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So long Safari?



Last week, Mozilla came out with its latest version of [Firefox](#) for Mac. The new release boasts enhanced stability, along with a couple of handy features, such as the ability to reorder tabs and a quick way to erase your browsing history. But even though the new Firefox is not overflowing with groundbreaking enhancements, the few changes that have been added are like extra icing on an already fantastic cake.

This is definitely a solid alternative browser.

Does this mean you should get rid of the tried-and-true Apple-developed Safari? Probably not just yet, but I hope you give Firefox a look, because it definitely has some features that make me think twice about my browser choices. You never know: after spending a day surfing the Mozilla Firefox way, you may just decide it's more your speed.

Also this week, we have Toon Boom Studio Express, perfect for artistic types who want a tool for creating colorful 2D animations. Our game this week is Downfall, a falling-bricks game that makes the most of old-school 3D graphics.

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Version: 1.5

License: Free

File size: 9.44MB

Minimum requirements: Mac OS X 10.1

Mozilla's popular Firefox gains traction and does quite a few things other browser makers might want to take note of. Version 1.5 of Firefox offers a few notable features, foremost of which is the ability to reorder tabs by dragging and dropping them. You'll also find a tool that lets you quickly clean up your surfing history with two clicks of the mouse or a hot-key combo. As with all Mozilla browsers, it conforms well to standards, so pages from almost any site load and function properly. If you're new to Firefox entirely, you'll appreciate the other features, including its clean and uncluttered interface, with an option to easily add customized toolbars by dragging and dropping icons. It also includes RSS feeds and the ability to search several popular sites (such as Google) directly from the address bar. Firefox also seamlessly blocks unwelcome pop-up advertisements without requiring the download of any additional software. What we do know is the more we use Firefox, the more we like it and feel it suits both personal and professional use.

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In Multimedia and Design

Toon Boom Studio Express

Version: 1.5

License: Free to try; \$69.99 to buy

File size: 30.6MB

Minimum requirements: Mac OS X 10.3 Panther

If you long for traditional 2D-animation tools on your Mac, you simply won't find a better package at a better price than this full-featured app. Toon Boom Studio Express gives you a full toolset for all styles of 2D animation (including a virtual exposure sheet); support for importing and vectorizing scanned drawings; sound editing and compositing tools (with a great lip-sync feature); 3D stage and camera animators for more complex and accurately rendered scenes; and even an optimized rendering engine for making supercompact Shockwave files. Though we think the 15-day trial is a bit short to fully explore this program, we still think it's worth a look if animation is your thing. People looking for a well-made program that offers pro-level 2D-animation tools should definitely check out this app.

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In Games

Downfall

Version: 2.5.4

License: Free to try; \$19.95 to buy

File size: 1.14MB

Minimum requirements: Mac OS X

This fun, falling-blocks game takes the concepts of Tetris and Columns to a whole new level, offering 3D graphics and new game types. Even

though it's a relatively small download, Downfall manages to challenge you while using old-school 3D graphics in a classy and impressive way. Four game types and special blocks add unique elements to the game. We were amazed at the smooth 3D transitions between games and the way the board reacts to winning block combinations. While the music only repeats one mysterious track, it is good enough that it didn't bother us even after extensive play. With eight levels available in the demo that sample each of the game types, we needed to develop strategies to fit each board. We highly recommend this one to fans of falling-blocks games, and we think there is plenty here for other gamers as well. If there were an award for the best Mac game using the least amount of memory, Downfall would definitely be a top contender.

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