

## MAC LESSON #17

### KEYBOARD ACCESS TO YOUR WIDGETS

Tiger, the latest version of the Mac Operating System, has lots of new tricks. The new Dashboard feature gives you access to what Apple calls Widgets that provide you with extras like a calendar, a calculator and even information about your local weather. By default, only a few of the available Widgets appear when you open Dashboard. By clicking on the plus sign (+) on the lower left side of your screen, you can open the Widgets bar, where you will find more available Widgets. I'm a bit of a keyboard curmudgeon, and I found a couple of easy keyboard shortcuts you can use with your Widgets.

Press the F12 key to bring up the Dashboard application. Press the F12 key again and Dashboard vanishes. When the Dashboard is open, press the Apple key and the equal (=) key and presto, the Widget bar appears. Press the same keys again and the Widget bar vanishes.

