

MIG report for AUGUST, by Anton Petre

Only a small turnout for the Mac Group session on August 25, but a lot of useful information just the same. We talked about the latest rash of “phishing” scams usually involving fake invoices, and this caused us to have a close look at setting mail rules and restrictions to dump a lot of this stuff straight into the trash.

A close look at some of the features available in System Preferences caused quite a lot of interest, as did a look at the latest version of the Opera browser. New iMacs do not have CD drives any more, but we showed an accessory plug-in CD/DVD drive which typically can be bought for around \$40, but the days of CDs are plainly numbered when flash drives of huge capacity are getting so cheap.

We also had a closer look at the Dashboard, and the many widgets available for it online (around 1000 of them), and how to put extra icons in the dock.

Those very useful Mac programs, Pages word processor, Numbers spreadsheets and Keynote presentation program, which used to cost around \$20 each, now come free with the latest Mac (free) operating system, so we had a brief look at how these apps work as well.