

SENIORNET *Computer Owners Group* MEETING 8th NOVEMBER, 2017

(NOTES ON SOME TOPICS RAISED AT THIS MEETING - Prepared by Ricky Berg)

These Notes have been prepared and distributed in the hope that they will be useful for all Seniornet members.

Printing emails from Android device: Many people have found that when accessing their emails using a 'phone or tablet App, there is no obvious ability to then print off a copy of their emails.

The reason for this is because the App being used to access your emails is a small, dedicated email viewer that connects you directly to your email service, and as such will not have any built-in printing functions.

The easy way to overcome this limitation (and yes, there are many ways to achieve this as well as using more sophisticated email Apps), is to access your emails using the device's *web browser* (meaning you go to your email service's web-based interface), instead of using the dedicated mail App. The browser will have greater functionality and control over what is being displayed, including your emails, as well as having the ability to print when you are connected to a printer.

Questions about Android phones and tablets: Members are reminded that they can take advantage of the monthly Owners Group that is specifically for Android phones and tablets users ... usually the 4th Tuesday each month, 10am – 12pm.

SmartDocScanner: How many times have you spotted a flyer, notice, or some other printed or handwritten information on display but not had the time to stop and write out the information?

These days the easy option is to use your phone's camera, and most times this will suffice, but often getting the correct focus or angle leaves one with an indistinct picture.

A clever little App is *SmartDocScanner* which works similar to your camera but is clever enough to do many useful things including rapid digitisation, conversion to .doc or .pdf formats, and accurate framing. A major feature though is its support for Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to convert from an image to text, in more than 40 languages!

Full information, details and download at

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mobility.docscanner&hl=en>

(Thanks to Alan Royal for the pointer).

Lynda tutorials, instructions, and learning: Lynda.com is an American-based online education company offering thousands of video courses in software, creative, and business skills. Founded in 1995, the company produces video tutorials taught by industry experts, and is one of the top online learning sites. A list of the subjects available can be viewed at

<https://www.lynda.com/subject/all>

Usually, access is by monetary subscription, but thanks to the Wellington City Library, library members have **free and unlimited access** to over 3500 of their online tutorials and courses. More information at

<http://www.wcl.govt.nz/blog/index.php/2015/09/26/lynda-com-now-free-with-your-library-card/>

Predictive text on a PC: Most of us are by now very familiar with the predictive text feature of phones and tablets, and feeling comfortable when using it.

However, did you know that such a feature is also available for when you use a PC, either a laptop or desktop? **Windows 10** introduced an on-screen keyboard with predictive text, which may seem rather useless, but handy when your hardware (keyboard/mouse) malfunctions or fails, or you often use the touch-screen for emails, note-taking, and such.

Take a look at <https://www.technorms.com/41397/windows-10-on-screen-keyboard-predictive-text> for operating details.

Apple Mac vs. Windows computers: A number of people will be thinking of upgrading or replacing their existing computers, and the perennial argument of Apple versus Windows always comes to the fore ... although these days there is not a lot of difference either technically or functionally between the two.

However, there are some very good comparisons available, and it is recommended that a quick scan of these before purchasing new hardware is well worth the time.

Here are some of the most recent –

<https://www.businessinsider.com.au/buying-apple-mac-vs-windows-pc-2017-1?r=US&IR=T>

<http://www.techadvisor.co.uk/new-product/desktop-pc/mac-vs-pc-2017-3493092/>