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Adobe to Unveil Creative Suite 7 on April 12

Adobe will be hosting an online event at 8am Pacific time on April 12 to unveil its Creative Suite 6 applications. The Web-based Global Online Launch Event will include product demonstrations with videos showing off new features in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and other Creative Suite applications. The event is free, but requires registration at <http://cs5launch.adobe.com>.

1TB MacBook Hard Drive Upgrades

MyService is offering 1TB hard drive upgrades for Apple's unibody MacBook and MacBook Pro lineup. The drives cost \$345 and include installation, data transfer, round trip shipping, and they return your original drive to you. Since MyService is an Apple Authorized Service Center, the upgrade won't void your warranty. www.myservice.com

Poser Pro 2012

Poser Pro 2012, from Smith Micro Software, was built upon the foundations of Poser, launched in 1997. Since then artists have relied on Poser technology to create photorealistic images for a variety of industries including arch-

itecture, advertising, film, television and even social networks. With over 2.5GB of ready-to-use content such as pre-rigged, fully textured 3D characters, the newest version saves users time and development resources to quickly turn complex ideas into three-dimensional reality.

Enlarge Characters in the Glyphs Panel

InDesign's Glyphs panel (Window > Type & Tables > Glyphs) reveals all the characters in a font. If you're having trouble seeing exactly what those characters look like, make the glyphs larger by clicking the mountain button in the lower right corner. You can also filter the display by choosing options from the Show menu.

GlassMats

One of the happiest investments we've made in our offices is the aptly-named GlassMat. Imagine rolling your chair around on glass instead of plastic, carpet, or wood — it's a uniquely smooth and fatigue-reducing experience. GlassMats are made from glass that is specially treated to never crack, dent, indent, or discolor, and will never wear out.

Each mat can support more than 1,000 pounds, and they come in a variety of shapes at any size. The corners are normally square, but you can also specify small or large rounded corners to any of

the corners, which creates a more elegant look. Prices range from \$240 to \$360, and they last a lifetime. Their website shows excellent examples. www.glassmat.net

Change Photoshop's Brush Settings from Your Keyboard

Photoshop's brush tools let you change the settings in the Options bar by using the number keys on your keyboard. For example, if you very quickly type 25, the Opacity setting of the Brush-related tools change to 25%. (This includes the Gradient, Paint Bucket, Clone, History and Eraser tools.)

With the toning and sharpness tools, the Exposure or Strength changes. With the Color Replacement tool, the Tolerance changes. And for the Sponge tool, the Flow changes.

Sketchbook for iPhone

Sketchbook Mobile for the iPhone (\$3) is a painting and drawing app for the iPhone and iPod touch. Sketchbook Mobile allows you to import from your iPhone's photo library or directly from the camera, and manipulate the photo using pressure-sensitive brushes and gesture-based menus. The app includes many artistic brushes and allows you to create custom ones. The symmetric drawing feature allows you to create sketches with perfect symmetry.

The ability to save your work in progress means you won't have to stress about finishing your drawing before that important client call comes in. After manipulating images, send them back to your photo library. You can even export, via email, multiple layers intact to a .psd file. Get it at www.tinyurl.com/yyc3qcp

Pantone Lowers Prices on Goe Products

Pantone has lowered prices on the swatch books, chips, and sets for their Goe color specification system. The new prices are from \$10 to \$50 less than before.

Introduced in 2007 as an enhancement and possible replacement for Pantone's PMS color matching system, Goe offers 2,058 spot colors, chromatically arranged for intuitive color selection. Goe colors are specially formulated with a set of 10 base inks, are suitable for aqueous and UV coatings, and are printed at uniform ink film thicknesses, ensuring accurate color reproduction.

The best bargain is probably the GoeGuide coated & uncoated, for just \$129 (formerly \$179). www.pantone.com

