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Are you looking for a way to keep in touch with your friends or contacts online, even if they don't work in the same office or share your network? This month's Workshop on **instant messaging services** shows you how to download and install the necessary software to do this using the internet. Not only is it easy, but it's also free. Perhaps you find yourself on the move and you're after some ideas on how to use your **laptop** more effectively? Mark Whitehorn makes sure we're happy travellers with his handy hints on choosing and using your notebook. And Cliff Joseph has been out and about: just back from his trip to this year's MacWorld Expo in New York, he has installed a beta version of **MacOS 8.5** and introduces us to some of the new features we can expect from this upgrade when the final version hits the streets. Over in **Graphics & DTP**, Ken McMahon points us in the direction of some free images, while Roger Gann examines some of the undocumented yet useful features of DOS in **16-Bit**. As always, hints, tips, suggestions and ideas are more than welcome.

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