



The Apple Core

Latest technical news

- It's been a busy month, starting with the release of [Safari 5](#), Apple's web browser for both Mac and PC.
- This year's iPhone and updated software were shown at the World Wide Developer Conference in San Francisco. If you own an iPhone 3G, 3GS, or a 2nd and 3rd generation iPod touch, you can download the latest system for free from iTunes (known as iOS4). The [iPhone 4](#) should be available in this country by the end of July.
- The [Mac mini](#), Apple's tiny computer got a major revamp, with an even smaller look.
- Apple released an update to Snow Leopard.

[Version 10.6.4](#) is bigger than its predecessors, coming in at a whopping 930MB! If you're still on Leopard (10.5), then the [Security Update 2010-004](#) is for you (222MB).

- And to round up the news, I've launched a new service called "Pre-Pay". With it, I can offer you basic tech support and training over the phone which can help you get up and running quickly without having to wait for me to come round. For more information, please visit : www.maclore.net/ML/Pre-Pay.html.

The Hardware Refresh Cycle

To help you time your Mac, iPad, iPhone or iPod purchase perfectly

Model	Last Updated	Recommendation
Mac Pro	3 Mar 2009	Updates expected soon
Mac mini	15 Jun 2010	Buy now
iMac	20 Oct 2009	Updates expected soon
MacBook Air	9 Jun 2009	Updates expected soon
MacBook	18 May 2010	Buy now
MacBook Pro	14 Apr 2010	Buy now
iPad	N/A	Coming in July
iPhone	9 Jul 2009	New models coming by 31/7
Music iPods	9 Sep 2009	Updates expected soon
iPod touch		



The Help Desk

Answering your most pressing technical questions

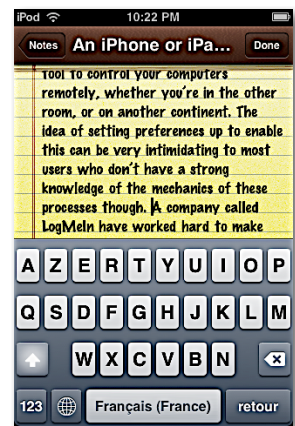
Q: I often write emails in multiple languages but the iPhone's auto-correction feature makes this incredibly hard since it always tries to turn my French or German into an English word. Is there any way to disable auto-correction?

A: There is: tap on the "Settings" icon (which looks like a bunch of cog wheels). Once there, tap on "General", then "Keyboard" and turn "Auto-Correction" off.

However, I think you will appreciate a different solution: right below the "Keyboard" option is one called "International". Tap on it. Select "Keyboards" and switch on all the ones you wish to include.

When you next need the keyboard, a small sphere key will appear to the left of the spacebar. Tap on it to cycle through your keyboards.

This also works for the iPad where you have the added advantage of preserving the QWERTY keyboard instead of being stuck with the foreign one.



To submit your questions, send an email to help@machelp.co.nz.



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Computers are so powerful and we can do so much with them that we tend to forget how vulnerable they can be. If your photos, documents, music or home movies are important to you, you should seriously consider backing them up.

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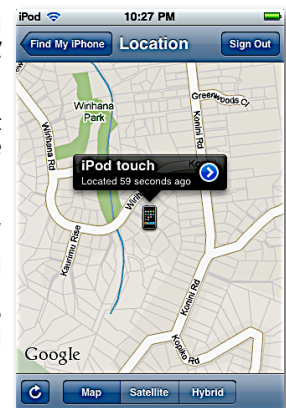
Find My iPhone : Locate your iDevices from your Mac, PC ... or from another iDevice

Apple have produced so many small devices, you're bound to misplace one in your house or elsewhere sooner or later. Well, if you're a member of MobileMe, Apple's suite of internet services, which includes email addresses, calendar and bookmark syncing and the ability to upload photos and videos to a web gallery, you'll love a handy feature called "Find My iPhone".

This service's name is actually a little misleading since it's also designed to help you find your iPod touch or iPad. Depending on the type of device you own, it can locate it via its GPS co-ordinates or through Wi-Fi triangulation, which means the latter will only work when you're within range of a Wi-Fi signal (in a house or bar, for example) while the former will work almost anywhere.

You have a few options available to you: you can send it a message for the person who's using it to read, make it beep (very useful if it's somewhere in the house... but where?), or instruct it to wipe its data if you fear it's been stolen. But perhaps best of all, this service is now available as an App for your iPhone/iPod touch/iPad, meaning you don't have to sit at a computer to attempt to locate your lost property: you can use another iDevice (or borrow a stranger who's game) and track it down. But remember, if your device really has been stolen, don't go charging in on your own: make sure you get police backup. With them and "Find My iPhone", you're bound to get it back in next to no time.

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