

Classic/Retired Intel Mac Section

Discussion in 'Site and Forum Feedback' started by Gamer9430, Jul 3, 2015.

Would you like to see a Classic/Retired Intel Mac section?

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Gamer9430
macrumors 65816



Apr 22, 2014
Central New Jersey, USA

Hello. **On behalf of several regular users in the PowerPC forums**, we would like to request that a Classic/Retired Intel Mac section be added to the forums. The reason being behind this is that **users in the Intel Mac section often tell users seeking help that their machines are too old to be useful and should go out and buy a new one, thus not helping to answer that user. Users seeking help often come to the PowerPC forums** because they think their older macs are the same as the PowerPC macs, and they think that we can help them (which most of the time we are able to). **We in the PowerPC section often create threads about older Intel macs** because being the people that we are, still using PowerPC macs in 2015 and refusing to give up on old machines, we are able to **help out in solving problems** that a certain user has.

With having a Classic/Retired Intel section, **users who have older Intel macs** can come to that section to request help and not be told to get a new one, and we can keep the **PowerPC section strictly PowerPC**.

Thanks to any admin who is taking the time to read this and we hope that you will consider adding in this subforum.

shenya and grahamperin like this.

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throAU
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Feb 13, 2012
Perth, Western Australia

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I know for a fact that Bum, Erik, Keaton, Altamora, LightbulbFun, iModFrenzy, and several others, including you and me, have older Intel macs as well as PowerPC macs. I think the form should be for Core2Duo and below machines (or any machine that maxes out at 10.6/10.7), regardless of Yosemite/EI Cap capabilities.

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Try to go with an early '09 or later, if you can. Stick an SSD in there, maybe 4 GB RAM, and you'll have a nice Mac running the latest version of OS X for at least another year.

I agree that users of plastic MacBooks lost their cozy little sub-forum as soon as the rMB was announced. However, there are still people there willing to help users of older MacBooks, even though such threads can be hard to spot among the rMB discussion and now feel quite out of place.

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grahamperin
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Jun 8, 2007

Related:

- Hierarchy of sub-forums, and some related permissions

- and I'll cast my vote here after reviewing (and linking to) other related topics.

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malflynn
moderator

May 3, 2009
Boston

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SandboxGeneral
Moderator

Sep 8, 2010
Detroit, Michigan

malflynn said: ;

Plus who makes the decision that a given Mac is "retired" I mean would my 2012 rMBP be considered such even though its going on 3 years old?

I agree, I see no need to split it up into new forums. Plus, would my 2010 iMac be considered "retired"? It's a 2.93 GHz i7, quad core and as far as I see, despite being 5 years old, it's still very powerful and relevant.

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shenya
macrumors 68040

Jan 6, 2005

I would have to agree with this sentiment, as in the new (I presume it's new?) Macbook forum there is **not-insignificant number of posts from people seeking help for their older plastic-generation 'MacBooks'** and nobody ever moves them out of the forum even though they don't seem to get much help there. It feels completely out of place there - and a source of confusion for anyone skimming thread titles.

grahamperin likes this.

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RedTomato said: ;

...The five year cutoff has the virtue of being both simple and optional. ...

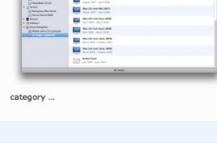
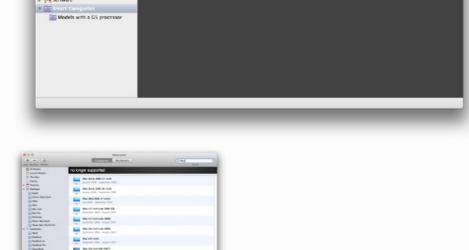
Gamer9430 said: ;

... older ...

With or without rationalisation alongside the PowerPC sub-forum, it should be good to have **something more specific than 'old' (or 'older')** that is not tied to an age.

Unsupported

A smart category in MacTracker:



category ... and it should be simple enough to get a more specific

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throAU
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Jul 11, 2009

throAU said: ;

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Exactly.

Trying to find a way to divide older-Intel powered Macs into separate forums would confuse users and make more work for moderators who have to sort the posts when they're put into the wrong forum.

Does a 2010 Macbook go into the old Mac category? How about a 2008 Mac Pro? The supported/unsupported distinction isn't useful as there are unsupported Macs that share nearly everything with models which are supported. Further, most people are entirely unaware of a computer's support status.

The only logical architectural distinction is 32 vs. 64-bit, but in most cases the 32 and 64 bit models which immediately followed share nearly everything except the CPU.

It would make no logical sense, nor improve the user experience, to split Intel Mac forums further.

throAU and SandboxGeneral like this.

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grahamperin
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Jun 8, 2007

SandboxGeneral said: ;

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Sorry, I don't know about retired.

Much easier to tell: that iMac is supported.

Please see the first screenshot at <http://forums.macrumors.com/posts/21547007> - no 2010 models on that list.

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It's already established that the word 'old' is contentious.

Less contentious; please see the second screenshot at <http://forums.macrumors.com/posts/21547007> - no 2010 models on that list.

Quote

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That's opinion; not fact.

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MacTracker sometimes lags on updates. The canonical reference for support status is here: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201524>

There's a lot of unsupported 2009 portables which are virtually identical to still-supported 2010 portables. What is the value of separating computers which are effectively the same in a forum like this?

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S56fmjoe
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Apr 19, 2014

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Maybe, but I **understand the OP's sentiment**. Start a thread in the MBP forum about how you're looking at buying a 2006 version or ask about a problem with one and you'll be shouted down with "lol that's too old, just throw it away and buy a 2013 refurb" or some variation thereof. Nobody in the PPC forum is told to buy a newer machine unless that is actually the best answer to their question. I don't see it happening in an older Intel section.

While it might not require a separate forum, it already detracts from the user experience to be met with a barrage of posts from spec chasers with a totally distorted view of computing needs.

BumSpecial, Gamer9430 and grahamperin like this.

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Honestly, I can't view Intel Macs as the same as PowerPC Macs. I have a variety of Macs, each of which falls into one of those categories. I'd never confuse the two.

For the other part of your post: thanks, a thumbs-up for canonical reference.

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Richmoore
macrumors 65816

Jul 24, 2007

Another option is just use apple's obsolete definition, 7 years after discontinuation.

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macrumors 68030

May 28, 2006
Manchester, UK

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I tend to agree with this. It would benefit the regulars with middle aged Macs, but would be confusing for vintage or obsolete.

Being an occasional dipper into the PowerPC forum I can understand the points made about that **culture of that subforum being of more relaxed and considered** but on balance I'm going with the existing structure.

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