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## Free

- **Open Office:** OpenOffice.org is the leading open-source office software suite for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics, databases and more. It is available in many languages and works on all common computers. It can be downloaded and used completely free of charge for any purpose. This is a nice alternative for Microsoft Office. <http://www.openoffice.org/>
- **Google Apps (Gmail, Google Talk, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Google Sites, Google Voice):** Google has a suite of applications for home and business users. All of them FREE! Another nice alternative for Microsoft Office. It's good to have an email account that is not tied to your home Internet provider. That way, when you decide to switch to a different Internet provider, you won't have to give everyone you know a new email address. Gmail also has one of the best SPAM filters around. You can also use Google Apps to connect your business Domain Name to your email – for free! <http://www.google.com/apps>
- **Mozilla FireFox:** Firefox is a web browser that provides faster web browsing as well as better security. There are also hundreds of Add-ons that will allow you to customize your web browsing experience. One such add-on is NoScript. This tool provides extra protection to Firefox. It allows JavaScript, Java and other executable content to run only from trusted domains of your choice, e.g. your home-banking web site, guarding your "trust boundaries" against cross-site scripting attacks (XSS) and Clickjacking attempts. <http://www.mozilla.com/>
- **LogMeIn:** "Simple and secure access to your computer from just about anywhere." Just like PCAnyWhere or GoToMyPC, but free! <https://secure.logmein.com/>
- **CutePDF Writer:** Create professional quality PDF files from almost any printable document. Free for personal, commercial, gov or edu use! No watermarks! No popup Web ads! <http://www.cutepdf.com/>
- **Mozy Remote Backups:** Mozy: the simple and safe way to back up all the important stuff on your computer so in the event of disaster, your data is still retrievable. Mozy gives you 2 GB of 100% free backup space to back up files on your home computer. No credit cards, no monthly payments or fees, and no expiration. Just free, secure online backup. <http://mozy.com/free> or <http://mozy.com/home> (\$4.95 for unlimited space)
- **CleanUp!:** Free hard drive cleanup program. This program will remove temporary files from your computer that are not needed. It will free up hard drive space and make your anti-virus and anti-spyware scans run faster. Not anti-virus, not anti-malware. <http://www.stevengould.org/>
- **Picasa Picture Organizer:** Locate and organize all the photos on your computer. Edit and add effects to your photos with a few simple clicks. Share your photos with others through email, prints, and on the web: it's fast, easy and free. <http://picasa.google.com/>
- **malwarebytes:** Currently one of the best free anti-spyware software products available. <http://www.malwarebytes.org/>
- **ESET Online Scanner:** Currently one of the best free anti-virus software products available. <http://www.eset.com/onlinescan/>
- **HouseCall:** Trend Micro™ HouseCall is an application for checking whether your computer has been infected by viruses, spyware, or other malware. HouseCall performs additional security checks to identify and fix vulnerabilities to prevent reinfection. <https://housecall.trendmicro.com/>

- **SUPERAntiSpyware:** SUPERAntiSpyware is the most thorough AntiSpyware scanner on the market. The Multi-Dimensional Scanning and Process Interrogation Technology will detect spyware that other products miss! SUPERAntiSpyware will remove ALL the Spyware, NOT just the easy ones! <http://www.superantispyware.com/>
- **Microsoft Security Essentials:** Provides real-time protection for your home PC that guards against viruses, spyware, and other malicious software. Microsoft Security Essentials is a free download from Microsoft that is simple to install, easy to use, and always kept up to date so you can be assured your PC is protected by the latest technology. It's easy to tell if your PC is secure — when you're green, you're good. It's that simple.
- **Avira AntiVir Personal Antivirus:** Basic protection. Protects your computer against dangerous viruses, worms, Trojans and costly dialers. New: Basic Anti-Spyware
- **True Crypt:** TrueCrypt is a software application used for real-time on-the-fly encryption. It can create a virtual encrypted disk within a file or a device-hosted encrypted volume on either an individual partition or an entire storage device. <http://www.truecrypt.org/>
- **Skype:** Free calls, video calls, and instant messaging over the internet. Have a video conference across the globe for free. <http://www.skype.com/>
- **Password Safe:** Simple & Secure Password Management. <http://passwordsafe.sourceforge.net/>

## Recommended (not free)

- **ESET NOD32 Antivirus 4:** The best Anti-virus software for \$39.99 <http://www.eset.com/products/nod32.php>
- **Spyware Doctor:** Best Spyware Protection. Used by Millions World Wide. Spyware Doctor has been downloaded over 125 million times with millions more downloads every week. People worldwide use and trust Spyware Doctor to protect their PCs from spyware, adware and other online threats. \$29.95 for up to three computers. <http://www.pctools.com/spyware-doctor/>
- **SpinRite 6:** Simply the best harddrive recovery program available. The \$89 you spend on SpinRite will save you time and money spent trying to recover your data from a bad hard drive. It can be used on any operating system and any file system. This means it can run on drives formatted with Windows XP's NTFS and all other older FAT formats (in addition to all Linux, Novell, and all other file systems.) Drives on non-PC platforms, such as Apple Macintosh or TiVo, may be temporarily relocated to a PC motherboard for data recovery, maintenance and repair by SpinRite. <http://www.grc.com/sr/spinrite.htm>