



# PRACTICE POINTS

## Our Product • ThePractitioner

### New Version

**Our DVD now ships with a non-clinical / non-medical version, which is better suited for clients running a general business.**

### New Features

When creating a new Account, the >Bank< pop-up menu defaults to bank #1. For consistency, the package will now search for the bank linked to the assigned practitioner, and then set the bank pop-up menu accordingly.

### Apple Announcement

It should be noted that **Apple** are having a special presentation on January 27th. My guess is that an Apple tablet / slate device will finally be announced and probably released around March or so. You can read my comments on that in the previous issue of this newsletter.

### Our Availability

We have just returned from a 3 week holiday in New Zealand. Mostly for family festivities, plus a little tramping and then some sailing in the Bay-of-Islands. This totally clear spring water was a fresh 11 degrees.



Grinding up the Genoa



The climb to the top was a bit steep...



But the views were quite good.



On our return, we found that our answering machine became dysfunctional, so call me on my mobile, until we get the situation rectified.

## Mac OSX

**Snow Leopard... 10.6.2** Fixes an important problem handling multi-user accounts.

**iPhoto '09...** Keep in mind that your photo library will be upgraded and will not work with earlier iPhoto versions.

**Tablet Device...** If you are running Snow Leopard, check the currently re-sizeable on- screen keyboard. Word is that Apple is actively talking to the publishing industry about re-working all their media for the new technology. So we are looking at richer newspapers, magazines, journals, paperbacks, etc... all to be distributed to a table device.

**Bento...** This light-weight integrated database is now Snow Leopard compatible. It automatically integrates and syncs your **iCal**, **Address Book** and **iPhoto** data, and you can then import from spreadsheets etc.

**iTunes** version 9.0.2

**QuickTime Player 10.0** For other activities, you might like to keep the earlier **QuickTime Pro** version 7.6.4

**Safari 4.0.4** Updated to new version.

**App Store... 2 Billion downloads and 85,000 applications**, probably over 100,000 by now.

**MobileMe** A great service for syncing just about anything from just about anywhere, especially with an **iPhone**.

**USB 3** is in development, and will probably supplant our **Fire Wire**.

- Go Apple ! -



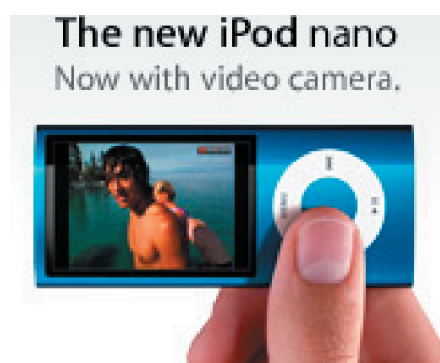
## How Things Have Changed

In over 20 years of developing on personal computers, I have never entered into the debate over Macintosh vs Windows systems. But with the transition to Intel chips, here we are in 2010 with some significant changes to our platform of choice.

	Apple ( AAPL )	Microsoft ( MSFT )
Market Cap	\$149.50 billion	\$145.42 billion
2Q Earnings	\$1.35 per share	\$0.36 per share
2Q Surprise	+15.4%	+0.0%

You may think that the new iPod Nano with a video camera is just another incremental upgrade to the iPod line.

Consider that this unit will likely replace most previous stand-alone video cameras, and by making available video-on-demand, it will significantly change the way video will be managed by future generations.



## Google Developments

They are certainly not standing still... There is now a full-fledged OS from Google. You can also set up your own customizable web interface and emailing with **iGoogle**, and for those who like to keep their hands on the keyboard, Google's **Quick Search Box** is a unified finder and launcher with some neat functionality. And of course most of us already use **Google Earth** and **Google Street View** ?

## New additions



Child of the cream and black pair shown in Q409.



The latest, a robot-like acquisition.

Until the next issue...

We are well on the way to 400 !

And thanks to all our contributors...

Our family = 19 various

Trish Jacobsen = 8

P. & S. Fredlein = 3 beauties

Tom M. & Erica M. = 1 ea.

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