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**WHAT'S ON**

As we are undergoing extensive alterations to the computer room, all courses have been suspended. Once the new room is complete - almost double its original size - we will be able to get the courses running again. Keep in touch through our website.

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**

One of the advantages of Windows is the huge range of photo editing software. Mac users have been limited to high end apps like Photoshop. A new one is Pixelmator <http://www.pixelmator.com> It costs \$84 (NZ) and does everything most photographers want and best of all it integrates with iPhoto. Worth a look.

**Privacy and the Internet**

Much is made of how our privacy is being thwarted by the advent of the internet. Everywhere we go these days we leave behind some evidence, e.g. your cashcard, loyalty card. Internet search engines such as Google and Yahoo collect a massive amount of information that they allegedly on-sell. Your name is in phone books, electoral rolls etc. So how worried should we be? In New Zealand we have a Privacy Commissioner <http://www.privacy.org.nz/home.php>. Our laws only apply to New Zealanders and business in New Zealand. Not those overseas. The Act is often misapplied. Companies who gather information must seek your permission but this is often done through such discreet documents known as "Terms and Conditions". Just read any one these and you'll soon see what you are giving away. With many internet sites you can "opt out" by not subscribing but others, such as the IRD you don't have a choice. To limit your exposure always ask why certain information is being collected and how it will be used. If you are unsatisfied you can lodge a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner.

**Preserving Old Records and Tapes**

Have you got lots of old 78's, 45's and LP's floating around? It is really very easy to copy these to CD. What you need is a turntable or tapeplayer, some leads and of course your computer. You then need some ripping software. Have a look at Rip Vinyl <http://www.ripvinyl.com>. It can even copy 78's at 45 rpm speed and copies back to original. If you don't know how to do this there are lots of good instructions on this site. If you have a turntable that only does 33 & 45 Rip Vinyl works well. If you go to Turntables.com <http://www.turntableneedles.com/> they have a huge range of needles for just about any record deck made. I picked up a special needle that is made for 78's which have a larger groove.



**On-Line Encyclopaedia**

Last month we talked about [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/). There are numerous other resources available. One very useful site is MedLinePlus <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/encyclopedia.html>. Run by the US Government it has numerous articles on all sorts of health related issues. One area of interest are details of a particular drug. Listed by medical and brand name you get a wealth of information about the drug. One thing to watch is that NZ brand names may not appear so you will need the medical name.

**Useful Tips**

Have you ever wanted to "copy" something off your screen? We call it "screenshots" One way is to use the **Print Scrn** key. This copies the screen as a picture to the clipboard. A better way is to use a free programme called **Screen Hunter**. [www.wisdom-soft.com](http://www.wisdom-soft.com). This allow you to capture just the area you want.



**Try These Sites**

**Local Body Elections**  
<http://access.localgovt.co.nz/LocalGovernment/Elections2007/>  
**Local News - The Press**  
<http://press.co.nz>  
**World News**  
**CNN** <http://www.cnn.com>  
**BBC** <http://www.bbc.com>  
**New York Times** <http://www.nytimes.com>  
**DWTV - Germany** <http://www.dw-world.de/>

