

Computer Bits by Mark Eggert of Raad One Network Solutions, Inc.

Welcome to Computer Bits, a series of articles on computers and network information. Over the next two month's article I will share my experience with Apple Macs.

Over the past few years I've had current clients and potential clients ask me what I know about Apple Macs. Because I know nothing other than what I've seen on the Mac-PC commercials, I decided to spend some time investigating them. So one recent Sunday I spent about 4 hours at the Apple Store at Mayfair Mall. I entered the Apple Store and while I was greeted at the door, I was allowed to walk around and get hands-on with all of the various Mac computers. If I wanted any information or if I had any questions, I would need to make an appointment with the Greeter. So after taking a look at all of the models, I thought it was time to talk to someone. After a short wait, I had my chance to talk to a Mac Pro. After letting him know that I was a Computer Consultant and a Mac-newbie, he when into his spiel which sounded very much like the Mac-PC commercials. So I started with my questions: could Macs co-inside with PC in the office? The answer was: yes they can and if all the user needed to do was some web surfing or create/edit photos or videos, they would not need any additional software. Hmm, what about productivity software? Yes, Microsoft makes Office for Mac 2008 which is compatible with Office for PCs 2007.

I need to break here but will be back with the rest of the story next month. Now I'd like to ask if anyone is using Macs in their business, please contact me as I would like to ask some questions.

If you have a computer or network question you'd like answered and you think others would like to know the answer too, please forward them to me. My email address is meggert@wi.rr.com, my phone number is 262-679-7704 and my fax number is 262-679-7664.