

Resources: Free Software

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Reviews of Free Software

The Best Free Software of 2011

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2381528,00.asp>

PCMAG.COM's list of 208 of the best free programs for PCs in a wide variety of categories.

Best Free Mac Software 2010

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2369639,00.asp>

PCMAG.COM's list of 73 of the best free programs for Macs in a wide variety of categories.

The Top 100 Free Apps For Your Phone

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2356415,00.asp>

PCMAG.COM's list of the best free apps for iPhones, Androids, Blackberries and Windows Mobile phones.

Security & Utilities

Ad-Aware Free Internet Security

http://www.lavasoft.com/products/ad_aware_free.php

PC Magazine's Editors' Choice for free antivirus software for Windows. Rated highly for both finding and removing malware and blocking new infections.

CCleaner

<http://www.piriform.com/CCLEANER>

A free utility for PC and Mac for optimizing your system, removing clutter and maintaining privacy. Includes tools to clean your registry, manage start-up items and uninstall programs.

Recuva

<http://www.piriform.com/recuva>

Lost a file because your computer crashed or you accidentally deleted it? Use this free tool for PCs to

recover files from your hard drive, recycle bin or memory card. Works best when used soon after deleting the file.

TrueCrypt

<http://www.truecrypt.org>

A free application for Windows, Mac, and Linux that lets you encrypt an entire drive or just a portion of it. TrueCrypt lets you create a secure password-protected area for sensitive information and is recommended for protecting USB flash drives and external hard drives, including backups of your files.

FileZilla

<http://filezilla-project.org>

A powerful FTP client for transferring files between computers available for Windows, Mac, and Linux.

Speccy

<http://www.piriform.com/speccy>

A free tool for Windows that provides detailed information about what is inside your computer. Very useful when troubleshooting and upgrading your computer or deciding whether to purchase a new one.

Defraggler

<http://www.piriform.com/defraggler>

A free tool for Windows to defragment drives, files, and free space.