

# Make The Switch

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## 1. Why Switch?

Is it Linux? Is it FreeBSD, Win2K? No, it's MacOSX. Oh yeah.. it is FreeBSD! ;)

Time to practice what I preach. Well, almost. I'm not ready to go to LINUX on the desktop just yet, and I wanted to see what all the fuss was about with the G4 and the MacOSX/Jaguar release.

## 2. The Ordering Process

Its been hell. Having purchased three Dells in the past few years, Apple could learn a lot about inventory management from DELL.

## 3. Application List

Here is a list of the applications that I run on a regular basis. For applications that do not have native MacOSX versions, and until either one is developed or a replacement is found, the goal is to use Virtual PC to run a Windows XP session on MacOSX.

Function	Windows	MacOSX
Accounting	Quickbooks Professional	
Application Server	IBM WebSphere	Will run on my Win2K server
Browser	IE	
Database	MS Access	
Database	MySQL	
Database	Oracle	There is a MacOSX version available, but will look to MySQL or Postgress first.
Dev Tool	DBVisualizer	Pure Java tool. Should run just fine
Dev Tool	Eclipse	
Dev Tool	WinCVS	MacCVS
Document Publishing	Adobe PDFWriter	
Drawing Tool	Visio	
Editor	Slickedit	

Editor	XML Spy	Vendor suggests to run in pc emulator
Finance	Turbo Tax	
Graphics Editor	FireWorks	
Help Tool	Aspect Online Library	Won't port, it;s a Windows help file for the Aspect ACD.
IM	AOL IM	IChat
Java Servlet Container	Tomcat	
Java	Java	
Methodology	RUP	Browser based, should be O.K.
Office	MS Excel	Open Office/Star Office
Office	MS Word	Open Office/Star Office
PIM	MS Outlook	There is an integrated AddressBook, Mail, IChat. Not sure about calendaring, may have to bite the bullet and either purchase a PIM or it will spur the development of our II Calendaring service!
PIM	True Sync	
PIM	MS Outlook	Apple iCall, Aqua Cal, DesktopCalendar
Terminal Emulation	SecureCRT	Basic terminal included
Utility	Norton Antivirus	same
Utility	WSFtPro	
Utility	WinZip	Stuffit, jar, tar
Web Publishing	DreamWeaver	
Web Server	Apache	Same

## 4. The Migration Process