

A few things about great **NASA Curiosity** mission you may have missed!

Apple was almost everywhere in this mission... just check out this photo of the **EDL Ops Center (Entry-Descent-Land Operation)** :



Mac OS X looks like the weapon of choice of Rocket Scientists, due to its Unix-ish roots in BSD.

Moreover, looks like the **RAD 750** processor, running the Curiosity Rover, it's an evolution of the beloved PowerPC 750, right the one that powered G3-series Macintoshes.

Talking about hardware, [Gizmodo](#) reports this fun comparison with an iPhone 4S...



If you're more curious about the Rover's hardware and gear, take a look at [Time's Page](#).

More details about the computing side of the Rover:

Rover Compute Element (RCE)

Curiosity employs two computers, one for daily operation and one for backup, each packing a 200 MHz IBM RAD750 (based on IBM's late 1990s 32-bit PowerPC processors), 256 MB of RAM, 2GB of flash storage and running a multitasking operating system called VxWorks (used in multiple other spacecraft, including both Spirit and Opportunity rovers).

Last but not least, **Rovio** announced they will celebrate the Curiosity Mission with an [Angry Birds Space Red Planet Update!!!](#)

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