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3D-FTP V7.0 Free to Try \$40 to buy 3dftp70.zip 2,182 KB

Enjoy all the standard features that you would expect from a file transfer utility, with the bonus of a photo-realistic interface that you can customize. There are many skins to pick from, including a skull and crossbones, techno, futuristic, wood, and Pokemon. You can resume file transfers and rename and delete files and directories.

7-Zip V4.23 Free 7z436.exe 835 KB

7-Zip is a free utility for creating compressed archives. It supports the following formats for packing and unpacking: 7z, ZIP, GZIP, BZIP2, and TAR. For unpacking only, it supports RAR, CAB, ARJ, LZH, CHM, Z, CPIO, RPM, and DEB, the vendor says. It also features an integrated file manager and a self-extracting capability for files in the 7z format.

Abilon V2.5.3 Free InstsallAB.exe 596 KB

Harness the power of RSS with this powerful, speedy feed reader. Abilon gives you the choice of a three-pane view with feeds, headlines, and articles, or a two-column view. When you click a link, the Web page opens in a new tab within Abilon. A handy tool lets you quickly and easily post items to your Blogger, Movable Type, or LiveJournal blog. Abilon imports and exports OPML (Outline Processor Markup Language) files, which let you transfer your list of subscriptions to another RSS reader. *Note: The authors currently do not support this program.*

ACD VideoMagic V1.0.2 Free to Try \$50 to buy acdvideomagic.exe 8,008 KB

ACD VideoMagic is an easy-to-use video editing tool. The intuitive interface allows you to almost magically combine video clips into a feature presentation or arrange still photos into a slide show with music and some basic effects. ACD VideoMagic analyzes your video content for color, texture, motion, and human faces to find the most exciting moments and matches them to musical peaks in your sound track. Various filters give your video different stylized looks, including action-oriented, acid, and Chaplinesque.

ACDZip V1.0 Free to Try \$20 to buy acdzip.exe 3,148 KB

ACDZip goes beyond the basics of file compression with several added functions. Fast image previews let you know what you're getting into before you unzip. Encryption and password protection options let you keep prying eyes from those sensitive files or pictures. ACDZip supports many file formats, including BMP, EMF, GIF, JPG, TIFF, WMF and more. Thumbnail preview mode lets you view multiple files so you're sure to put the right file in the right folder or ensure that you're not sending someone an inappropriate image that somehow managed to land on your computer. The interface won't win any beauty awards, but it's easy to use. 256-bit encryption keeps your files secure and quick zipping and unzipping will have you compressing files and freeing up disc space.

Active Undelete V1.5 Free to Try \$40 to buy Undelete-Demo-Full.wxx 2,069 KB

Active Undelete helps you recover lost, deleted, and formatted data. Even if your data's been compressed, encrypted, or fragmented, Active Undelete can restore it. This data recovery software can recover data on hard drives formatted in recent (and less recent) Windows file systems and operating systems, from FAT12 or NTFS+EFS file systems and from Windows 95 to Windows 2003 Server.

Active Undelete can retrieve deleted data from basic and dynamic volumes, floppy disks, hard drives, hardware or software RAID, Zip drives, and a number of storage media. Active Undelete works with removable devices like USB hard drives, as well as memory card formats like Compact Flash, Smart Media, and Sony Memory Stick.

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AllGone V4.0.0 Free to Try \$10 to buy agfull400.exe 969 KB

Like a bad relationship or recurring nightmare, pop up windows keep, well, popping up, driving you mad like an unreachable pebble in your shoe. Of course you took steps and activated the pop up blocker in your browser. But just when you thought it was safe to go back on the web, a freakin' pop up ad pops up. AllGone! was designed not so much to block all pop-up ads, but to utterly and completely destroy them. AllGone! is an easy install and takes up little disc space. Now it's safe to go back on the web.

Antiy Ghostbusters Pro Edition Free to Try \$30 to buy agb5s.exe 9,075 KB

Antiy Ghostbusters Professional Edition incorporates antivirus software, a firewall, a spyware detector/remover, and other security tools into one interface. Antiy Ghostbusters claims to detect and remove over 170,000 kinds of adware, spyware, Trojans, worms, and other threats.

Ashampoo CD Recording Suite V4.05 Free to Try \$25 to buy
ashampoo_cdrecordingsuite405_se.exe 4,330 KB

Ashampoo CD Recording Suite lets you create MP3 CDs and burn movies as Video CD or Super Video CD. The program includes support for importing MP3 playlists. You can load and save project files. One nifty feature is the ability to erase rewritable CD-RW media. It burns WAV, MP3, FLAC, and Ogg Vorbis files directly to audio CDs. The program supports file names with up to 64 characters and it works with more than 1500 CD burners.

Avvenu V1.2 Free Avvenu_1.2 3,930 KB

This free remote-access and file-sharing service lets you and your coworkers get to files on an Avvenu-enabled computer from another computer, Web-enabled phone, or PDA.

After installing Avvenu's software on a Windows PC, you can access that PC--and the files it contains--through Avvenu's Web site. You can browse or search through the files on that PC from your mobile device or another computer. You choose the file you need, and decide whether to share it with someone else or download it to your device. You can share files or entire directories by sending someone an e-mail with a Web link to that folder or file.

Note: You can access your computer through the Avvenu service only when it is turned on and connected to the Internet.

Backup2005 Pro V4.4.9.163 Free to Try \$65 to buy bk5setup.exe 12,194 KB

Backup2005 Pro boasts useful capabilities like disc-spanning archives and unlimited .zip file size. Backup2005 Pro can verify, repair, and restore files as well as backing them up.

Backup2005 Pro is designed to be flexible. It offers two backup modes, several ways to restore files, standard profiles, and task scheduling. Backup2005 Pro can also back up to any folder, even one on a network, or to an FTP or HTTP server. The program creates a general report to display the status of job, and it can e-mail you when it completes a job. All three of Backup2005 Pro's compression methods (Pkzip deflate64, standard Pkzip 2.04, and Bzip) are compatible with WinZip 8.1.

BeInSync V1.6.21.0 Free BeInSync_1.6.21.setup.exe 7,315 KB

BeInSync keeps folders, files, Internet Explorer favorites, and Outlook e-mails and contacts automatically synchronized among as many as five computers. BeInSync uses peer-to-peer technology to share your data automatically--and almost instantly--among all your computers.

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When you're on the road, you can access your data via any Web browser. BeInSync also allows you to share data with friends or colleagues; you can set up a group share with up to ten users.

Note: You can download the full version of BeInSync for 30 days. After 30 days, you can upgrade to the full version, or keep using the free basic version, which limits the daily number of items transferred.

BitDefender 9 Standard V9 Free to try \$30 to buy bitdefender_v9_trial.exe 16,927 KB

BitDefender 9 Standard is inexpensive, easy to use, and effective at detecting malware threats; as a result, it earned PC World's Best Buy distinction in our recent roundup of ten antivirus products.

Top-ranked in our performance tests, BitDefender 9 achieved the best scores in our heuristics tests--detecting 43 percent of worms and 57 percent of backdoor programs using one-month-old virus data and 18 percent of worms and 42 percent of backdoors using two-month-old virus data.

It also earned top-notch scores in our zoo tests, catching more than 93 percent of the backdoors, bots, and Trojan horses. However, BitDefender's scan-speed results ranked second to last, averaging just over 9 minutes and 16 seconds to scan the files on our test PC. At first glance, the BitDefender interface appears lacking. The General information tab gives you only of basic information about your last system scan and software update. The real information lies in the Antivirus and Update tabs, which you access on the left side of the screen. There you'll find deeper options for specifying the way you want the program to look on screen, the way it sends you virus data, and how it scans files

Blindwrite Suite V5.2.10 Free to try \$30 to buy blinkwrite5_setup.exe 3,226 KB

Reproduce CDs and DVDs for personal backup with this cloning tool. Blindwrite Suite lets you create CD audio from MP3, Ogg Vorbis, WAV, WMA, or monkey's audio, or with a CD-ROM emulator. It also burns DVDs. The latest version introduces a "live assist" option, an online service that retrieves tips and advice from the developers' servers.

Celestia V1.4.0 Free celestia-win32-1.4.0.exe 13,565 KB

Celestia is a real-time space simulation that lets you experience our universe in three dimensions. You can travel throughout the solar system, to any of over 100,000 stars, or even beyond the galaxy.

All travel in Celestia is seamless; the exponential zoom feature lets you explore space across a huge range of scales, from galaxy clusters down to spacecraft only a few meters across. A "point-and-go-to" interface makes it simple to navigate through the universe to the object you want to visit.

Cell Mates V1.5 Free to try \$10 to buy cellma11.exe 2,244 KN

Cell Mates is a hyped-up crossword-puzzle type game. Words are scrambled into different cells. Your job is to organize the prison block into words. Various player controls let you pick words from different categories, such as Common Words, Geography, Occupations, and more. You can even brush up on your French with the French Words category.

CleanCenter V1.37.07 Free to try \$30 to buy cc_demo.exe 970 KB

CleanCenter is designed to clean up your hard drive by deleting the junk files that are no longer used by your system software. CleanCenter scans selected drives for more than 50 types of junk

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files and gives you the option of keeping or deleting them. Additionally, CleanCenter helps you remove cookies and many temp folders.

Cloak	V8.0	Free to try \$35 to buy	cloak.exe	7,677 KB
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Cloak lets you go from encrypting documents to hiding encrypted documents in images to creating e-mails that appear blank to those without the key. Cloak also features Internet security, allowing you to permanently delete history, cookies and more. A shred option ensures complete file deletion. Level options let you get as "cloak and dagger" as you want to.

ConquerCam	V2.6	Free to try \$10 to buy	ccam.exe	2,214 KB
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ConquerCam is an easy-to-use program that lets you capture, edit, and upload Webcam images. There's a number of overlay effects and clean-up functions for image clarity. Other tools let you block out portions of an image. You can also add captions.

Data Stealth	V1.0	Free to try \$35 to buy	datastealth.exe	5,712 KB
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Data Stealth keeps prying eyes from private data by applying several protective measures. It allows users to hide sensitive information within audio and video files. It employs three extremely advanced encryption algorithms to ensure the data remains protected.

Decrypt HD	V1.0	Free	decrypthd.exe	5,847 KB
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Decrypt HD is a free decryption utility that will allow you to decrypt and retrieve files that have been encoded with Cloak v7.0 and Data Stealth-without having to buy the full programs. It's an easy install that will let you keep correspondence with your eccentric friends or retrieve the occasional sensitive document that sometimes finds its way to you.

Desktop Control Center	Free		desktop.zip	9 KB
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This utility temporarily hides desktop icons, making it ideal for when you need to grab a screen capture of a dialog box and want a blank background. Just unzip the program, copy it to your desktop, and run it when you want a clean desktop.

Price: Free

Enable Virtual Desktop	V2.3.1	Free to try \$30 to buy	evd231u.exe	3,736 KB
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Annoyed by the clutter of windows on your desktop? Clear your taskbar and your mind with Enable Virtual Desktop, which lets you create virtual desktops that show only the programs you want to see. A mini-window serves as a key to the different desktops, so you'll know which is which. You can switch from one desktop to another with a mouse-click in the mini-window or with the hotkeys you define.

As you get more comfortable, expand your horizons further: Enable Virtual Desktop allows you to create rules that automate which programs go to which desktops. It supports several different desktops at once. You can further customize the program by making the mini-window transparent, adding a System tray icon, or tweaking any of several other settings.

Note: Enable Virtual Desktops does not work with multiple monitors.

EssentialPIM Free	V1.7.1	Free	essentialpim1.exe	1,411 KB
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EssentialPIM Free combines several functions--calendar, contact manager, to-do list, and notes manager--into one interface. This program performs the functions you'd expect, plus some bonuses like color-coding, drag-and-drop functions, and integrated Microsoft Outlook or Outlook

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Express data importing. The to-do list allows you to sort and prioritize by category, priority, and completion status. Adjustable program views and several printout options help you keep the data you need at hand. Everything can be password-protected and encrypted with AES 128-bit encryption.

FolderSync	V1.1	Free	setup.exe	836 KB
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FolderSync synchronizes files between any two folders on your computer and your portable drive. This sync tool checks two different directories for new files and for changes to old ones. FolderSync can synchronize the files so that both directories have the same contents.

FolderSync can also create a binary patch file of the changed and new files. According to the author, applying the patch file to the old directory makes the files in the old and new directory identical.

FotoSlate	V2.0	Free to try \$40 to buy	fotoslat.exe	2,781 KB
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FotoSlate is deceptively simple photo printing tool. It's easy to quickly master the basics, yet has deep options to keep the interest of the more serious photographer. Use it for quick printing by simply selecting a photo and a layout and hitting Print. Or get creative and employ the full range of the program by making calendars, cards, photo albums, contact sheets, and more. FotoSlate comes with over 450 premade pages for printing to different sizes. This software has a high degree of flexibility, letting alter premade pages for a customized look or design an entire layout from scratch. Now all your pictures can be suitable for framing.

FoxIt Reader	V1.3	Free	FoxitReader.exe	2,712 KB
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Adobe Reader isn't your only option for viewing PDF files. FoxIt Reader is a free utility that includes some tools that Adobe Reader lacks, including a "typewriter" tool that lets you type text in any PDF, not just files that have been set with form fields.

We found that FoxIt launches very quickly (in about 1 second) and it requires no installation--you just run the executable file. It allows you open, view, print, and change the page layout in PDF files.

FreeMind Minimum	V0.8.0	Free	freemind-windows-Installer-0_8_0.exe	3,164 KB
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Thoughts go every which way; you might need a map to follow them all. FreeMind lets you take notes in a branching, tree-like "mind map." Psychologists say that mind maps are easier to follow than traditional outlines. You can add colors, images, text, and special formatting to any of the branches.

GoodSync		Free	goodsync.exe	1,915 KB
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GoodSync makes it easy to synchronize your USB drive, flash drive, Zip drive, or CD-RW with your PC. The program window gives you two blank fields for typing in or browsing to the folders you want to sync. Click Analyze and it tells you the differences between the two folders, including which files are new and which ones have new versions. You can decide on a case-by-case basis what you want to do with each file.

Google Earth		Free	googleEarth.exe	11,541 KB
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Whether you want the world or just a tiny corner of it, Google Earth gives it all to you. You can twirl the planet like a globe and turn it every which way, then zoom in for a better look at what interests you. The images--none more than three years old--show every landmark and every urban center in exquisite detail. You even can find your own house.

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IMSpellchecker XP V1.54 Free to try \$25 to buy imsetup.exe 1,045 KB

Most IM programs lack spelling checkers. IM Spellchecker XP makes up for this glaring omission. When you type, it flags possible spelling errors with wavy red lines. IM Spellchecker XP works in ICQ and Yahoo Messenger, as well as less-used programs like Odigo Instant Messenger and Windows XP Messenger. Despite the name, it is compatible with several versions of Windows.

IMSpellchecker XP supports ten languages, and it allows you to set up custom dictionaries. The AutoCorrection feature lets you insert special characters--the trademark symbol, for instance--that you won't find on most keyboards.

Registering the software scores you free lifetime e-mail support and free updates.

InstaSlide V1.2 Free to try \$20 to buy islide.exe 682 KB

InstaSlide gives you a high degree of control over not only creating your slide show, but also in its presentation. InstaSlide creates a "repository" into which you can place photos and graphics, or you can use the capture feature to grab anything on your screen and enhance it or re-size it. You can preview your photos and images, easily arrange them in the proper order, and assign a duration to each slide. The finished slide show is saved as a single executable file that's easy to launch or send via e-mail. The program also includes an image processing tool for converting images to and from a wide range of formats.

ISOBuster V1.7 Free to try \$26 to buy isobuster_all_lang.zip 2,433 KB

This utility recovers data from CDs and DVDs. It checks for physical problems with the disc, compiles lists of all files that contain physical read errors, and lets you save and edit them. It can find lost files and lets you open and edit them.

Jarte V2.6 Free jarte_26.exe 1,433 KB

Jarte is a compact word processor--small enough to put on a USB keychain drive--that's completely free of charge. Jarte's small size doesn't keep it from offering some well-selected features. For instance, WordWeb integration offers dictionary and thesaurus word look-up on the fly. Firefox fans will like its tabbed document windows.

MagicISO Maker V4.9 Free to try \$30 to buy setup_magicISO.exe 2,161 KB

Create 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 CDs and DVDs that you create.

MaxiVista V2.0.16 Free to try \$30 to buy maxivistademo.xip 1,828 KB

Have an old laptop computer that's too slow to use as a computer? With MaxiVista, it can become an extra monitor. This utility seamlessly extends program windows across multiple screens, adding more screen space for all the programs you use. MaxiVista can also let you control up to four PCs with one mouse and one keyboard on your network. No new hardware is required.

Memory Status Free to try \$9 to buy memstat.zip 1,299 KB

The aptly named Memory Status displays your system's memory status and your system's CPU usage. But this program is more than a fuel gauge for your system. It automatically frees memory no longer used by Windows so programs start faster and run more efficiently. Other features let you deal with memory allocation and more.

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Network Magic	Free to try \$40 to buy	nmsetup.exe	6,572 KB
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Having trouble getting your devices to talk to your PC? Network Magic recognizes hundreds of devices. Once it's installed on a networked PC, it finds connected devices and brings up their configuration settings. Network Magic also shows a visual map of your network, telling you which devices aren't working. The Wireless Intruder Detection feature fends off Wi-Fi interlopers trying to mooch off of your network. Network your network.

Opera 9 Beta	V9.0	Free	o90p1_8031.exe	3,925 KB
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If you're an Opera aficionado, sit in on this dress rehearsal for the upcoming version 9. It comes with several advanced features that are available in Mozilla Firefox only as add-ons, and are completely absent from Microsoft Internet Explorer. The built-in RSS feed handler is particularly impressive, especially with its support for Atom 1.0, a newer protocol similar to RSS.

Note: The vendor does not take responsibility for any problems encountered after installing this beta software.

PC World Toolbar	Free	pcworldtoolbar-ie.exe	458 KB
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The PC World Toolbar ranks search results based on their popularity with members of the PCWorld.com community. It does this by giving more weight to links other high-tech users have clicked on and less weight to links they have avoided--so over time you get better results. The toolbar also includes other features, such as daily PC World headlines and easy access to a pop-up blocker.

Neither PC World nor its partner Eurekster gather any personal identifying information from your use of the Toolbar's functions.

Note: This toolbar works only in Microsoft Internet Explorer.

PhotoCleaner	V2.2	Free to try \$13 to buy	photocleaner_trial_installexe	2,055 KB
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PhotoCleaner lets you employ a plethora of touch up and clean up techniques to your photos by simply dragging and dropping. Like a car wash for your photos, PhotoCleaner automatically performs a sequence of operations to clean up and correct general photo problems, such as dullness or color shift. If you want more control, PhotoCleaner lets you manually select the processes you want it to perform, or leave it on automatic and let it do its thing. It also includes a batch mode setting for running multiple photos through the virtual wash.

PickBall 2	Free to try \$15 to buy	pckball2.zip	4,539 KB
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PickBall 2 is a fun, challenging game. The goal is simple; move all the balls to different specified locations. However, the balls continue to move until you stop them with either a wall or other balls. Challenge your strategy skills by getting balls to locations in the minimum number of moves. Multiple levels increase in difficulty.

Process Library Quick Access InfoBar	V1	Free	quickaccess.exe	317 KB
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Deep in the recesses of any computer, mysterious processes run silently in the background. Process Library Quick Access Info Bar help you identify them. Armed with information, you can protect your PC from resource hogs, privacy-violating spyware, and Trojan horses that give hackers carte blanche on your system.

This Windows Task Manager plug-in provides process information and advice from ProcessLibrary.com, a free online knowledge Web site that's home to over 9000 process definitions.

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PromptPal	V1.3	Free to try \$30 to buy	ppal300.exe	1,925 KB
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PromptPal gives you DOS-prompt power in a comfortable Windows interface. This replacement graphical user interface works like a regular Windows program, allowing timesavers like copying, cutting and pasting, and text selection. PromptPal also maintains a history of command lines, much like a browser remembers URLs. Its command completion assistance function pops up likely matches while you type. PromptPal integrates into Windows Explorer, too.

PuTTY		Free	putty.exe	412 KB
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Need to connect to your Web server for maintenance? Use an SSH (Secure Shell) client like PuTTY to create a secure connection. It encrypts the entire connection so snoops can't listen in.

This free utility doesn't just work for SSH connections. According to the vendor, PuTTY also works for the Telnet and Rlogin network protocols used to run a remote session on a computer, over a network. PuTTY implements the client end of that session rather than the end at which it runs, the vendor says. For example, you can run PuTTY on a Windows PC, and tell that PC to connect to an Unix machine. PuTTY then opens a window, and anything you type into that window is sent to the Unix machine. Everything the Unix machine sends back is displayed in the

Quick Split	V3.50	Free to try \$20 to buy	qsplrit.zip	1,280 KB
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Quick Split is a 32-bit Windows application that splits files into pieces. It also lets you restore the pieces into the original whole. In addition, Quick Split has zip and unzip capabilities, plus many customizable features to suit your needs.

Remove	V4.0	Free to try \$20 to buy	remove40.zip	55 KB
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Remove gets rid of not just the applications, but the phantom program entries associated with them. This add/remove app also highlights hidden software and sneaky entries.

RssReader	V1.0.88.0	Free to try \$30 to buy	rssreader.exe	1,487 KB
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This RSS feed reader collects news in the background as often as you like. It shows all the stories from a feed or group of feeds in a single scrolling window, making it easy to browse a category. If an article looks interesting, click the headline for more detail or dive straight into the Web page. RssReader can open articles either in its own browser or in your default browser.

Sateira CD&DVD Burner	V2.1	Free to try \$30 to buy	sat211.exe	3,532 KB
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Sateira CD and DVD Burner lets you burn audio and data discs. You can also burn CUE and ISO images, as well as multisession and bootable CDs and DVDs. The program doesn't use many resources, which makes it particularly suitable for notebook users. The program records to CD-R/W, DVD-R/W, DVD+R/W, and DVD-RAM.

ScreenNemo	V1.2	Free to try \$39 to buy	screennemo.msi	2,339 KB
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ScreenNemo's NemoRecorder function captures application sessions and stores them as movies. It can compress movies or make them black-and-white to save space, and it can encrypt them to keep them private. With the NemoPlayer function, you can watch them whenever you need to do so.

SetClock	V2.4	Free to try \$10 to buy	SetClock.exe	126 KB
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SetClock sets your computer's clock to the exact time. It does this by retrieving the precise time from an available atomic clock server. The Set Time Zone feature allows you to travel to

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different time zones and know the local time. The program includes an alarm clock feature that lets you choose a MIDI or WAV file for the alarm sound.

SpyWall Anti-Spyware V1.2.38 Free to try \$15 to buy SpyWall_Installer.exe 2,239 KB

SpyWall Anti-Spyware is a browser firewall that is designed to prevent spyware from entering your PCs. It also claims to keep malicious ActiveX controls and JavaScript from taking hold of your system. With SpyWall Anti-Spyware, you can choose three levels of trust for each Web site, from "anything goes" to browsing only to fully blocked. You can also block downloads by file type. In addition, SpyWall Anti-Spyware scans your PC for existing spyware and removes it.

Startup Organizer V2.8 Free to try \$25 to buy sosetup.exe 984 KB

StartUp Organizer provides access to all the programs that are automatically started when you turn on or log on to your computer, and it allows you to inspect, edit, and/or temporarily disable such programs. StartUp Organizer also lets you skip certain programs during startup by holding down the Shift key while Windows boots. You can also make backup configurations of your preferred startup lineup.

Steganos LockNote V1.0.2 Free lockNote.exe 288 KB

Keep your passwords and personal information safe from prying eyes with LockNote. This program works like Notepad, but it adds password protection and strong AES 256-bit encryption. To open a LockNote file, double-click in and type in your password. Anyone who doesn't have the password is locked out. If you'd like to lock up your existing text files, you can drag and drop them into LockNote to secure them.

Super Utilities Pro Version V6.2.1 Free to try \$70 to buy supro621.exe 4,893 KB

This suite covers a range of functions from Auto Shutdown and BHO (Browser Helper Object) Cleaner on through Spyware Removal and Uninstall Plus. Super Utilities is divided into four compartments: System Cleaner, Privacy Protector, System Maintenance, and Special Tools.

System Cleaner includes disk and Windows Registry cleaners, a spyware-removal component, a memory optimizer, and other maintenance tools. Privacy Protector lets you clean system tracks, hide or lock folders, hide IE Favorites and Start menu items, password-protect applications, and quickly and securely delete files. System Maintenance automates computer maintenance jobs. It includes Task Manager-like functions, Internet Explorer customization tools, and system information as well. With Special Tools, you can identify space-hogging folders, locate and back up your drivers, and schedule shutdown times.

System Information for Windows Free siw.exe 1,159 KB

Find out what you need to know about your computer's hardware, operating system, installed programs, and more with this utility. SIW provides detailed information about your PC's properties and settings, as well as specs for your CPU, motherboard, chip set, BIOS, PCI/AGB, USB and ISA/PnP devices, memory, monitor, video card, disk drives, CD/DVD devices, SCSI devices, ports, network cards, printers, operating system, installed programs and security patches, processes, services, and serial numbers (CD keys). It also provides information about your system's users, open files, system uptime, network, and network shares. It offers real-time monitors for CPU, memory, page file usage and network traffic. It displays currently active network connections, passwords hidden behind asterisks, installed codecs, and more.

Because it requires no installation, you can run the program directly from a USB drive. But what you do with the information it provides is up to you--SIW doesn't offer any diagnoses or advice.

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TitleBarClock Pro V5.3 Free to try \$10 to buy tbcpro53 290 KB

TitleBarClock Pro displays the time--from day, date and year down to the second, depending on how you set it--and free hard drive space. It all shows at the top right of the title bar of whatever program has an active window.

Toolbar Designer V2.0 Free ToolBarDesignerSetup.exe 3,523 KB

Toolbar Designer makes it an easy matter to create toolbars. Add buttons, drop-down menus, edit boxes, images, multiple search boxes, password boxes, and more. Once you've created a great toolbar, the automatic update function keeps your toolbar bug-free.

Top Browser V1.7.0 Free TopBrowser_1-7-0_Setup.exe 1,530 KB

Top Browser has all the basic features of a Web browser, plus it's fluent in many languages. Top Browser features a pop-up blocker, maximize catcher, script error suppression, favorite links bar, search capabilities, and more.

TrafficGauge V4.0 Free TrafficGuage_for_PC.zip 1,173 KB

Checking traffic isn't always as easy as looking out the window. If you live in one of the major metropolitan areas covered by TrafficGauge, though, you can check it on your PC. This program shows you a map of your area roads. A solid line indicates medium traffic, and a blinking line shows heavy traffic. You can also set the TrafficGauge screen saver to pop up when your PC falls idle.

TrafficGauge provides traffic information for Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles/Orange County, Minneapolis, Orange County, Phoenix, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, and Seattle.

Ultra Clock Reminder V2.3 Free to try \$20 to buy ultraReminder.exe 1,621 KB

Keep your brain clear for the Big Ideas and leave the birthdays, anniversaries and meetings to Ultra Clock Reminder. When the special day arrives, the alarm sounds and you stay out of the dog house. The program features a desktop clock and calendar, but you can set it to run in the background until a date you've inputted arrives. It's a quick and easy install and uses very little disc space.

USB Lock AP Free to try \$15 to buy setupusbap.exe 1,554 KB

USB Lock AP lets you lock down or lock out the drives that could compromise your data's security. With this program, you can stop a floppy drive and a CD-ROM or combo drive and/or removable USB drives.

Since USB Lock AP is password-protected, you can change the settings whenever you need to use those drives for your own purposes. Even when USB Lock AP blocks removable USB drives, your other USB devices--cameras, printers, and so forth--keep working the same as ever.

Watson V2.2 Free Watson2.2FREE.exe 5,885 KB

Watson watches your searches and automatically unearths new results in different categories. It notices what you type into Internet Explorer or Firefox, or into Microsoft Word, Outlook, or PowerPoint. Watson turns up results by category: news sites, search engines, blogs, and shopping. Watson doesn't store any personal information or track any links, so it doesn't leave any traces to exploit.

Note: This free version of Watson is ad-supported.

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ZoneTick World Time Zone Clock V2.7 zonetick_setup_2_7_0_en_download_com.exe
1,074 KB

ZoneTick World Time Zone Clock replaces the regular Windows system clock with several time zones of your choosing. It makes the Windows taskbar nicer by not only fully supporting Winamp digital skins, but also by providing a set of analog skins for vertical and thick taskbars. It's also an atomic-time synchronizer and an alarm clock; you can set alarms for any time zone. This program may be used as a scheduler to launch applications or do custom actions. The scheduler supports one-time and recurring (for instance, daily or weekly) actions. The program comes with a calendar and a time converter for easy time calculations across multiple timezones.

Version 2.7 comes with a graphical WORLD MAP and a free CITY DATABASE from <http://citytimezones.info> for easy configuration of clocks.