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Talking Photography
by Jerry Freeman

Adobe Photoshop CS2.

What's new and should you upgrade? The last part is easy, if you have Photoshop—you're serious and this is a serious upgrade. Arguably this stuff should have been included in the original CS offering, but life and golf are not fair. The upgrade fits on Photoshop 5.5 upwards, so if you missed any recent versions consider yourself lucky. Equally annoying is the requirement to Authorize the software online or by phone to remove annoying reminder boxes. OK let's get positive, because there's some very nice stuff for the photographer.

Adobe Bridge. If you do not have image handling software this may be all you need. Adobe Bridge is a stand alone Application capable of processing multiple camera RAW images at once; correcting contrast and color; resize, rate, and label thumbnails; review images in Slideshow mode; search metadata and much more. In the bottom right corner of the browser window try the "film" option which gives you a large thumbnail and display row of smaller thumbnails across the bottom that can be navigated with the nudge keys. Above by the arrow points there is a goofy switch icon that rotates to vertical view and an even larger display thumbnail.

Multiple Layer Control. Select and move, group, transform, and warp objects intuitively by clicking and dragging. Align objects with Smart Guides. Smart Objects allows you to import a graphic in vector format, then resize multiple times without pixelization.

Image Warp. Wrap an image around any shape or stretch, curl, or bend an image.

Advanced Noise Reduction. Polish digital photos with advanced noise correction for high-ISO shooting plus JPEG artifact reduction.

Spot Healing Brush. Wow! Retouch photos—including 16-bit images—in a single click or draw right along a scratch or tear. Great for retouching!

Smart Sharpen. Corrects lens blur—when you were out of focus, and motion blur—when you moved.

Multi-image Raw File Processing. Import images into your choice of formats, including DNG and NEF; enjoy automatic adjustments to exposure, shadows, and brightness and contrast; and simultaneous processing of multiple images while you continue working.
Optical Lens Correction. Correct barrel and pincushion distortion, and fix chromatic aberrations and vignetting.

Special Effects Filters. Achieve amazing results with more than 95 special effects filters. Apply more than one filter at a time from the Filter Gallery. Try them all once, then put them away.

Vanishing Point. Amazing! Correct visual perspective, clone, paint, and paste elements that automatically match the perspective of the surrounding image area.

Enhanced Web Photo Galleries. Quickly display your photos online with animations and sound, and gather feedback from viewers using Web photo galleries

Remember. Hitting "F" takes an image full screen mode; CMD + 0 zero, maximizes the image on the screen; CMD + plus or - minus makes the image larger or smaller; CMD + [or] bracket, makes a brush size larger or smaller; and CMD + Shift + [or] makes a brush harder or softer....

Happy snaps.

No meeting in June

Come to our monthly meetings

The Louisville Computer Society meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, 7-9 P.M. (except December) at Guardian Angel, 6010 Preston Hwy. (1 mile south of Gilmore Lane on Preston St.), Louisville KY 40219 (see map below).

Guardian Angel is located 0.4 mile north of Fern Valley Rd. or 4 miles north of I-265 on Preston Hwy. The school is directly opposite Town & Country Ford which has a LARGE American flag flying.
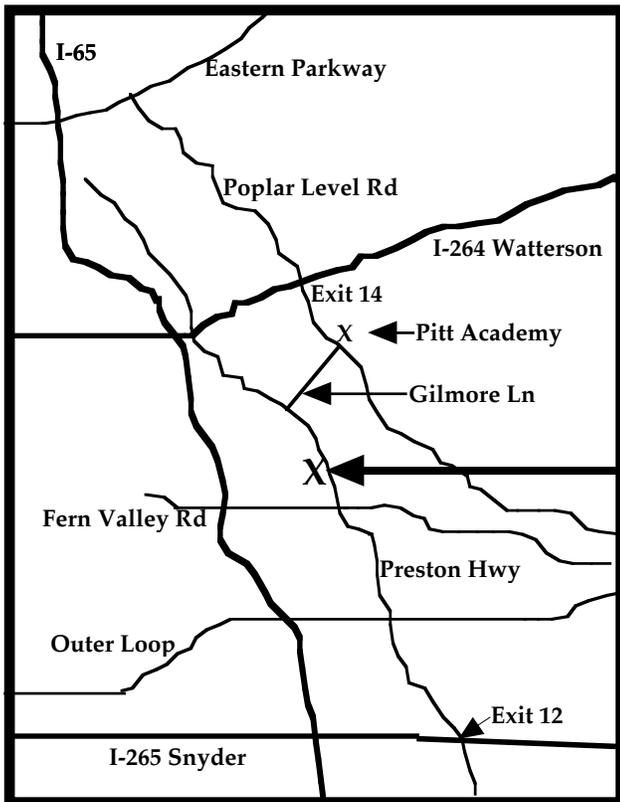
Photoshop Actions for Automator

Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger has Automator which simplifies repetitive tasks for lots of applications.
Check out the following
http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/automator/photoshopactionsforautomator.html

A free set of Automator Actions for driving Photoshop CS or CS 2. This ever-growing collection is completely free and includes:
- Create new document
- Change Mode
- Arbitrary Rotate
- Unsharp Mask
- Gaussian Blur
- Edit IPTC Info
- Auto Levels - and many more.

Gumby is 50!!!

www.gumbyworld.com

At the age of 50, Gumby is making a comeback. Gumby has been in relative obscurity in recent years. There are exceptions, such as the notoriety gained when Eddie Murphy did a Gumby impersonation on Saturday Night Live, using the catch phrase, "I'm Gumby, damn it!" However, the kinder, gentler green guy and his pals are in the spotlight again, starring in an art exhibit that begins the golden anniversary celebration of the television icon.

In mid-June, the Museum of the Moving Image in New York City will open a six-month exhibit about Gumby and his creator. Later that month, Clokey's family will celebrate Gumby's 50 years at a birthday extravaganza in San Francisco. . The first Gumby video game and a DVD of Gumby shows from the 1980s are scheduled for release this summer. Also, a documentary fIlm about Art Clokey's life is expected for television broadcast, and animators are developing new episodes of Gumby, as well as a new movie.

Pitt Academy is moving; the furniture has been moved out of the cafeteria where we have been meeting and the new site won't be ready until next month.

If you wonder how to get there, pretend yo are leaving the parking lot at Pitt Academy,where we have been meeting: Go straight across the intersection onto Gilmore Ln. Drive to the other end of Gilmore, approximately 1 mile) to the first traffic light. Turn left onto Preston St. Go through three traffic lights. (~1 mile) and turn RIGHT opposite the LARGE American Flag flying in front of Town & Country Ford auto dealer.

If coming from the South, Guardian Angel is 0.4 miles north of Fern Valley Rd. It will be on your left, just after you cross over the drainage ditch.

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called "drivers" to help Windows use the unique under-the-hood hardware Apple will use. However, I expect some third-party company to supply the missing drivers and otherwise make it possible to run Windows on an Intel-based Mac. Microsoft itself might even do this. That would allow Mac users to run Windows programs that lack Mac equivalents at speeds comparable to a Windows computer's.

Will Mac prices fall due to the switch to Intel? There's no way to tell now, but I doubt it. Apple's lower volumes, higher quality and unusual designs will likely keep it out of the very basement of the market.

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Upcoming Programs   7 P. M. at Guardian Angel (see map on page 2)

June   **No meeting this month** Pitt Academu is in the middle of a move. Next month we meet at Guardian Angle. See map on page 2.

Future programs according to interest of members will probably deal with iPod, Palm, Genealogy, and other topics which I can't remember. If you have any suggestions or special requests, please contact Bill Rising at **braising@louisville.edu.**

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
SVI-SIG is the Still & Video Imaging - Special Interest Group. This SIG is devoted to manipulating pictures, both photos and movies. It meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7 PM at Pitt Academy. The first meeting was held April 12; Second May 10. No meetng in June, next meeting July 12.
Meetings are very informal and open to anyone who shares our interests. Any particular focus you want our meeting to cover?
For more information contact Bill King at **bk0413@insightbb.com**

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What the Apple Plan To Switch to Intel Chips Means for Consumers
by Walter S. Mossberg
Wall Street Journal 6/9/05

The following is excerpted from Walter S. Mossberg's 5/9/05 Personal Technology column in the Wall St. Journal

Apple Computer has decided to adopt processors made by Intel for its future Macintosh computers.

In the long term, the change will strengthen Apple and the Mac, which is good news for anyone devoted to that platform or considering switching to it. That's because Intel's processors and other chips will give Apple more options than IBM's products could for building Macs that run faster and cooler, and have longer battery life. The first Intel-based Mac is due in spring 2006.

Even consumers who use Microsoft Windows, which runs on the vast majority of computers, will benefit, because the Mac's impact on the industry is vastly greater than its market share. Apple is the most innovative major computer maker, and the only one largely dedicated to serving consumers instead of large corporate customers. Almost everything it does is later copied by the Windows PC makers, so keeping Apple strong and innovating is good for Windows users, too.

In the short run, however, the chip changeover should make little difference to aver-. age consumers. For all but the techiest techies, changing the processor in these machines will be a nonevent, sort of like changing the engine in next year's Lexus cars. As long as the new engine is at least as fast and smooth as its predecessor, few drivers would notice or care.

What makes a Mac a Mac isn't the processor under the hood. It's Apple's elegant operating system, OS X, which won't see major changes for 18 months, and the company's stylish hardware designs, which it will continue to produce. When you peer at the screen of the first Intel-based Mac, it will look just like today's PowerPC Macs, only it should run faster.

Of course, if Apple fails to execute the switch well or the Intel processors don't meet expectations, the Mac could be in trouble. And users would lose if too many third-party software developers decline to spend the money and time to convert their products so they run on the Intel chips.

Here are answers to a few common questions I've received about the switch.

Should people hold off buying a Mac that uses the IBM PowerPC processor, which Apple will soon abandon, and wait for the new Intel Macs?
No. If you need a new computer and the Mac was the right choice for you last week, it's still the right choice. Today's PowerPC Macs are, in my view, the best consumer computers on the market, and Apple plans to roll out additional PowerPC models this year.

Plus, all new software for the Mac will continue to run on PowerPC models for at least a few more years, the likely life of any Mac you buy now. That's because Apple has created a tool for software developers that easily creates "universal" programs capable of being run on either the PowerPC or Intel models.
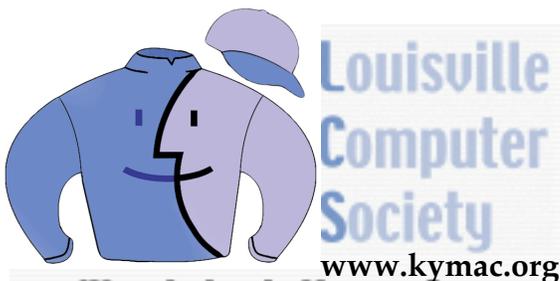
Now that Apple will be using the same processor as Dell, H-P and other competitors, will people be able to run the Mac operating system on these non-Apple machines? Unless some hacker does a masterful job, the answer is no. Apple intends to keep its operating system and hardware tied tightly together. The new Intel-based versions of the Mac's OS X operating system will be designed so that they cannot run on non-Apple hardware, and Apple has no plans to license OS X to other PC makers.

Will users be able to install and run Microsoft Windows on the new Intel-based Macs? Apple's official position is that it won't block the use of Windows on its new machines. Unofficially, however, the company says people won't be able to just buy a copy of Windows XP and install it on an Intel-based Mac. That's because Apple is unlikely to build in all the standard under-the-hood hardware pieces that Windows is designed to mate with. And it won't supply any special software

No June meeting. We're moving!
Next meeting July 26. See Page 2 for more information.

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