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Computer Answers, Tips & Information

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## FREE SOFTWARE AND SERVICES ON THE INTERNET

My favorite thing about the Internet is the free stuff! It amazes me that people are willing to take the time to create software programs and then give them away for nothing. I'm not talking about Shareware for which the author hopes you will send a donation, I'm talking Freeware... totally FREE! In addition to software, there are many impressive free online services. You will find links to all the free stuff mentioned here at [ycar.org/computers](http://ycar.org/computers)

Most people know that Adobe has their free **Acrobat Reader** and Microsoft freely offers the **Internet Explorer** web browser and **Outlook Express** e-mail browser. Microsoft also offers free **Word**, **Excel** and **PowerPoint** document viewers.

### Here's more free software:

**Ad-Aware** - Free adware/spyware search and destroy utility  
**AVG** - Free anti virus system, scanning and protection against computer viruses, e-mail scanner  
**Core FTP Lite** - Free FTP client, file transfer and remote file management utility  
**DeepBurner** - Free no nonsense CD and DVD burning package  
**Firefox** - Free excellent web browsing alternative from Mozilla.org  
**1st Page 2000** - Free professional HTML editing software which lets you create great web sites fast  
**Irfanview** - Free image viewer and editor  
**JR Directory Print** - Free directory/folder lister utility, print listing of files contained in directory and/or subdirectory(ies)  
**LeakTest** - Free personal firewall leakage tester  
**Notepad** - Free sensational replacement for the deficient Windows Notepad editor  
**pdf995** - Free PDF document creator  
**Picasa** - Free digital photo organizing software  
**Spybot** - Free adware/spyware search and destroy utility  
**Thunderbird** - Free excellent e-mail browsing alternative from Mozilla.org  
**TUGZip** - Free file unzipping utility  
**ZoneAlarm** - Free personal Firewall

### Free Online Services:

**AltaVista Babel Fish** - FREE language translation tools  
**Bandwidth Speed Test** - FREE up to 3 times a month, test the speed of your Internet connection  
**WhatIsMyIP.com** - FREE way to determine your IP address assigned to your computer connected to the  
**Diskeeper Online Fragmentation Test** - FREE online disk fragmentation analysis utility  
**Housecall** - FREE online virus scan, detection and elimination from Trend Micro  
**Mcafee Online Virus Scan** - FREE scan for viruses, displays list of infected files, provides how to links on cleaning  
**Panda ActiveScan** - FREE virus scan, detection and elimination  
**PC Pitstop** - FREE online diagnostic tests and remedies  
**Pest Patrol** - FREE online adware/spyware pest scan, search only

### Free Service Providers:

**Anonymizer** - Free online tool to conceal your IP address while Internet surfing  
**Google Toolbar** - Free search bar and popup blocker  
**Google Deskbar** - Free search bar, search without opening a browser  
**LAUNCHcast.com** - Free Internet radio, music and music videos  
**NetZero** - Free Internet access and e-mail for 10 Hours Each Month, great at an open house with your laptop  
**ofoto.com** - Free online photo sharing, storage and printing from Kodak  
**Yahoo Messenger** - Free Instant Messenger, communicate by text, video and voice  
**Zap2it.com** - Free TV listings, customize to your cable provider's channel offerings

### Free Online Classes:

**HP Learning Center** - Free online classes on software, technology, real estate, business, marketing and more!

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