No Free Lunch?

Well, good news, the food is great and its free…. this article sorts through the best totally free software we have found on the Internet. So, you can get something really great for free.

We judged these applications on criteria such as: -
Quality,
Ease of use,
Ease of Installation,
Ease of removal,
Our client's experiences. So lets get on with it.

Best Free Office Suite.

Open Office

A totally free office suite, you can create and edit Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files, (reads Office 2007 format files, something Office 2003 cannot do natively) MS Vista compatible.

	Open Office	*Microsoft Office*
Word Processor	Writer	Word
Spreadsheet	Calc	Excel
Database	Base	Access
Presentation	Impress	PowerPoint
Pdf Creator	Built-In	------
Diagram Creator	Draw	Visio (Extra Cost)
Advanced Calculator	Math	------

This is a high quality suite, which is also easy to use.
You may download Open Office completely free of any licence fees.
Install it on as many PCs as you like.
Use it for any purpose - private, business, government and public administration, commercial...
No Software audits, or small print to be worried about.
The current version at time of writing is 2.2, this really is a winner.

http://download.openoffice.org/index.html

Best Free Anti-Virus.

AVG Anti-Virus

AVG Anti-Virus Free is for private, non-commercial, single home computer use only.
It works well and is easy to install, what more can we say, while not for the office, the "Anti-Virus Pro", is moderately priced and represents great value, for business users.

http://free.grisoft.com/doc/5390/lng/us/tpl/v5#avg-anti-virus-free

Best Free Firewall Product.

Zone Alarm Free Version

The leading product in this space for years and rightly so. While it is Free for private, non-commercial, single home computer use only.
Zone Alarm lets you block uninitiated and unwanted traffic, even while your PC is unattended or while you're not using your connection. To further limit your exposure to attack, specify which applications can access the Internet. The program lets you stop e-mail-borne Visual Basic Script worms, too.
Does not currently work with "Vista".

Once you arrive at the link below;
- Select - "I only want basic Zone Alarm protection"

http://www.zonealarm.com/store/content/company/products/znalm/freeDownload.jsp

Best Web Browser.

Mozilla Firefox

Not only is this free, it is without peer!

If your still using Internet Explorer, you can really upgrade here, more secure, better to use, huge range of "Add-ins" available.
In a later article we will recommend the "must have" extensions.

http://en.www.mozilla.com/en/

Best Decluttering Program.

CCleaner

This removes most of the junk and temp internet files, floating around on your system, we recently had a client recover 2.4 Gigabytes on a 20 Gigabyte hard drive, saving the client having to upgrade and also vastly improved performance. What more can we say get it, the first time you run this you wont believe how much junk it will find.

http://www.filehippo.com/download_ccleaner/

Best Malware Removal Tool.

EMCO Malware Destroyer

This company is from Iceland, they write excellent software tools. This is a unique malware removal tool with a new and faster scanning engine, It only takes about ~10 seconds to scan your whole computer for over 80000 real targeting definitions.

http://www.emcohelp.com/ccp_worldwide_license_v4.0/Installation%20package/redir.php?link=94

Best Free "Basic Accounting Suite".

Onestep Accounting

Simple to use and easy learning curve. Only drawback is it doesn't have a payroll or job cost module, but it's still a nice alternative to some of the commercial programs with too many bells and whistles. Ideal for service and wholesale or retail types of businesses.

http://www.enablecomputing.com/index.jsp

Best Free Accounting Suite.

OsFinancials

osFinancials is the free accounting package of the future, easy to install, impressive database capabilities with Firebird as a database. Stock control and point of sales integrated with good support and plugins. Integration with osCommerce webshop.

http://www.osfinancials.org/joomla/

Best Pdf Reader.

Foxit Pdf Reader

Very small and fast, it launches instantly without any delay.

http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/reader_2/down_reader.htm

Just copy and paste the links into your browser.

This list will change from time to time so bookmark us and come back, from time to time.

The staff and management of margin solutions hope you enjoy the software as much as we enjoyed doing the system testing.