

We just wanted to say.....



## ***So you want to know about the book!***

*Nearly 30 years ago a company was formed that would direct the computer industry for decades to come with its foresight, design and charisma. "You know, Apple was founded on April Fool's Day in 1976. We thought that was pretty funny at the time," co-founder of Apple Steve Jobs commented in an interview. There is no other 'tech' company in the world that holds as much devotion from its users as Apple. This devotion which spawned multitudes of websites from notable quotes to news, fansites, forums, photo collections and history to hundreds of clubs and associations around the world and willing 'evangelists' happy to snare and 'switch' unsuspecting wintel users. The Happy Birthday Apple campaign is organized and run by a group who are happy to be called Apple geek's!*

*The concept is simply really, we want to give people around the world the opportunity to give something back to the organization and people who have given so much to them. So we are collecting messages from you, the people who use Apple products and want to thank Steve (Woz and Jobs) and the gang at Apple for an awesome 30 years of innovative products and thought.*

*So Woz thanks for pearls of wisdom like, "Never trust a computer you can't throw out of a window", and the logic of Steve, "Why join the navy if you can be a pirate?". Thanks for creating products that allowed us to simply be creative and not have to worry about the technology. Virus? what's a virus?  
Thanks for making my desktop a place for showcasing inspiring design  
and the talking point of visitors to my house. Need I go on.....*

*excerpt taken from [www.happybirthdayapple.com](http://www.happybirthdayapple.com)*



*Its never easy to sit and write a message to someone who has made such an impact on your day to day life. Images and scenes flash through my thoughts as I struggle to pinpoint the right words.*

*The word innovation comes to mind which reminds me of the Steve Jobs quote, "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower".*

*Apple has not only been the industry innovator, it has created the tools for the innovators, those who want to turn their brains on to create and push the boundaries. For that I am eternally grateful.*

*So Steve and Co, thanks for 30 years of innovative tools and innovative thought, let there always be "Just one more thing..."*

*Jared Madden*  
*australia*

*On many a night I have lain awake waiting for my husband to come to bed, time ticks by and still no sign of him  
- no he does not have a girlfriend, only a Apple computer taking pride of place on his desk beside the family  
holiday shot.*

*So thank you Apple that my husbands obsession lays with you and not another woman.*

Shelly M  
australia

*Apple Haiku-  
Happy Birthdays;  
computer;  
more then sweet fruit;  
reminding you to use your global power to change the globe for the better.*

*Grace E. Banks*  
*united states*

*Happy iDay apple!*

*Thanks for being so (user) friendly to me!*

*Wishing you the best iDay ever, hoping I look as good as you when I'm 30!*

*xxoo*

*Kimanh Briden*  
*australia*

*Happy Birthday Apple.*

*Thanks for all the great products that you have released over the years,  
your current product range is awesome. You have certainly come of age.*

*I look forward to the future knowing you will continue to surprise us with innovative new products.*

*Don Madden*  
*australia*

*Happy Birthday Apple, I used to hate the mac, but that was before I turned my brain on.*

*Because of that, I never got a chance to use OS 9 or earlier, I jumped into the pool in the jaguar days.*

*It wasn't until I switched over that I realised what I was missing out on, your the leaders of the pack, well done!!*

*Ben Cunningham*  
*australia*

*Apple, you have made me think different.*

*Congratulations.*

*Josh Brown*  
*australia*

*Thank you Apple, for making the first computer I ever had (SE/30).*

*Thank you for making the computer that made me fall in love with your company and make me want to be an industrial designer (original iMac).*

*Thank you for always creating great products that change the face of our world.*

*Thank you for making us everyday people Think Different.*

*Thank you for never giving up, never closing your doors when the times looked bad or losing your focus when the times looked good.*

*Thank you, most of all, for showing me what I wanted to do with my life and ultimately shaping my destiny.*

*Dan Draper*  
*united states*

*Hi*

*I started using Apple since high school the very little first one, who would ever though that going into university it will be the only thing I would ever use? I did Graphic Design and since then i have fallen in love with it, I have had many Apples at home, latest iMac and have an Ipod which I can't live without and ishuffle, I am always looking at your site and see the great new programs you keep bring in, they are simply the best!*

*Happy Birthday and many years to come..*

*(big Apple fan)*

*Sara*  
*australia*

*Thank Different.*

Jesse Pearson  
*united states*

*I want to thank you guys for making the best personal computers in the world, and having strength to continue even though there were tough times (emotional and financial).*

*I love my iPod, my iMac and all the applications of OS X. Keep up the great work.*

*Thanks for making the computer experience enjoyable, beautiful and easy.*

*Thanks for helping me think different, be more creative and making a shift in the technology world.*

*I love you guys!*

*Miquel Cobian*  
*united states*

*Happy 30th birthday, Apple!*

*Thank you for captivating the hearts and minds of so many people with such a simple philosophy:  
Think Different.*

*You represent more than an amazing computer or an amazing company...*

*You represent an amazing lifestyle, through which one can learn to appreciate the beauty and elegance  
inherent in simplicity. You represent the future...*

*Justin Pucci*  
*united states*

*Thank-you and Happy Birthday Apple for what you have accomplish and built.*

*You have made technology easy to use and have allowed me to accomplish more that I have could have done on an WinTel machine.*

*You have made technology cool, simple, cost-effective, and easy (simple) to use.*

*Thank-you*

*Tony M. Williams*  
*united states*

*Thank you Steve.*

*Thank you for showing the world that design matters, and more importantly, that people matter.*

*You've taken into consideration the person and their life and you've designed technology that enhances their life instead of distracting from it.*

Marshall Jones  
united states

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*I am turning 30 this year as well.*

*I'm an African American film editor in Hollywood cutting high end 35mm feature films on Final Cut Pro.*

*I can't imagine I would have ever had access to a career like this without you!*

*I've bought seven Macs and two iPods since 2000, I'm a true Mac geek and proud of it!*

*We love you Steve!*

*Chris W. Hill*  
*united states*

*For something so old, technically speaking, to be so young in reality is amazing.*

*I hope Apple continues its success and maintains if not grows in market share, for the excellence and quality in a Mac is truly wonderful.*

*Thank you Apple and Happy Birthday and Happy April Fool's.*

Marko Bajloic  
united states

*My first experiences with a computer were on Apple IIs, and then Macs. I remember going to the computer lab, to use Macs and being fascinated by the machines labelled with the multicolored Apple logo.*

*In 1997, 13 years old, I had the first computer in my house. It was a Mac. On it, I got to visit the Internet for the first time and realize the power of connecting to the world.*

*For a while, the world had me step away from Macs, but that did not last too long. In 2003, I began purchasing iTunes songs. Then in Summer 2004 I decided it was time to rejoin the Apple world, with a Mac and iPod.*

*I have since purchased several other Macs, several other iPods, and several other products.*

*Steve & Wozniak, I cannot thank you enough for your initial efforts to create Apple.*

*Furthermore, I thank you for continuing innovation today. You change the way we work, learn, and play.*

*Many many thanks to you. I wish you and Apple my best. Keep creating!*

*Stephen R Hall*  
*united states*

*Happy 30th Apple!!*

*Life wouldn't be the same without you....so here's to 30 more!!*

*Rock On Steve!!*

*Chris*  
*united states*

*I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank the great team at Apple, and of course Steve, for conceptualising, designing, and creating such terrific products all these years.*

*To say that the story of Apple Computer and the Macintosh has held my imagination captive and has served as a constant source of inspiration to not only 'think different', but to realise the power to be one's best, would be an understatement.*

*I still remember the magic moment I first laid eyes on the Mac and its revolutionary GUI. you had me at 'hello'.*

*To the team at Apple - you guys are the best.*

*Never stop believing in the great stuff you are doing. You are touching and changing more lives than you could ever know.*

*Thank you, Apple and Steve.*

*Happy birthday!*

*Kenneth Y T Lim*  
singapore

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*I am looking forward to a many more wonderful years of innovation, design and inspiration.*

*Be bold.*

*Make a statement.*

*Make a stand.*

*Make a difference.*

*Andre Klein*  
*germany*

*Happy Birthday, Apple!*

*Thank you for standing out and being different, and for being there for people thinking different. Along the years, your hardware and software have been living proof and inspiration of attractive design, attention to detail, quality of execution and focus on real users needs. Thanks for making beautiful products we are actually proud to own.*

*Here's to many more years of rising above the ordinary.*

Ovidiu D Damian

*united states*

*Happy birthday Apple!*

*I first used a Mac when I was 4 years old. A Macintosh Classic. That was the beginning of my fascination with macs and it has just gained momentum.*

*I recently turned 18 and am eager to learn about audio technology and hopefully make a living out of it, and I know that Apple will play a big role in that so Happy 30th and here's to 30 more!*

Sam Page  
australia

*Apple II forever!*

David Ciotti  
*united states*

*Hey, I'm turning 30 this year too! Wow, yet another reason I can love Apple. Steve, you da man!*

*Thanks for blazing the trails that you do, if there were more leaders like you out there we might finally have world peace!*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY APPLE, and thank you for making me a Mac Facist!*

*Haddon Givens Kime*

*united states*

*Thank you so much! Keep up the great work!*

*Cheers!*

Carl H. Blomqvist  
*sweden*

*Dear Apple,*

*I want to thank you for inventing these beautiful tools that make our ideas become reality.*

*Also born in '76, I hope we will have some more great time together!*

*Peace, Jan*

*Jan Titze*  
*germany*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*Thanks for building that nice machines, hope you'll go on with that and the Intel-Macs will be as good and as successful as the powerbooks or the iPod.*

*Peter Petermann*

*germany*

*Thank you for inventing the personal computer.*

*Adam Hitchcock*  
*united states*

*Thank you Steves.*

*Thank you for understanding design and function.*

*And for staying a step (or two) ahead of mediocrity.*

Thomas Fong  
united states

*Dear Apple,*

*As we share the same age, I know how it feels to turn 30.*

*Since I bought my Powerbook two years ago, I go to sleep and*

*I wake up with you. My iPod is a faithful companion, wherever I go.*

*Thank you...*

*./ch*

*Christian Hedel*  
*germany*

*To the Steve's and the teams at Apple Computer: Thank You.*

*You've made the world a decidedly better place.*

*Michael Maturo*

*united states*

*Thank you Apple, for 30 years of bringing out the “Genius” in all of us; and for encouraging us to be crazy enough to change the world.*

*Your biggest gift is the “Myth”, and not just the “Mac”... The Apple Mythology is the thing that makes us feel we can accomplish all of our dreams - The accountant who wants to be a Rock Star, the house wife who wants to be a Writer, the stock person who dreams of being a Filmmaker... We all believe that we can be these things just by buying a Mac. You make us feel that our dreams are only a keystroke away... And indeed they are.*

*I bought into the Myth, I drank the Kool-Aid, and I am better for it. Every time I glance at my Mac, and I am immediately reminded that - I “Think Different”, and it is OK to do so.*

*I am empowered to push, not just the human race, but myself forward. You not only give us the tools with which we can achieve our dreams, but you inspire us to chase them in the first place...*

*Forever in your debt*

*Blayne Perry*  
*united states*

*To all of those who have ever worked at Apple, THANK YOU.*

*Without my mac I never would have become a writer.*

*I never would have become a columnist.*

*I never would have even met my wife.*

*Owning a computer that makes my life better is something I am thankful for every day.*

*A bad day on my mac is better than a good day in Windows or Solaris.*

*Keep innovating, and keep the faith!*

*Ross Winn*  
*united states*

*Dear Apple,*

*Thank you for so many years of wonderful computing bliss!*

*May you continue to have great success in the future.*

*I'll forever be a loyal customer.*

*Matt Lopez*  
*united states*

*As the President of the Australian Mac Users Group and the Sydney Mac Users Group & on behalf of all our members Australia wide I would like to congratulate Apple and all of its wonderful staff on reaching this magnificent milestone.*

*I doubt 30 years ago that Steve & Woz could ever have imagined that the company they were starting would eventually become one of the most recognisable brand names on the planet. Sure they had plenty of talent, but more importantly they proved that if you have a vision and the courage to think different you really can make dreams come true.*

*Greg Sharp*  
*australia*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*And for many years to come. Thank you for simplicity among complexity. Thank you for beauty of design when everyone else could care less. And thank you for originality and innovation! You guys are not taken for granted.*

*Much love,*

*Nick Garber*  
*united states*

*My first Mac was a 7200 with an pro audio card. Pure DIGITAL RECORDING and editing in a Mac! No more striping tapes with smpte to multitrack tape machines and etc. My next Mac was a G4 400hz. I am using this machine now to type this message (albeit souped up) My current machine is 733hz G4 that now has a Giga Designs dual 1.8ghz upgrade - Pioneer 107D burner - (2)250gb drives - it is a great machine :) I also purchased a 1.33 12" Powerbook that I really like and use often around the house or at the local coffee establishments :)*

*Through Apple computers and other software companies - I've been able to make and release cds, make websites, and sell books I've written using a music typesetting program. Finally, a personal - Thank You! - for making such Great Products - but Most Importantly - for standing by them with tech. and service support if there we any issues that needed to be addressed. Customer Service is not dead - it's all at Apple :)*

*MichaelDroste.com*

*Michael Droste*  
*united states*

*Thanks for an awesome ride I was able to join in 1988.*

*Without you, work would be different and just using a tool that simply works (the Mac) to express creativity would be replaced by creatively hacking the tool to make it work.*

*Time would be wasted and creativity lost.*

*Typed on a 12 Inch PowerBook.*

*Stefan Seiz*  
*germany*

*You just made my life different !*

*From my Apple IIgs to my G5 Quad, I can't spend a day without an Apple device running.*

*I turned 30 lately, you will see, it's a very good moment in life.*

*Thank you Steve.*

*Cédric de Mondenard*

*france*

*Hi Steve, hi everyone at Apple,*

*Happy Birthday from Kassel in Germany.*

*World would be colder without you, work less creative.*

*Since 1993 I'm a fan of the apple-vision.*

*Go on your way an again: Happy Birthday and think different :-)*

*Maybe on a rebirth of newton-project \*smile\**

Thomas Reuting  
geremany

*Thanks for the best hardware and software I have ever used and the inspiration that they give.*

Damien  
europe

*It would be impossible for me to achieve what I have achieved in my still fledgling career without Apple computers by my side.*

*My first computer was an Apple IIe when I was four or five.*

*My current computer is a 17 inch Powerbook.*

*Each of the computers I have had represented more than technology to me.*

*They had a soul and inspired me to create.*

*I never felt that I couldn't achieve something with my computer, I just had to figure out how.*

*I can't think of any other machine that lets me do that and that allows me to expand my knowledge and ideas by using it.*

*Thank you to all who have made Apple what it is*

*Susan Etheridge*  
*united states*

*Happy 30th Birthday Apple, I love you... and I wish you all the best for the future.*

*I can't imagine a world without you!*

*By the way... Steve is the greatest... and he has the best ideas and I am sure this will be for the next 30 years (at least).*

*I am so glad that you never forget the humans in front of the Mac...*

*My brother brought me to the Mac and therefore he is great, too!!!*

*Kilian Hammler*

*Germany*

*Happy birthday to a vision, turned into a mission to make an Apple user feel good and live his professionalism without boundaries and constraints.*

*To the creators and supporters of my own product philosophy: "Deploy and Enjoy".*

*To the inventors of an intuitive product concept that would turn my father into a professional user of a Mac at the age of 67 (...and this back in 1987), making his composing and conducting life so much easier.*

*For letting his musicians play his music off pristine laser-quality printed sheets and taking those sheets back home like a trophy.*

*And finally for turning a non-computer kid into an IT professional, thanks to the Mac, loving the work he does.*

*"The computer for the rest of us" turned out to be a true and magnificent story.*

*To Steve and all people at Apple: Take care and enjoy creating new products and ideas that elevate our digital lives to the criteria of FUN!*

*Thanks!*

*Manuel Grund*

*austria*

*....It all started for me in 1980 when I was 7 years old, learning to write basic on my friend's apple IIe. My teacher at school had us writing programs, and forced my parents to buy me a computer because I was writing everyone else's programs for them. That's when I got my first computer, a cute little apple IIc. From that moment on, I have worked with computers in some way.*

*By the 1990's I was still using Apples in school to write Pascal and C programs. By 2000 I was writing not only programs, but music on my mac. Now in 2006 I keep all my life on my mac- music, movies, appointments on a Mac.*

*Apple Computers have been one of a very few things that have been able to bring me this much joy for this long. It's been pure joy to watch the company return to glory, and I can't wait to see what the next 30 years brings!*

*Thank you so much to everyone at Apple Computer for all the wonderful ways in which you have changed my world!*

*Sean Straus*  
*czech republic*

*Happy 30th Birthday Apple. Thank you for the years of enjoyment that you have provided, I greatly appreciate your efforts. I have been a happy and proud Apple owner since 1983.*

*Thank you Steve Jobs for all of your efforts on behalf of Mac fans everywhere.*

*Looking forward to many years as a loyal Apple customer, hope to be around for the 60th.*

Winston Love  
united states

*I used to be a PC user. When I was about six years old, our family bought a brand new IBM Aptiva. The price: \$4000.*

*4000 dollars for a crappy 100 MHz Pentium and 16 MB of RAM. The CRT was impossible to lift as was the tower. In Steve's words, "Never trust a computer you can't lift."*

*We continued down the PC road. Each time we bought a PC it ended up crashing uncontrollably.*

*In 2001 I decided that a Mac was right for me. However, my family thought otherwise. In 2003 I finally convinced them to let me buy a PowerBook G4, and since then I've upgraded to a 17 inch PowerBook G4.*

*My experience with Macs for the past three years has been incredible. I've had almost no trouble, and a smooth, enjoyable computing experience.*

*My Mac lets me bring out my creative side and do things I would never be able to do on my PC without it crashing.*

*Thanks Apple, and thanks Steve, for a wonderful 30 years of having you guys around, and a wonderful 3 years of having my mac.*

*Thanks.*

*Alec Feld*  
*united states*

*Happy Birthday Apple! My journey with you started on one of the first Macs and has gone through a Mac SE, Powerbook 165, Powerbook 540c, PowerTower Pro (well, it was your OS), PowerMac Graphite, Powerbook TiG4 (original 500mhz), PowerMac G5 and at least 7 or 8 iPods.*

*Keep up all the great work of giving us both a company who cares and an operating system we love.*

*Can't wait to wish you a Happy 60th!*

*J. Atwood*  
*united states*

*Happy 30th birthday Apple.*

*I have been using mac for the past 7 years and I am 22 years old but it started when I was 10 years old where I went to dad's office after school sometimes there was a feeling that I can't wait to start using his mac I don't know what types was it but surly remember the rainbow apple mark.*

*But when I turned 13 my father bought me a pc I was happy at first because it a present.*

*But the happiness didn't last so I stop using computer at all for sometime until I saw in the magazine an article about Mac OS X and I was amazed and I bought a powermac G4 733MHz with a super drive.*

*And now I am proud user of an intel iMac.*

*Thank you so much Apple for changing my life.*

*Apple has made me see the greater potential, and help expand the possibilities and abilities that were once thought impossible.*

*Thanks for the revival!*

Colin Chuang  
australia

*I started with a Mac Plus with a “full megabyte” of RAM.*

*Addicted not only to the platform, but the idea and the philosophy.*

*Never going to be a lemming.*

*Welcome the crazy ones; Jobs, Woz, thinking they can change the world.*

*Outside the box.*

*No respect for the status quo.*

*Genius, great job, and thank-you for thinking different.*

*Jan Wong*  
*canada*

*To that one Apple that makes easy thing easier and hard things possible.*

*To that one Apple that proves that spending a bit more money can still be worth it.*

*To that one Apple that devoted itself to excellence.*

*To that one Apple I want to work for.*

*To Steve who impersonates this excellence.*

Christoph Vogelbusch  
germany

*Happy 30th birthday to Apple.*

*I can't tell you how much I rely on my Mac and how much a part of my life it has become.*

*Not only is it a great machine to use, the ideas and innovations behind it are something that I feel good about supporting.*

*I have two of those "little boring boxes" at home and I do 10 times more with my Mac than my PCs combined.*

*I can't wait to see what Apple comes up with in the next 30 years!*

*Gasman Hendrick*  
*united states*

*Apple,*

*Your company is something I have lived with my whole life. I remember my first Apple, an Apple IIgs. I was four, but I understood what I was supposed to do. I have been a faithful subscriber to your company ever since. I love the fact that above everything, you innovate. You create great ideas and we thank you for that. I am very excited to see what the next 10, 20, 30 years brings. I hope your creativity never dies.*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

*Seth Miller*  
*united states*

*Thank you Apple and Steve Jobs.*

*I still remember using Apples in High School in the mid 80's and reintroduce in medical school in 1993.*

*Since then my medical career has been greatly enhanced by many of your products.*

*I passed this enthusiasm to my daughter at 5 yrs. with an iBook and I look forward to her typing a birthday message in 30 years.*

*Happy Birthday and again thank you*

*Christopher Ervin*  
*united states*

*Happy Birthday, Apple!*

*Looking forward to be with you he next 30 years!*

Rolf Reitan  
denmark

*Congrats Steve on Apple's 30th and a simple thank you for all the hours you have saved me by using your GUI and not a certain other unmentionable - my whole family use Macs and would use no other.*

*Happy Birthday*

*Kevin Harvey*  
*united kingdom*

*Steve, A very BIG Happy Birthday!*

*You have changed the world from the very first Apple-I to the to the Intel ProBook.*

*I have been on board from the begining making my Mother scrape together money to buy me an Apple. I learned basic programming, and of course the fantastic ride went on from there. I sold Apple computers at a starting age of 16, and awarded top Apple sales for the area. I wanted everyone out there to own one of these, and never look back. I continued through High School, and College following the path of developing.*

*My standard life long statement to anyone who says they have a PC is:  
Oh Yeah, is it a Mac? - Answer to me: No - My Reply: Sorry to hear that :-)*

*Some may say they are real fans of Apple, I'm truly the biggest of the bunch. Never miss a show, buy every product that comes out, and sit on the edge of my seat for the next one.*

*Steve, you have made the world a better place, and have left your mark on it forever.*

*I only wish to meet you one day, and say thank you.*

*Scott G. Gross*  
*united states*

*Your philosophy of simplicity has carried over to every other aspect of my life and I truly believe you're doing something very special here.*

*Happy Birthday to you and all the people both in the past and present that have made your company such a success in it's continuous leadership in churning out innovative products, ideas and in the end, a better more productive lifestyle.*

*Looking forward to a bright and prosperous future for you and all the people at Apple and many more years of success and contentment.*

*All the best. Peace.*

*Eddy Ahmed*  
*united states*

*Happy 30th Apple,*

*My wife and I would like to thank you for being a big part of our digital lives.*

*I recently purchased an iMac and a Video iPod for my wife.*

*We are both very happy with both products and look forward to “One More Thing” on April 1st.*

*Steve, Don't let us down with an April Fools Joke!!!*

*Sincerely,*

*New members to your Apple Family.*

*Scott and Ann*  
*united states*

*Happy birthday Apple. Although we here at The McMACSite.com are new to Macintosh we continue to love you guys. Hacking Front Row, something Steve would do, right? Anyways, continue to shine and always be on our tongues. 30 Years = 30 Years of innovation!!!*

*Andy MacHead*  
*united states*

*Thank you Apple for saving me from accepting that computers would never be advanced enough to help me as a creative professional. The care you put into your products and support is above and beyond what I thought a company was capable of.*

*The rich community of Apple had nothing but open arms of acceptance for me as I came from a world of broken windows. I feel like one of the family sense the beginning.*

*Your creativity inspires my creativity. And I am proud to say that I a writing this on an Apple computer.*

*A giant Texas size Happy Birthday to all the hard workers in Cupertino, California. iLove you guys and I hope I look as sexy as you do when I turn 30.*

*Adam*  
*united states*

*Thank you Apple - you were my first computer, a fun working IIE and then I grew into a IIGs.*

*Now its a Mac Mini that does my computing chores.*

*Apple has always been the computer of choice and the one that has been the most fun to use.*

*Learning computers was fun with the IIE.*

*Thanks again, and many more years of continued success!*

*Art Jones*  
*united states*

*Thank you Apple for making my computer experience so positive, encouraging my experimentation and software development (FileMaker).*

*I have found the flexibility provided by my Mac has only got better since my original MacPlus.*

*The design and presentation of all Apple equipment is second to none, keep up the good work.*

*For now I shall continue to enjoy my 17inch PowerBook, my iPod and my Airport music system throughout my home.*

*I look forward to my children wishing you a happy 60th birthday but in the mean time I wish you all a happy 30th birthday.*

*Regards to all.*

*Martin Fathers*

*australia*

*I switched about 18 months ago now and have never looked back.*

*Thanks Apple for making computer software and hardware fun.*

*Richard Clement*

*australia*

*Dear Mr. Jobs,*

*Congratulations on the creation and maturity of a Computer, Media, Software & Design force that can only be referred to as inspired and revolutionary. May the next years bring as much inspiration and class as the last 30.*

*Peter Sellers*  
*united states*

*Hi Steve,*

*Happy iDay!!*

*My first Computer was a Performa 580 that we used until we bought a imac DV SE (Graphite) which we used until we got our current emac. I now want a new imac but have a problem.*

*How do you kill the old ones?*

*The Performa 580 is still alive after years of abuse in a Child Care Centre and is now living in my 3 y/o son's bedroom and still being used every day.*

*My 20 y/o daughter moved away from home and is using the old imac whilst doing her 3rd year of University and my 16y/o daughter will get the emac when she goes to university next year.*

*This will give me an excuse to get a new computer next year.*

*I only have three children to hand these amazing machines down to and don't know what to do next time.*

*Please tell me "how to kill a mac" because I'm 44 and don't really want to have any more kids.*

*Apple..... You complete me!!*

*Happy, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! I hope that all your wishes come true.... just like you have made mine come true!!  
Keep up the fantastic work and keep continuing to kick everyone else's arses!*

*Mark Kelly*  
*australia*

*The first time I used an Apple computer was in elementary school, it was an Apple //e. It made learning a lot more fun than staring at a book. In fifth grade I got to use a Mac SE after school every day at my friend's house alongside his dad's Power Mac 6100. As I grew I continued to be interested in Macs and I even started a collection. The hobby of collecting and using my Macs for creative composition kept me out of a lot of trouble and got me through hard times. It has been almost 14 years since I used my first Apple computer and Apple continues to still amaze me as they did then. Apple products have gotten me through a lot, and they continue to bring artistic happiness to me. Apple computer has created a movement and changed art, people, society, and the world forever. This impact is history in the books. This is to you, for 30 years, of thinking different.*

*Congratulations for that awesome career, Apple! Especially congratulations to Steve for his return a couple of years ago, turning Apple into the company that offers just the finest digital lifestyle products in the world.*

*What would the world be without Apple?*

*Just remember that famous Macintosh ad in 1984 (although I was 3 at that time).*

*To keep it brief:*

*Apple, I love you! And I hope, our relationship lasts a lot longer than my 14 years from LCII to MacBook Pro, perhaps it even turns into a working relationship after my graduating from university in a year or two...*

*Keep on going, Steve and enjoy the party (and provide us evangelists with a nice birthday present on April 1)!*

*Rene Kunkel*

*germany*

*Thank you, Steve Jobs & all Apple Staff past and present for running the only company who isn't afraid of striving for perfection in their work where "Good enough' is not good enough".*

*Never give up, and keep making those insanely great products for the rest of us.*

Stephen Josiah Rose  
australia

*Thank you to Apple for many years of trouble free computing. I have worked on both Apple and PC platforms and have never had problems with my mac.*

*I use my macs for mainly film making and as my main work tool- research and preparation for school. I simply appreciate the tremendous advancements that have come to computing through the ease of an Apple. I bought my first in 1989 and still have an one I bought in 1992 in working condition at home.*

*Keep up the great work!*

Terry Myers  
australia

*I just want to congratulate Apple on being possibly one of the most creative and amazing companies in the world.*

*Your employees and mentors led by the forethought of Steve Jobs continue to make technology something that is for all, not just the world of “dull little boxes dutifully performing dull little tasks.”*

*Congratulations on 30 years and I can't wait to see how Apple makes the next 30 years of technology for the people, by people who think outside the box.*

*Eric Whitaker*

*united states*

*I bought my first apple when I graduated. It was an apple 2c. I loved it and I never looked back. I've had to use the other product from time to time but never lost the faith. Apple is the only way to fly.*

*Happy Birthday Apple.*

*Gunter Swoboda*  
*australia*

*Happy 30th Birthday Apple.*

*I just wanted to say Thankyou for creating some of the most wonderful products in Personal Computer History.*

*I have worked for an AppleCentre in Australia, for the last 4 years and have found working with the products, that you all work so hard to create for your customers, myself included! such a great joy.*

*Without Apple, I would not be enjoying my career so much.*

*Once again thanks, for creating a revolution, changing the world, and helping me 'Think Different' Kind*

*Jason Clendenning*  
*australia*

*Thanks to apple I now enjoy using my computer.*

*It's fun and productive at the same time.*

*Since I bought my iMac i've noticed I'm being more creative!*

*I like workin on my computer now, and that is important to me.*

*Looking forward to another 30 great years using the best hardware and software in the world!*

*Happy 30th apple, from Ireland.*

*Brendan Sheehan Inr*  
*ireland*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*Your products inspire me to create the best software tools that I can, and really allow me to enjoy my work.*

*Good work and I look forward to using future products that you've yet to even dream of!*

*Matt Allbeury*  
*australia*

*My dad was diagnosed with Leukaemia in February of 2005 and I moved down to Houston to help out. In April I bought my first Mac - a Powerbook - because my girlfriend convinced me I could use iMovie and iDVD to turn our home movies into DVDs. We figured it would be the best way to let my dad see them easily in case the worst happened. Every time I was hanging in the hospital with him I would use iMovie to edit all that video, most of which I had not seen before or for a long time. Sadly, when the doctors told us that he had a week left to live, we brought him home to spend his last hours with family and friends and in his blue leather recliner in our game room. Then for 2 hours each of his last 2 nights with us, everyone laughed and cried some as we watched our life over the last 25 years. I did not realize it until weeks after he passed, that only with my Powerbook , iLife, and a lot of time and love, I sent him off the best I could.*

*Thank you, Apple.*

*Happy 30th birthday Apple! They used to say never trust anyone over 30. Now I say never trust any computer that's not sporting an Apple logo.*

*I got my first Mac in 1993, a Centris 660 AV, which still works despite travelling around the world with me from San Francisco to Borneo and China to Dubai during my life as an international DJ. I had never considered buying a PC since I had read about all the great things you could do as a musician with a Mac. That Centris was well ahead of it's time.*

*I have since bought 2 PowerBooks and an iMac G5 but though I use a PC at work I still can't ever seeing myself actually buying one. When I use the laptops at work I can't believe that PC users actually put up with this stuff and think that's the price of all Hi-Tech.*

*I believe that Apple now has a chance to show the world that digital technology can be a pleasure to use. Here's to another great 30 years. Congratulations! You did it for the rest of us, now do it for the rest of them!*

*Mark Gillespie*  
*australia*

*Happy Birthday Apple :)*

*Congrats on turning 30!*

*I'm only a recent convert, but wow! Ever since I saw the iMac, I fell in love with it. I now own a 20" iSight G5 iMac with 1.5gb RAM, and a black video iPod. Now I've converted my sister, mum and girlfriend!*

*What can I say? You guys make beautiful products! It actually makes using the computer much more enjoyable! I even enjoy just sitting there and, well - doing nothing! Just playing with the fancy features in Tiger :)*

*Thanks heaps guys! Happy Birthday Again! WOOHOO, Apple PARTY!!!*

*Leighton*  
australia

*My first computer was an APPLE II, that was 28 yrs. ago, I have grown up using Apple products, it has been an interesting journey, with highs and lows, but you have never let me down, here's to many more interesting journeys together, CHEERS!! and,*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

*Rangaraj Ravichander*

*singapore*

*What a difference a day makes... and a day in Apple terms has made all the difference to the way I work, think, basically my life day to day... Using Apple Computers and the Macintosh operating system has enabled me to do so many things over the years and more simply and easily than anything else I have experienced.*

*The innovations that keep on coming out of Apple are simply a God-send... I am as well as an artist, a musician, director, editor, art director, my own PR, web designer, promoter...the list goes on.*

*Basically, the Mac has made it possible to become a whole lot more than I dreamed. I always held in there for Apple to come through... and they near as dammit always do.*

*Apple have become a company that are now the true benchmark of excellence...from your amazing website to your amazing products... Everyone wants to be like Apple!*

*Keep it up... you are a continual form of inspiration.*

*[www.paulshipper.com](http://www.paulshipper.com)*

*Paul Shipper*  
*united kingdom*

*Dear Apple/Macintosh,*

*A HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY from 2 retired,(age 76&67-years) dedicated Apple fans, & users of G5 & G4 PowerBook from Sydney, Australia. We are coming to New York April 10 2006 to celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary and look forward to many happy hours, indeed days, at the Soho Mac store.*

*Congratulations to all at MAC!!*

*Michael & Roberta Wilson*

*australia*

*Dear Steve and Steve, love Apple since by PB 140 in 92 - changed my life and became cyber nomadic and my PowerBook kept me alive in my dark age when I was ill, it was my window to the world outside.*

*I have another plan now, and I'll be in touch soon. We need you urgently in Cambridge as we're under attack by the evil empire and they're trying to assimilate us! ;)*

*Hoping for a \*BIG-WOW\* ultra portable keyboardless PDA with NAND flash,*

*Asam Bashir :)*

*Dept. Biochemistry & Wolfson College Cambridge*

*Adam Bashir*

*europa*

*Woz and Steve - 30 years ago you two had a brilliant idea. The scary thing for the rest of us is the logarithmic growth of your idea since its birth and the wider implication it illustrates for the future of the Human Race on this planet. It took us time to understand the Earth was a sphere; time to learn it orbited the sun - now is the time to accept the Law Of All Life including homo sapiens:- LIFE is an Exponential Function - OR - there was never any other choice for us but Go Forth And Multiply! - The problem for us? The Earth is a closed system.*

*Congratulations and Happy Birthday. I pray your plans for our trusted Macintosh can help intelligent Humankind find a way out of the blind alley we all inevitably blundered into. With thanks, love and best wishes for many happy returns.*

*Keir Douglas*  
*australia*

*My beloved Apple,*

*I wish you Happy 30th. Birthday!*

*I'm so happy to know that since my first I/O button touch I've chosen the best!*

*Thank's a million for pushing my life forward!*

*May all your goals come true -dreams do come true-!*

*Once and for all with You.*

*Nikos Maroussakis*

*greece*

*Back in 1984 while in the Air Force I was shopping for a new computer. After dealing with past disappointments with Tandy's TRS-80 and Sinclair's, I found myself reading up on the Apple II and the Mac 128. I then took a trip down to my local Apple dealer to check out the two. I sat down at the Mac first and started playing with it. I never made it to the Apple II. I wanted that Mac 128 so badly that I re-enlisted in order to get the loan to buy it. So in a way, the Air Force retirement checks that I now get is because of wanting the 128k!*

*Happy Birthday and many more!*

*Peter Bates*  
*united states*

Steve,

*You're an inspiration to the World.*

*You're responsible for making technology sexy.*

*The innovation and leading technology your team at Apple have created is an amazing revolution. The future is exciting for both audio and video.*

*My iPod has become a part of my life, it inspires me, places me in a quiet corner, excites me, enables me to dream and teaches me through its content*

Stephen Grealy  
australia

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*Thanks Apple for giving me a fabulous computing experience for the last 9 years.*

*I can't wait to get home at night and leave my PC behind at work.*

*I have taught myself over the years but Mac is so intuitive it hasn't been hard!*

*I am now on my 4th Mac and have had no major problems at all*

*I hope Steve and Jonathan and the team continue to lead the world in innovation, design and engineering.*

*It just works ! Sheer enjoyment !*

*Ken Hoyle*  
australia

*Dear Apple - all founders and creators and employees,*

*Happy Birthday and many thanks. Much of my life is on my Power Book - photos, movies, mail, business, writings, and lots of just-for-fun stuff. I don't know what I'd do without it - and you - and .Mac too.*

*Keep up the great work-in-progress!*

*Karen Howland*

*united states*

*It's amazing you know, the affect of true design and innovation has on your life. Just as an artist gets in the right space of intention and creates a painting that just works; the colours are just right, the composition is balanced, no excessive elements. And just like a good painting, living with something that just works will resonate and bring insight, inspiration and a progressive flow instead of resistance and pain!*

*Happy Birthday Apple. Keep up the innovation and coolness resonation.*

*Jamie Brech*  
*australia*

*Dear Apple,*

*My life as a typical PC user came to an end the day I took the plunge and bought myself that 12" Powerbook almost 3 years ago.*

*What a fabulous piece of design - I am hooked!*

*Within days my productivity was up drastically and my creativity flourished. It has been said so many times before but here goes again: "it just worked!" Not only did it work but it worked so very nicely indeed. Finally, a computer that works how I think, a computer that's on my side, a computer that I don't fight with!*

*But I am also having so much fun with my Mac. The iLife apps are great and the games I have bought are awesome. I have no musical talent whatsoever yet I find myself producing songs in Garage Band. I had never owned a laptop that could play serious games before. I gave my Powerbook a name! - A NAME!*

*I love my Mac - Thank You Apple.*

*Happy birthday, here's to the next 30 years. Cheers!*

*PS. Don't forget to raise a toast to the late Jef Raskin.*

*Paul Waterhouse*

*australia*

*Really smart people tried to dissuade me from buying my first Mac, or investing in Apple. Twenty years, six Macs and 4 iPods later, they're either left in the dust or respectfully asking for my advice. What really seems to strike a chord in everyone I talk to about my favorite computer is the undeniable fact that a computer is nothing more than a machine. But a Macintosh is more than simply a computer. It's more like a friend.*

Ralph Yeramian  
united states

*Happy Birthday Apple.*

*Thanks for giving us some of the greatest Macs and other gadgets.*

*Here's to another 30 years.*

*James Wigg*  
*new zealand*

*Apple, you ROCK! 30 years on, you still rule. I was skeptical at first -- nothing could get me away from my UNIX mainframe. Now, UNIX is under the hood of the most elegant machine going and I've been a Mac head for two decades.*

*Think Different Forever -- Happy 30th Birthday Apple!*

*Aida Cordano*

*united states*

*Here's to another thirty years of "oh, your a Mac user. . .".*

*I know I'll be along for the ride.*

*Mac user since 1989.*

*1 Performa (6116CD)*

*4 iMacs (3 G3's (bondi, Flower, Snow) and one G5)*

*1 iBook (600mhz Snow)*

*1 iPod (the original)*

*Next up, an Intel Mac.*

*Thanks for the good times!*

*Robert Tenney*  
*united states*

*I'm 16 years old, living in a small town on the New South Wales south coast, Australia. I build websites for local business as a job. Thanks to my Mac, I'm doing things other people my age can only dream of - I'm building websites that I personally think look much nicer than those built by "professionals" in my area. Because of my Mac, I'm setting myself up for a great future - if it weren't for you, Apple, my future wouldn't look as bright and I certainly wouldn't have the same passion for computers I have today.*

*Congratulations Apple on 30 years - 30 years of innovation and creation. If it weren't for you, we wouldn't be where we are today in terms of technology. Steve Jobs, you are a great man - you see the future and you have changed the world in so many ways. I take my hat off to you all, and I wish you well. Here's to another 30 years of innovation, creation and - most importantly - the Macintosh and Mac OS.*

Matthew Traynor  
australia

*Started with a "Fat" Mac (which I still have!), have gone thru many more and presently have a PowerMac G4, a PowerBook G4 and a PowerBook G5. Just got my sister a new iMac. Twenty plus years. It takes quite a company pumping out incredibly beautiful, user friendly, efficient set of products to keep me coming back.*

*Keep me coming back.*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY, MANY MORE!*

*Oren E. Whyche-Shaw*

*united states*

*Think Different. Apple Saved My Life.*

*My grandpa taught me to program when I was eight, on an aging Apple IIe.*

*At ages 9 and 10 I wrote educational software for my elementary school.*

*In Junior High I rewrote an obsolete gradebook program and other school admin apps for the IIGS to help prevent a district wide switch to Microsoft.*

*In highschool I learned Windows NT. I beta tested 2000. I was MCSE certified my Senior year. I used my knowledge to convince my school to build an Apple network, WITHOUT A SINGLE WINDOWS SERVER.*

*Today I design large enterprise networks; unfortunately with Microsoft technology. But I haven't forgotten my roots. I put an Apple server and workstation anywhere I can get away with it.*

*If I hadn't grown up with Apple I would have worked in the factory my dad has slaved in for 24 years. I would not know what I was capable of. I would not be able to give good things to my wife and three kids.*

*Apple, here is my IOU! I will pay you back soon!*

*Andrew Myers*  
*united states*

*Hey Steve,*

*Happy Birthday to Apple. There are some interesting times ahead for Apple (the continuing development of the iPod and OS X) and it is a great time to be a fan of your products.*

*I'm looking forward to the Intel version of the venerable PowerMac and Leopard. I'll be in front of the line when both products are released.*

*Here is to many more years for Apple Computers!*

*Wie van Doorn*  
*united states*

*Apple,*

*Thankyou for your amazing contribution to people all over world. Your inventions, technology and innovation have made life just that little bit more easy for the individual.*

*I've been an Apple fan for many years, and your simplistic innovations never cease to amaze me.*

*I am currently an Apple administrator for a Secondary Schools' Media Department in Western Australia. Again Apple technology has amazed me with its sheer brilliance.*

*Apple - thanks again for your amazing innovations in not only the IT industry, but to humanity as a whole.*

*Mark Nixon*  
*australia*

*Hi Steve:*

*I want to thank you from my heart for giving me the tools to be able to earn a noble living.*

*You help me to help others.*

*Thank you with all my heart and soul.*

*Gregory Penn*  
*united states*

*I first met you when I was only 31 myself.*

*We fooled around for 13 years.*

*I finally committed myself to you when I was 44.*

*And we have been working happily together, in business and in life, ever since - 17 years now.*

*Thanks for the all the memories - the RAM, DRAM, SDRAM and all the bigger and better RAMS to come!*

Steve Savage  
united states

*My best friend Alfred introduced me to "APPLE" some years ago.*

*I have to say a "BIG THANK YOU " to Alfred, but also to you Steve for designing a piece of equipment so easy to work with....and.... " a beautiful computer" on top of that....is just icing on the cake.*

*Else Von Schopp*  
*united states*

*Hey Apple.*

*You guys are incredible.*

*You converted me 3 years ago, and I'll never look back.*

*I love my PB like I love oxygen.*

*iTunes has exposed me to so much new music.*

*I may not work for you guys, but I have sold about 8 Apple computers to my friends.*

*Here is to another 30 years!!! Keep it going and keep it real!*

*Jon Leibowitz*  
*united states*

*Apple,*

*You truly changed the world.*

*Ferdinand Siehla*

*austria*

*Happy birthday! For your birthday, I converted my boyfriend into a mac user.  
Maybe I should have done that for his birthday.*

*Yay!*

*Apple products have been an indispensable part of my personal and professional life since 1986.*

*Thank you, Steve. May you live long and continue to innovate for us all.*

Sanjit Sen Gupta  
united states

*Happy birthday, Apple! Here's to 30 years of innovation, pioneering, and excellence. For 30 years, you've been consistently dedicated to bringing the newest and most useful technology to the rest of us in an innovative and quality-oriented way. Thank you Apple, for spearheading the transition into the information age and encouraging all of us, young and old, rich and poor, to think differently about how we create and use information. My life has been forever changed by your products and I know that there are thousands who will say the same. You have made a difference in our lives and in history.*

*Here's to you.*

Matthew Sperry  
united states

*Dear Apple,*

*Although I am but 15 years old, I have been on Apple hardware since I was 6. At my elementary school, the most exciting days were the ones in the computer lab filled with Apple IIs playing number crunchers and the oregon trail on 5.5" floppies. And now, here I sit at my desk typing on a brand new MacBook Pro.*

*Thanks Guys...*

*Thanks for 30 years of making the best computers out there.*

*Bill Scherkenbach*

*united states*

*Why is a Sparrow like a writing desk?*

*I am a freshman at University of Iowa in Electrical and Computer Engineering. I bought a PowerBook G4 at the end of last summer for school, and have since become a new person. Macintosh has made me an Apple fanatic and a computer enthusiast in general, and has caused me to change my course of action to computer engineering in hopes of working for Apple down the road. I have applied to work at the Apple store in Northbrook, IL; hopefully that will be a good start.*

*A question for Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak: how did you know you'd be successful when dropping out of school? Maybe I am asking the wrong question. In any case, it was a job well-done and still well-done.*

*Happy April Fool's Day.*

*Brandon Ham*  
*united states*

*Dear Apple,*

*My first experience with Apple technology was the Apple IIe when I was in 8th grade. Later on in college I would use floppy-disk-only Macintosh computers for word processing and various class assignments. I left the Apple fold after this becoming a professional programmer mainly developing software targeted at Microsoft Windows. It wasn't until my first child was born that I 'rediscovered' Apple. I was trying to edit home movies on a Windows PC and I just had a terrible time of it.*

*I saw a G4 in a local consumer electronics store and had a chance to tinker with iMovie. I was sold.*

*I now own several Apple computers including the iBook I'm typing this message on. We also own a couple of iPods.*

*Your products are amazing. As a programmer, I really appreciate the good job you've all done at making computer technology approachable by normal humans.*

*I'm excited about your future. Keep up the good work!*

*Thank you,*

*[www.bruceshankle.com](http://www.bruceshankle.com)*

*Bruce Shankle*  
*united states*

*I've used Apple computers my entire life.*

*I've loved them and continue to.*

*I have continuously tried to convert my family and friends to Apple computers  
(and have succeeded many times!).*

*Thank you for producing such a great product!*

*I love you guys!*

*Michael P. O'Connell*

*united states*

*Congratulations on 30 years! Apple has always been the superior product and I think it always will be.*

*I was first introduced to Mac computers when I was about 4. My parents had a Mac SE. Wow what a great machine for its days. I remember playing Ms. Pacman on it and was having the time of my life.*

*Currently we have an eMac. It is also a great machine. I'm trying to get my parents to buy me a Mac Book. :)*

*Thanks for Great Products!*

*A Happy Customer*

*Hans Guthrie*  
*united states*

*There are two kinds of people: those who think, and those who think different.*

*Here's to another 30 years.*

*Steve DiJulia*  
*united states*

*Thank you Apple for making computers great for everyone. You have brilliant ideas and always seem to impress. When I first used a Mac I knew it was something different, I was amazed at how small and feature filled the Mac Classic was. Now I eagerly await the latest apple news just to see how Apple keeps on innovating.*

*Thank you Apple for making computing fun.*

*Happy 30th Birthday*

*Ashley Moore*  
*united kingdom*

*Thanks Steve and everyone at apple over the years. My first experience was with an Apple II in grade school... then it was on to PCs running windows for a while then linux..until I saw a powerbook and OS X and new I had to have one. Now I'm very happy with my new Quad core and loving the X11 integration. Keep up the good work and I wish you another 30 years of computing excellence.*

*P.S. Dont forget about us PPC users in the future :)*

*Justin Evans*  
*united states*

*Hello Steve and Apple! Happy Birthday, may Apple celebrate many more birthdays to come and keep up the innovation. I have no doubt that apple will continue to “Think Different” and come up with new ideas, products and beautiful design for years to come.*

*Long live Apple*

*Eddy Strickland*  
*united kingdom*

*Since I was a child I've dreamed of making films. After finally getting the cash together to get myself a Mac, I have been able to start to realise that dream. I'm currently president of my student TV station at Uni (Stirling, Scotland), and hope to go on to bigger, brighter things soon. With your hardware and software, I've been able to create so many special programmes and films that are enjoyed constantly by others. I've enjoyed years of wandering what you'll come up with next, hanging on your every move. My girlfriend finds it mildly annoying, and so do my friends - but I've managed them to convert, much to their appreciation.*

*Here's to another 30 years, another 30 beyond that, and many more great products.*

*Happy Birthday!*

*Andy Shepherd*  
*united kingdom*

*Even though I'm only 17, I've had a Mac in my life longer than most in this country can say they have. My parents brought me up with macs and they have influenced me so much that I plan to pursue computer engineering and design in college (I wrote my college essay about my adoration of Apple and it got me into some pretty nice schools). I hope to one day work for Apple and be up there with the best of the designers in the computer world; Jonathan Ive's and his team. Thank you Apple for influencing my life and being an inspiration not only to your fans, but to the other companies that come nowhere close to what you have been able to accomplish with your products.*

*Happy Birthday and here's to many more!*

*(hopefully with me on board someday!)*

*Jan Firestone*

*united states*

*I have had the fortune to have grown along with Apple and it has been a wondrous adventure.*

*Here is wishing Mr. Jobs and all of the unsung heroes that have continued to make Apple products for the rest of us, continued success.*

*To err is human ..... to compute with a Mac is sublime.*

*Chuck Navarrete*

*united states*

*Happy 30th B-Day Apple...*

*...and thanks for all the fun times, the frustrating times and the rewarding times of using and abusing your products. Keep 'em coming and please bring back Bondi Blue.*

*Peace out!*

*Djenan Kozic*  
*united kingdom*

*Happy Birthday Apple! It was an Apple IIe my parents purchased for me many years ago that hooked me on computers and all things Apple. Today, our house is graced by over 100 Apple computers spanning your glorious 30-year history. The elegance and simplicity of your products have inspired and empowered me to do more with computers every year. I look forward to many more years waiting anxiously for one more thing.*

*PS. Please deliver a MacBook mini one day so I can have the full functionality of Mac OS X in a very small form factor. I was a Newton user, and I long for the day when I can always have a Mac in the palm of my hand.*

*PPS. Steve(s), if you're reading this and want to stop by for lunch and a tour of a pretty cool personal Apple/Macintosh collection, drop me a line!*

*James Savage*  
*united states*

*Happy birthday guys.*

*All though I lived my entire life right down the street from where it all began I just started using a Mac. I have missed out on 29 years of something that just works. I cant tell you how much I love podcasting the iPod and iTunes and how it all works together to bring me that much closer to the outside world and with friends so smoothly. Thats what I can say is everything is so smooth completely intuitive to how things should be done. Then to top it off you guys do it with style!*

*We spend big money on our work toys and love to show them off and be proud of them and you make us proud to show them off with the style and design you create. Something I never saw with any PC! You guys honestly think about what we need and make a effort to fulfil what we need as end users. That is not a easy task.*

*Thank you so much for making this previous PC person change to the bright side and never look back.*

*Now if we could get web designers out there to design sites for safari.*

*Rafael Morales*

*united states*

*Happy 30th birthday*

*Keep up the Great work and I Hope you have another 30+ more great years of creating products that makes the world Think Different.*

*Mike Lockhardt Jr*  
*united states*

*Happy Birthday Apple*

*Here's to another 30 years of innovation that only you can bring.*

*Carlos S Del Castillo*

*united states*

*Happy birthday!!*

*I have used Macs for 11 years. My first one was the very cool Powerbook 520. I can't imagine using any other computer than an Apple computer. Your attention to detail and craftsmanship in everything you make sets you apart from all of the rest. In everything that you make, your philosophy shines through, resulting in not only applications and an OS that are easy to use -- and easy on the eyes -- but most importantly they are extremely effective, functional, productive, and non-intrusive on the user. Plus, your vertical integration benefits the user of your finely tuned and coordinated technologies. You achieve what so many other companies aim for but fall short of.*

*So, here's to another thirty years! You can rest assured that I will always be sitting in front of a Mac, revelling in your ingenuity and saying "what will they think of next?!".*

*Think Different*

*Cheers!*

*George Guerrette*  
*canada*

*Happy 30th Birthday Apple Computer!*

*I am confident that my more than 15 years of working, playing, exploring and communicating on a computer have filled my life with joy, curiosity and the means to Think Different - always using a Mac!*

*Thank you for the years so far, and the best of wishes for many more to come.*

*Frode Danielsen*

*norway*

*Apple, I love you! Ok, thats pretty exaggerated. I think Apple is great because it was started in the very beginning with the goal of making a easy-to-use computer. And now 30 years later you still have the most easy-to-use and innovative products ever! Not only did the iMac and the iPod become one of the coolest social icons of my generation but there are cults of Apple followers.*

*I am a senior in high school. About 2 or more years ago I got my first iMac. I have used Macs in the past and even owned a few older ones. Mac OS X has changed my life. I love how everything is so integrated into the system like the iPod and iTunes, Quartz and Quicktime. It fits me like a glove; spell check for a messy speller, Quicktime and iTunes for my visual mind, the Dock for the multitakin for my short attention span, and the power of unix for my future career in computers. I even want to work as a Apple developer when I get older!*

*Mitch Cerroni*

*united states*

*Thank you Apple for making a computer that I truly love.*

RiSH  
*united states*

*Steve, I witnessed your speech at UT-Austin in 1984 where you warned of the computer dark ages if that big three letter company dominated. Thanks for making sure that creativity and innovation continue to flourish @ Apple, enriching peoples lives all over the world.*

*Robert Jagitsch*  
*united states*

*Well I'm thankful I'll be alive when you guys turn 60. Depending on my genes maybe 100, but that's pushing it.  
From Myself and the rest of the staff at Egg In A Dish Happy Birthday APPLE without you we'd be following the  
other lemmings off the cliff.*

fason  
canada

*I have to admit that I wasn't always an Apple fan. I'm still not a fan of the classic OS, but the first version OS X changed everything for me. It's the most beautiful and powerful OS I've ever been exposed to, and it has changed the way I work and play on the computer.*

*For that I celebrate Apple and thank you for your excellent work!*

*Happy Birthday, Apple!*

*Paweł Szymczykowski*  
*united states*

*Happy Birthday Apple! This is the 2nd year where we have converted from "Who-Must-Not-Be-Named" and we are all the happier for it. The whole experience seems to be a self-fulfilling prophecy since the moment we turn on the iMac 20" G5. Even the display board problem seems to be just an opportunity for us to experience first hand the magic of Apple Authorized repair.*

*It is so weird, in a very good way.*

*Thanks again Apple for doing a good job; please keep on keeping on.*

*Happy Birthday again.*

*Last word - please do not turn EVIL.*

*Norman Lee*  
*australia*

*To everyone at Apple on its 30th Birthday,*

*For the last 10 years, I have been lucky enough to be a Mac user. I gotten more entertainment and pleasure out of my Mac(s), the Mac user community and Apples other fantastic gadgets than anything else I've owned.*

*So, on Apples birthday, I would like to wish you all, from the people in the labs, to Steve Jobs himself, another 30 years (at least =) of innovation, growth and community!*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

*Aaron Judd*  
*canada*

*Hi*

*I love my Macs--all 5 of them and my iPods too!*

*Just keep up the great work and we will keep spreading the word.*

*I have convinced 5 people to switch myself.*

*Happy Birthday!*

*Tom Richardson*

*united states*

*If you were to ask people one aspect that characterizes me, they would mention my “passion” for Apple, but use the word “obsession” instead. But my devotion for the company is not blind. Apple has not only an attention for detail in both software and hardware, but also a synergy between the two — all of which is missing by other vendors. As computers become used for more complex tasks this difference will become more evident.*

*Thanks Apple for a great 30 years.*

*I know the next 30 will be even better!*

Thomas Drew Kozlek III

*united states*

*Happy birthday apple!*

*You changed my life 20 years ago when I got my first mac - a macintosh 512k with no hard drive.*

*I was just getting interested in computers & graphic design at that time. I've learned & grown with you.*

*I am now a successful graphic artist working in the music industry.*

*You help me make a living, you entertain me, you keep me in touch with the world.*

*You are one of my best friends.*

*I am looking forward to the next 30 insanely great years!*

*Cyndy Poon*  
*united states*

*Thanks.*

*Jules Lawe III*  
*united states*

*Happy Birthday Apple!!!*

*I'm sure you will change the way this world works again in the next 30 years goodluck, and thank you.*

*Joshua Maynard*  
*australia*

*Thanks so much, Mr Jobs for creating the ONE thing in my life that has NEVER let me down  
.....my MAC'S!*

*Happy Birthday from one very satisfied rock and roll Grandma mac lover!*

*Joelyn Heinen*  
*united states*

*Thank you Apple!*

*In 1979, I got to use my first Apple (at age 14) at a friend's house. His parents bought him an Apple II+ and we thought it was the coolest machine ever made. We'd stay up late into the night loading and playing games via cassette tape. In 1983, my parents bought me my own Apple IIe.*

*This summer, I will buy an Mac Mini for my daughter and it will be her first computer.*

*The tradition lives on!*

*May the next 30 years be even greater!!*

*Paul R. Mow*  
*united states*

*Thanks Apple.*

*You are one of the most exciting and innovative companies in the world.*

*You guys are costing me a fortune!*

Matthew Pringle  
united kingdom

*Happy 30th to all the wonderful people at Apple! My computers have always been Macs, they always will be. I've loved every one and have been sad to see each one go (esp. my Lime iMac!) but welcomed each new beauty into my home. You make my job as a writer a real pleasure.*

*So thank you for your imagination and intelligence and dedication and the sheer sense of fun you infuse into every product. Margaritas are on me, and here's to many, many more years of thinking differently!*

*Gabrielle Luthy*  
*france*

*To steve and the whole apple team (past,present,future)*

*Happy birthday and congratulations on doing the hard yards.*

*Thank goodness for your pursuit of perfection.*

*Surprise us with leopard but please get rid of the term "trash" can for 2007. it's just so - old school.*

*Anyway have a great week*

*John Buck*  
*australia*

*Thank you Steve for your consistently excellent products.*

*My first job out of college required me to work on a Macintosh SE/30. I had limited experience with computers until then, but I was immediately mesmerized by the quality of the system and the pleasure it was to use. Despite barely making enough money to feed myself, I cobbled together the money to purchase my own Performa 600.*

*Since then, Apple computers have changed my life. As a designer and an academic I'm increasingly able to perform tasks with grace and ease. My Macs have always been trusty friends and I fondly remember each one.*

*Today I own a Mac Mini, a PowerBook, several iPods and a host of other Apple products. Each one fits my lifestyle like a glove. I'm proud to be an Apple customer, shareholder, and evangelist. I look forward to thirty more years of innovation and joy from my favorite company.*

*Amy Scarfone*  
*united states*

*The first computer I ever used as an Apple IIe. This was back in 1986 and I never really developed a connection with computers for anything but work for about 10 years.*

*Then in 1999 I was employed by an outsource call centre as a tech support agent for Apple. I fell in love and finally was able to get my own Mac two years ago.*

*I now have an eMac and a Pismo that I got for a real deal after I sold my tangerine iBook that I picked up off of eBay from a non-Mac person for an absolutely steal. Thought that a flashing question mark at start up meant it was broken. I will never go back to using a “dull little boxes” again.*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*Donna Cuffe*  
canada

*Hey Apple Dudes.*

*Don't EVER give up.*

*I met Gates, and he's OK for sure -- really smart, a terrific philanthropist and all those good things. But if it weren't for you, we'd all have to use Windows. It just goes to show you that most people, sadly, cannot tell the difference between OK and Insanely Great. There's a history of that, though; in art, and music, and theatre, and literature, and architecture and ... well, YOU know ;)*

*So keep on keeping on, be obsessive, push harder, hire the best and don't ever just sit there thinking "ahh, that's close enough." Take the road less travelled.*

*My first Mac was an SE, then a Powerbook 160, and a Quadra in there somewhere ... and a Titanium, an iMac G5 and now I'm writing to you with Intel Inside a 15 inch Mac Book Pro.*

*My only mistake? Forgot to buy your stock.*

*Happy Birthday.*

*Brett Wayne*  
*australia*

*THANK YOU FOR CHANGING MY LIFE WITH ILIFE.*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

*John Kulesza*  
*united states*

*There are computer makers,  
but only one Creator.*

*To all the families of the Apple Staff 1976-2006 your sacrifice has resulted in the ultimate liberation:  
An Apple Computer.*

*Liberating Artists, Musicians, Programmers, Book-keepers, Housewives, Students, Grandparents,  
Single-Mum's, Fishermen, Directors, Dentists; in fact anyone who dared to think different.*

*On the eve of your Birthday, and then more importantly your rightful position in Humanity I want to hold my arms  
around you and give you a great big birthday hug.*

*Thank You Apple! You are the darling we all love.*

*ps: I know who bit you!*

*Reto Reolon*  
*south africa*

*My first encounter with an Apple computer was in 1979 or thereabouts, at a friend's house. I played a car racing game of some kind and the black-and-white line graphics awed us. I think they still would.*

*In 1989, I was hired to do layout and given a Mac IIci. What made me fall for Macs, was the plug-and-play printer. My previous job included regularly setting dip switches on matrix printers, so the fact that the printer worked with the Mac "as is" impressed me.*

*It's been Macs at work and at home all the way since. Currently, I own the "lampfoot" G4 iMac - so beautiful on the outside, it's the reason I do not yet own the G5 version. [Guess what I'd like the G6 to look like? ;-) ]*

*I still have my tangerine clamshell iBook, and I enjoy its look and feel, too. Both machines are impressive little workhorses. From OS 7.1 right to OS 10.4, my Mac world just keeps getting better. To say it 70's-style:*

*Keep on truckin', Apple!*

*Keera Ann Fox*

*norway*

*Happy 30th! Who ever thought a company could change the world. I never thought that so many words beginning with the letter "i" would transform an industry as Apple has. Well...you are Apple. Enough said.*

*Good Luck and Best Wishes. I can't wait to see what's next.*

*The Juarez Family*

*Michael, Vicki, Lil' Michael & Mia*

*Michael Juarez*  
*united states*

*Steve Jobs has set an example of excellence and passion for me and I wish to thank him and congratulate him on the 30th anniversary of the most beautiful company in the world and of course, for making me the Mac fan I am today!*

Nicolas Abarca  
canada

*Hey Apple,*

*From the first time I layed eyes on a Mac 512K Enhanced in Switzerland in 1986 to today, what a voyage is has been! From being president of the TMUG (Taiwan Macintosh Users Group) to owning a store in Taipei serving the foreign community. From being a clueless user to a person whose life would be incomplete without a Macintosh.*

*Happy Birthday, Apple! So glad you are around despite the legions of naysayers who declared you dead. I did help you get over the bumps by converting dozens and dozens to the iMac Bondi, to Newton 2000, to Centris 660AV, the Duo 280c; and of course the Apple Portable, first seen in Singapore.*

*In August 2004, I became an Apple Authorized Business Agent, loving the program. Part evangelist, part counsellor, part personal shopper, part knowledge carrier.*

*Dear Apple, please release more products enhancing life; listen to your customer base, stay human and dare... keep on inspiring and changing lifes, one at a time!*

*With true love,*

*Wolfgang Schubert*  
*united states*

*HAPPY (1 + Sqrt[9+7]) 6 BIRTHDAY!*

*HAPPY (1 - Sqrt[9] +7) 6 BIRTHDAY!*

*HAPPY (-Sqrt[1+Sqrt[9]] +7) 6 BIRTHDAY!*

*HAPPY 1 + Sqrt[(Sqrt[9]! + 7!)/6] BIRTHDAY!*

*Apple ad infinitum*

*Woz Woz*  
*australia*

*Started computing on an old 'Portable' in 1995 and was on the ball in short time. In my experience few other brands than Apple make such a big difference for the user.*

*Congratulations young Pal!*

*Stay true to Your humanity.*

*Fredrik Borch Lynghaug*  
*norway*

*Happy 30th Apple!*

*I wanna see some more of those dents you keep putting in the universe!*

*Keep on doing what your doing.*

*Thank you*

Tom Watson  
*united kingdom*

*Thank you Apple Computer, Steve, and all the hard workers that bring us exciting new products.*

*I have grown up using Apple Computer Products. I am happy to say, doing so got me the wonderful job I have today. Without being the only one in my area proficient in Apple Technologies, I would probably still be waiting tables. I love working with the technologies, and hope one day to sit on the board or fill Steve Jobs Shoes. Perhaps one Day I will be able to visit 1 Infinite Loop and Meet the Man himself. Until then I will continue to dream Big Apple Dreams and Think Big Thoughts. I will Finish My Degree and build my stock portfolio to get a seat on the board. I push myself to be a businessman in the Apple carefree, yet customer service important way. I have a few ideas on how things could be done better, but I haven't the space.*

*I'll leave it for now, to everyone at Apple Computer, THANK YOU! for everything you do.*

*Keep it up!*

*Lawrence Francell*

*united states*

*Just a note from an Apple fan who has been “with you” since the beginning. I am sure the users of those other PC’s just really have no idea just how fun using a computer can be... Apple is the way..*

*Keep coming up with those imaginative, innovative ideas and beautiful to look at and use products !!!*

*Happy 30th Birthday!*

*Keep the APPLE fresh !*

*Randi Day*  
*united states*

*To Apple Computer employees:*

*I have been a loyal Mac user since 1984 and love the newest Macs and the iPod.*

*I greatly appreciate your creativity and originality.*

*These computers and operating system are the coolest out there.*

*Happy Birthday and keep up the great work!!!!*

*Linda*  
*united states*

*Hello Apple Computer, Inc. and Steve Jobs,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and Happy Birthday. Although I am a very young member of the Apple user's tribe, I consider myself lucky enough to have discovered a computer company that makes the world's best devices 5 years ago at the age of 18.*

*My first purchase from you was a PowerMac G4 and an iPod. As soon as I got home, I knew I wasn't going back to PCs anytime soon (that being the metaphor for ever again). I have loved every minute of using your products and have even managed to turn quite a few others over with me. I am now the proud owner of a PowerMac G5 Quad, Final Cut Studio and a PowerBook G4 (in addition to my PowerMac G4 which I still use).*

*Thank you for all that you do and all you create. My love for your company is absolute and my fascination with your products is immeasurable. I hope to be sending another message on your 50th Birthday!*

*Happy Birthday, Apple!*

*David Wilson*

*united states*

*Dear Steve,*

*It has been a crazy roller-coaster ride for our company these past 13 years, having had the privilege of selling Apple products as your representative here in Estonia!! We have been with you through the good times, and the amazing products, and the fantastic insight into what makes Mac-lovers tick! There is nothing better than working with a product that you love, with people who have the courage to “think different”! We hope to be around as long as you, and Apple, continue to think outside the box, coming up with new innovations and creations!*

*Thanks for helping make it all possible!*

*IM Arutid*

*estonia*

*Hello Steve,*

*I have had my own business for fifteen years, When I first opened the doors I went out and bought a Mac and a printer for \$5000.00.! Thanks for your vision and your refusal to sell out. Design and function and the intangible feeling the Mac gives its users remain as vibrant and important today. I am a better businessman and more productive because I use a Mac and will always as long as Apple is around. Apple's nonconformity inspires us to this day.*

*Thanks for the 30 years of wonderful products.*

*Christian Schilling*  
*united states*

*Thank you Apple.*

*If it wasn't for you the world would still be using DOS.*

*Here is to another 30 years and hoping you keep unveiling great products.*

*We love you Apple*

*John Barwood*  
*united kingdom*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*I made my first musical piece on a green screen Apple when I was in 1st grade. This was in 1986. I remember it very well because the day we presented our individual musical piece as a class, I lost the other half of my two front teeth. So basically both my two front teeth were missing on the last day of my first grade. I tried not to smile that day and muttered as I spoke about my piece. We were fortunate to have an apple at home too. Then for years, I didn't use a computer but in high school, I was given an Apple! The Apple played such a huge part of my childhood. While growing up and pondering over what major to choose for in college, I knew it had to involve computers whatever the profession was.*

*I work today as a graphic designer and yes, I still work with an Apple! It's so beautiful. I named him Mac Daddy. My iPod's name is Pea Pod.*

*Thank you for bringing technology, entertainment and education together.*

*Hi Woz!*

*Gina Reyes*  
*united states*

*Happy birthday to the computer company that changed my life.*

*Thank you, Steve, Steve and Apple.*

*Jamie Nazarovff*  
*canada*

*I have become a big Apple fan. Not only about the products of the company. But the company itself. Success comes before work only in the dictionary, and Apple is placed in its definition.*

*Thank you Steve Jobs for showing me how a company can succeed. You are a great leader, and the lessons that I have learned from watching you will stay with me for my lifetime. It is always inspiring to see the company go from good to great, to built to last.*

*Thanks you very much*

*Anthony G Persaud*  
*united states*

*Our High School got it's first computer in 1978 an Apple II, from that day on I have been hooked.*

*My first mac was a MacPlus in 1986 and since then I have lost count of how many more...*

*Thanks for the last thirty years and I am looking forward to the next thirty years!*

*All the best,*

Wayne Stewart  
australia

*It's not about market share. It's about respect. It's about empowering computers to be more than number crunchers so people can be more than automatons. It's about seeing what people are capable of when the tools can be used by anyone.*

*Apple has created a community in possibly its purest sense; a place where people care for each other, help each other and work to make a good thing better.*

*What Apple has done for its users cannot be quantified, measured or compared to any other technological experience. It can be understood by anyone who has ever experienced pure joy.*

*Can you even imagine what's next?*

*To everyone associated with Apple: Thank you.*

*Laurie Sosna*  
*united states*

*Happy 1-1-1-0 Apple!!*

*Paul VanMiddlesworth*  
*united states*

*You allow me to be me. Thank you Apple.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Stephen Kikel*  
*united states*

*Working at Apple (1979 - 1982) was an amazing experience. I was brought in to interview for a job in software development, but (foolishly) decided I wanted to move into marketing. Mike Markkula hired me as manager of market research—about which I knew nothing! A short time later, Steve Jobs suggested that with my background, I should become a software product manager. Having worked for HP and IBM, I wasn't used to changing jobs so quickly and told him I'd stick with market research. A week later, Steve called me to his office and told me I'd made a bad decision. He was right! He usually was.*

*In my first year I shipped three products for the Apple II—FORTRAN, Pascal and Pilot—learning every step of the way. The next year I joined the new Lisa team.*

*The Apple culture/cult was truly unique and I feel incredibly lucky to have been part of it. Mike and Steve threw me into the deep end, gave me great opportunities and showed me how leadership works.*

*Thank you Apple. Happy Birthday!*

*Pat Marriott*

*united states*

*I remember learning how to spell in second grade on a Mac SE, playing with Hypercard, loving System 7's games, and spending hours on our Quadra 610.*

*I remember buying our first Bondi Blue iMac, then the Graphite, burning our first music CD and editing video for the first time.*

*I remember music before iTunes and loving the handle on my Tangerine iBook.*

*I remember every single time Mr. Ive took the most brilliant and breathtaking design I'd ever seen and made it look juvenile and unsightly next to his newest work of art.*

*I remember being the first one on campus with a 1G iPod, then seeing a friend with white headphones and feeling my heart swell with pride because I knew we both understood.*

*I remember hesitating to switch from 9 to X and then kicking myself for waiting so long.*

*I remember the day Apple inspired me to pursue a career that would inspire as much passion in me as your computers have.*

*Thank you, Steves, for a lifetime of memories.*

*You're an inspiration to us all.*

*Misa Grannis*

*united states*

*Now, I know there must be other families out there that are as obsessed with Apple as we are, but our numbers are pretty impressive: our family has owned upwards of 50 Apple computers and 30 ipods in their various permutations (the number is actually higher, but understandably, we've simply lost count). It's easy to see why we have embraced this technology with such gusto. We use our Macs for school, business, entertainment, and communication because they're reliable, fun, and so stunning to look at! These computers have allowed the family octogenarians to proudly become computer literate as well as their grandchildren. We cheer everytime a saavy, forward-thinking, protagonist uses his Mac in a sleek, sophisticated, modern setting on TV or in movies. We cried when we watched the new Mac/Intel commercial. We waited with bated breath as Steve unveiled new advancements in his keynote address. Apple, you rock.*

*The Grannis/Haralambos/Toonen/Sugano Family*

Trish Grannis

*united states*

*Keep up the good work and make us proud to be a mac user!*

Antonio Nordli  
*sweden*

*Happy birthday Apple!*

*Look how fast you've grown! You WOZ so young when we first met, I can't believe you're already 30. I see you're still changing the world and changing our lives. Thanks again for everything and I hope you enjoy your birthday. I'll see you NeXT year, please give Steve a big hug for me...*

*Love,*

*Priscilla Rodriguez*  
*united states*

*Dear Apple,*

*The computer industry in general has users while You have fans. Why?*

*Because You inspire! By giving ordinary people access to powerful technologies, you've proven one of the great powers behind the digital age - the importance of community. Two exceptional minds can give birth to a brilliant idea, but it takes a village to raise and nurture it through the decades - a group of people who do what they do solely for the satisfaction of doing something great and the joy of sharing.*

*And so our little community would like to extend our best wishes to Your team, across space and time, and to all other communities gathered around it and thank You for the amazing work that You've done.*

*So pop open the champagne - you most definitely deserve it!!*

*Estonian Macintosh User Group*

*estonia*

*Simply the best!*

*I can't wait for the next 30 years of innovation and 'kewl' products that will make my life endlessly happy and rewarding.*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*Randy Stevens*  
*united states*

*Thanks for everything you've done Apple.*

*You have re-shaped the way humans interact with technology.*

*Happy Birthday!*

*Blaine Hargrove*  
*united states*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*You guys make the best, most reliable, "funest" computers in the world. And iTunes?! What can I say . . . I have close to 40 meg.s of tunes, many downloaded with great ease from iTunes.*

*Keep it up!*

Ted Schoneberger  
*united states*

*Mi queridísima Apple, te deseo lo mejor en tus 30 años y que cumplás muchos más. ¡Felicidades!*

Mario Henríquez  
united states

*If it weren't for Apple, I wouldn't be where I am today in terms of technology and a great career. I have been holding on since the Apple II*

*Here's to another 30 from me and my family Katlin, Olga and Enrique "Ricky" Silberg.*

*IT Director Macintosh Services*

Enrique Silberg  
united states

*I'm typing this message on my now nearly 7 year old Lombard, by far my favorite of the little tribe of macs that has amassed over the years. I often hear people talking about old jeans, or an old car, maybe an old baseball glove or a book that has worn with age and offers it's owner not only a still useful function, but also a living history. The miles walked or driven, or the games played and the pages turned. So too is the mac; over your 30 years the literally countless creations that you helped to make. The stories that you have been a part in writing, the music that you have helped in composing, and now the movies edited or compiled.*

*Thank you for making quality, useful tools, that delight, inspire, and become cherished.*

Michael Cangelosi  
united states

*Happy 30th birthday & thanks for all you do.*

*I've been a Mac user since the very first one in 1984.*

*I loved that little Mac & love our Macs today.*

*The products just keep getting better & better; your creativity & ingenuity are amazing.*

*Keep up the great work.*

*I'm with ya for the long haul!!*

*Colleen Kopfman*  
*united states*

*I discovered Apple 15 years ago. It changed my life.*

*I could in minutes do more with a computer than I had ever been able to do in many years of trying.*

*I am now a total Mac addict.*

*Thank you for everything.*

*Have a great Birthday.*

*Mick Barwood*  
*united kingdom*

Steve,

*On behalf of the entire emotionDV.com Forums, thank you for Apple and thank you for Final Cut Pro. Your computers and software have made it affordable for Indie filmmakers and pros alike to get their products out efficiently and effectively. Without your products, my documentary and short film probably would not have been made, and I know others that would say the same.*

*Thank you again for the years of great products, and years of the same to come.*

*Long live Final Cut Pro and Long Live the Macintosh!*

Regards,

Kray Mitchell

emotionDV.com Founder

Kray Mitchell  
canada

*I'm sitting here typing  
on a computer, because  
of the many inventions  
of the genius Steve Woz.*

*We've heard of the Altair  
and we respect the PARC  
but without our dear Apple,  
we'd still live in the dark.*

*And though Redmond is winning,  
and our marketshare 5,  
They had said we were beaten  
But we're more than alive.*

*And its not 'cause we're stupid  
Or we like to pay high  
Apple made it to 30  
All because of one guy.*

*Steve Ballmer is crazy  
And Bill Gates, he robs  
There's just one tech-star who cuts it  
Our hero: Steve Jobs.*

*Happy 30th Apple!*

*John Garvey*  
united states

*wow..thanks for all that you've given us..*

*You've made me more productive, more creative, and more daring!*

*Here's to 30 more great years of leading the world to a better place!*

*David Facer*  
*united states*

*Happy Birthday Apple! We've been together since 1985 when I purchased my first Mac. From there we went Plus, then Quadra and explored the eworld web. Leveled off with a G3 Server and sat for years or so. In-between was Newton, the last Apple that I know.*

*Now I'm iMac - G5 with old chips that let me make a show. I'm looking forward to an iPod to listen while I go! A printer here, ethernet there, postscript and much more. Not to mention boxes of manuals that came with all the upgrades; galore.*

*Mr. Jobs, Mr. Woz... Thank you very much! Not to mention the people behind scenes who never left me in a clutch. Through the paper-cuts of DTP and my tears of joy for animation. I never found it hard to sit-down at my Mac workstation.*

*There were some times I did say, Oh, Mac - Don't fail me now! From soft-reboot here came back my Happy Mac and Dog Cow!*

*At times you've been my best friend! Would that be Times or Times New Roman?*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*Thanks again!*

*Stan Kelly*  
*united states*

*Happy Birthday Apple!*

*I love your products!*

*Keep up the awesome work!*

*Do you get the impression I like exclamation marks!*

*Do you get the impression I don't know how to use punctuation!*

*Lots of (geeky) love!*

*Daniel Peebles*  
*united states*

*I first saw a Apple in grade school. I knew right there I liked them.*

*You were easy to like..*

*Then the first time I really used one, a Ile in 6th grade. By the end of the term I became the first person on my block to have a computer.*

*You were like magic..*

*Then high school at the coffee house. Huddled around my PB 145B. We used to dream and build mock-ups of future Mac's*

*You were right there with us..*

*Now I sit and type on my 9th Apple a 12"PB. The well loved axis of my creative & functional world. I'm in school again, a student of Industrial Design, inspired by Apple and the whole team.*

*You've helped me teach, learn and grow...*

*My birthday wish for you? Remember you are great because you believe you are. Remember, we think different because you do. Trust that there's always a better way and we'll stick it out with you like we always have.*

*You've earned it! Happy Birthday, Apple, they say the 30's are the best!*

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*Riuka Gross*  
*united states*

*First of all, Congratulations, Or as we say in Sweden: Grattis!*

*A couple of years ago I switched from Windows to MAC, that was one of my lifetimes best decisions, I am so pleased with my Apple products, both hardware and software. And it showed me the way to a whole new career, a whole new way of living and a whole new life.*

*Today I work, live and breath Apple.*

*Imagine yourself a life without all the knowledge, inspiration and inventions that Apple has given the world.*

*Keep up the Good Work.*

*Richard Jansson*  
*sweden*

*Hi Apple,*

*mein erster Computer war ein Mac und über all die Jahre meines Lebens, habe ich diese Wahl nie bereut.  
Apple hat einfach das beste Betriebssystem und die schönsten Computer auf der Welt. Weiter so und Alles  
Gute zum 30. Geburtstag wünscht Euch*

*Oliver aus Oldenburg.*

*Oliver Grede*  
*germany*

*happy spreading, fruit of california!*

*xaoc*

*rosenknoten via kocmoc.org*  
*germany*

*Herzlichen Glückwunsch an das Apple Team!*

*Vielen Dank für bessere und einfach schönere Computer! Und das mit viel Kontinuität. Es hat lange gedauert - bis ich mir konnte und definitiv wollte, aber seit zwei Jahren ist mein PB immer bei mir und mein G4 wartet nur auf seinen Nachfolger.*

*Tut uns und Euch den Gefallen und bringt OS X für alle PCs auf den Markt, gebt Windows Nutzern die Chance zu wählen. Auf keinem PC wird OS X so gut laufen wie auf einem Apple.*

*Beim nächsten Rechnerkauf wird sich das lohnen, es gibt noch 95% des Marktes zu erobern. Was mit Ipod's geht, geht auch mit Personal Computern. Meine besten Wünsche für Eure nächsten 30 Jahren.*

*Holger Gruel*  
*switzerland*

*Here's to 30 years of keeping it simple.*

*And that's the way I like it!*

*Happy Birthday, Apple.*

*Alain P. Chaperon*  
*australia*