

Cool Free Stuff

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Open Source software. These are applications that can be freely distributed, with the caveat that they do not come with any warranty. You may install these on any computer you like straight from this disc.

Operating System

Linux

Ubuntu Linux Web site: www.ubuntu.com

Community documentation for Ubuntu Linux: <https://help.ubuntu.com/community>

Productivity

OpenOffice Suite

Link to the software's host site: www.openoffice.org

Link to Web-based tutorials for this software: www.learnopenoffice.org

Scribus

Link to the software's host site: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/scribus> Scribus is powerful software that helps you create great looking documents of all kinds. It also comes with a lot of support options to help you achieve the best result.

Audio Editing

Audacity

Project home page: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net>

Users manual: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/manual-1.2>

Design

PAINT.NET: is free image and photo editing software.

Link to the project's host site: <http://www.getpaint.net/>

A collection of online tutorials: <http://forums.getpaint.net/index.php?/forum/18-tutorials-publishing-only/>

GIMP: is free image and photo editing software.

Link to the project's host site: www.gimp.org

A collection of online tutorials: www.gimp.org/tutorials

Link to a community wiki: <http://wiki.gimp.org/gimp>

User manual: <http://docs.gimp.org>

NVU

Link to the software's home page: www.nvu.com A complete Web Authoring System for Linux Desktop users as well as Microsoft Windows and Macintosh users to rival programs like FrontPage and Dreamweaver. Nvu (pronounced N-view, for a "new view") makes managing a web site a snap. Now anyone can create web pages and manage a website with no technical expertise or knowledge of HTML.

Link to a user-created wiki: <http://nvu.wikispaces.com>

Online tutorials: www.nvu.com/websitehelp.php

Blender: a graphics animation and video production program.

Link to the software's home page: www.blender.org

Online tutorials: <http://www.blender.org/education-help/>

User-created wiki: http://wiki.blender.org/index.php/Main_Page

User's manual: www.blender.org/documentation

Inkscape: is an open-source vector graphics editor similar to Adobe Illustrator, Corel Draw, Freehand, or Xara X. What sets Inkscape apart is its use of Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG), an open XML-based W3C standard, as the native format.

Link to the software's home page: www.inkscape.org

Unofficial user's manual: www.angelfire.com/mi/kevincharles/inkscape/index.html

Help wiki: <http://wiki.inkscape.org/wiki/index.php/Inkscape>

Personal Finance

JGnash: is a free personal finance management application for the Java runtime environment. jGnash will run on any operating system that has a working Java 1.4.0 or later runtime environment..

Project Web page: http://sourceforge.net/apps/mediawiki/jgnash/index.php?title=Main_Page

User's manual: <http://sourceforge.net/apps/mediawiki/jgnash/index.php?title=Help:Contents>

Utilities

7-Zip: Compression Utility program to reduce file size when sending via email or on flash drive.

Project Web page: www.7-zip.org

Community support forum: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sevenzip/forums/forum/45797>

PDFCreator: helps you in creating PDFs just as they are supposed to be. To get an overview have a look at PDFCreator or our other projects. This is one of the best known programs to create PDF files from any application. Start converting your documents and add encryption with PDFCreator to secure them against modifications.

Project Web page: www.pdfforge.org/products/pdfcreator

Freeware. These are applications you can obtain online for free. Licensing restrictions prevent their inclusion on this disc, though, and each copy you install must be downloaded individually.

CDBurner XP

Host web site: www.cdburnerxp.se

Communications

Skype: allows users to make voice calls over the Internet. Calls to other users within the Skype service are free, while calls to both traditional landline telephones and mobile phones can be made for a fee using a debit-based user account system.

Web page: www.skype.com

Google Talk: Chat from your desktop & send/receive files

Web page: www.google.com/talk

Trillian: is a proprietary multiprotocol instant messaging application for Windows, Mac OS X, Android, iOS, BlackBerry OS, and the Web,

Product home page: www.ceruleanstudios.com

Users manual: www.ceruleanstudios.com/support/manual.php

Security

Spybot Search and Destroy: Searches whole computer or just a certain file for malicious software commonly missed by anti-virus programs.

Web site: www.safer-networking.org/en/index.html

AVG Antivirus

Web site: <http://free.grisoft.com>

Audio

WinAmp: is a media player for Windows-based PCs and Android devices

Product home page: www.winamp.com

Users manual: www.winamp.com/support/help/50/Winamp5.htm

dBpoweramp: Music Converter (dMC), is one of those must have utilities, indispensable for converting audio files from one format to another.

Web site: www.dbpoweramp.com

Games

First-person shooters

Wikipedia list: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_free_first-person_shooters

Casual games

MSN free games: www.msn.com

Independent games

VelocityVector: www.velocityvector.com/indiegames