
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.
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>>>>>>> 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
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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!
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>>>>>
>>>>>> 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.
>>>>>
>>>>>

>>>>>> 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.
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>>>>>>>> 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
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>>>>>>>> Neil wrote:
>>>>>>>>> A great read once again from Mr. Palmer...
>>>>>>>>>
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