



The Apple Core

Latest technical news

• Apple have released the next major update to their Mac operating system: OS X 10.8, Mountain Lion. If you're running Snow Leopard (10.6) or Lion (10.7), your Mac may be compatible. However, please check this page first to make sure your computer is recent enough to run it:
www.apple.com/osx/how-to-upgrade

• Rumours abound that Apple may be working on a 7-8inch iPad to bring in more affordable tablets. Whether this is true or not, Apple won't say, but that isn't unusual: they never comment on unreleased products.

• Some of Apple's iLife and iWork apps have received minor updates, fixing bugs and making them compatible with Mountain Lion. You can download them as always from the Apple menu's Software Update feature.

The Hardware Refresh Cycle

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

Model	Last Updated	Recommendation
Mac Pro	11 Jun 2012	Just an incremental update
Mac mini	20 Jul 2011	Update expected soon
iMac	3 May 2011	Update expected soon
MacBook Air	11 Jun 2012	Buy now
MacBook Pro	11 Jun 2012	Buy now
iPad	23 Mar 2012	Mid product cycle
iPhone	14 Oct 2011	Approaching End of Cycle
Music iPods	14 Oct 2011	Approaching End of Cycle
iPod touch		



The Help Desk

Answering your most pressing technical questions

Q: I used to love RSS feeds in Safari and now they're gone in Mountain Lion. Do I have to get another web browser or can I reactivate that feature?

A: A lot of things have changed with Mountain Lion, some are welcome, others are utterly puzzling, like the removal of RSS feeds from both Mail and Safari.

RSS allowed you to quickly see if new articles had appeared on websites you follow. You could even read the first few lines of a piece straight from that section, and most modern web browsers have all allowed you to access those feeds for years, Safari included - until now.

You could of course change browsers. Firefox and Google Chrome are worthy contenders. If you'd rather stick with Safari, consider downloading a dedicated RSS app, like the free Vienna - www.vienna-rss.org.

If you have feed URLs saved in Safari as bookmarks, click on them and they'll open in Vienna. You can then monitor your feeds from there and read the full articles either within that app, or have the links open up a new page in Safari. The choice is yours.



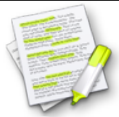
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Mac OS X 10.8: Mountain Lion: where Macs get more of the best of iOS

Just one year ago, Apple announced Lion, the then latest update to their Mac operating system. The changes made it clear that a lot of the technologies developed for iOS, the system that powers iPhones, iPod touches and iPads, were making their way into the Mac. This evolution is taken one step further with this year's Mountain Lion.

The most obvious changes are the removal of Notes from Mail. Instead, they're now in their own application, which syncs through iCloud so that they're present on all your devices. The same goes for Reminders. Other copy-cat features from iOS are the Notification Centre and Dictation (internet connection is required).

A lot is designed to be shared via iCloud so documents you create in Pages on a Mac, will appear on your iPad so you can further edit them on the go, for instance. Social media integration is appearing with you being able to tweet from any app (a link to your Facebook account will appear in a future update). And let's not forget huge strides have been made to improve security on your computer. Due to the size constraint of this article, this barely scratches the surface. But the best part is that you can download Mountain Lion from the *Mac App Store* for only NZ\$24.99.



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