# PRACTICE POINTS

#### Our Product

The latest version for PowerMac computers is **TheP** (p), sporting Mac OSX cosmetics, and also re-designed icons and graphics which will be evident in the Intel version of **TheP**.

In preparation for the Intel version of **TheP**, the package no longer supports the **4D Draw** productivity module. Clients storing anything in a **4D Draw** layout will need to consider if they wish to save such data before moving on to version "p".

Any existing **4D Draw** data left in the database, will be converted into "Pictures", an advantage of which will be that all clients will now be able to access pictures without the need of an additional licence.

#### Changes

Contacting Clients - can be prioritized up to 4 levels. Use the pale icons denoting Home phone, Mobile, E-mail, Work phone and populate the field accordingly, as per some of these examples:-

E.g.: 1032 would be Home > Work > E-mail, with No Mobile.

E.g.: 3241 would be Work > Mobile > Home > E-mail.

E.g.: 0001 would be Work only, with no other options.

**TheP** (u) for Intel based macintosh computers.

Runs natively on Intel based Macs.

Is considerable faster.

Has greatly extended internal storage capabilities.

Includes a Spelling Checker (for **4D Write**)

Completely new versions of 4D Write and 4D View...

for clients using either productivity module, there is a \$77 upgrade fee for each.

**TheP** (u) no longer ships with **TheP.Tools** and the tools facility has been incorporated within **TheP**. The end user can resolve indexing problems by simply deleting the index file and letting it be rebuilt automatically.

Clients wishing to permanently sort any of their files using **TheP. Tools** should do this before moving onto the Intel version "u".

**TheP** (u) will be available in the third week of March.

## Mac OSX

There goes MacWorld 2008!

5 million copies of Leopard in the first three months, taking 20%. Time Machine... If you do not backup to an external hard disk, now would be a good time to consider it. Apple just announced 500Gb and 1000Gb "Time Capsules" for wireless backups of multiple computers.

4 Million iPhones have been sold in the first 200 days. The software improvements, and technology also flows down to the iPod iTouch adding 5 new applications for a \$20 fee.

The big news is a new movie rental service from all the major studios, via the iTunes store.

AppleTV (take 2) will have a software upgrade and a new interface to accommodate movie rentals plus full support of lounge room T.V./Hi-Fi s. This will enable full downloading of movies, without the need for a Mac, although all items can be synch'd back to a Mac or PC.

And the iPhone interface technology now flows down to the new MacBook Air.... over.

- Go Apple!-

#### What Is This?



You are looking down on the full sized keyboard of the thinnest (i.e. .76" to .16") laptop on the planet.

The **MacBook Air** has a "backlit" keyboard (a la the **MacBook Pros**) and here it is "glowing" in a dark environment.

It comes with a 13.3 inch "instant-on" screen, and an 80Gb hard disk. Fit it out with an optional 65Gb solid state disk, and it will be as fast as it is thin.

The large track pad inherits a lot of the gestures pioneered on the **iPhone** interface.

**AppleTV** With movie rentals now in **Apple**'s media sights, "Take 2" of the **AppleTV** will come about as a major software upgrade, implemented as a rental-centric platform. This, along with a price cut, will probably see this device finally succeed in automating the home multimedia scene. Expect that to push **Apple**'s all time share price hi from \$200 to \$250 ( tempered, of course, by a complete melt-down of the U.S. financial system )

Remember, Leopard with Time Machine + Time Capsules Spaces Spotlight Mail+Notes iChat Improved .Mac Automator Parental Controls and Dashboard Widget.

### And finally!

Did I mention that **Apple** also announced an 8-Core tower computer last week? Now there is some serious processing capacity for anyone who has a power lust.

Until the next issue...

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