

# The Best Freeware Ever

Legend: Productivity (p), Security (s), Utility (u)

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Ad Aware 2007 (s)	<a href="http://www.lavasoft.com/products/ad_aware_free.php">http://www.lavasoft.com/products/ad_aware_free.php</a> (Vista Certified)
V2.x Ad-Aware 2007 provides advanced protection from known data-mining, aggressive advertising, Trojans, dialers, malware, browser hijackers, and tracking components. In a word – Spyware.	
AVAST! (s)	<a href="http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html">http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html</a> (Vista Certified)
V4.x avast! 4 Home Edition is a full-featured anti-virus package designed exclusively for home users <i>and</i> non-commercial use. (Do not install more than one anti-virus on your PC)	
AVG Anti-Virus (s)	<a href="http://www.free.grisoft.com/">http://www.free.grisoft.com/</a> (Vista Certified)
V7.x AVG Free Edition is the well-known anti-virus protection tool. AVG Free is available free-of-charge to home users for the life of the product! (Do not install more than one anti-virus on your PC)	
Belarc Advisor (u)	<a href="http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html">http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html</a> (Vista Certified)
V7.x The Belarc Advisor builds a detailed profile of your installed software and hardware, including Microsoft Hotfixes, and displays the results in your Web browser. All of your PC profile information is kept private on your PC and is not sent to any web server.	
CCleaner (s)	<a href="http://www.ccleaner.com/">http://www.ccleaner.com/</a> (Vista Certified)
V2.x CCleaner (Crap Cleaner) is a freeware system optimization and privacy tool. It removes unused and temporary files from your system - allowing Windows to run faster, more efficiently and giving you more hard disk space. The best part is that it's fast!	
DriveImageXML (u)	<a href="http://www.runtime.org/dixml.htm">http://www.runtime.org/dixml.htm</a>
V1.x DriveImage XML is an easy to use and reliable program for imaging and backing up partitions and logical drives.	
EasyThumbs (p)	<a href="http://www.fookes.com/">http://www.fookes.com/</a>
V2.x Easy Thumbnails is a popular free utility for creating accurate thumbnail images and scaled-down/up copies from a wide range of popular picture formats.	
Everest Home (u)	<a href="http://www.lavalys.com/">http://www.lavalys.com/</a>
V2.x Everest Home Edition (the successor of AIDA32) is a system information and benchmarking tool with full hardware & software information. It comes with a built-in hardware database and physical information for CPU, motherboard, hard disks, optical drives, chipset and much more.	
Firefox (s)	<a href="http://www.mozilla.org/">http://www.mozilla.org/</a> (Vista Certified)

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V2.x Firefox is a web browser, that is completely standalone and independent from Internet Explorer or other Windows components. It offers tabbed browsing combined with numerous handy features like popup blocking, Live Bookmarks (RSS integration), password manager and more. The functionality can be extended with dozens of freely available plug-ins (Extensions). Firefox can import all your Internet Explorer Favorites as well as some other settings, so switching is made easy.	
FireTune (u)	<a href="http://www.totalidea.com/frameset-products.htm">http://www.totalidea.com/frameset-products.htm</a>
V1.x The first optimizer for Mozilla Firefox v1.x - auto-optimizes your browsing and connection speed with a few mouse clicks only, and absolutely for free.	
Google Talk (p)	<a href="http://www.google.com/talk/">http://www.google.com/talk/</a>
V1.x Google Talk enables you to VoIP call or send instant messages to your friends for free—anytime, anywhere in the world. Crystal clear in Canada! Gmail account needed. Also see Skype.	
Java Runtime (u)	<a href="http://java.com/en/download/index.jsp">http://java.com/en/download/index.jsp</a> (Vista Certified)
V6.x Java software allows you to run applications called "applets" that are written in the Java programming language. These applets allow you to play online games, chat with people around the world, calculate your mortgage interest, and view images in 3D.	
ISO Recorder (u)	<a href="http://isorecorder.alexfeinman.com/v2.htm">http://isorecorder.alexfeinman.com/v2.htm</a>
V2.x ISO Recorder is a fast and easy way to burn your favourite iso (CD) images (for example, Linux image to CD).	
IZArc (u)	<a href="http://www.izarc.org/">http://www.izarc.org/</a>
V3.x IZArc is a full featured archiving tool that you can use to open and create compressed files in many different formats. It offers many advanced features, including repairing of broken archives, searching within archives, password protecting, emailing of archives and much more.	
MozBackup (u)	<a href="http://mozbackup.jasnapaka.com/">http://mozbackup.jasnapaka.com/</a>
V1.x MozBackup is a simple utility for creating backups of <a href="#">Mozilla Firefox</a> , <a href="#">Mozilla Thunderbird</a> , <a href="#">SeaMonkey</a> , <a href="#">Mozilla Suite</a> and <a href="#">Netscape</a> profiles. It allows you to <b>backup and restore</b> bookmarks, mail, contacts, history, extensions, cache, etc.	
NVu Web Design (u)	<a href="http://www.nvu.com/">http://www.nvu.com/</a>
V1.x NVu is a complete Web Authoring System that combines web file management and easy-to-use WYSIWYG web page editing. Similar to Microsoft Frontpage or Macromedia DreamWeaver.	
Open Office (p)	<a href="http://www.openoffice.org/">http://www.openoffice.org/</a> (Vista Certified)
V2.x OpenOffice 2.0 is an open, feature-rich multi-platform office productivity suite. The user interface and the functionality is similar to Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Access.	
PhotoFiltre (p)	<a href="http://www.photofiltre.com/">http://www.photofiltre.com/</a>

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V6.x PhotoFiltre is a complete image retouching program. It allows you to do simple or advanced adjustments to an image and apply a vast range of filters on it. It is simple and intuitive to use, and has an easy learning curve. Like Photoshop Elements.	
Picasa (u)	<a href="http://picasa.google.ca/">http://picasa.google.ca/</a>
V2.x Picasa helps you instantly find, edit and share all the pictures on your PC. It automatically locates all your pictures (even ones you forgot you had) and sorts them into visual albums organized by date with folder names you will recognize. You can drag and drop to arrange your albums and make labels to create new groups. Picasa makes sure your pictures are always organized and also makes advanced editing simple by putting one-click fixes and powerful effects at your fingertips.	
Skype (p)	<a href="http://www.skype.com">http://www.skype.com</a> (Vista Certified)
V3.x Skype is a little piece of software that lets you talk over the Internet to anyone, anywhere in the world for free. (They have to use Skype, too)	
Spybot S&D (s)	<a href="http://www.safer-networking.org/">http://www.safer-networking.org/</a> (Vista Certified)
V3.x Spybot - Search & Destroy can detect and remove many kinds of spyware from your computer. If you see new toolbars in your Internet Explorer that you didn't intentionally install, if your browser crashes, or if you browser start page has changed without your knowing, you most probably have spyware.	
SpywareBlaster (s)	<a href="http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/">http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/</a>
V3.x SpywareBlaster can help keep your system spyware-free and secure, without interfering with the "good side" of the web. And unlike other programs, SpywareBlaster does not have to remain running in the background.	
Thunderbird (s)	<a href="http://www.mozilla.org/products/thunderbird/">http://www.mozilla.org/products/thunderbird/</a> (Vista Certified)
V1.x Thunderbird makes emailing safer, faster, and easier than ever before with the industry's best implementations of features such as intelligent spam filters, built-in RSS reader, quick search, and much more. Similar to Outlook Express.	
Windows Defender (s)	<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software/default.aspx">http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software/default.aspx</a>
(V?) Windows Defender is a free program that helps protect your computer against pop-ups, slow performance, and security threats caused by spyware and other unwanted software. It features Real-Time Protection, a monitoring system that recommends actions against spyware when it's detected and minimizes interruptions and helps you stay productive. Free with Authentication only.	
ZoneAlarm (s)	<a href="http://www.zonelabs.com/">http://www.zonelabs.com/</a> (Vista Certified)
V6.x ZoneAlarm provides essential protection for Internet users. Combining the safety of a dynamic firewall with total control over applications Internet use, ZoneAlarm gives rock-solid protection against hackers/crackers and other vandals.	
Note:	
"Vista Certified" means that the application has been tested in Windows Vista and functions the same as in Windows XP. Data collected from 10/31/05 to 01/15/07.	

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