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Freeware

Completely free, no strings attached.

Shareware

Download, try it, if you like it, pay for it. Some apps come with features turned off - others are full featured but will only operate for a certain time. Check the download page online for restrictions.

Donationware

Free, but a donation is appreciated, often towards further development of the program

Demo

These are only to demonstrate the application

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XP Image Resizer

This is a great little utility designed for the Context Menu (the little menu you get when you right-click on something). Just install and when you need to resize photos for emailing etc, just right-click and choose 'Resize Pictures'. It will append (=add to the end) the file with the word small, medium or large, depending on which one you choose. I use this program myself. This is a freeware program

Download from

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/Downloads/powertoys/Xppowertoys.msp>

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Winzip

This is a zipping utility. Many files on the internet today are 'zipped' and need a program like this to unzip. This is a shareware program but doesn't lock you out if you don't register. I use this program myself.

Download from

www.winzip.com

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Irfanview

This is a graphic viewing program but does way more than that. I use this program a lot. Freeware

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www.irfanview.com

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Schmaili

This is a great little program for adding 'smileys' to your email. It has a small footprint (meaning it doesn't take up much room or resources when it is installed), is easy to use and has lots of great smileys. I use this program myself. Shareware for the full version. Freeware for the Basic Version

Download from
www.schmaili.com

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Mozilla

This is an internet browser similar to Opera. A good alternative to Internet Explorer. I use this program when Internet Explorer starts playing up. Freeware

Download from
www.mozilla.org

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Mozilla Thunderbird

This is Mozilla's answer to Outlook Express. With the release of Windows 7, which does not come with an email program, users will need to download, install and setup an email client of their own. Thunderbird is a frontrunner for the email application race.

Download from
www.mozillamessaging.com

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Lavasoft Ad-Aware

Part of my Internet Toolkit. Lavasoft produces this software that will scan your computer for nasties and remove them. Update the pattern file just like your antivirus and run through to give your computer a good clean. I run this software on my computer regularly. Freeware

Download from
www.lavasoft.com

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Spybot Search & Destroy

Also part of my Internet Toolkit. Spybot Search & Destroy also scans your computer for nasties and removes them. It also 'immunizes' your computer against the nasties it finds and more besides. Update the pattern file just like your antivirus and run through to give your computer a good clean. I also run this antispysware program on my computer regularly. Freeware

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

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Adobe Acrobat Reader

A lot of documents on the internet today are in 'pdf' (Portable Document Format). This format is used so that users don't need to have the software the document was created in, in order to read it, and it keeps formatting and content stable. After the Adobe Acrobat Reader is installed, it will open any pdf document you click on and display. Also available, Adobe Flash Player. I use Foxit Reader instead. Freeware

Download from
<http://www.adobe.com/products/>

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Foxit Pdf Reader

This program is an alternative to Adobe Acrobat Reader, which has a tendency to keep updating. This is my program of choice. This is my choice of PDF readers - doesn't crash as often as Adobe. Freeware

Download from
www.foxitsoftware.com

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Faststone Capture

This is a very handy capture utility. You can capture a full screen, the active window or lasso the section you want to capture. An essential utility on my system. Was freeware but was changed to Shareware when the latest version (6.5) was released. However you can still google the program to find a download and any version before 6.5 will still be Freeware.

Download from
www.faststone.org

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AVG Free

The well known free antivirus from Grisoft. Version 8.5 is out now. This app is installed on a number of my computers. Freeware

Download from
free.avg.com

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Super

A great application for converting video. Another one that I use regularly. Note: The download process for this software is a little hidden. The link is right at the bottom of the page. Freeware

Download from
<http://www.erightsoft.com/SUPER.html>

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Download Accelerator

More useful in the days of dialup, but still part of the essential applications. This program is a 'download manager'. It will resume a download and you can schedule downloads as well. I still use this program, as even now, broadband can be unreliable and saves time on large downloads. Lots of features and the Basic Version is Freeware.

Download from
www.speedbit.com

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CCleaner

Does your computer need cleaning? Instead of doing it all yourself, bit by bit, using CCleaner will do it all automatically - all you have to do is tick the boxes of the actions you want it to perform and go and make a coffee. I use this one too. Freeware

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