

Free Stuff

Enjoy and benefit from tens of thousands of free software programs available on the internet

Is there a Free Lunch?

Yes and No

- Some hope to sell an upgrade
- Some are only a free trial for a specific period
- Some contain advertizing
- Many are programmed by individuals or teams, often geographically separated, who enjoy helping others and demonstrating their abilities.
- Some companies permit programmers to work on their own projects for some hours / week or month.
- See: <http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/free-office-software#office>

Where do you find it?

The mother lode of *Open Source* projects is:

<http://sourceforge.net/>

There are aggregators that provide collections of safe software

- <http://download.cnet.com/windows/>
- <http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/downloads.html>
- <http://downloads.zdnet.com/?tag=header;header-pri>
- <http://www.tucows.com/>
- <http://www.softpedia.com/>

On the Ground or In the Cloud

On the Ground is the traditional way:

- Programs reside in your computer
- The output is saved/backed up by your computer

In the Cloud is characterized by:

- The programs reside partially or wholly in the internet
- The output is saved in the cloud and if you wish, in your computer

Jacks Picks

Ground:

- Office:
 - <http://www.openoffice.org/> A full office suite
 - <http://symphony.lotus.com/software/lotus/symphony/home.nsf/home> IBM offering
 - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/ooop/files/> This is a better looking more complete version of Open Office

Jack's Picks (2)

In the cloud – little or nothing to download

- Office
 - <http://www.zoho.com/> A large number of applications. Simplest to use
 - <http://member.thinkfree.com/member/goLandingPage.action> Sign up and use. Many add-on's
 - <http://google.com> and select *Documents* from *more* at top of page. Heavy emphasis on collaboration
 - Microsoft is coming soon with Office 2010

Jacks Picks (3)

Photo Editing

- On the Ground
 - <http://www.photoscape.org/ps/main/index.php> Very simple to use and does much. Select *Download* tab
 - <http://www.nchsoftware.com/photoeditor/index.html> Has a range of Photo, video and Audio software.
 - <http://www.vicman.net/vcwphoto/index.htm> Highly capable and has nice tutorial videos.
 - <http://picasa.google.com/> Limited photo editing but does have basics and provides way of keeping track of all photo's in your computer

Jacks Picks (4)

Photo Editing

- In the Cloud
 - <http://www.citrify.com/> Very simple and very powerful. All that most will require. Needs *Adobe Flash*
 - <http://download.live.com/photogallery> Microsoft - part of *Windows Live*
 - <https://www.photoshop.com/> Adobe Photoshop on-line. Very capable but requires effort to learn.
 - <http://www.picnik.com/app#/home/welcome> Simple, easy to use. Bought by Google but remains stand alone.

Jacks Picks (5)

Security

- On the Ground
 - <http://www.microsoft.com/security/products/mse.aspx> simple and obtrusive.
 - <http://www.avast.com/free-antivirus-download> Follow instructions
 - <http://free.avg.com/us-en/homepage> good solid program
 - <http://www.malwarebytes.org/> Very fast and good scanner. Removes infections well.

Jacks Picks (6)

Security

- In the Cloud
 - <http://www.cloudantivirus.com/en/> The data base is in the cloud. Little software in your computer.
 - <http://housecall.trendmicro.com/index.html> Can provide a cross check against other malware finders.
 - <http://www.mywot.com/> Web of Trust. Rates web sites. Separate versions for Firefox and Windows Explorer

Jacks Picks (7)

Storage and Backup

- <http://mozy.com/home/free> click the *Sign up now* button for Free 2 GB
- <http://www.adrive.com/> provides 50 GB storage and permits selective file sharing
- <http://www.runtime.org/driveimage-xml.htm> make an image of your HD for backup to ext. drive
- <http://mozbackup.jasnapaka.com/> Back up Firefox and Thunderbird. Can transfer to new computer

Jacks Picks (8)

Utilities and interesting stuff

- <http://ninite.com/> Extremely useful for setting up a new computer but also good any time.
- <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp> Beware of sucker traps. Do not provide credit card.
- <http://easy-poster-printer.en.softonic.com/> Make huge posters from 8.5x11 paper.
- <http://www.piriform.com/ccleaner> Ccleaner is an old standby. Cleans Registry, temp files etc.
- http://download.cnet.com/Revo-Uninstaller/3000-2096_4-10687648.html Best Uninstaller

Great Collections

- http://www.pcworld.com/article/188178/112_best_free_downloads_sites_and_services_the_full_list.html
PC World
 - <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2361876,00.asp>
PC Magazine
 - <http://www.digitaldarknet.net/thelist/index.php?page=windows>
A very large collection with columns individually sort able.
 - <http://windowslive.com/explore> Microsoft in the FREE arena
- Remember – no credit cards. Registration is OK. Some sites will make it much easier to click on a paid version than the free version

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