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Upcoming CAMP Meeting

The Capital Apple Macintosh Performa User Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 9, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204 at Gardiner Area High School.**

Jeff Frankel will be demonstrating two Photoshop plug-ins from Akvis: **Chameleon** and **Enhancer**. All shutterbugs will not want to miss this information!

- **Enhancer** helps you retrieve details from under and over exposed areas on your photograph.
- **Chameleon** allows you to copy an object, insert it into another picture, press a button, and have the object blend in to the collage background.

For more information, please call Sue Westlake at 685-4510.

Will the Mac Mini Save Apple?

John Davulis

Well Apple did it. The rumors were right. They decided to sell a \$499 Macintosh. Weighing in at just 2.9 pounds., the Mac mini measures 6.5 inches wide and 2 inches tall. No monitor, no keyboard, no mouse. Just use what you've already got.

It appears to be a sweet, little machine. 1.25 GHz, 256 MB of RAM, 40 GB hard drive, a Combo Drive (DVD-ROM, CD-RW), USB 2.0, Firewire 400, Ethernet & a 56K modem. Plus software: Mac OS X 10.3, iLife '05, AppleWorks, Quicken and some games. As one who bought the original Macintosh (128 K, 400K floppy drive, etc.) for \$2,499 in 1984, that's a lot computer for \$499.



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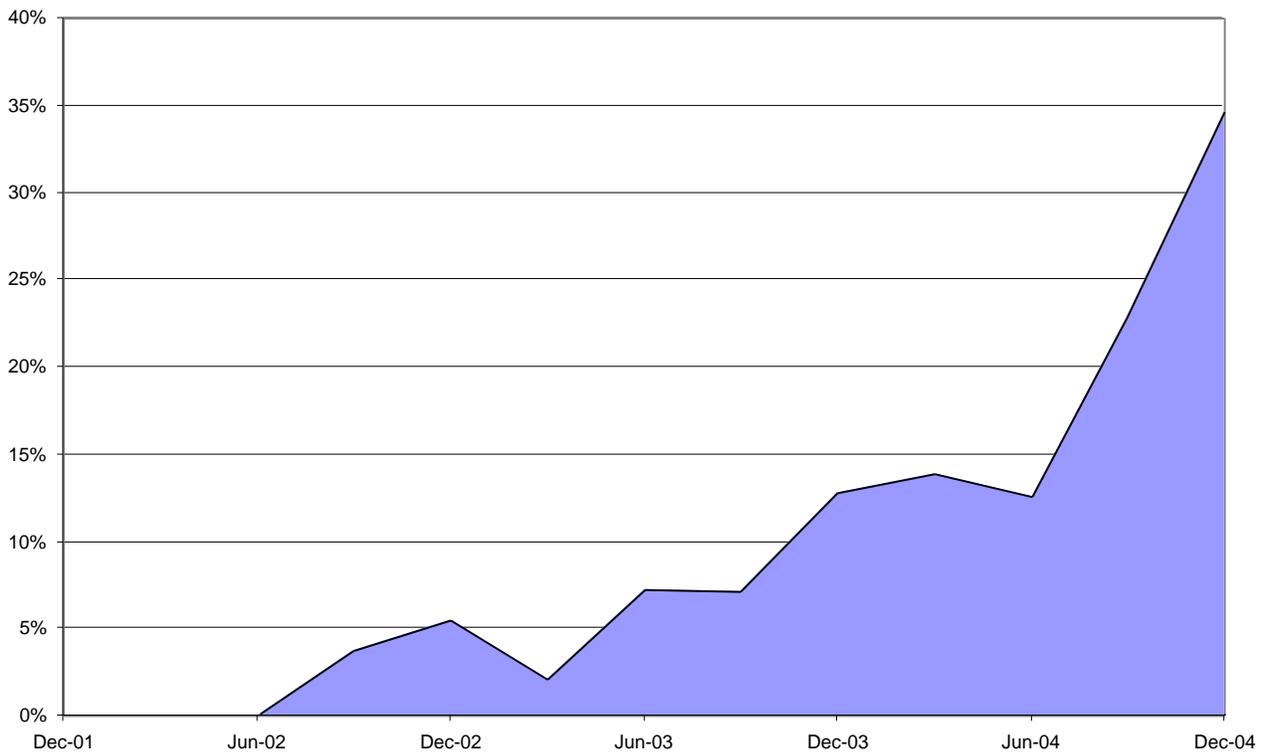
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The press has received the Mac mini favorably. Let me recite some of the headlines. “Perfect bookshelf box for Mac minimalists”, “Mac mini to the max”, “America’s premier guru of gadgets is doing it again”, and my favorite “Apple tempts PC users with the Mac mini.” The only criticism that appears universal is that 256 MB is not enough.

Apple is capitalizing of the success of the iPod. The Company sold nearly 4.6 million iPods in the three month period ending 12/25/04. That’s more than double the number of units sold in the prior three months. iPod sales now account for 35% of Apple’s revenue.

Percent of Apple's Quarterly Revenue from the Sale of iPods



The sale of iMacs really jumped in last quarter as well – by 99% from 229,000 to 456,000 units sold. The new design appears to a winner.

Now if Apple could only find a way to get a G5 in a Powerbook ...

Free Books from O'Reilly

Did you know you can request a free book to review for your user group? Ask Steve Katz for more information.

Some of O'Reilly's new releases are:

AppleScript: The Missing Manual

Publisher: O'Reilly, ISBN: 0596008503

Macintosh's ultimate scripting tool, AppleScript, has one major shortcoming: it comes without a manual. This Missing Manual fills the void. While its hands-on approach, with dozens of scripting examples, certainly keeps novices from feeling intimidated, this book is also suited for professionals from system administrators to musicians, ensuring that anyone can learn how to control Mac applications in timesaving and innovative ways.

Creating Photomontages with Photoshop: A Designer's Notebook

Publisher: O'Reilly, ISBN: 0596008589

This collection of groundbreaking digital creations by well-known French artists is a visual smorgasbord for digital imaging professionals, graphic artists, photographers, and anyone involved in the creation of digital images and animations. But it's more than a full-color feast for the eyes: reflecting the very best of French graphic design, it guides Photoshop users through all aspects of the photomontage creation process, from initial concept through step-by-step execution.

Internet Annoyances

Publisher: O'Reilly, ISBN: 0596007353

Recognizing the universal nature of the Net, "Internet Annoyances" strives to make using the internet as stress-free as possible for everyone. This insightful guide effectively addresses and presents solutions for the many glitches that still complicate the internet experience. You'll learn how to thwart would-be hackers, ensure greater security while surfing, eliminate pop-up ads, maximize online services, conduct effective searches, and much more.

Google Hacking for Penetration Testers

Publisher: Syngress, ISBN: 1931836361

"Google Hacking for Penetration Testers" explores the explosive growth of a technique known as "Google Hacking." This simple tool can be bent by hackers and those with malicious intent to find hidden information, break into sites, and access supposedly secure information. Borrowing the techniques pioneered by malicious "Google hackers," this book aims to show security practitioners how to properly protect clients from this often overlooked and dangerous form of information leakage.

Home Networking Annoyances

Publisher: O'Reilly. ISBN: 0596008082

Need a cure for the headaches associated with running a home network? This book tackles all the common annoyances your network dishes up, whether it's wired or wireless, Mac or PC. With a friendly, off-the-cuff approach, this book guides you safely through common home networking glitches, including file sharing, printing, security, and more. Take a stand against annoyances now: this book is your ticket to serenity.

Linux Server Security, 2nd Edition

Publisher: O'Reilly, ISBN: 0596006705

"Linux Server Security, 2nd Edition" expertly conveys to administrators and developers the tricks of the trade that can help them avoid serious security breaches. The book covers both background theory and practical, step-by-step instructions for protecting a server that runs Linux. Geared toward Linux users with little security expertise, the author explains security concepts and techniques in clear language, beginning with the fundamentals. Stay one step ahead of potential adversaries.

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