

Toys for boys and gadgets for girls

The session is a pot pourri of technology developments and some software and hardware thoughts. Those attending are invited to contribute with a demonstration of their toys and gadgets.

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Get A Good Deal On Computers And Their Related Technology

A starting point is the SeniorNet web site page <http://seniornetwgt7.blogspot.com>

See also:

- Pricespy <http://pricespy.co.nz>
- TradeMe <http://www.trademe.co.nz>
- EBay <http://www.ebay.com>
- Tmart <http://www.tmart.com>
- Banggood www.banggood.com

Tips & Tricks

- Maximise/Minimise screen – double click title bar
- Close screen at active state
- Ctrl +/- on desktop to change icon size
- Search desktop icons with keyboard after selecting one icon
- Change taskbar icon size – right click taskbar and select Properties
- Sort desktop icon size and fixation – right click desktop and use View and Sort by
- Drag commonly used icons to taskbar
- Go to desktop – click extreme bottom right of screen
- Change mouse pointer – Control Panel/Mouse/Pointers/Scheme
- Show pointer with Ctrl key - Control Panel/Mouse/Pointers/Pointer options
- Ctrl +/- to zoom or Ctrl and roll mouse button

Emerging Toys And Gadgets/Sites

Includes:

- Bluetooth speakers
- WiFi mouse (Android wireless) – Remote mouse
- Bluetooth mouse (Microsoft)
- Wireless mouse with low profile usb plug
- *Ai keyboard* for Android/*Path* for iPad
- Wireless phone – no landline fee - Vodafone
- Bluetooth earpiece - Mono Bluetooth Router
- Blood pressure meter
- Hubs
- Card readers
- Card USB
- Stylus and alternatives

Review of 'necessary' basic (free) software

- Libre Office <http://www.libreoffice.org/download/>
- Faststone Image Viewer <http://www.faststone.org/>
- Faststone Image Capture (last free version) <http://tinyurl.com/8x7j5sh>
- VLC Player or KM Player VLC Player - <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/> , KM Player - <http://tinyurl.com/3gog6yb>
- Clip Converter You Tube video downloader www.clipconverter.cc
- DVD Flick for DVD player conversion <http://www.dvdflick.net/>
- Audacity <http://audacity.sourceforge.net>
- Chrome browser <http://tinyurl.com/763p3lj>
- Hiren's Boot CD (for the enthusiast)
- <http://www.hiren.info/pages/bootcd>
- Adware Cleaner <http://goo.gl/7kulE>
- CleanUp <http://goo.gl/O8HtGk>
- Cryptoprevent <http://goo.gl/YxnIES>

Some 'quirky' but useful software

- Pointer Mouse <http://tinyurl.com/7ay4htg>
- f.lux <http://stereopsis.com/flux> • Doodle <http://goo.gl/aVoAm>
- Wordle <http://goo.gl/M8qR>
- Chromecast <http://goo.gl/6vpF5N>
- Ted inspirational videos <http://www.ted.com>
- God Mode http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Master_Control_Panel_shortcut

Free movies

- You Tube <http://goo.gl/WCcYc>
- Popcornflix <http://popcornflix.com>

Free Music

- Spotify <http://goo.gl/W6ciy>
- Pandora <http://pandora.com>
- Atraci <http://atraci.github.io/Atraci-website/>

Ship to NZ

- Shipit <http://www.shipito.com>
- PostYou <http://www.nzpost.co.nz/tools/youshop>

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New Google features

- Using Gmail as your only email client by redirecting all ISP mail to Gmail go to Gmail settings *Accounts and Import/ Import mail and contacts* and insert your email and password.
- Chrome Apps launcher <http://goo.gl/8HP6J>
- Gmail help – Settings/Help
- Gmail keyboard shortcuts - Shift - ?
- Google Calendar – pick up in Gmail features
- Google Chrome <http://tinyurl.com/763p3lj>
- Google Drive <https://www.google.com/drive/>
- Symbaloo (iGoogle replacement) www.symbaloo.com
- Google Cloud Print <http://www.google.com/landing/cloudprint> and find in Chrome options
- Google attachments – see <http://tinyurl.com/3mfe8y8> . Note new choice in save options on your Gmails
- Amazing Google tools <http://bit.ly/1pNRpkh>

Cloud storage

See 'Frank the Dog' video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTNgV0O_oTg

- Dropbox <http://www.dropbox.com>
- Google Drive <http://tinyurl.com/6g56t2r>
- Google Sites <http://tinyurl.com/82qjsb2>
- One drive <http://goo.gl/HaqBHP>

Remote access tools

Team Viewer <http://www.teamviewer.com/en/index.aspx>