Lesson 1

Background Information about Apple and OS X

- Apple's first GUI based OS was released in 1984 alongside Window's OS 1.0.

- Apple was known for their application in business, namely design and media.

- Apple went through a 'revolution' during the 1990s with OS 7, 8 & 9 and increased concentration on product R&D.

- 2001, Apple released OS X. Based on the industry's favourite OS, Unix.

- Apple used an 'implementation' of standard Unix called Darwin (just a different type of Unix) as the new core of OS X.

- Unix is a 'CLI' based OS and is not very popular in the consumer market.

- Unix is a very popular Server hosting platform, as it is 'open-source' and free, and is also very stable and offers a great degree of personalisation.

- OS X 10.4 or 'Tiger' is the current version of Apple OS. It offers several advantages over its previous versions, such as Automator, Spotlight and Dashboard.

- In April 2007 Apple plans to release its next version of OS X, 10.5, also called 'Leopard'.

Terms Used:

GUI: Stands for Graphical User Interface. The graphics on screen on any Operating System, i.e. a web browser window is the GUI for the application.

OS: Operating System. The main program used to operate a computer.

OS X: Apple Computer's current OS, called OS X, as in X the Roman numeral.

Unix: A CLI based OS that is famed for its stability and potential for customisation.

Darwin: An implementation of standard Unix.

CLI: Command Line Interface – where a user issues commands through lines of code rather than using a mouse and GUI.