



The Apple Core

Latest technical news

• Apple introduced and released an updated phone last month: the *iPhone 4S* which looks exactly the same as last year's model, but sports a completely redesigned interior with a faster processor, better graphics and an amazing personal assistant that you have to see to believe. Unfortunately, it isn't yet available on these shores...

• The new, but barely updated *iPod touches* and *iPod nanos* though, are available for purchase.

• There's been terrible news for any fan of technology with the passing of Steve Jobs on the 5th of October 2011 after complications with the cancer he'd been battling for eight years. A video of the memorial held on Apple's campus on the 19th of October, 'A celebration of Steve's life', can be viewed online via this link: <http://events.apple.com.edgesuite.net/10oiuhfvojb23/event/index.html>

The Hardware Refresh Cycle

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

Model	Last Updated	Recommendation
Mac Pro	27 Jul 2010	Update expected soon
Mac mini	20 Jul 2011	Buy now
iMac	3 May 2011	Mid product cycle
MacBook Air	20 Jul 2011	Buy now
MacBook Pro	24 Feb 2011	Mid product cycle
iPad	25 Mar 2011	Mid product cycle
iPhone	14 Oct 2011	Not yet available in NZ
Music iPods	14 Oct 2011	Buy now
iPod touch		

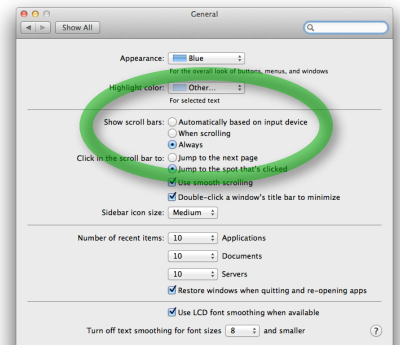


The Help Desk

Answering your most pressing technical questions

Q: I find Lion (Mac OS X 10.7) quite frustrating at times since so much is different. As an example, why did Apple have to remove the scroll bars? It's incredibly annoying and I miss Snow Leopard's bright blue and very easy to use scroll bars along every page and folder.

A: This is something that Apple have borrowed from iOS where screen real estate is at a premium. There's some debate about whether or not it makes sense to apply this idea to the Mac, but love it or hate it, it's obviously here to stay. You can however make sure the new minimalist scroll bars are always visible thanks to the General System Preferences: select 'Always' from the 'Show scroll bars' option. Although the Aqua look from previous versions of Mac OS X is gone for good.



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



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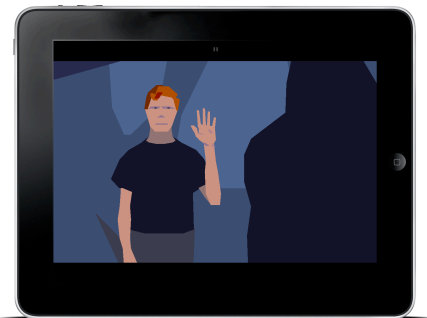


Another World: a classic game makes an amazing comeback.

Most computer enthusiasts who have been exposed to technology for at least twenty years will have heard of a groundbreaking game called 'Another World' in which you played a scientist mistakenly propelled into another dimension where you have to survive and find your way home. The graphics were amazing for the time and the gameplay extremely rich with a great storyline. If you hanker back to the pioneering days of computer games, you may love to know that Another World is now available on iOS and will work on any recent iPod touch, iPhone or iPad.

The touch controls are very well integrated and responsive. The puzzles can get extremely frustrating at times as there's only a limited number of ways to get out of a particular problem, but the program tries to help you by showing you which action you need to perform to avoid meeting an untimely death again - at least for that particular obstacle.

The graphics have been updated but they still keep the vintage pixelated feel of the original (although you do have the option of using the original graphics if you like.) If you enjoy puzzle games that are hard to put down, you'll love Another World whether you're an old guard or a newcomer to the tech world.



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