

WAC DOM

September 2005

CD/DVD Programs

Blindwrite Suite
Cheetah DVD Burner
DeepBurner Free
DivX Play Bundle
MagicISO Maker
RipEditBurn
SwiftDisc Burning Wizard

Desktop Programs

ActiveIcons
CoolMon
Desktop X
FreeSnap
KeyTweak
WinPatrol

Directory/File Programs

Back It Up
Back4Win
Cobian Backup
Direct Folders
Directory Printer
ExplorerPlus
Destination Finder
Folder Shield
JR Directory Printer Utility
Restoration
SyncBack
SyncBackSE
WhoLockMe Explorer Extension

Internet/Email Programs

FlashGet
IESpell
Kerio Personal Firewall
Klik Safe
Maxthon
NetSwitcher
Outlook Express Tweaker
SlimBrowser
Spell Checker for OE
Sygate Personal Firewall

Tabbrowser Preferences
Toolbar Chest for Outlook Express
Toolbar Chest
VisNetic Firewall
VisualRoute 2005 Personal Edition
Xnews
ZoneAlarm Free

Music/Video Programs

QuickTime Alternative
Real Alternative
Wave Flow
Zoom Player Standard

Photo/Graphics Programs

FastStone Image Viewer
PixPO
Softener

Productivity Programs/Enhancers

CrossEyes

Screen Saver Programs

Screensaver Designer

Utility Programs

Belarc Advisor
Cyber-Defender
Dr. Hardware 2005
ForceDel
GMail Drive
Motherboard Monitor
MvPCinfo
Process Explorer
PsShutdown
Registry First Aid
SANDRA 2005 Lite
Trace
TuffTEST-Lite
X-Setup Pro

ActiveIcons V3.26

Free

actic326.exe

1,987 KB

This icon manager shows you the typical icons on your desktop, such as the Recycle Bin, My Computer, Briefcase, Network Neighborhood, and your folders. It then allows you to select the icon you want to change. You can change icon groups or specific icons. You can also change the Windows mouse pointers, make text labels transparent, alter the color of the text, or change the icon cache. The program also lets you restore your default Windows icons.

Back It Up V5.4.9.125	Free	backup.exe	1665 KB
------------------------------	------	------------	---------

Back It Up helps keep your data safe by compressing and archiving the files that you choose. When something goes awry with your files, you can go back to the previous snapshot of your system. There are options that allow you to delete specified files by choosing the files' extension. You can also schedule backups to run unattended.

Back4Win	Free	b4win.exe	896 KB
-----------------	------	-----------	--------

Back4Win lets you customize your backup so your PC's downtime is minimized. Its variable compression rate gets the best backup speed for every supported OS. It lets you make disk-spanning files and restore damaged backups, too.

Belarc Advisor V7.0m	Free	advisor.exe	805 KB
-----------------------------	------	-------------	--------

Whether you're troubleshooting, shopping for an upgrade, or just want to check what's underneath the hood, it's helpful to know what your PC has. Belarc Advisor gives you the scoop on what's installed on your desktop or notebook. It scans your computer and generates a profile of everything installed on it, from your main circuit board to software. Version, manufacturer, and serial numbers are listed, as well as statistics such as available memory slots and hard drive space.

Blindwrite Suite	Free to try \$ 30.00 to buy	blindwrite5-setup.exe	3.226 KB
-------------------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------	----------

Reproduce or clone any CD or DVD with this suite of tools. Blindwrite Suite lets you create CD audio from MP3, Ogg Vorbis, WAV, WMA, Monkey's Audio, or with a CD-ROM emulator. It also burns DVDs. It supports all major brands of CD and DVD writers. You can create image files of your CDs or DVDs, which can be burned with Blindwrite or mounted as a virtual drive. The latest version introduces a "live assist" option, an online service that retrieves tips and advice from the developers' servers.

Cheetah DVD Burner V1.35	Free to try \$ 25.00 to buy	cheetahdvdburner.exe	11,699 KB
---------------------------------	-----------------------------	----------------------	-----------

Cheetah Burner lets you burn dual layer DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-R, DVD-RW, and DVD-RAM. The program also burns to CD-R and CD-RW discs. You can erase CDs and DVDs. Finally, the program includes an Audio CD ripper.

Cobian Backup V6.1.1.264	Free	cbu6setup.exe	4,482 KB
---------------------------------	------	---------------	----------

Cobian Backup handles the most tedious parts of the chore without taking away your options. Set this utility to back up files and directories automatically on the schedule you choose--without losing the ability to back files up manually. You can keep everyone else up-to-date on recent changes by backing up not only to your own PC and others on its network, but also to your FTP server. Integrated .zip compression abilities let you make backups that consume less space as well as less time.

CoolMon V1.0	Free	cmzipped.exe	657 KB
---------------------	------	--------------	--------

CoolMon helps you keep tabs on your PC's internal goings-on. This utility shows you up-to-the-moment information about how many processes are running, how much RAM is being used, and the exact time of day. In its standard configuration, it also tells you important information like your IP address and the name your PC uses on the local network. Best of all, a little extra work and a little in the way of geek smarts will let you configure the window to show exactly what you need it to show--even the local weather.

CrossEyes V3.0.45	Free to try \$ 50.00 to buy	crosseyes.exe	7,309 KB
--------------------------	-----------------------------	---------------	----------

There's much more going on in a Microsoft Word document than the words you type into it. CrossEyes reveals the formatting, letting you see exactly what's going on behind the scenes. This Word add-in also shows tables, sections, and field codes, as well as all formats for characters, paragraphs, and styles.

Cyber-Defender V5.00.28	Free to try \$ 40.00 to buy	instcds.exe	3,039 KB
--------------------------------	-----------------------------	-------------	----------

Many kinds of malware are gunning for your computer. Real-time protection suite Cyber-Defender employs six different programs to keep you covered. It guards your PC against viruses, spyware, intrusions, pop-ups, spam, and more. Best of all, it checks every app you open and every attachment that arrives in your e-mail inbox. If it doesn't recognize the new file as malware, it runs a check against Cyber-Defender's online database for good measure. If the file still comes up as a question mark, Cyber-Defender sends it to an isolated machine and checks its behavior with the AppHunter tool program, which assigns it a risk level.

DeepBurner Free	Free	deepburner-free.exe	2,630 KB
------------------------	------	---------------------	----------

Create data CDs and DVDs on your PC. DeepBurner Free lets you burn audio CDs, burn and build ISO images, and create bootable CDs and DVDs. The program's design is similar to Windows Explorer: you drag and drop the files you want into a queue, and then they can be burned.

Desktop X V3.0	\$ 15.00	desktopx-public.exe	13,027 KB
-----------------------	----------	---------------------	-----------

DesktopX also lets you add mini-programs called "widgets" to your desktop. These often use less memory than comparable applications. This Client version allows you to load alternative desktops, objects, and widgets.

Direct Folders V1.92	Free to try \$ 25.00 to buy	dfolders.exe	974 KB
-----------------------------	-----------------------------	--------------	--------

Direct Folders adds menus to your Open and Save dialog boxes that display your favorite and last-used files. The menus can be organized into submenus.

Direct Folders has an information panel that shows the full path to your current folder, total occupied space and number of files in your current folder, and the amount of space on your hard drive. You can set hot-keys that open your Favorites and Recent menus.

Directory Printer V3.6	Free to try \$ 30.00 to buy	dirprn36.zip	727 KB
-------------------------------	-----------------------------	--------------	--------

Directory Printer lets you print a single directory or an entire directory tree. You can also export the directory to a file for import into other programs. With Directory Printer, you can sort or filter the files by date or other attributes. You can even choose which fields (file name, file type, size, MP3 information, author, and so on) you'd like to print out.

DivX Play Bundle V6	Free	divxplay.exe	7,558 KB
----------------------------	------	--------------	----------

Watch movies that have been compressed using DivX, and create your own DivX files from DVDs or other digital video files saved on your PC. DivX uses MPEG-4 format, which allows videos to be compressed to about 15 percent of the size of a standard DVD. This in turn lets you fit your videos on a Zip disk, burn them on a CD, upload them to a file sharing network, or play them over the Web.

Dr. Hardware 2005	Free to try \$ 30.00 to buy	drh2004e	2,562 KB
--------------------------	-----------------------------	----------	----------

This nifty little program contains tools to analyze all your Windows components. Like other system tools, it makes inquiries into your Registry settings; beyond that, it makes calls to your processor, cache, memory modules, chip sets, and monitor. It also makes independent calls to your BIOS and I/O ports, helping you detect conflicts that are independent of your OS. Finally, the program tells you the benchmark of your computer.

Dr. Hardware provides information about SDRAM modules; sensor chips and main-board chip set; and any type of device your PC might have, whether it's SCSI, EIDE, or PCI. It also provides benchmarks for the CPU, the video adapter, and CD-ROM and DVD drives. This latest release detects the latest processors, PCI devices, and main-board chip sets.

ExplorerPlus V6.2	Free to try \$ 40.00 to buy	explorerpluseval.exe	9,039 KB
--------------------------	-----------------------------	----------------------	----------

ExplorerPlus offers such improved file management capabilities, it'll make you wonder how you ever survived with Windows' standard file manager. The program has the familiar, dual-pane view, but lets you print files from the folder tree, rename multiple files at once (even using wild cards), and

move files more easily with "Copy To/Move To" dialog boxes. You can also preview files and see them as thumbnails.

Fast Destination Finder V2	Free	fdfsetup.exe	379 KB
-----------------------------------	------	--------------	--------

Fast Destination Finder indexes your hard drives' directories to let you find folders and files in a jiffy. It works on individual PCs or network drives, and it can index in the background while you work on other things.

FastStone Image Viewer	Free	fsviewerssetup.exe	2,595 KB
-------------------------------	------	--------------------	----------

FastStone Image Viewer lets you browse and view your images in a Windows-Explorer-like interface. FastStone image viewer supports all major image formats, including BMP, GIF, ICO, JPEG, JPEG2000, PCX, PNG, PSD, TAF, TIF, and WMF; it includes EXIF metadata support as well. You can crop, resize, flip, rotate, and adjust colors on your images and compare them side by side. You can convert your images from one format to another; you can even convert or resize your photos in batches. If you need to take a closer look without resizing, use the Full Screen image viewer to zoom in and size things up with the clear magnifier. Once you're done, you can apply over 150 transitional effects in a slide show.

FlashGet V1.65	Free	fgf165.exe	1,633 KB
-----------------------	------	------------	----------

Normally, when you download a file, a single connection is used, which does not use all of your bandwidth. This application automatically splits files into sections and downloads each split simultaneously. Multiple connections are opened to each file, and the result is a more efficient use of the bandwidth available.

You can manage your downloads by creating an unlimited number of categories for your files. In addition, the program can search for the fastest server available for the fastest possible downloads, and its scheduling feature can dial up, download a file, hang up, and shut down the computer when you're not around.

Important: This free version of FlashGet is adware. If you would like to avoid the advertisements, you can register the program for \$30.

Folder Shield V1.30	Free to try \$ 20.00 to buy	foldershield_v130.exe	1,269 KB
----------------------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------	----------

Files and directories hidden with Folder Shield remain invisible even when someone tries show "hidden" files in DOS dialog boxes. This keeps your data stowed safely away from viruses and hackers. Your concealed data can't be deleted or changed until you open it yourself. To retrieve your data, use the key combination that you assign to Folder Shield files.

ForceDel	Free	forcedel.zip	21.6 KB
-----------------	------	--------------	---------

Have you ever tried to delete a file or folder, only to get a Windows error message saying no can do? It's likely that the file is being used by a program. Try downloading ForceDel, a utility that works with all Windows versions to force delete the stubborn file. The program runs from a DOS command window (click Start, Run, and type **cmd**). Enter **forcedel filename** to give the file the boot for good.

FreeSnap V1.2	Free	fresnap-setup.exe	301 KB
----------------------	------	-------------------	--------

Manually resizing windows can be a pain, and getting them to line up along the side of the screen is an unwelcome dexterity test. With FreeSnap, you can move and resize windows with your keyboard. Just fire up the program, and you can use hotkeys to center windows or send them to all corners of the screen. You can use the "plus" and "minus" keys to resize windows without tiresome clicking and dragging.

GMail Drive V1.0.5	Free	fs-105.zip	120 KB
---------------------------	------	------------	--------

Google's GMail gives you a hefty 1000 megabytes of storage--more than most of us need for e-mail. GMail Drive lets you turn your GMail account into file storage. This shell namespace extension

creates a virtual file system on top of your GMail account. You can copy files to and from the GMail Mail Drive folder by dragging and dropping, just as you would with any other drive.

Note: GMail Drive is not a Google product. Changes to the GMail service may make GMail Drive unusable.

IESpell V2.1.1	Free	iespellsetup.exe	2,505 KB
-----------------------	------	------------------	----------

IESpell checks the spelling on text you enter into boxes on Web pages. If you're using Web e-mail, posting to a newsgroup, or blogging, you could make your point come across more clearly by making sure you've spelled everything in good English. IESpell stores your own personal word list across all your applications.

IScreensaver Designer V3	Free to try \$ 29.00 to buy	iscreensaver.exe	5,538 KB
---------------------------------	-----------------------------	------------------	----------

IScreensaver Designer lets you make screen savers for both Windows and Macintosh operating systems. With IScreensaver Designer, you can transform any QuickTime movie or series of QuickTime image files into a screen saver. Advanced features like changeable screen resolution give your program a professional look.

Note: This is a demo version. Any screen savers created with it will show a message every 30 seconds stating that the screen saver was created with the demo version and may not be distributed. The price given is for the personal-use license. Business users must buy a business license.

JR Directory Printer Utility	free	jdirprint.zip	174 KB
-------------------------------------	------	---------------	--------

JR Directory Printer lets you make a text file that lists the name of every file in a folder. Check boxes let you choose the bells and whistles you want. You can choose to include or ignore the files in subdirectories. JR Directory Printer can pull in extra information--such as Display Size, DateTime, and Attributes--if you need it, or can omit it if you don't. You can instruct JR Directory Printer to limit the file name length or to make all file names lowercase.

Kerio Personal Firewall V4.1.3	Free to try \$ 45.00 to buy		7,504 KB
---------------------------------------	-----------------------------	--	----------

Kerio Personal Firewall is designed to protect your PC against attacks from the Internet as well as other computers in the local network. The program controls all data flow in both directions--from the Internet to your computer and vice versa--and it can block all attempted communication, allowing only what you choose to permit. The firewall protects against information theft, Trojan horses, spyware, denial of service attacks, and unauthorized access from within the local network.

This program is free for home use. Business and institutional customers are encouraged to download this software for evaluation purposes. The program will work as a full-edition program for 30 days, and then will become the limited free edition version for home users.

KeyTweak V2.11	Free	keytweak-setup.exe	203 KB
-----------------------	------	--------------------	--------

Remap your keyboard with KeyTweak. Chances are, there are a few keys that are inconveniently situated, and a few others that you don't use at all. This utility lets you change the function of almost any key.

Note: This software may not work with some wireless keyboards.

Klik Safe	Free	globi_kliksafe.zip	437 KB
------------------	------	--------------------	--------

Protect yourself from spyware and hackers by changing your Internet Explorer browser settings from medium to high security and back again. Klik Safe lives in your system tray and appears as a small lock icon. You can, of course, change your Internet security settings yourself, but this utility makes the process of switching much more convenient.

MagicISO Maker V4.9	Free to try \$ 30.00 to buy	setup_magicISO.exe	2,161 KB
----------------------------	-----------------------------	--------------------	----------

Create hard-disk images and burn them onto a CD or DVD. True to its name, MagicISO can make ISO files; it then lets you edit, extract, and burn them. The program can handle DVD images up to 10GB. It can create bootable CD and DVD images. It can convert ISO files to BIN format and back. Finally, it lets you edit properties of the CD and DVD that you create.

Maxthon V1.2.5 V1.2.5	Free	mcombo.exe	4,923 KB
------------------------------	------	------------	----------

(previously named MyIE2)

The Maxthon browser shell runs on top of Microsoft Internet Explorer and uses a tabbed interface that lets you hop from page to page from the same window. You can cascade or tile them in the window, if you prefer. Enable the Mouse Gesture feature to cut back on clicking and using the tab key. Super Drag&Drop opens pages by dragging-and-dropping a link, or runs searches when you drag-and-drop highlighted text into the built-in search engine.

This version includes the FlashSave, ViewSource, AI Roboform, EnableRightClick, Up a Directory, and Weather plug-ins.

Motherboard Monitor V5.2.7	Free	mbm5370.exe	1,253 KB
-----------------------------------	------	-------------	----------

This handy program reads temperature and fan RPM data collected by your system's BIOS, displays it in the Windows system tray, and alerts you when there's trouble. You can use this application to manage your resources and alarms by doing things like setting an alarm to go off, or having e-mail sent to another computer, when your motherboard starts to overheat. You could even have programs start and stop when your CPU reaches predetermined temperatures.

MvPCinfo V1.9	Free to try \$ 29.00 to buy	mypcinfo.zip	1,468 KB
----------------------	-----------------------------	--------------	----------

MvPCinfo allows you to collect information on your system's hardware and software for inventory and other purposes. MvPCinfo is a small executable file that can be run from floppy disk. It detects and lists station components such as processor, BIOS, memory, motherboard, CD-ROM, disks, video, sound, network cards and IP address.

NetSwitcher V3.2.6	Free to try \$ 14.00 to buy	netsw_326_091603.exe	1,304 KB
---------------------------	-----------------------------	----------------------	----------

Do you have to change your network settings every time you sit down at a client's site, or fumble with your IP address configuration every time you plug in to your home network? NetSwitcher lets you set up all of your network configurations once and for all, and its graphic interface keeps them sorted out. Additionally, unlike Windows Network Control Panel, NetSwitcher requires you to perform a reboot only if you modify a parameter which needs a reboot to take effect.

Outlook Express Tweaker V1.01	Free	QWOeTweakerinstall101	429 KB
--------------------------------------	------	-----------------------	--------

Outlook Express Tweaker helps you customize Outlook Express with some of OE's hidden features and a few of its own. With this plug-in, you can unhide invisible accounts, hidden dialog boxes, and undocumented settings. You can also send unwanted items packing: Outlook Express Tweaker can hide Windows Messenger and enhance the Blocked Senders list interface.

PixPO	Free to try \$ 30.00 to buy	pixpo-setup.exe	3,393 KB
--------------	-----------------------------	-----------------	----------

PixPO helps you create photo albums and share them with whoever you wish. Once you've created an album with PixPO, you can easily and quickly upload it to the PixPO peer-to-peer network. The vendor claims that uploading to PixPO is ten times faster than e-mailing photos. You can mark your albums private--for sharing with friends and family--or public, to share with the world. You can create distribution lists to alert groups of PixPO users when you have a new album available for viewing. Chat features are available, so you can get feedback on your snaps. And if you're just looking for some interesting photos, you can browse all public albums on the PixPO network.

Process Explorer V9.0	Free	procexpnt9.zip	268 KB
------------------------------	------	----------------	--------

Windows Task Manager tells you what applications and processes are running, but some process names aren't very clear. Process Explorer helps you get to the bottom of things by digging down to

see which application started a process and which resources that app is currently using. This excavation can be a big help when you're trying to figure out which background processes you dare shut down. It can even help sniff out spyware.

PsShutdown V2.42	Free	PsShutdn.zip	56 KB
-------------------------	------	--------------	-------

Ever realize as your computer's shutting down that something's going wrong--but you're powerless to restart? This command line utility lets you initiate a 20-second countdown sequence that you can interrupt. It also gives you options like hibernation, locking the PC, and forcing a shutdown. You can show a countdown message to users and log them off. Passwords give you more control over the way visitors use your PC.

QuickTime Alternative V1.41	Free	quicktimealt141.exe	8,652 KB
------------------------------------	------	---------------------	----------

QuickTime is a common format, but QuickTime's player is huge. Avoid that space hog by watching your QuickTime files in QuickTime Alternative. This free codec works in a number of browsers, too. With QuickTime Alternative, you can watch QuickTime files over Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Netscape, and Opera.

Real Alternative V1.32	Free	realalt132.exe	6,199 KB
-------------------------------	------	----------------	----------

This player plays RealAudio (.ra and .rpm) and RealMedia (.rm, .ram, .rmvb, .rpx) files just like RealPlayer and RealOne Player do. It offers limited support for Real's .smi and .smil formats. Real Alternative's RealMedia browser plug-in supports Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Netscape, and Opera.

Registry First Aid V4.1		rfasetup.exe	1,548 KB
--------------------------------	--	--------------	----------

Registry First searches your system Registry looking for orphan file/folder references. It also finds these files or folders on your drives that may have been moved from their initial locations, and then corrects your Registry entries to match the located files or folders. Either way, the aim is to improve performance by eliminating Registry references to files that no longer exist.

Restoration v2.514	Free	rest2514.exe	193 KB
---------------------------	------	--------------	--------

Restoration can rescue your accidentally deleted files and permanently delete the files you want gone. It can live on a floppy, so it leaves no trace of its activities.

RipEditBurn V2.3	Free to try \$ 40.00 to buy	Ripeditburntrial.exe	4,809 KB
-------------------------	-----------------------------	----------------------	----------

This program rips every type of CD, including copy protected ones; it then lets you edit your file, convert it, and burn it to a music or data CD. Although program takes care of the basics, it also offers advanced features that a professional would appreciate: fade, equalization, volume normalization, and special effects.

SANDRA 2005 Lite	Free to try \$10.00 to buy	san2005.exe	8,015 KB
-------------------------	----------------------------	-------------	----------

This utility's benchmarking, diagnostic, testing, and tune-up tools gather and report information about your system's hardware and resources. SANDRA can check components ranging from your CPU, BIOS, and PCI bus, to your printer, CD-ROM drive, and modem. A built-in wizard helps you gather the information to optimize your system. You can save, print, fax, and e-mail system reports from within the program.

SlimBrowser V4.03.007	Free	sbsetup.exe	1,507
------------------------------	------	-------------	-------

A multiple-site browser based on tab-page interface, SlimBrowser's central utility is its ability to open and display several sites within the single application. Other features include pop-up ad stoppers, blacklist/whitelist filtering, multiple search-engine queries, and an auto-login feature for logging into your frequently used Web account with one click. Also: in-window access to online dictionaries, thesauri, and text translation.

Softener	Free to try \$15.00 to buy	nssoftener.exe	711 KB
-----------------	----------------------------	----------------	--------

Digital photography is sharp--sometimes too sharp. If you'd just as soon gloss over the crow's feet around the eyes in that portrait or the caterpillar-munched leaves on that flower close-up, Softener does the job for you. This Photoshop plug-in smoothes harsh lines and unsightly pixelation, leaving your photos with a soft, romantic glow. With controls like radius setting, opacity control, blend control, and luminosity control, you can tweak your photos until the effect is just right. You can undo the effects that don't work and save the settings you like.

Spell Checker for OE V2.1 Free spell.exe 595 KB

You shouldn't have to be a spelling champion to use Outlook Express--but since the program doesn't have a spelling checker, that seems to be the target market. Spell Checker for OE integrates with Outlook Express to help you catch those pesky typos and misspellings.

Version: 2.1

SwiftDisc Burning Wizard Free to try \$15.00 to buy swiftdisc165setup.exe 10,290 KB

SwiftDisc burns content without consuming a lot of memory, a feature that's particularly useful for DVD burning that can take hours. The program supports DVD+R DL 8.5GB, DVD+/-R, DVD+/-RW, CD-R, and CD-RW. It lets you copy DVDs and CDs, burn data, create DVD ISO images, and erase CD-RWs. This latest version fixes some bugs associated with the way the program previously handled DVD-RWs and CD-RWs.

Sygate Personal Firewall V5.6 Free spf.exe 9,013 KB

Protect your data from hackers and prevent unauthorized access to your files from inside your network with Sygate Personal Firewall.

You can adjust Sygate Personal Firewall's settings regarding applications, trusted IP addresses, ports, protocols, and scheduling to secure many types of network configurations or requirements. Its online tools can check your system and locate security vulnerabilities. These active scans report the number, nature, and severity of system-security risks. You can then adjust the security status of your system at any time and audit the effectiveness of your entire system-security policy.

SyncBack v3.3.4 Free syncback_setup.zip 1,730 KB

SyncBack simplifies the process of backing up your files while offering a number of options and features. SyncBack integrates with Windows Scheduler so you can schedule automated backups easily. You can back up or sync your files to another drive, directory, or network. SyncBack creates detailed HTML log files for your review and (using MD5) verify that files are copied correctly. It lets you run simulations, include and exclude based on file types, exclude specific files, and select which subdirectories to back up.

SyncBackSE v3.27 Free to try \$10.00 to buy syncbackse_setup.zexe 3,328 KB

Now you can easily back up, synchronize, or restore your files to another drive, including FTP servers, networked drives, or removable media. You can even auto-close programs and run backups in the background. SyncBackSE includes file filters, subdirectory selection, and copy verification.

An expanded version of the free SyncBack, SyncBackSE offers many powerful and upgraded features. The Fast Backup option makes it work swiftly--and it's faster on many general levels, such as directory scanning. A new FTP engine and compression filter improve file transfer and compression performance. It can copy locked files as well as open files.

Tabbrowser Preferences V1.2.4 Free tabbrowser.zip 64 KB

If you find Firefox's tab controls less than intuitive, give this extension a whirl. Tabbrowser Preferences installs directly into your Firefox browser. Not only does this plug-in make the tab controls more evident, but it also brings other hidden parts of the browser to the foreground.

Tabbrowser Preferences boasts its own features, as well, such as letting you select tabs with a mouse-over instead of a click.

Toolbar Chest for Outlook Express	Free	toolbarchestoe.zip	243 KB
--	------	--------------------	--------

Toolbar Chest for Outlook Express saves your settings, keeping OE customized just for you. Toolbar Chest for OE lets you change the toolbar content, size, and position as well as window positions, layout settings, and more. Once you've got OE looking the way you like, you can back it up with this program, knowing you'll find OE as you left it.

Toolbar Chest	Free	toolbarchest.zip	250 KB
----------------------	------	------------------	--------

If you've customized your Internet Explorer toolbar, you may have noticed that despite your best efforts, it sometimes gets disarranged. This utility can keep your IE toolbar in line. Once installed, Toolbar Chest lets you save your settings the way you like them. When the Web wreaks havoc on your toolbar, just restore the settings in Toolbar Chest and find your tools where you left them.

Trace	Free	trace.exe	6,224 KB
--------------	------	-----------	----------

This utility gives you a security risk rating on the presence of hidden information in your Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint documents. Among other things, it looks for server names, macros, e-mail addresses, track changes, and comments. The ratings you'll receive are High, Medium, and Low.

TuffTEST-Lite	V1.53	Free to try \$10.00 to buy	ttlsetup.exe	310 KB
----------------------	-------	----------------------------	--------------	--------

Working at the BIOS level, this application diagnoses your system to find hardware, port, and memory malfunctions that may not be found by applications installed onto your native operating system. Insert the program disk and boot up the computer, and at the end of the Test Session, a simple "OK" or "fail" is reported for each test in the Certification Test Results display. This report can be printed or saved to the program disk for later viewing or printing.

VisNetic Firewall	V2.2	Free to try \$50.00 to buy	vfsetup.exe	3,448 KB
--------------------------	------	----------------------------	-------------	----------

This port firewall lets you create rule sets that dictate what data can access your PC. It protects you from Internet threats, as well as from applications on your network. The firewall lives beneath your operating system, and any offending packet or data is automatically dismissed. You can define what type of data you want to avoid, or you can use the configuration wizard to customize rule sets. The program also includes a Whois link for retrieving remote-host information.

VisualRoute 2005 Personal Edition	V9.3b	Free to try \$50.00 to buy	vr.exe	1,948 KB
--	-------	----------------------------	--------	----------

If you're looking to analyze and identify the source of Internet connectivity problems, or you just want to identify the geographical location of an IP address, try this utility. VisualRoute offers a map of the world that shows you the routes your IP packets take as you use the Internet. You can zoom in and out of the map locations. Clicking on a server or network name opens a pop-up window with information such as the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the owner. The analysis window displays the number of hops, where problems occurred, and the type of Web server software running at the site you are trying to reach.

Wave Flow	V5.3	Free to try \$25.00 to buy	waveflow.zip	1,503 KB
------------------	------	----------------------------	--------------	----------

This audio editor can play, record, filter, and modify a wave form with familiar Windows clipboard commands and more exotic audio functions. Wave Flow considers reverb, echo, fade in/out, and so forth as "basic," and it offers many more-sophisticated functions. You can tweak the sounds with audio filters (filter bank, equalize, dynamic expander) and wave form filters (hat top, median, average).

Wave Flow's intuitive, visual interface allows you to open and edit multiple windows or MDI documents simultaneously. If your editing gets off the mark, you can make good use of the multiple undo functions.

WhoLockMe Explorer Extension	V1.04 beta	Free	wholockme104.zip	22 KB
-------------------------------------	------------	------	------------------	-------

If you're having problems deleting a file, you might consider using WhoLockMe. The program has a handy Windows Explorer extension, which shows which Windows process is locking the file. One click kills the process (a virus, Trojan horse, spyware, a dialog box enhancer), after which you can delete the tenacious hanger-on.

WinPatrol	V9.5	Free	wpsetup.exe	1,072 KB
------------------	------	------	-------------	----------

WinPatrol gives you control over what can run on your machine. You can set it to display additional information about--and approve of--startup programs. You'll also be alerted when something tries to load an IE plug-in or set a cookie. And to get rid of a particularly nasty piece of spyware, you can use the "Delete File on Reboot" feature, so Windows will get rid of it before any other program can protect it or relaunch it.

Xnews		Free	xnews.zip	697 KB
--------------	--	------	-----------	--------

Discerning Web surfers know that the real gems on the Internet are hidden on Usenet. Find MP3s, photos, and information with this news reader. It has a powerful filter that lets you find what you're looking for. You can also organize subscribed groups into categories. It handles all types of binary files. And significantly, it compiles files such as MP3s that have been separated into separate messages.

X-Setup Pro	V7.0	Free	xqdcxsp-setup-en.zip	3,367KB
--------------------	------	------	----------------------	---------

Tweak more than 1500 functions in Windows, Internet Explorer, and other common programs with simple button clicks. X-Setup allows you to change the appearance of your desktop or browser, modify memory settings, or bump your security up a notch.

The Explorer-like interface makes navigating the tweak options a snap. Optional Record Mode and log files make it easy to retrace your steps and even reproduce your work on thousands of computers. You can view the source code of every plug-in before installing it, or you can set X-Setup to automatically update with new plug-ins.

ZoneAlarm Free	V5.5	Free	zlsSetup_55_094_000.exe	6,813 KB
-----------------------	------	------	-------------------------	----------

ZoneAlarm lets you block uninitiated and unwanted traffic, even while your PC is unattended or while you're not using your connection. You can also limit your exposure to attack by specifying which applications can access the Internet. The program also lets you stop e-mail-borne Visual Basic Script worms.

Zoom Player Standard	V4.03	Free	zp403pro.exe	1,147 KB
-----------------------------	-------	------	--------------	----------

A basic media and DVD front-end player, Zoom Player is designed to be simple and direct. It works in two modes: the Media mode, which can play any file supported by DirectShow; and the DVD mode, which uses preinstalled DirectShow DVD filters to play DVD content. That said, Zoom Player has plenty of room for user tweaking, with controls for aspect ratio, color overlay, size and positioning. It's also fully "skinnable" and features a programmable keyboard interface.