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Cool Techniques
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We
speak
Geek,
so you
don't
have to.

Holiday Gift Ideas

... a little help for you and Santa

Help!

Does Santa need to know what your Mac wants in its stocking? Here are a few suggestions.

Memory (RAM)

No one can have too much. RAM memory chips are appropriate for 99.9% of all computers. More RAM makes your Mac faster, more efficient and crash less. 32 megabyte upgrade chips are about \$80.00 and will do wonders for any Mac that is less than ten years old. (Older Macs use smaller sizes)

A Faster Modem

If today's Internet is to be used effectively, there's no excuse for suffering with an old, slow modem. Dump that torturous 14.4K or plodding 28.8K and move up to a speedy 56K model. Prices start at about \$70.00 and installation is simple. Good brands are Supra, Best Data and Global Village.

A Big Boost

Your Mac will love a G3 upgrade. If you have a PowerMac 6100, 7100, 8100, 7300, 7500, 8500, 9500, 7600, 8600, 9600 or a Performa 6115, 6116, 5400 or 6400, you can add a state-of-the-art G3 processor and make it a close equivalent to the latest and greatest models. G3 upgrades start about \$550.00. Top model upgrades can boost your older Mac to a rip-snorting 333mHz or more. Wow!

A New Printer

Get the most out of your Mac's superior graphic capabilities with an *Epson Stylus® Photo EX* printer. The *Stylus® Photo EX* can print photographs almost indistinguishable from the real thing and, amazingly, the *Stylus Stylus® EX* can print on paper up to 11.7"x44" in size! All of this plus ease of use and great software for under \$500.00.

Bargain Systems

Used Macs hold their value amazingly well (I'm still using one that is over 15 years old). If your needs aren't cutting edge, consider a used Mac. See page 2 for descriptions of two fine used system that we

have available. These Macs are in excellent condition and are very reliable.

Games

Your Mac loves to play games. Pick from classics like Eric's Ultimate Solitaire \$39.99, *Myst* (the amazing, non-violent adventure game) \$24.99 or the latest, greatest (not for the timid!) games like *Myth II*, \$49.99; *Unreal*, \$49.99; *Deer Hunter* \$19.99; *Tomb Raider II*, 49.99; or hundreds more.

Sundries

Small, inexpensive and always welcome are *Mouse Pads* and *Wrist Rests*, *Floppy Disks* and *Erasable Labels*, *Ink Jet Papers* and *Ink Cartridges*, *CD ROM Organizers* and *Disk Boxes*, and, for those of you who have known me a long time, my favorite tool: *PrintGOCCO* (<http://www.riso.com/Gocco.htm>).

Certainty

Nothing spoils the fun like problems! If you're giving a hardware or software gift to someone you love, consider a Gift Membership to *California Computer Care*.

Make sure that support and advice are only a phone call or email message away. We are featuring a special \$45.00 Gift Membership that provides all of the services of a regular CCC membership at a reduced cost. This special is for existing members wishing to buy gift memberships for their friends and loved ones and includes a handsome gift certificate to stuff in their stocking.

Happy Holidays to All!

Best Wishes for 1999!

Coming in the January '99 issue

Updates of our tests of *Mac OS 8.5* and the *iMac*. Plus, a review of the new adventure game *Myth 2: Soulblighter* (if Santa comes through!).

For Sale

Here are some good used and overstock items from California Computer Care.

Wacom artPadII **NEW!**

4"x5" Graphic Tablet with cordless, erasing, pressure sensitive stylus pen. Draw and paint on your Mac with ease.

NEW Regularly \$99.99. **ONLY \$49⁹⁵**

Computer Systems

Macintosh IICI

Probably the most durable and long lasting desktop computer (of any kind) ever made.

Features:

- 25MHz 68030 processor
- 24 MB RAM
- 340 MB hard disk drive
- 2X CDROM drive (external)
- 1.44 MB Superdrive floppy disk drive
- 256K cache card
- Mirror 16-bit video card
- Mirror/Sony 17" Trinitron monitor
- Fast Mac V.34 28.8K modem



A good starter system for web surfing or running a small business or household.

A solid value at **\$149⁹⁹**

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PowerMacintosh Performa 6116CD

a medium powered system that is perfect for beginner to intermediate users.

Features:

- 60MHz, PowerPC 601 processor
- 24 MB RAM
- 700 MB hard disk drive
- 2X CDROM drive
- 1.44 MB Superdrive floppy disk drive
- Apple 14" multiscan AV monitor with built-in stereo speakers
- Apple Color StyleWriter 2400 printer
- Global Village 28.8K fax modem
- Full Performa software package includes *ClarisWorks*, *Grolier Encyclopedia*, *Quicken*, *AOL* and lots more.



This Performa 6116 is in excellent condition and is even upgradable to G3 technology! If you are looking for a solid system for school, internet or a home business, this is it.

6 month CCC warranty included.

All for only **\$599⁹⁹**

Advantage RAM

8 MB for Powerbook 190 or 5300

for speed and extra stability.

ONLY \$49⁹⁵

Software

Bryce 3D by MetaCreations **NEW!**

The classic 3D landscape generator now does animation. Easy to use and tons of fun! Create flybys and realistic or fantastic landscapes. Works well with Photoshop and other 2D and 3D graphic software.

Requires Power Mac, 16 MB RAM and System 7.1 or newer.

NEW Regularly \$189.99. **ONLY \$99⁹⁵**

Nov-December Tip —

Better Internet Searches

Have you ever gone to your favorite internet search site like *Yahoo*, *Alta Vista* or *Lycos*, entered the information you wanted, say, *Ceramic Tile Installer* and had the search engine bring back thousands of matches? You just got every web page that has the words *Ceramic* or *Tile* or *Installer* on it! You can narrow the number of results by using quotation marks around your request. If you typed in "*Ceramic Tile Installer*" instead, then the results will be limited to only pages that contain the entire phrase. For example, *Alta Vista* returned 54,600 results (mostly useless) without the quotation marks and only 6 results (but useful ones) when quotation marks were used.