemed to be having a lot of trouble. As I came closer, I saw that he was trying to pound a nail into a board by a window - with his forehead. He seemed to be in a great deal of pain. This made me feel very bad, watching him suffer so much just to fix his window pane. I thought, "Here is an opportunity to make someone very happy simply by showing him a better way to do things." Seeing him happy would make me happy too. So I said, "Excuse me sir, there is a better way to do that."

He stopped pounding his head on the nail and with blood streaming down his face said, "What?"

I said, "There is a better way to pound that nail. You can use a hammer."

He said, "What?"

I said "A hammer. It's a heavy piece of metal on a stick. You can use it to pound the nail. It's faster and it doesn't hurt when you use it."

"A hammer, huh?"

"That's right. If you get one I can show you how to use it and you'll be amazed how much easier it will make your job."

Somewhat bewildered he said, "I think I have seen hammers, but I thought they were just toys for kids."

"Well, I suppose kids could play with hammers, but I think what you saw were brightly colored plastic hammers. They look a bit like real hammers, but they are much cheaper and don't really do anything," I explained.

"Oh," he said. Then went on, "But hammers are more expensive than using my forehead. I don't want to spend the money for a hammer."

Now somewhat frustrated I said, "But in the long

run the hammer would pay for itself because you would spend more time pounding nails and less time treating head wounds."

"Oh," he said. "But I can't do as much with a hammer as I can with my forehead," he said with conviction.

Exasperated, I went on. "Well, I'm not quite sure what else you've been using your forehead for, but hammers are marvelously useful tools. You can pound nails, pull nails, pry apart boards, in fact every day people like you seem to be finding new ways to use hammers. And I'm sure a hammer would do all these things much better than your forehead."

"But why should I start using a hammer? All my friends pound nails with their foreheads too. If there were a better way to do it I'm sure one of them would have told me," he countered.

Now he had caught me off guard. "Perhaps they are all thinking the same thing," I suggested. "You could be the first one to discover this new way to do things," I said with enthusiasm.

With a skeptical look in his bloodstained eye he said, "Look, some of my friends are professional carpenters. You can't tell me they don't know the best way to pound nails."

"Well, even professionals become set in their ways and resist change." Then in a frustrated yell I continued, "I mean come on! You can't just sit there and try to convince me that using your forehead to pound nails is better than using a hammer!"

Now quite angry he yelled back, "Hey listen buddy, I've been pounding nails with my forehead for many years now. Sure, it was painful at first but now it's second nature to me. Besides, all my friends do it this way and the only people I've ever seen using 'hammers' were little kids. So take your stupid little children's toys and get the hell off my property."

Stunned, I started to step back. I nearly tripped over a large box of head bandages. I noticed a very expensive price tag on the box and a blue company



logo on the price tag. I had seen all I needed to see. This man had somehow been brainwashed, probably by the expensive bandage company, and was beyond help. Hell, let him bleed, I thought. People like that deserve to bleed to death.

I walked along, happy that I owned not one but three hammers at home. I used them every day at school and I use them now every day at work and I love them. A sharp pain hit my stomach as I recalled the days before I used hammers, but I reconciled myself with the thought that tonight at the hammer users club meeting I could talk to all my friends about their hammers. We will make jokes about all the idi-

ots we know that don't have hammers and discuss whether we should spend all of our money buying the fancy new hammers that just came out.

Then when I get home, like every night, I will sit up and use one of my hammers until very late when I finally fall asleep. In the morning I will wake up ready to go out into the world proclaiming to all non-hammer users how they too could become an expert hammer user like me.

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Shareware Pick of the Month: Astronomical

by Richard Dean, AAMUG Co-Shareware Editor

This month's featured software is Copernic2000, a free limited version of Copernic Plus and Compernic Pro, both commercial versions. I have been using the featured software for about 2 months and find it comparable to Dogpile but with added sorting and filing features.

Copernic99 is an intelligent agent that carries out your net-searches by simultaneously consulting the most important search engines of the Internet which are grouped in the following categories: The Web, Newsgroups, E-mail Addresses, Buy Books, and Mac News. Copernic99 features a history of your searches, making sure that the invaluable information found on the Internet is always organized and handy. The versions available now are up-

dated and expanded in capacity. When I became acquainted with the product there was only Compernic99 and Compernic Pro.

All are full-functioning versions; Copernic2000 just performs less extensive searches using

fewer search engines consulting fewer categories of information.

When you type in your search words, Copernic selects what it considers appropriate search engines. Sometimes it adds one and eliminates those just used. All selected search engines search simultaneously, reporting the number of hits attained. The final list is one with all redundant links removed. The user can also ask that the list be validated, i.e., have non-

available links removed. The retrieved links are displayed with the search words highlighted in a selected passage from the retrieved site. Links are arranged and saved under a file name that uses the search words.

I find the program to be helpful in searching difficult to find information. I began using

Copernic prior to learning about Dogpile. I find the two related in what they do.

Copernic can be downloaded from: <http://www.copernic.com>

Technical requirements:

PowerPC, 10 MB RAM, 10MB disk space, OS 7.5 or later, browser: Netscape 3.0 or later-Internet Explorer 3.0 or later.

	Copernic2000	Copernic Plus	CompernicPro
Search Engines Used	32	520	550
Categories Searched	7	55	55
Price	Free	\$40	\$80



Welcome to our New AAMUG Members:

*Lee & Ralph Kliesch
John and Donna Cunningham*

Cool Computer Tip



Need more RAM?:



If you are getting ready to purchase more RAM for your computer, be sure to check out www.crucial.com

I bought a 128MB chip for my G4 from them and it only cost \$134 including shipping! Their service was fast and very friendly.

-D.Lee Beard

Are you an AAMUG member yet?

Be part of a growing trend in computer support and learning. You can do so by completing the application below to join the Athens Area Macintosh Users Group.

BENEFITS of Membership!

•Obtain discounted hardware and software from the User Group Store.

•Free help from fellow members with fixing problems or improving the capabilities of your Mac.

•Sharing of Mac tips and problemsolving techniques with fellow Mac users.

•One year subscription to the AAMUG Newsletter.

For questions about membership, contact one of the AAMUG Officers listed at the end of this newsletter

Application to join the



Athens Area Macintosh Users Group

Membership dues \$15
students \$10

- Student membership
- New member
- Renewal membership

Make check payable to
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name

home address

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email address (if applicable)

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home telephone

work telephone

Please return this form to the address listed above or present it to an AAMUG Officer at the next AAMUG meeting.

Next
AAMUG Meeting
7:00pm
May 17th

Meetings are held in the
Academic Advancement Center's
Computer Lab
in 101 Alden Library.

Anyone and Everyone
is Welcome!



Athens Area Macintosh Users Group
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AAMUG (Athens Area Macintosh Users Group) is a community organization open to anyone who wants to learn and share information about how to make use of the powerful features of their Macintosh computer. AAMUG disseminates information on Apple Macintosh computers, software, and related products and issues. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month.



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