

ohn Brochu's Elite Apple Awards

The Macintosh Guide Book

<http://www.everymac.com/>

The Guide Book is an exhaustive listing of all Macs and compatibles (past and present), including many makers we've never heard of, listed by manufacturer and processor. Included are full specs on each model, dates of manufacture, and initial and current price estimates, as well as a general description. One major annoyance is the use of the MacAddict Network ad banners in a permanent frame at the bottom of the page. Overall, however, this is a great effort on the part of the designer, Brock Kyle.

MacKiDo Temple

<http://www.mackido.com/>

MacKiDo is widely acclaimed as an 'evangelism' site (which it certainly is), but the Temple actually has a ton of great information, from original technical and instructional articles, to a very amusing collection of humor, to insightful Mac vs. Wintel arguments. The articles by the site author, David Emery, are very professional and factual. This is certainly one of first sites to visit whether you're learning about your Mac, or just trying to convince that bullish friend of yours why the Mac is the way to go.

MacShare.com

<http://www.macshare.com/>

Although this site (formerly Todd's Mac) has always been a great reference for shareware and freeware, their recent redesign has put a fresh new face on this site and makes it easier and more fun to navigate. Short reviews are included for each product featured, as well as full descriptions and links to the file download. There may be larger (and more commercialized) shareware/freeware reference sites out there, but you'd be hard pressed to find a better-maintained guide to essential Mac shareware and freeware.

[Note: Todd has been very kind in referencing our site in several places on MacShare. As always, this has no bearing on the award.]

Check them out on the SiteLink website at:
<http://www.sitelink.net/SiteLinkEliteApples.shtml>

Ron's Recommended Sites

This month's theme: **Manifestos!**

I've always thought that the ideal piece of literature for distribution over the Internet is the manifesto. They are easy to write and to make available, and because they can't be censored they can be as radical as they want. Most manifestos that you find on the net have been written by one lone rogue who thinks that he is the spokesperson for the group that he/she belongs to. Every one of these manifestos can be very dangerous if you look at them the wrong (or sometimes right) way.

The Communist Manifesto

<http://csf.colorado.deu/psn/marx/Archive/1848-CM/>

This is probably the most well-known and historically significant (and deplored) manifesto that you could find. This was really long and I did not bother to read it because I didn't have the time or the interest needed. This is out here just in case you might need it for research or something.

The META-PUNK Manifesto

<http://www.comet.net/seraphim/dtw/dttw3/manifest.HTM>

This one is my favorite of the four that I have showcased. I expected this to be whiny and depressing but I found it strangely uplifting. It's very sincere and thoughtful. If you aren't very knowledgeable of the meta-punk/hardcore crowd I highly recommend this site as a method of improving your understanding.

The Leisure Party Manifesto

<http://www.wired.com/wired/scenarios/manifesto.html>

This is even more dangerous than the Communist Manifesto. This was written with a comical nature that hides the dangers of idleness. Its message is to turn the machines on, kick back, and turn your brain off. The reason that this is so dangerous is that the Communist Manifesto wants to change your ideology, but this wants to directly change your lifestyle. Communism is something that more people believe than actually practice, while this is completely different.

The Internet Manifesto

<http://hippy.com/manifesto.htm>

This manifesto starts off with plenty of agreeable opinions against censorship on the net but it slowly becomes a paranoid rant against our government and the governments of the world. The author encourages us to use the power of the net to bring anarchy to our country. I found this at the hippy home site, as you can see by the URL.

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