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Snow Leopard gets a September ship date



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Snow Leopard, the next major update to OS X, will be available in September, Apple announced during Monday's [Worldwide Developer Conference keynote](#). However, OS

X 10.6 will only work on Intel-based Macs, leaving the owners of aging PowerPC-based hardware without the ability to upgrade.

First [announced at the 2008 WWDC](#), Snow Leopard doesn't offer the parade of new features Mac users might have come to expect from a major OS X update. Instead, much of the focus with Snow Leopard has been behind the scenes, with Apple looking to improve the performance and increase the power of its operating system.

During Monday's keynote, Apple senior vice president of software engineering Bertrand Serlet said the next major version of OS X would be characterized by powerful new technologies, refinements to existing features, and support for Microsoft Exchange.

Snow Leopard will cost \$29 for Leopard users, with a family pack available for \$49. That's a far cry from Apple's usual price on OS X updates—it costs \$129 to purchase Leopard, for example.

"We want all users to upgrade to Snow Leopard, because Snow Leopard is a better Leopard," said Serlet of OS X 10.6's price."

Our Take On A Java Vulnerability on Mac OS

By Morgan Aldridge

Word is spreading that there's a critical security vulnerability in Java on Mac OS X. Actually, it's a couple of vulnerabilities that can be taken advantage of to run commands outside of the browser as the user that launched the browser. The truth is that it's been known about since at least August of last year and Sun, the makers of Java, fixed it long ago, but those fixes haven't made it into Mac OS X yet, not even the [10.5.7 update](#).

So, what's a Mac User to do? There's no known use of exploit beyond the [proof-of-concept examples](#), but the triage is pretty simple:

1. Turn off 'Open "safe" files after downloading' in Safari
-> Preferences -> General



2. Turn off Java in Safari -> Preferences -> Security and any other browsers you use

This will prevent malicious Java code on a web page or downloaded from running automatically. There's no reason to panic and JavaScript will still function normally, but it's better to be on the safe side if you're not regularly visiting web sites requiring Java.

If you're technically inclined, you may be interested in [the detailed explanation](#) of the vulnerabilities.

[Via [Daring Fireball](#)]

Change the Add Bookmark button's location in Safari 4

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One of the new features in Safari 4 is that the URL entry area is now integrated with two additional features—an “add bookmarks” button immediately to the left, and the Google search box on the right. If you hold down the Command key and try to drag the URL bar, you'll see that all three of these elements drag as one object.

To me, the placement of the button to add a new bookmark is quite odd—by placing it so close to the URL entry area, it's quite easy to accidentally click the button instead of the URL entry area, leading to an extra click on a Cancel button. If this bothers you as well, there are two related solutions. You can either separate the button from the URL entry area, or remove it entirely.

Both solutions are basically identical in implementation. First, Control-click anywhere on Safari 4's toolbar and select Customize Toolbar from the pop-up menu. In the sheet that drops down, drag the Add Bookmark button to the toolbar—as soon as this button enters the toolbar region, you'll notice that the existing button to the left of the URL entry area vanishes. Drop the button on the toolbar and click Done to dismiss the sheet. If you want to keep the Add Bookmark button, you're done—you can use Command-drag to move it to a new location on the toolbar, if you wish. If you'd rather not have the Add Bookmark button at all, hold down the Command key and drag the Add Bookmark button down off the toolbar; when you release the mouse, the button will vanish in a puff of smoke (and the attached button won't reappear).

If you ever decide you want the Add Bookmark button back, you can simply add it through the Customize Toolbar menu again. (You could also drag in the “Add Bookmark, Address, and Search” icons from the Customize Toolbar sheet if you want to get the attached button back. Unfortunately, there’s no way to do this with the search box; it’s permanently associated with the URL entry area.

Software Updates

Apple iWork '09 - 9.0.2
MacBook Pro SMC Firmware Update - 1.3
Apple iTunes - 8.2.0
GarageBand Update - 5.0.2
QuickTime - 7.6.2
iLife Support - 9.0.3
iDVD Update - 7.0.4
AirPort Utility Software Update - 5.4.2
iMovie Update - 8.0.3
iPhoto Update - 8.0.3
Digital Camera Raw Compatible - 2.6
NeoOffice - 3.0
Safari - 4.0 (No longer Beta)
Microsoft Office 2004 - 11.5.5
Microsoft Office Open XML converter - 1.0.3
Microsoft Office 2008 - 12.1.9
Firefox - 3.0.11
Java for Mac OS X 10.5 - Update 4
Java for Mac OS X 10.4 - Release 9
Safari - 4.0.1
Bluetooth (firmware) - 2.0
NeoOffice - 3.0 Patch 4

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