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3gpToRawAvi	Free	3gpToRawAvi.zip	1,160 KB
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With 3gpToRawAvi, you can convert files from camera phones' esoteric format to the better-known (and more useful) AVI format. Once converted to AVI, your candid camera moments will play on most media players. You can even edit them, e-mail them, or burn them to DVD.

Ace Utilities 2.5	Free to Try \$ 30 to buy	au.exe	1887 KB
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This system tune-up program has a built-in "ignore" list to protect important files, and you can add to that list yourself. Aside from the crucial files, no other files can hide from Ace Utilities. It analyzes the entire disk, looking for large files and folders and taking notes on burgeoning files and file types. This suite peers into the Windows Registry, erases the Internet Explorer cache, and hunts down duplicates. Ace further helps with the culling with secure deletions and clean uninstalls.

Advanced Registry Doctor Pro 5.5	Free to Try \$25 to Buy	ardpro-5.7.8.14.exe	3,254 KB
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ARD can fix many Registry problems. If you allow it, the program can even do so automatically. ARD's examinations turn up all kinds of Registry errors, from messy uninstalls to incorrect references. If you prefer, you can save time by asking ARD to check for errors by category.

Advanced System Optimizer 2.01.4	Free to Try \$40 to Buy	asov2lite.exe	7,042 KB
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Advanced System Optimizer is a set of utilities that helps you keep your OS in check. It has five basic tools: a privacy protector and evidence eraser; a system cleaner and optimizer; a system files backup and restore utility; a registry cleaner and fixer; and a registry defragmenter and optimizer.

Agent Ransack 1.7.3	Free	agentran.exe	792 KB
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Agent Ransack displays the text found inside each file, so you don't have to separately open each search result. You can also search for text inside of documents. Agent Ransack integrates into the Microsoft's Windows Find menu, so it can easily replace the File Search function.

Anagram 2.4.0	Free to Try \$20 to Buy	anagram_v2.4.0_installer.exe	1,731 KB
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Anagram lets you grab important contact and meeting information and put it straight into Microsoft Outlook. With this plug-in, you simply highlight addresses or meeting times in e-mail or on the Web and press a shortcut key. Anagram moves the information into Outlook for you.

Ashampoo PowerUp XP Platinum	Free to Try \$50 to Buy	powerupxp_platinum110_se.exe	7,368 KB
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Ashampoo PowerUp puts all of Windows' system settings in one place, so you can easily control your OS. It gives you direct access to many frequently required settings as well as more hard-to-find functions, letting you change settings without editing the Windows Registry.

In addition to fine-tuning your Windows settings, you can tweak your desktop, control security and privacy settings, configure Microsoft Office, and toggle among custom profiles. The program's interface is intuitive; it offers an interactive help system; and it has settings that let you beef up security. Finally, the program offers a Function Editor that lets you create your own Windows functions or edit existing ones to suit your needs.

Price: Free trial; \$50 to purchase

BigOven for Windows Mobile	Free	bigovenmobile	2,140 KB
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With BigOven for Windows Mobile, you can take your recipes and shopping lists to the store on your PDA. If you use BigOven software on your PC, you can upload your picks and your lists to your Windows Mobile handheld and check them off as you shop.

Bubbler Instant Messenger (formerly InterComm)	Free
Bubbler Instant Messenger Installer.exe	673 KB

Bubbler Instant Messenger is both IM client and workgroup collaboration software. A central repository holds your group's important documents, so there's no need to clog up e-mail with documents. Best of all, Bubbler IM changes your presence status by group, so you can control which colleagues can see you online.

Bubbler Instant Publisher	Free to Try \$5/month after 30 days
Bubbler Instant Publisher Installer.exe	681 KB

Bubbler lets you make a Web page--even a collaborative page full of movies and photos--without any arcane knowledge of programming or Web design. Choose from several templates to get the look you want for your page, then start posting. You can password-protect your pages or make viewing public, and you can allow designated others to contribute (very handy for project management).

One of Bubbler's strengths is that it can handle any file, even sound and video files. If Bubbler can't display the file properly, it will make a link so readers can download the file and view or play it on their own software.

Bubbler provides a Web page at the Bubbler site free for 30 days. At the end of 30 days, the service costs \$5 per month.

BurnInTest Standard Edition 4.0	Free to Try \$22 to Buy	bitstd.exe	1,280 KB
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BurnInTest allows you to test the major subsystems of a computer for reliability. This software subjects your CPU to a number of mathematical operations and MMX calculations, and it also tests your hard drive, RAM, CD-ROM drive, and sound card. BurnInTest can check the stability of your network connection and printers as well. Because the application is multi-threaded, all the tests can be performed simultaneously.

CacheManXP V1.1	Free to Try \$25 to Buy	cmxp110.exe	1,252 KB
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Free up your PC's RAM with CacheManXP, the XP version of the popular CacheMan optimizer. This utility increases your system's performance by optimizing several caches, auto-recovering RAM and tweaking system settings. You can back up your settings, allowing you to revert to the tried-and-true if you don't like the new settings.

Note: This shareware does not expire. However, you must register the software to unlock Auto-Optimization and other features.

Cartes du Ciel (Maps of the Sky) 2.76	Free	cdcin276.zip	15,260 KB
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Regular stargazers as well as occasional skywatchers can get a lot of use out of this terrific free star charting program. Cartes du Ciel lets you configure the sky to mimic your local viewing conditions, so you're not overwhelmed with fields of stars. It can also control most popular brands of computerized telescopes, and features a night-vision mode that adjusts your laptop's color scheme to black and dark red, so you don't blow your night vision looking at a bright screen.

ClocX 1.4	Free	ClocX14.exe	755 KB
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ClocX combines the look of an analog clock with advanced functions. It can set multiple alarms with sound and keep a simple calendar. You can change and configure the backgrounds. Not only can you make ClocX transparent, you can choose from 256 levels of transparency. If you like, you can give it mouse-over transparency.

CloneSpy 2.11	Free	cspy211.zip	609 KB
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Use CloneSpy to find identical files or file names, no matter where they hide. CloneSpy finds files that have the same content, even if they have different names. It can also find files that have the same name, but different content. CloneSpy shows you the details of the files and their doppelgangers, letting you decide which one's for real.

Copernic Agent 6.12	Free to Try \$80 to Buy	copernicagentbasic.exe	3,463 KB
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Copernic Agent lets you improve your results by removing broken links and searching within results. It also lets you save your search results, modify them later, or update them. Finally, Copernic lets you sort your results, e-mail your results to colleagues or friends, and generate extensive search

CutePDF Writer 2.3	Free	CuteWriter.exe	1,076 KB
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CutePDF helps you create PDFs for free. The program works with Windows apps to make PDFs when you print to the program.

Note: This program requires a PS2PDF converter.

CutePDF 3.08	Free to Try \$50 to Buy	CutePDFEvl.exe	2,997 KB
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If you like Adobe's Portable Document Format--but you wouldn't get hundreds of dollars of use out of Acrobat--take a look at the more affordable CutePDF. With it you can create and edit PDF files, and even combine files and delete pages. Advanced functions such as booklet creation, headers and footers, and security are at your fingertips. Overlays, watermarks, and stylized text stamps are just a few of the effects you can add to create the look your company needs. You can even create and fill out forms.

DoubleKiller 1.5.2.65	Free	doublekiller.zip	375 KB
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If you have a partitioned hard drive, you may be wasting precious disk space harboring the same files in different areas. DoubleKiller hunts across single or multiple partitions and folders for identical files. It skips over files with important extensions like .dll, but it scans other files for duplicates. It checks the files' names, sizes, dates, and CRC32-checksums to see if any of them mirror one another. Once DoubleKiller locates the duplicates, it shows you a list of all of them so you can decide which ones to keep and which ones to delete or move.

ExplorerXP 1.06	Free	explorerpsetup.exe	370 KB
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The ExplorerXP file manager uses tabs, making it easier to keep track of your files. It shows you folder size--not just file size--information, and it shows you the actual size of compressed files and folders. This program supports USB devices, so it's not a problem if you use an extra USB hard drive. It also lets you merge and split files and rename several files at once.

FeedDemon 1.5	Free to Try \$30 to Buy	feeddemon-trial.exe	2,512 KB
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FeedDemon fetches RSS and Atom news feeds for you. This news reader already has dozens of popular feeds configured, so you can choose your feeds and start reading right away. FeedDemon integrates with Feedster and other RSS engines. You can set FeedDemon to check for keywords in news items, or you can surf news sites in the tabbed browser. Store your favorite articles in News Bins so you can look at them again later

File Sieve 0.97	Free	FileSieve.zip	28 KB
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If you have one humongous folder full of files, you could use an easy way of organizing that unruly mass. File Sieve creates 27 directories labeled # through Z and sorts files from the source directory you choose into them. It checks the first character in the file names and sorts them alphabetically into the correct folders. This saves you time and fuss, and it makes sure every file gets into the right folder.

FlashGet 1.65	Free	fgf165.exe	1,633 KB
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Normally, when you download a file, a single connection is used, which does not use all of your bandwidth. This application can automatically split files into sections--or splits--and download each split simultaneously. Multiple connections are opened to each file, and the result is a more efficient use of the bandwidth available, regardless of your connection.

Manage your downloads by creating an unlimited number of categories for your files. You can have FlashGet 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.

Note: This free version of FlashGet is adware; it replaces banner advertisements that appear in the program with other ads.

Folder Lock 5.2.5	Free to Try \$25 to Buy	folder-lock	1,853 KB
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Hackers aren't the only security risk; friends, family, and coworkers can get into your files on a shared computer. Folder Lock encrypts your private files and folders and protects them with a password. The simple drag-and-drop interface lets you lock and unlock your files quickly and easily. It works on more than PCs, too. You can use Folder Lock on USB Flash Drives, Memory Sticks, CD-RW, and floppies. Best of all, your friendly snoops won't be tempted by the sight of locked files; Folder Lock hides locked folders so only you can see them.

Force Delete	Free	Forcedel.zip	22 KB
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Have you ever tried to delete a file or folder, only to get a Windows error message saying no can do? Try downloading Force Delete, a utility that works with all Windows versions to force delete the stubborn file. The program runs from a DOS command window.

Free Registry Fix 2.3	Free	frfwebsite.exe	1,422 KB
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Unlike many Registry cleaners, Free Registry Fix includes an Undo function. If you make a change that doesn't seem to help, you can safely undo it and restore the Registry to the way it was. The program employs high-performance conflict identification algorithms to make the process speedy.

FreeRAM XP Pro 1.4	Free	framxpro.zip	544 KB
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FreeRAM XP Pro frees and defragments your computer's random access memory. As you use your computer, open applications, surf the Internet, and navigate Windows, your system's memory usually decreases. FreeRAM XP Pro frees up this memory, thereby increasing system response time, stability, speed, and efficiency.

This version introduces RAM-Cuts, shortcuts designed to free RAM.

Google Toolbar 2.0 (beta)	Free	GoogleToolbarInstaller.exe	417 KB
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Download this free tool, and use Google to search from any Web site without returning to the Google home page to begin another search. You can customize your search to include just the site that you're visiting, or just the page you're viewing. You can also use the toolbar to find similar pages, or sites that link back to that page. This latest beta of the toolbar includes Popup Blocker, AutoFill, and BlogThis.

Icon Restore	Free	icon_restore.exe	282 KB
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With Icon Restore, you can put icons back in their places. After installing the program, you can save the icon layout. Then even if you change the screen resolution, you can call your icons back from their wanderings.

iPhoto 1.88 build 2	Free to Try \$ 300 to Buy	iphoto.exe	3,200 KB
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Regardless of whether you're a shutterbug with thousands of pictures or have only a few photos, iPhoto is a good way to organize your pictures. Fast searching lets you find photos quickly. iPhoto also lets you import, enhance, and distribute your masterpieces quickly.

This update gives us an improved iPhoto, but the improvements are noticeable only in the increased smoothness of operation, more organizing features, and the fix of problems that arose when creating albums in German or Dutch.

K-Lite Codec Pack v2.50	Free	klcode250f.exe	12,173 KB
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K-Lite Codec Pack Full Version contains almost all the codecs you need to watch almost any movie or hear almost any sound file. It also includes encoding support for some formats.

LastChance	Free	lchance.exe	857 KB
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This desktop utility lets you configure some programs to run just before shutdown. It catches intercepts the shutdown request and runs the configured programs before finishing the shutdown.

Maxthon 1.5 Combo	Free	mcombo.exe	4,923 KB
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This Microsoft Internet Explorer add-in uses a tabbed interface so you can 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. Keep useful items such as Web services, favorites, the Google Toolbar, and even external programs handy by putting them in the Maxthon toolbar. Privacy concerns become less worrisome with the combined browser/history/address/cookie-clearing function. AD Hunter can be used as either an ironclad pop-up blocker, a filter list, or a white list.

This full ("combo") version includes the FlashSave, ViewSource, AI Roboform, EnableRightClick, Up a Directory, and Weather plug-ins.

MyRegistryCleaner 2.1	Free to Try \$40 to Buy	MRCInstallerLink2	40 KB
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Maintain control of your data while improving your system's performance with MyRegistryCleaner. Instead of just doing its thing, MyRegistryCleaner shows you the results of its scan and lets you decide which of the flagged Registry items you want to remove. Once you've made your selections, it makes a complete backup and repairs the damaged items.

MyRegistryCleaner vendor PCSecurityShield backs its program with a year of free upgrades and e-mail tech support.

ObjectDock 1.2	Free	objectdock_freeware.exe	8,139 KB
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ObjectDock lets you place shortcuts, running tasks, and more in a dock of your choosing. The icons expand when you mouse-over them, making it easy to store a great deal of information in a small place and still find what you're looking for. ObjectDock is skinnable, and you can customize its appearance in several ways

PC Doc Pro 3.5	Free to Try \$30 to Buy	pcdocpro35.exe	3,794 KB
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PC Doc Pro combats the ills of freezes, crashes, and slow PC response. This program checks for hidden errors and corrects them with a few clicks. If the program doesn't solve the problem quickly, then the vendor's live tech support--an unusual feature for a program of this price--will help set things right.

Picasa V2	Free	picasa22-setup-1884.exe	3,246 KB
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Picasa automatically finds photos on your camera or photo CDs and organizes your pics. This photo organizer lets you browse photos and watch slideshows. You can touch up red-eye and other imperfections without any danger of saving over the original. And if you'd like to share your photographic wonders with the world, e-mailing a photo is made much easier.

PointCapture 1.36	Free	PointCapture.zip	809 KB
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PointCapture searches Microsoft PowerPoint documents. It can find you a slide in an unopened file, or a presentation somewhere in a heap of folders. Don't remember all the details? No problem. PointCapture can find slides that have only certain text or number strings, or it can search by author or creation date. Once you've found the slides you need, you can select them and build a new PowerPoint presentation.

Print Wizard for Microsoft Word 1.1.4	Free to Try \$10 to Buy	prnwiz10.zip	793 KB
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With Print Wizard for Microsoft Word you can print any document, even if it isn't open. You can choose between five speed and quality settings, cutting down on the time you spend standing at the printer. You can even save all settings for later use. Many of Print Wizard's features can save you money. For instance, it can force a color printer to print in black ink only, saving the costly color ink for other tasks. It can print multiple

pages on a single sheet--handy for layouts. Print Wizard can even catch spelling errors before the document prints out.

QuickTime Alternative	1.41	Free	quicktimealt141.exe	8,652 KB
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QuickTime is a common format, but Apple'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 with Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Netscape, and Opera.

Qurb	3.0	Free to Try \$30 to Buy	Q-Setup-Full.exe	1,922 KB
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Qurb blocks spam from your Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express inbox. Qurb also fights phishers and helps you search your e-mail through the toolbar it installs.

Restoration	2.514	Free	REST2514.EXE	193 KB
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Restoration can rescue your accidentally deleted files and permanently delete the files you want good-and-gone. It can live on a floppy, so it leaves no trace of its activities.

SpywareBlaster	3.4	Free	spywareblastersetup34.exe	2,501 KB
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SpywareBlaster sets a "kill bit" for spyware's ActiveX controls, but leaves harmless ActiveX controls alone. With the program installed, Internet Explorer won't even download spyware, so you'll even be spared its "Are you sure you don't want to install this detrimental program?" dialog boxes. The Check for Updates feature educates your spyware database about the latest tricks, and blocks the newer spyware as well. SpywareBlaster can also block cookies, and can even shut down spyware already installed on your system.

Sudoku	1.00	Free to Try \$15 to Buy	Sudokusetup.exe	2,099 KB
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You've seen Sudoku in the newspaper, and now you can play the popular logic puzzles on your computer. Pappocom's Sudoku creates the crossword-like logic puzzles that exercise your brain without trivia, spelling, or ambiguous crossword clues. Fill in the missing numbers to complete boxes, columns, and rows so that each contains the numbers 1 through 9. It's a deceptively simple idea for a challenging game.

This program generates nearly endless unique Sudoku puzzles. It can create puzzles of different shapes and levels of difficulty. Playing Sudoku on the computer enables some handy extras, such as wrong-number alerts and "penciling" before deciding. If you'd rather play offline, Sudoku can generate puzzles to print out.

Sure Delete	5.11	Free	sdel.zip	726 KB
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Sure Delete permanently deletes files from your drive. Whether you want to shred sensitive information or free up resources on your hard drive, this program ensures that it's done permanently. Rather than simply deleting file references on your computer, the program actually destroys the data itself. Sure Delete offers a wizard-style interface that guides you through the process of deleting files, cleaning up your hard drive in minutes. Sure Delete supports the FAT12, FAT16, FAT32, and NTFS disk formats.

System Cleaner	4.97	Free to Try \$30 to Buy	SystemCleanerSetup.a1110.exe	1,316 KB
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System Cleaner restores hard drive space and protects your privacy by deleting Internet history, cache, .chk, and other unneeded files. You can also delete or disable entries that automatically start on Windows start-up. The program can search directories that usually have temporary files or cache files. Files can be backed up, so that if you need a previously deleted file you can restore it using the Restore Wizard.

TaskArrange	1.1.1	Free	TaskArrange1.1.1.zip	83 KB
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TaskArrange lets you set the order of your PC's Taskbar icons.

The RAD Video Tools		Free	RADTools.exe	1,470 KB
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You shouldn't have to install every video player on the planet. With The RAD Video Tools, you can convert many popular formats to other formats.

Tidy Start Menu 2.3	Free	TidyStartMenu_Setup_2_3_Freeware.exe	897 KB
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With Tidy Start Menu, you can file your Start Menu items in a categories such as Internet, Games, Security, Office, Graphics, and more.

Transparent 4.2	Free	Trasparent42.zip	55 KB
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Some people like their wallpaper showing through the titles on their desktop icons; others hate it. To change this setting in Windows XP, right-click My Computer and select Properties, Advanced. If you don't like the resulting color blocks behind your icon names, check out this free program by Jay Guerette that makes your wallpaper shine through.

Trillian Pro 3.1	\$25 to Buy	Trillion-v3.1.exe	8.790 KB
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Your boss uses ICQ, your co-workers use MSN Messenger, and your mother refuses to use anything but AIM. If you don't like the way a proliferation of IM clients crowds your desktop, use Trillian's sleek interface to access all your IM accounts at once. This IM client supports AIM, ICQ, IRC, Jabber, MSN Messenger, Novell GroupWise Manager, Rendezvous, and Yahoo Messenger.

Trillian Pro gives you new control with collapsible and per-connection contact lists. Reduce clutter further with this version's new Meta Contacts feature, which lets you group the many IM names of one person under a single contact. You can rename contacts, to show (for example) "MummyWuvsBabykins" as something less likely to make you the office laughingstock. The new tabbed interface makes it easier to mind multiple IM conversations without derailing a single train of thought.

TweakNow PowerPack 2006 Standard 1.0.2	Free to Try \$27 to Buy
TweakUiPowertoySetup.exe	564 KB

The TweakNow PowerPack utility suite manages your RAM and cleans your Windows Registry. It also cleans your disk to keep space available. The AutoShutdown program saves energy and protects your privacy by letting you schedule a period of time at which your computer suspends, hibernates, or shuts down. CD AutoRun provides new options for using Windows's CD and DVD autorun features. The Virtual desktop program helps you keep organized by running up to four virtual desktops. Also needs tweakui133.exe

WhoLockMe Explorer Extension 1.04 Beta	Free	Wholockme104.zip	22 KB
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If you're having problems deleting a file, you might consider using WhoLockMe. The program has a handy Explorer extension that shows which Windows process is locking the file. One click kills the process, after which you can delete the file.

WinGuard Pro 2005 5.8 build 2	Fee	wgpro.exe	1,981 KB
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This utility lets you password protect your programs, Windows and Web pages. WinGuard Pro also lets you encrypt your personal files and folders. Finally, you can lock your desktop, boot keys and task keys; you can also block software installations and Internet access.

WinZip 10 Beta	Free	winzip1000.exe	5,698 KB
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WinZip has long set the standard for file compression utilities, and recent versions uphold its strong reputation.

WinZip recently released a beta (version 10.0) of its zipping program, which offers more powerful compression that creates smaller Zip files. It has an Explorer-style view and a "Job Wizard" that allows you to create and save repetitive zipping tasks.

WordToys 2.0.0	Free to Try \$20 to Buy	wdtoys10.zip	1,467 KB
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WordToys gives Microsoft Word new features, and lets you hide the annoying ones. This plug-in makes it easier to navigate, format, fax, and print out documents. Among its many features are automatic PDF creation, printing straight from a menu, and the ability to create accented characters with one additional keystroke. It can hide redundant taskbar buttons in Word 2000, and can delete potentially embarrassing meta data. WordToys even lets you save your favorite settings for viewing and printing files.

