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WHAT'S ON

The extensions are moving on but it looks like we won't be able to run any courses now until the New Year. However, if anyone needs any training in the meantime, we can do one-on-one courses so send us an email and we will do everything we can to help.

Remember Thursday nights 7 - 9 pm is help desk night. Call into the rooms with your problems and we will see if we can help.

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Apple News

Apple has just released its next version of Mac OS X - Leopard. There are over 300 changes from the previous version - Tiger. Judging by the various reviews on the internet it has been received with a lot of enthusiasm. Check it out at: <http://www.apple.com/>

New to Computers?

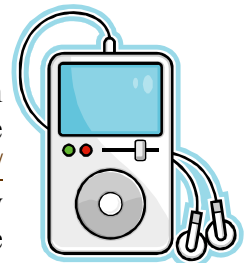
Article abridged from SeniorNet, Huntly

All computers have an operating system - DOS (Disc Operating System). What you see is the graphic user interface (GUI). Names are given like DOS, Windows, Vista, Mac OS, Linux, Unix, Solaris and others. All new computers will have Microsoft Vista or Mac OS X. What we do at Seniornet is to teach you how to use that operating system and how to get the best use out of your computer. But to work properly you need Programmes. Some come with the operating system, others are pre-installed and others you either buy from a shop or copy (download) from the internet. Sometimes they have self-explanatory names such as Word, Office, Publisher, Photo Suite etc. Others are less obvious, Excel, Adobe Acrobat, Picasa, Dreamweaver, Outlook, AVG. Finding the ones you need is important. We at Seniornet can help you through the maze. If you need help just send an email to one of the committee members at <http://www.seniornetnorthwest.org.nz/Committee.html> or call in to the Club on Thursday nights.



Music and the Internet

Sharing music on-line with others is illegal and many sites have been closed. You can legally purchase music off the internet with some limitations due to DRM (Digital Rights Management) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_Rights_Management. This limits how you access your music. Apple (iTunes) is now selling DRM-free songs. The most common music format is MP3 but Microsoft uses WMA and Apple have AAC http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Audio_Coding. If you want to use your music on an MP3 player, WMA and AAC may not work (some players do play both WMA and MP3). Sony have their own format ATRAC http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adaptive_Transform_Acoustic_Coding so you will need their software. Three sites in NZ are Apple <http://www.apple.com/nz/itunes/>, Digirama <http://www.digirama.co.nz/> and Vodafone <http://music.vodafone.co.nz/>. You need to register and install their own software. Once done, you just select the music track or album, pay by credit card and the music is downloaded. Windows Media Player and iTunes allow you to copy this music to a CD. Be aware of the cost. I bought an album from iTunes for \$17.99 and found the CD in The Warehouse for \$15!! Normally due to copyright restrictions you cannot buy from Overseas sites. If you need to convert the file to another format e.g. MP3 try Super <http://www.erightssoft.com/>. It is free and converts numerous audio and video files to other formats.



Useful Tips - Surfing the Net

If you want to get back to your *Home Page* click **Alt + Home**. To move forward click **Alt + →** & to move back **Alt + ←** or **Backspace**. To find some text on a page **Ctrl + F**. Display a list of addresses you have typed **F4**. To add a page to your favourites **Ctrl + D**. This is a really neat trick. This puts the link on the main page of Favourites.



Try These Sites

[History of Fireworks](http://www.fireworks.com/safety/fireworks-history.asp)

<http://www.fireworks.com/safety/fireworks-history.asp>

[Show Day \(Canterbury\)](http://library.christchurch.org.nz/Reference/Holidays/CupShowWeek/What's%20On%20(Canterbury))

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[What's On \(Canterbury\)](http://www.localeye.info/)

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[Grown Ups NZ](http://www.grownups.co.nz/)

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