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Apple News. Leopard is finally here! First promised in June then rescheduled for an October release, Apple has kept it's promise. So, what's so great about Leopard? That's entirely up to you. There are over 300 new items in Leopard. Any one of these new features might be the greatest in your book. I'll mention a few that I think are worth the money and then I'll let you be the judge.

Time Machine: This new application will automatically backup your data to an external hard drive with no configuration. All you have to do is plug in the drive. If you accidentally erase something or if your computer has a hick up, you can fly back in time via the cool star trek interface and retrieve your data. For those of you who are living on borrowed time that never back up your data, this new Leopard feature is for you!

Quick Look and Cover Flow: You can now take a "quick look" at any document, photo, movie or anything else without actually opening the application that created it. You can view

your data in the new cover flow feature that you have in the new iTunes.

Stacks: Keep all your data organized in stacks in your Dock instead of all over your desktop. It's an easy way to retrieve files and keep everything organized. No need to clutter your desktop and slow your Mac down.

Mail: Apple's new mail now includes notes and to do's. Create a to do and it automatically appears in iCal. Templates and stationary allow you to create beautiful cards and letters to impress your friends. Data detectors built into Mail sense addresses and phone numbers and will automatically put them into your address book. Sweet!

Spaces: is like having four monitors that you can work on at the same time. It's a cool way to multitask and keep several applications open and running at the same time.

Summery: With todays large hard drives and tons of data we juggle every day, Leopard seems to be addressing the organization and retrieval of data simply, accurately, and beautifully as only Apple can. Check out Leopard for yourself on Apple's web site. They have a great tour that will show you all the features I just mentioned above. Click here:

www.apple.com/macosx/guidedtour.

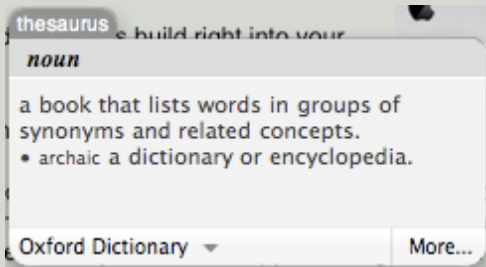
Advice: Is it worth \$109? You bet it is! Do you need it? You better believe it! Can you get it? Sure, just click on the link below and it's yours. Should you get it? Hmmmm..... that's a great question. It depends on what kind of Mac you have. If you have a new Intel Mac or PowerMac G5 and you use mostly Apple programs like iWork and iLife, Leopard should work great for you. If you use high end Adobe or graphic design programs, the answer is no. Wait. If you use high end Apple products like FileMaker Pro, Final Cut and so on, the answer is still no! Wait. Apple is not yet finished upgrading their own programs for Leopard compatibility. If you have a PowerMac G4 with at least an 867 Mhz processor and 512 MB of RAM, you can install Leopard but many high end features will not work. Time for a new Mac. Get your copy of Leopard on my web site at <http://www.lakeshoremac.com/getmacsoftware.html>.

Apple Rumors: According to ThinkSecret, the MacPro and the MacBook are due for an upgrade as early as November. The rumor for the MacBook is that it will get a speed increase. Intel has started ramping up production of the new Penryn processor rumored to be used in the next revision of the Mac Pro, expected shortly there after. For more information, see ThinkSecret.com.

October Updates. Leopard: Server Admin Tools 10.5, Login and Keychain Update 1.0, Aperture 1.5.6 Update, Backup 3.1.2, iLife Support 8.1.1, iDVD 6.0.4, Garage Band 3.0.5, iMac MXM Update 1.0, Tiger: Apple Remote Desktop 3.2 Admin. and client. Xsan 1.4.2 Admin., File System, and Uninstaller. ATI Radeon X1900 XT Firmware update, Garage Band Jam Pack voices 1.0.1, and Security Update for QuickTime 7.2 for Windows. Run Software Update under the blue apple in your menu bar or go to www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/apple.

Apple Repair Extension Program. No new Macs were added this month. These programs still continue: MacBook & MacBook Pro Battery update, iBook & PowerBook G4 Battery, iMac G5 Power Supply and Power Mac G5 Power Supply. I just took a faulty PowerMac G5 in for repair under this program. When I called Apple to make an appointment, the “genius” on the other end of the phone did not know about the repair extension. He told me that the computer was not covered and that it was a \$700 repair. Of course, I told him other wise and it is getting fixed as I write this free of charge. Do your home work before you call and print out the repair extension and bring it with you. Go to <http://www.apple.com/support/> for more info.

Apple Sauce. There have been several reports of condensation building up inside of the new aluminum iMacs. If you just purchased a new aluminum iMac, keep an eye out for condensation behind the screen. Apple has not publicly acknowledged the problem. Call them if you experience condensation build up. 1-800-275-2273. Water and electronics do not mix! This is an example of why I recommend that you never purchase the first of anything! Wait until they get the bugs or water worked out. Yikes!



Apple's OS X Tips: Did you know that you have a dictionary and thesaurus built right into your Mac? It works in any Apple application like Pages or Keynote. Just hold your mouse arrow over the word and then hold down Control, Command or Apple, and then the letter D on your keyboard. The dictionary will pop up with the definition of that word. To see the thesaurus, click on the word Oxford Dictionary and drag down to Oxford Thesaurus. Click on more to find out more about that word.

Cool Freeware: I don't know how people make great software and then just give it away for free, but they do. Check out the following free programs:

HandBrake 0.9.1: This nifty little program allows you to rip DVD's. It will strip the copy protection from the DVD so that you can play a movie on your iPod or make a back up for the kids. Click here for [HandBrake](#).

Netscape X 9.0.0.1: For those of you who have always liked Netscape, a new version is available. This version is just the browser. No mail or composer. Some on-line banks do not like Safari. Try Netscape. Get it here. [Netscape](#).

PodWorks 2.9.2: Copy music from your iPod to your Mac. Apple only lets you copy music from your Mac to your iPod. This is a great utility if your hard drive goes south. Get it here. [PodWorks](#).



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The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a bikini, lying on a beach towel and using a laptop. The background shows a beach and the ocean. To the right of the illustration is a black box with the text "Lakeshore Mac" in white, and below it, "The Macintosh Experts!" in a smaller font.

Lakeshore Mac Web Site: I'm constantly updating my website. Please visit frequently as I will be adding more shortly. I am adding a section about how to install Leopard. I'll let you know when I get it done. www.lakeshoremac.com

I will also be adding a “Bargin Hunters” tab of things for sale. I have tons of great stuff to sell. If you have a perfectly good computer or printer that you want to sell, let me know and I can sell it for you on my web site. **269-214-2356**.

Happy Macking!

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