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Subject: Best dirt cheap near fields?

Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 20:51:46 GMT

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at is costly to replace or

> crossgrade) - just saying that imho, Shelly's reasoning is based on the  
> fact that he's enamoured with the chicue (sp?) of Apple, rather than  
> just getting

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?

Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 21:06:33 GMT

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>>>> "It costs \$1,799 for the base model. But, set up the way anybody who

>>>> MacBook Pro."

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>>>> This makes no sense. Notice that the price he complains about is the

>>>> price WITH the flash drive option. Yet Apple actually charges less

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Subject: Re: Best cheap dirt near fields?

Posted by [Carl Amburn](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 21:19:02 GMT

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?

Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 22:39:22 GMT

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>>>> 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.

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>>>> Cheers,

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>>>> -Jamie  
>>>> www.JamieKruz.com  
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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 00:29:37 GMT  
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tween \$1100 and \$2800 for one  
>> of the six base m

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [DJ](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 16:31:30 GMT  
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bleeding edge for \$2-4k to email Aunt Sally and store the  
>>>>> family photo album.  
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>>>> I don't think that's what he's saying. The box he's complaining  
>>>> about is under \$2K (configured the way most people who care about  
>>>> price would buy it). Just because he stupidly overpaid for his Mac  
>>>> doesn't mean others will. But if that's your complaint, there are  
>>>> Macs for less than \$2k.  
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>>>> If the general complaint about Apple is price, then it should be  
>>>> noted that the new desktop boxes are less expensive than Dell's, and  
>>>> the new super light notebook is less expensive than Sony's (and  
>>>> under 2K in the standard configuration).  
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>>>>> The MacBook, feels cheap, and while it has good specs and isn

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [DJ](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 17:55:47 GMT  
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is the issue, it's too soon to buy a 54GB solid state  
>>>>>> drive on ANY laptop, not just Apple's. Also, he adds the SSD to  
>>>>>> the MacBook Air and then compares that configuration to laptops  
>>>>>> without an SSD. If that's the comparison, then he should compare  
>>>>>> the \$1700 non-SSD version of the Air to the other subnotebooks.

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>>>>> And at that point he has little point.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> He could have complained about the lack of firewire or grouched  
>>>>> about the need for an adapter to use ethernet, but he didn't.  
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>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> "The movie studios like this, I like it! However, Wall Street

>>>>>  
>>>>> The article I linked the other day showed that Apple shares  
>>>>> usually go down after the keynote. Also, the entire market took a  
>>>>> hit on Wednesday for issues not directly related to a speech by  
>>>>> Steve Jobs. :^)

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>>>>>  
>>>>> "I really wanted to see something really great and 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."  
>>>>>  
>>>>> 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.  
>&g

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 18:27:52 GMT  
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ad but not a great analysis. He phoned it in.

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>>>>> easily be replaced by \$1,500 Windows kit."

>>>>>

>>>>> If price were the issue, he would have paid a lot less for the  
>>>>> MacBook Pro and added 3rd party RAM at considerable savings. So he  
>>>>> blows his credibility right off the top with that exaggerated  
>>>>> comparison.

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>>>>> "It costs \$1,799 for the base model. But, set up the way anybody

>>>>> 1.6Ghz, 64GB box. The same 4k buys you a mind-blowing Vista box or

>>>>>  
>>>>> Hypberbole. He's blaming Apple for the cost of a solid state  
>>>>> drive. This makes no sense. Notice that the price he complains  
>>>>> about is the price WITH the flash drive option. Yet Apple actually  
>>>>> charges less than street price to add that drive.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> If price

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 21:50:49 GMT  
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ok  
>>> reports ;-).  
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&g

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2007 13:14:27 GMT  
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>>>>> photo album.  
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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2007 15:06:54 GMT  
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mplying that the only reason people buy Macs is to be "brand  
>>  
>>>> loyal and hip," 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 B

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [DJ](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 08:36:07 GMT  
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r />  
>> the biggest monopolies (and yes, marketing organizations) on earth. As  
>> you imply, some of that choice is illusionary. 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).  
>>  
>>  
>>>> 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  
&g

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [Neil](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 14:57:40 GMT  
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>>>>> desktop release with more than  
>>>>> 3 models... so, "every" means "every". That's not called  
>>>>> hyperbole, it's called history. ;-))  
>>>>  
>>>> Maybe I misunderstood you. I saw "hyperbole" in your

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2007 01:58:19 GMT  
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>> nice long look at this. I think for me two Mix thingys + one Control would  
>> be pretty sweet.  
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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?  
Posted by [Neil](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2007 02:05:40 GMT  
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>> TCB  
>>  
>> "LaMont" <jjdpro@gmail.com> wrote:  
>>>  
>>>Ok.. I just went over to the Euphonix site, and I saw the new artist  
>>>series  
>>>MC/MC-Mix.. I'm very impressed.  
>>>  
>>> [http://euphon221.securesites.net/artist/products/artist\\_systems/overview.php](http://euphon221.securesites.net/artist/products/artist_systems/overview.php)  
>>>  
>>>Those early pictures did not do these babies justice. Nice. And, I can  
  
>>>configure  
>>>thes babies for a very (Cosmetics) nice setup...  
>>>Think BrianT's(Paris setup with the 4 Mec's and screens..  
>>>  
>>>I'm actually floored and I'm "eating" my words. Nice Job Euphonix..

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2007 14:27:52 GMT  
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> does  
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>>>> have a partially aluminum case, and feels better than the Ma

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2007 03:04:07 GMT  
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>>> the

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>>>>>> standard configuration).

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>>>>>>> The MacBook, feels cheap, and while it has good specs and isn't really

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>>>>>>> out of line with a comparable PC laptop, it sits alone in it's sub

>>>>>>>

>>> \$2k

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>>>>>>> price point in the Apple lineup.

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>>>>>>> Other than the Mac Mini and iMac. Oh, you mean laptops. Yes, except

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>>> for

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>>>>>>> the low end MacBook Pro and the new MacBook Air, sans flash drive.

>As

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>>>>> for

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>>>>>>> "feeling cheap," the MacBook does have a plastic case. But my wife

>has

>>>>>>>

>>>>> one

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>>>>>>> (G4 version); it seems reasonably rugged and has held up well. It

>also

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>>>>>>> gets better wireless reception than my metal-clad Powerbook.

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>>>>>>>> My laptop cost \$750 and has comparable specs to the Macbook, but

>with  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> more I/O (it's closer to the Macbook pro in feature set - not psyched  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> about Vista on it, but I can't deny it gets the same job done for  
>a  
>>>>>>>  
>>> lot  
>>>  
>>>>>>> less money).  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> It's good to have choices. Apple is only one choice. If another choice  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>> is  
>>>>>  
>>>>>>> better for you, by all means buy it. If everyone bought a Mac, Apple  
>>>>>>>  
>>>  
>>>  
>>>>>>> would  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> be insufferable. :^)  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Competition is good. On the flip side, if Apple weren't pushing the  
>>>>>>> envelope, the other companies building commodity MSWindows boxes  
would  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>> be  
>>>>>  
>>>>>>> less motivated to give you stuff you like. So keep buying what moves  
>>>>>>>  
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>>>  
>>>>>>> you,  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> be it Apple or someone else.  
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>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>> The same is true of desktops. So his point is based on his opening  
>>>>>>>> comments about being enamoured with all things Apple.  
>>>>>>>> Sure, he could have gone cheaper, but money is hardly a concern  
for  
>>>>>>>> Shelly considering his success - it's just a reference point  
>>>>>>>> that he could have spent 1/3 of what he did and accomplished the  
>same  
>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>> amount of work, but being enamoured with Apple, he goes for the

gold

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>>>>>>> instead. In other words, he's a victim of clever marketing - getting

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>>>>> you

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>>>>>>> to buy way more than you need or want.

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>>>>>>> I can't speak for him, but I didn't buy way

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2007 03:09:12 GMT

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more than I need or want,

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>>>>> and

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>>>>>>> I have a Mac.

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>>>>>>> When you have the option to pay \$1000 or less and get the same job

>>>>>>>

>>> done

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>>>>>>> (depending on what job you are trying to accomplish of course),

vs.

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>>>>>>> going

>>&g

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?

Posted by [Chris Latham](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 05:19:32 GMT

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>>>> Btw - I was in Best Buy today - there were probably 20 different

>>>> laptop models, and 30 desktop models there

>>>> to choose from. 2 iMacs, 1 desktop, and 3 laptops. Regardless of

>>>> prefer

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