

Apple adds FaceTime for Macs, shows off iLife '11

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Apple CEO Steve Jobs talks about the new Apple iPhoto at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010. (AP Photo/Tony Avelar)

Apple Inc. has kicked off a Mac computer-themed event at its company headquarters.

CEO Steve Jobs announced Wednesday that people will be able to use FaceTime, Apple's video-chat program that debuted on the iPhone 4 this summer, on Mac computers. A beta "test" version was becoming available Wednesday.

Jobs also announced a new version of iLife, Apple's programs for managing photos, editing videos and music and doing other tasks.

Apple is adding more ties between its iPhone program and the popular social networking site Facebook. When people look at pictures they've published on Facebook, iPhoto displays comments friends made on that site.

Other new features include the ability to manage photos in a full-screen view, slick new slideshow templates and the ability to e-mail customized photo-postcards from iPhoto.

In iMovie, Apple improved audio editing and the ability to easily piece together movie trailers.

iLife '11 comes installed on new Macs and can be purchased as an upgrade for \$49 starting Wednesday. The previous 2009 version cost \$30 more.

The presentation also is likely to yield details about a new Mac operating system. There has also been speculation the company will show off an updated ultralight MacBook Air laptop.

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