

# Newsletter



**Do you have enough in the kitty for the Cat?**

**It's official: Apple shipped Mac OS X Leopard on October 26**

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**Apple confirmed Tuesday that Mac OS X Leopard will go on sale Friday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. at Apple's retail stores and**

**Apple Authorized Resellers, and that the company's online store is now accepting pre-orders for the software.**



**[Leopard](#)** is packed with more than 300 new features and introduces a brand new desktop with Stacks, a new way to easily access files from the Dock; a redesigned Finder that lets users quickly

browse and share files between multiple Macs; Quick Look, a new way to instantly see files without opening an application; Spaces, an intuitive new feature used to create groups of applications and instantly switch between them; and Time Machine, an effortless way to automatically back up everything on a Mac.

## **What does a leopard do? Pretty much anything it wants!**

It's been over two years since Apple released Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger and a lot has happened since then. OS X 10.5 has been tested, announced, delayed, re-tested and now, formally released.

We feel it was well worth the wait. Leopard has some amazing features like:

- **Time Machine:** A fully automatic, revolutionary back-up program.
- **Spaces:** Allows you to group application windows and organize your desktop like never before.
- **Quick Look:** View the content of a file without having to open it.
- **Plus 297 other new features!**

## **[Apple releases Mac OS X 10.4.11 Update for Tiger users](#)**

Apple on Wednesday finally released Mac OS X 10.4.11 Update, which is recommended for all users running versions of Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger. The update includes general operating system fixes that enhance the stability, compatibility and security of your...

Adding to the [three-dozen fixes](#) already built into previous seeds, the new builds include a handful of fresh code corrections, the most significant of which addresses an image syncing bug with iPhones that contain large photo albums.

Among the other system components that have already seen improvements via previous builds are: WebCore, SearchKit, Bluetooth (enabling/disabling), Networking and Cisco VPN, Directory Services, CoreAudio and m4a files, File Manager and POSIX volumes, and CoreAudio and decoding iTunes Plus files.

## **[News: Mac OS X Panther Security Update available](#)**

In addition to an update for Mac OS X Tiger, Apple on Wednesday release a security update for Mac OS X 10.3.9 client and server.

OSX.RSPlug.A Trojan Horse Targets Mac OS X

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by Jeff Carlson <[jeffc@tidbits.com](mailto:jeffc@tidbits.com)>

article link: <<http://db.tidbits.com/article/9278>>

Security software firm Intego is warning Mac OS X users about a

Trojan horse that targets the Mac. OSX.RSPlug.A is showing up on pornography sites disguised as a video plug-in. When someone clicks the link to watch certain video clips, a Web page states that a new QuickTime codec must be installed. Opening the disk image that downloads results in the installer asking for an administrator password (which is the first serious sign of trouble); if the option to Open "Safe" Files After Downloading is enabled in Safari, the disk image opens automatically (you should disable that feature in Safari; see "Significant Safari Exploit Discovered," 2007-09-07).

<<http://www.intego.com/news/ism0705.asp>>

<<http://db.tidbits.com/article/8436>>

Once given root access, the Trojan horse changes the computer's DNS settings to point to phishing sites or ads for other pornography sites. Even if the DNS is reset manually, a background task added by the Trojan horse changes the DNS again automatically.

Rob Griffiths at Macworld has written up instructions for removing OSX.RSPlug.A manually; Intego's VirusBarrier X4 with updated virus definitions for 31-Oct-07 also identifies and removes the Trojan horse. Griffiths writes: "This is really bad. Really. And even though it's targeted at porn surfers today, the malware could easily be associated with anything else, like a new viral video site, or a site that purports to show commercials from the upcoming Super Bowl."

<<http://www.macworld.com/2007/10/firstlooks/trojanhorse/>>

<<http://www.intego.com/virusbarrier/>>

As always, the best defense against such attacks is to avoid installing third-party software with which you're unfamiliar, especially any that requires an administrator password. Although the Mac has proven remarkably resilient to the threat of viruses and other malware, it's not immune.

## **CSS Web Site Design**

Hands-on Training (HOT)

by Eric A. Meyer, 441 pages

lynda.com | Peachpit Press

As reviewed by Robert Poland, Apple Ambassador, FortMac Apple Users Group.

Eric starts out with a page “Understanding Why You Need This Book“. “In general, the audience we envisioned while writing this book was a beginners' class—a “CSS 101” sort of crowd”. He goes on to say “The overriding objective of this book is to establish your core competency with CSS.”.

This book does that very well with explanations and examples, including pictures showing the results of code additions/changes.

Included is a CD with 10 video tutorials that go into depth on many subjects. And 10 exercise folders that have up to 10 (each) exercise examples.

This book deals with CSS from the code view with pictures showing the results. All that is needed is a simple text editor to go through the exercises.

A typical exercise; may start with a minimally CSSed page, and begins to add CSS to it. As you add CSS to it the results are explained along with effects, good and bad. In some cases there are troubleshooting tips included.

Appendix A; lists major CSS properties and details about them.

This book has already developed into a very useful reference for me.

P.S. I’m becoming a big fan of lynda.com “HOT” books and am looking forward to the next one.

This book will also remain in close reach. I will recommend it, but I will not loan it out.

## **Software Updates**

OS 10.5

OS 10.5.1 - Coming soon

OS 10.4.11

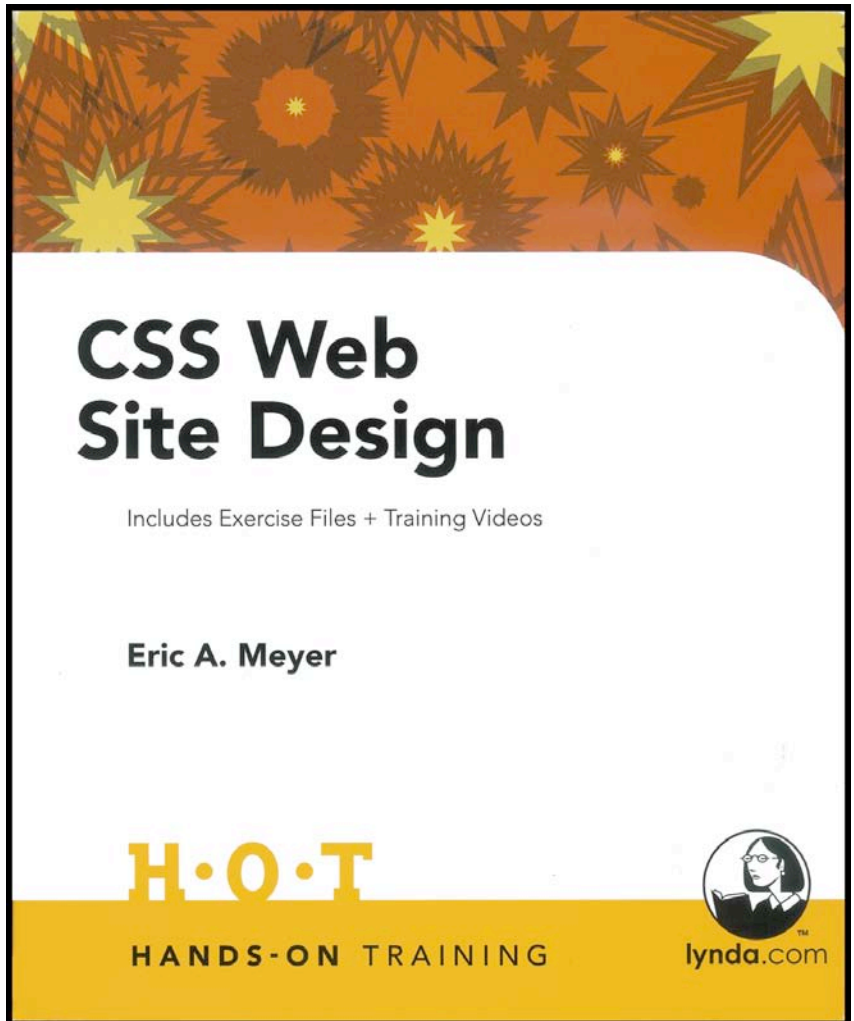
Security update for 10.3.9

iPhoto 7.1.1

Quicktime 7.3, also for Tiger

iTunes 7.5

PTHPasteboard 4.2.3



Smile 3.2.3

Next Meeting: November 20, 2007

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