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Posted by [David Evan](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 07:11:56 GMT
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s without an SSD. If
that's the comparison, then he should compare the \$1700 non-SSD version
of the Air to the other subnotebooks. And at that point he has little point.

He could have complained about the lack of firewire or grouched about the
need for an adapter to use ethernet, but he didn't.

seem to like it at all. Apple shares were down \$9.74 to \$169.04 the day

The article I linked the other day showed that Apple shares usually go
down after the keynote. Also, the entire market took a hit on Wednesday
for issues not directly related to a speech by Steve Jobs. :^)

"I really wanted to see something really great and useful from Apple
this week. On th

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>>> There has to be a reason Apple only has a minority share of the
>>> personal computer market... ;-)
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>> There are many reasons. It would take too long to recount the history
>> here.
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>>> 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.

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>> Poor guy. But his claims went beyond that. I zinged him for his
>> hyperbole.
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>>> 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 concern.
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;> Maybe for some, but not overall. Apple is competing on features and
>> implementation. And even, lately, on price.
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>>> Basically Apple has its' customers right where it wants them. Imho,
>>> it should be the other way around, and then we would truly have more
>>> choices.
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>> Choice is good. Competition is good.
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>> Apple no more has its customers where it wants them than Microsoft has
>> theirs well thumbbed over. For example you yourself are trapped in
>> Microsoftland by your committed investments there.
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>>> re: BeOS.... same here.
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>> Yep. Sigh... Yet another reason to mistrust Apple, to an extent, and
>> Microsoft to a much larger extent.
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>> Cheers,
>> -Jamie
>> www.JamieKruz.com
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>>> Dedric
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>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:4790eeca@linux...
>>>> Dedric Terry wrote:
>>>>> Shelly's complaints, however generalized, pretty much echo that of
>>>>> every PC user who's passed on going the Mac route:

>>>>> There is one price point

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commodity MSWindows boxes

>>>> would be less motivated to give you stuff you like. So keep buying

>>>> what moves you, be it Apple or someone else.

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>>>>> The same is true of desktops. So his point is based on his opening

>>>>> comments about being enamoured with all things Apple.

>>>>> Sure, he could have gone cheaper, but money is hardly a concern for

>>>>> Shelly considering his success - it's just a reference point

>>>>> that he could have spent 1/3 of what he did and accomplished the

>>>>> same amount of work, but being enamoured with Apple, he goes for

>>>>> the gold instead. In other words, he's a victim of clever

>>>>> marketing - getting you to buy way more than you need or want.

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>>>> I can't speak for him, but I didn't buy way more than I need or

>>>> want, and I have a Mac.

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>>>>> When you have the option to pay \$1000 or less and get the same job

>>>>> done (depending on what job you are trying to accomplish of

>>>>> course), vs. going with a brand mainly to be brand loyal and hip

>>>>> while having no choice under \$2-4k or more, how else do you

>>>>> evaluate the two options?

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>>>> If you're implying that the

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ally just referring to the fact that with every Mac release,

>>>there

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>>>are three desktop models,

>>>usually starting at \$2k and going up - this round, \$2799 is the starting

>>

>>>price, and only options for dual quad cores,

>>>no range below that for people who don't need "blinding speed" to write

>> book
>>>reports ;-).
>>>
>>>There are 2 laptop model choices, ranging between \$1100 and \$2800 for one
>> of
>>>the six base models. In the PC world
>>>there are choices in each category at pretty much every \$100 increment,
>>
>>>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 does
>>
>>>have a partially aluminum case, and feels better than the Macbooks I've
>>
>>>tried).
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eOS but that choice

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>>>> 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.
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>>>> 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. :^)
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>>>> It's a narrowly aimed product, and I'm not surprised that people outside
>>
>>>> of the target market miss the point. I think he phoned it in because
he
>>
>>>> complained about non-Air-specific-issues, blatantly exaggerating to
do
>> so,
>>>> while missing real issues with the Air.
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>>>>> Regards,
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>>>>>> A good read but not a great analysis. He phoned it in.
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>>>>>> "I'm walking around with a \$4,700 MacBook Pro laptop that could easily
>>
>>>>>> be replaced by \$1,500 Windows kit."
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>>>>>> If price were the issue, he would have paid a lot less for the MacBook

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>>>>> Pro and added 3rd party RAM at considerable savings. So he blows his
>>
>>>>> credibility right off the top with that exaggerated comparison.
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>>>>> "It costs \$1,799 for the base model. But, set up the way anybody who
>>
>>>>> needs a computer would have to set it up, it's a \$4,000 1.6Ghz, 64GB
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