

Free Software

Listed here is a collection of free software that I use on my personal computer. I have found these to be excellent programs. I will update this list periodically. In most cases these programs have replaced expensive, bloated, commercial programs on my computer. Enjoy.

OpenOffice.org OpenOffice.org is a [multiplatform](#) and [multilingual office suite](#) and an [open-source](#) project. Compatible with all other major office suites, the product is free to download, use, and distribute.

www.openoffice.org

<http://download.openoffice.org/index.html>

Firefox The award-winning Web browser is now faster, more secure, and fully customizable to your online life. Firefox has added powerful new features that make your online experience even better.

<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/>

Malwarebytes Dedicated to fighting malware. This free software has saved me on several occasions. Be sure to try this one if you think you have been infected with malware.

<http://www.malwarebytes.org/>

avast! 4 Home Edition is a full-featured antivirus package designed exclusively for home users *and* non-commercial use.

www.avast.com

<http://www.avast.com/eng/download-avast-home.html>

GIMP is the GNU Image Manipulation Program. It is a freely distributed piece of software for such tasks as photo retouching, image composition and image authoring. It works on many operating systems, in many languages.

www.gimp.org

<http://www.gimp.org/windows/>

Don't forget the documentation download and the GTK+ 2.4 download

Spybot-Search & Destroy detects and removes spyware.

<http://www.safer-networking.org>

<http://www.safer-networking.org/en/download/index.html>

Ad-Aware 2008 Free Free anti-spyware version provides you with advanced protection against spyware that secretly attaches and takes control of your computer, resulting in aggressive advertising pop-ups, sluggish computer activity, even identify theft through stolen bank details, passwords, and credit card account numbers.

www.lavasoft.com

http://www.lavasoft.com/products/ad_aware_free.php

CDEX CDex is a CD-Ripper, extracting digital audio data from an Audio CD. The application supports many Audio encoders, like MPEG (MP2,MP3), VQF, AAC encoders.

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/cdexos/>

<http://cdexos.sourceforge.net/download.html> v1.71b2 (beta) or v1.51

Audacity Audacity is free, open source software for recording and editing sounds. It is available for Mac OS X, Microsoft Windows, GNU/Linux, and other operating systems

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows>

note:don't forget the lame mp3 encoder download. Look [here](#)

7-Zip is a file archiver with high compression ratio. It is free software distributed under the **GNU LGPL** (except for the RAR plugin).

<http://www.7-zip.org/>

<http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/sevenz/7z442.exe?download>

Agent Ransack the Freeware 'lite' version of the professional file searching software FileLocator Pro. Agent Ransack is a free tool for finding files and information on your hard drive fast and efficiently.

<http://www.mythicsoft.com/agentransack/>

<http://www.mythicsoft.com/agentransack/Page.aspx?page=download>

FileZilla is a fast and reliable FTP client and server with lots of useful features and an intuitive interface.

<http://filezilla.sourceforge.net/>

http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=21558

DeepBurner Free Totally free, yet more advanced than other software calling itself "professional", this version of our CD/DVD burner is for your own personal use.

<http://www.deepburner.com/>

<http://www.deepburner.com/?r=products>

Google Earth Free Google Earth combines the power of Google Search with satellite imagery, maps, terrain and 3D buildings to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips. Be sure to try the built-in Flight Sim (ctrl-alt-a).

<http://earth.google.com/>

<http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html>

Favicon Generator Use this online tool to easily create a favicon (favorites icon) for your site. A favicon is a small, 16x16 image that is shown inside the browser's location bar and bookmark menu when your site is called up. It is a good way to brand your site and increase it's prominence in your visitor's bookmark menu.

<http://tools.dynamicdrive.com/favicon/>