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UNIX is an operating system that has traditionally been used for large commercial mainframe computers. It is renowned for its stability and ability to be used within different computing environments.

About OS X Lion

OS X Lion is the seventh version (10.7) of the operating system for Apple computers; the iMac, MacBook, Mac Mini and Mac Pro. When OS X (pronounced 'ten') was first introduced it was a major breakthrough in terms of ease of use and stability. It is based on the UNIX programming language, that is a very stable and secure operating environment and ensures that OS X is one of the most stable consumer operating systems that has ever been designed. More importantly for the user, it is also one of the most stylish and user-friendly operating systems available.

Through the previous six versions of OS X it has been refined and improved in terms of both performance and functionality. This process continues with OS X Lion, but there are also a number of revolutionary features that are unique to any operating system.

Some of the new features in OS X Lion are innovative in that they have been inspired by the functionality of Apple's mobile devices: iPhone, iPod touch and iPad, rather than vice versa. The two main areas where the functionality of the mobile devices has been transferred to the desktop and laptop operating system are:

- The way programs can be downloaded and installed. Instead of using a disc, OS X Lion utilizes the Mac App Store to provide programs, which can be installed in a couple of simple steps
- Options for navigating around pages and applications on a trackpad or a Magic Mouse. Instead of having to use a mouse or a traditional laptop trackpad, OS X Lion allows new Multi-Touch Gestures that provide a range of ways for accessing programs, apps and web pages and navigating around them

OS X Lion also addresses another area that has been a constant annoyance for computer users: the loss of work or information if your computer crashes while you are working on a document. OS X Lion solves this problem with a new function that will automatically save your work in the background, without you having to worry about it.

In many ways OS X Lion is a genuinely revolutionary operating system and, with its range of functions and innovations, it can justifiably claim to be in a position to radically change the way in which people work and interact with their Macs.