Microsoft Office for Mac
Roadmap Update

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Microsoft: Macintosh Business Unit (MacBU)

Who are we?

• Established in 1997
• 180 Employees

Our Products
- Office 2004 & 2008 for Mac
- Messenger for Mac
- Remote Desktop Client for Mac
• 5 year agreement
• Weekly meetings
  – Engineering
  – Marketing
  – Program management
• One of the largest concentrations of Mac only developers outside Apple
Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac

Product Update

- Current version 11.3.4
- Time zone changes in Entourage in the 11.3.3 update
- Office runs great under Rosetta
- MacTech benchmark study and additional QAs at: http://www.microsoft.com/mac

- Virtual PC does not run under Rosetta
File format converters will allow Office v.X and 2004 users to read the new Open XML format used by Office 2007 on Windows.

- Available spring 2007
- Save Office 2007 files as “Word/Excel/PowerPoint 97-2003” documents until file converter availability
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What’s in the new version?

- Universal Binary
- File format compatibility with Office 2007
- Updated user interface
- Customer requested Exchange functionality
- Rigorous security testing
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Key Feature Enhancements

New User Interface
- Updated look and feel
- New Elements Gallery
- Updated Formatting Pallet

- Updated toolbars
- Continues with Mac standard user interface features such as toolbars and menus
Document Parts

Easy creation of formal documents by using preset templates

- Cover Pages
- Table of Contents
- Headers
- Footers
- Bibliography
Publishing Layout View

- New publishing user interface
- Layout guides
- Publishing templates
- Linked text boxes
- Create brochures, catalogs, newsletters, and more
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Entourage: Key Feature Enhancements

- Kerberos authentication
- Out of Office Assistant
- Document retention policies in Exchange 2007 Managed Folders
- Improved Mail rendering
- Enhance spam and anti-phishing features
New Calendar Features

– Improved calendaring experience
– Updated user interface
– Improved ToDo lists
– Enhances Free/Busy indicators
– Vivid colors
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Entourage: Key Feature Enhancements

My Day
- Instant overview of daily schedule, tasks, and messages
- Add new tasks and print daily schedule with one click
- Displays Entourage information even when Entourage isn’t running
- Launches Entourage with the click of a button
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PowerPoint: Key Feature Enhancements

Office Art 2.0

Designer quality graphics for Office 2008 documents

- SmartArt
- Charts
- Diagrams
- Tables
- Graphs
Ledger Sheets

Templates for commonly used spreadsheet tasks.

“Big Grid” = “more calculability”

Rows: 1,048,576
Columns: 16,384
Cell character
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Visual Basic Support Ending

• Why is VBA support going away?
  – Office 2004 supports an older version of VBA
  – Moving VBA to Intel is a 3+ year project even if we bring over the old version

• What will my Mac users experience with Office 2008?
  – Scripts will not execute, but will not be removed or changed
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Programmability Options

• AppleScript (and Automator)
• Resources
  – April issue of MacTech Magazine
  – AppleScript Dictionaries for Office
  – Apple’s AppleScript Center
  – Automator actions in Office 2008
  – Additional white papers and guides will be posted to our website in the coming months
• Ongoing investigation of long-term x-plat solutions
• Supports Live Communication Server (LCS) and Windows Live Messenger

• Messenger for Mac 6.0 features
  – Support for federation between service providers
  – Add a status message that your personal contacts can see
  – Search for conversation histories using Spotlight
  – Check the spelling in your instant messages

• Audio / video additions for 7.0 LCS release
- Full rewrite
- Universal binary
- Updated user interface
- Enhanced security
- Support for RDP 6.0
• Exchange 2007
• Live Communication Server
• SharePoint 2007
• Live Meeting
• ASP.NET 2.0
Source: MacBU estimation based on information provided by Apple and other Microsoft teams. Code names are presented in quotations. The information contained in this document relates to pre-release software product, which may be substantially modified before its first commercial release. Accordingly, the information may not accurately describe or reflect the software product or timing when first commercially released. This document is provided for informational purposes only, and Microsoft makes no warranties, express or implied, with respect to this document or the information contained in it.
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MacTech Magazine
http://www.mactech.com
Entourage Blog
http://blogs.msdn.com/entourage/
Deployment and installation information for IT Administrators

- Updated summer 2006
- Exchange integration
- Messenger with LCS
- Working with SharePoint and other server products
Questions?