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Work & play: **Editor's picks**

Getting a head start

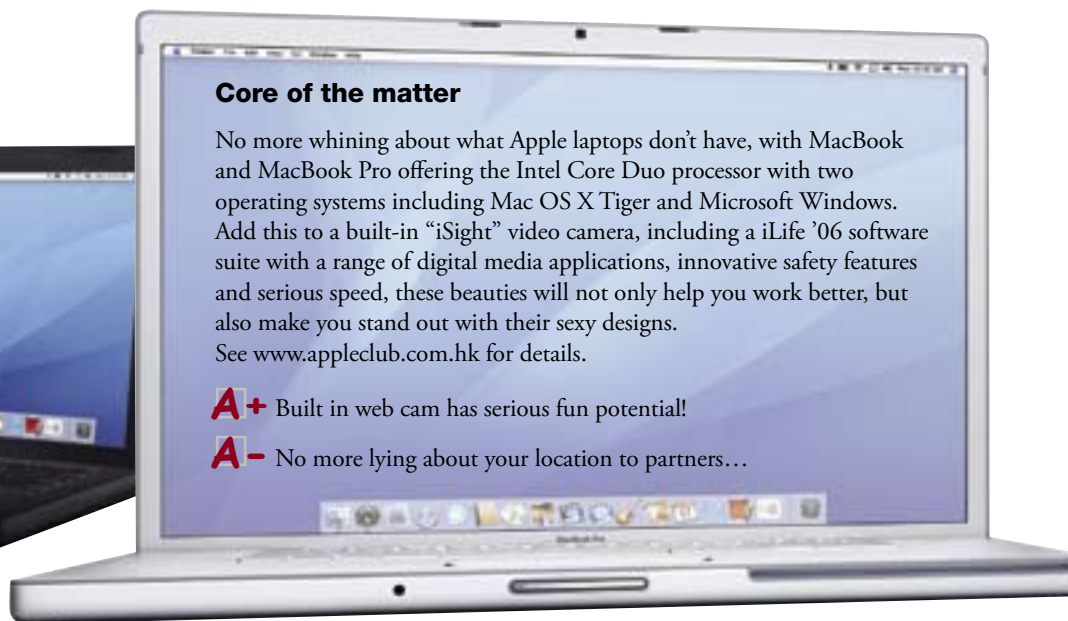
You want to be the best. Here are some things to help you along the way

Tips to the top

Even if you think you are the biggest hotshot on planet Earth, a little advice never hurts. Artist Penelope Dullaghan is compiling a series of art works from various contributors entitled "The best advice I ever got." Check out www.penelopeillustration.com/projects/bestadviceproject.

A+ Get some great advice

A- Who needs advice when you can be ruthless?



Core of the matter

No more whining about what Apple laptops don't have, with MacBook and MacBook Pro offering the Intel Core Duo processor with two operating systems including Mac OS X Tiger and Microsoft Windows. Add this to a built-in "iSight" video camera, including a iLife '06 software suite with a range of digital media applications, innovative safety features and serious speed, these beauties will not only help you work better, but also make you stand out with their sexy designs. See www.appleclub.com.hk for details.

A+ Built in web cam has serious fun potential!

A- No more lying about your location to partners...

Professional playtime

Remember when you were that horrid child hogging all your toys so others couldn't play with them? With LaCie external hard drives, it's time to relive the excitement of possessing what others want, but don't have. The "Lego-like" high speed USB 2.0 and FireWire drives come in a range of sizes from 30GB to a gargantuan 120GB! Don't let a faulty computer compromise years of data. Protect your information and demonstrate your one-upmanship at the same time. See www.lacie.com for more details or check out computer arcades in Hong Kong.

A+ So clever of you to save information externally

A- Until your children mistake these for toys and slobber all over your vital info...



Branch out

Expanding your network is always essential to pushing your career along the right path, so meetings are *de rigueur*. These USB 2.0 memory sticks, available in 256MB, 512MB and 1GB versions, are an easy and funky way to bring the information you need to the meetings. Made by Dutch designer Guido Ooms, they are available at www.ooms.nl.

A+ Your clients will think you are funky

A- They might also think you are a spaced out hippie



King of keyboards

Don't let organizational weakness be the chink in your armour. Designer Dean DeVolpi has combined keyboard and filing cabinet. The result is all the tools you need at your fingertips. The fun starts at www.keyboardorganizer.com.

A+ Handy storage

A- You're going to look like a b-version James Bond wannabe

