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Subject: Re: OT: Mac networking hardware  
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2007 21:01:43 GMT  
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>  
> It'd be even better if all those laptops weren't locked into one of the  
> biggest monopolies (and yes, marketing organizations) on earth. As you  
> imply, some of that choice is illusory. But not all.  
>  
> If Apple still had clones there would be more choice for OSX boxes, if  
> Apple could have survived that (I think yes but those who justify dropping  
> the Mac clones long ago think it saved the company).  
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>  
>> If I could get a MacMini with the option to trick it out with 8G and a  
>> second SATA drive it would be seriously enticing  
>> for peripheral sample libraries (you need to come down and see this in  
>> action - it's a beautiful thing to offload that much  
>> processing). I know other composers that would have gone that route as  
>> well, were it not  
>> for the ra

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that Apple sells "cool" better than anyone, and 2) that the others  
>> sell "choice" much better simply  
>> but putting more obvious choices in front of you (most of which are at  
>> least partially redundant of course, but  
>> it's still a marketing tactic - and HP and Sony have some seriously cool  
>> looking self-contained monitor/cpu systems with very nice wireless  
>> keyboards - including a touch screen model from HP for about \$1500 that  
>> is a blast to use). Again, just an observation.  
>  
> Choices are good.

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use there are more companies making hardware for MSWindows  
>>>>> boxes. That's an advantage because there is more range of choice, and  
>>>>> a disadvantage because they all have to dance to the MSWindows beat.

>>>>>  
>>>>> Apple has fewer boxes but they control everything on those boxes.  
>>>>> That's a disadvantage because of the fewer choices, and an advantage  
>>>>> because there is less to go wrong or be incompatible, and if anything  
>>>>> does goes wrong, a single company can fix it.  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> starting at \$300 and going up to \$10k+. Not that I would buy a \$300  
>>>>>> desktop, but I still come back to the laptop I'm typing this on,  
>>>>>> costing significantly less than the least expensive Macbook (current)  
>>>>>> and only a slightly slower cpu (since it's a model from early last  
>>>>>> year), for \$400 less than the comparable Macbook, but otherwise,  
>>>>>> pretty much identical (it

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t; you're wrong. That doesn't apply to most of  
>>>>>> the Mac users I know, who own Macs to get work done and chose them  
>>>>>> as the preferred tool given the options. Frankly, I would rather be  
>>>>>> using BeOS but that choice was torpedoed.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> His comparison may not be technically fair on the Air, but he is  
>>>>>>> right - when it comes down to getting the job done, any advantage  
>>>>>>> to Air vs a regular laptop fade away pretty quickly, and you are  
>>>>>>> left with a much smaller drive for a lot more money.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Obviously the Air made compromises in order to be thin and light.  
>>>>>>> This will only be a benefit for those to whom thin and light is a  
>>>>>>> compelling enough advantage to outweigh (so to speak) any down side.  
>>>>>>> :^)  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> It's a narrowly aimed product, and I'm not surprised that people  
>>>>>>> outside of the target market

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base models. In the PC world  
>>>>>>> there are choices in each category at pretty much every \$100  
>>>>>>> increment,  
>>>>>>>

>>>>> Right, because there are more companies making hardware for  
>>>>> MSWindows boxes. That's an advantage because there is more range  
>>>>> of choice, and a disadvantage because they all have to dance to  
>>>>> the MSWindows beat.  
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>>>>>> early last year), for \$400 less than the comparable Macbook, but  
>>>>>> otherwise, pretty much identical (it does have a partially  
>>>>>> aluminum case, and feels better

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than the Macbooks I've tried).  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Sounds like you like your computer. Great!  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> There has to be a reason Apple only has a minority share of the  
>>>>>> personal computer market... ;-)  
>>>>>  
>>>>> There are many reasons. It would take too long to recount the  
>>>>> history here.  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> I wasn't trying to knock Apple, and I'm not attached to my PCs  
>>>>>> (other than the significant investment in software that is costly  
>>>>>> to replace or crossgrade) - just saying that imho, Shelly's  
>>>>>> reasoning is based on the fact that he's enamoured with the  
>>>>>> chique (sp?) of Apple, rather than just getting what he needs,  
>>>>>> and that without a mystical, glorious Keynote unveiling of trend  
>>>>>> setting products, that chique doesn't last long.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Poor guy. But his claims went beyond that. I zinged him for his  
>>>>> hyperbole.  
>>>>>  
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>>>>>> Imho, that chique is hurting consumers as it keeps Apple's  
>>>>>> product prices higher, with less range of price point  
>>>>>> competition, but for Apple customers, price doesn't seem to be a  
>>>>>

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useful from

>>>>>>>>> Apple this week. On the top of my wishlist was a true  
>>>>>>>>> sub-notebook. Something I could throw in a portfolio or  
>>>>>>>>> briefcase for short hops."  
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>>>>>>>>> Since he's not complaining about a lack of ports, I don't know  
>>>>>>>>> why the Air doesn't fulfill that role for him. Maybe he's too  
>>>>>>>>> cool to buy the base version with the hard drive.  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> He did like the movie rentals, which I think may be the most  
>>>>>>>>> important announcement of MacWorld for future impact on  
>>>>>>>>> Apple's growth. He did like the Time Capsule, which is at  
>>>>>>>>> least interesting. He hates the iPhone and AT&T, so he'll just  
>>>>>>>>> have to keep complaining about that until their exclusive  
>>>>>>>>> relationship ends.  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> Cheers,  
>>>>>>>>> -Jamie  
>>>>>>>>> [www.JamieKrutz.com](http://www.JamieKrutz.com)  
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>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> Neil wrote:  
>>>>>>>>>> A great read once again from Mr. Palmer...  
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