

Freeware that I load on all my computers; all are useful for genealogy work. I use some of these daily, and others occasionally.

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A. security software. These companies have free and paid versions.

1. Avast Free antivirus <https://www.avast.com/en-us/index#pc>
or AVG Free Antivirus <https://www.avg.com/en-us/homepage#pc>
2. Malwarebytes Anti Malware www.malwarebytes.com
3. Super AntiSpyware <https://www.superantispyware.com/>

B. Office & productivity

1. Open Office, suite of office programs similar to Microsoft Office <http://www.openoffice.org/>
2. Adobe Acrobat Reader
https://download.cnet.com/Adobe-Acrobat-Reader-DC/3000-10743_4-10000062.html
<https://helpx.adobe.com/download-install.html?promoid=2K4PCJ2R&mv=other#Freetools>
3. PDFill PDF editor
https://download.cnet.com/PDFill-Free-PDF-Tools/3000-18497_4-10435051.html
<http://www.pdfill.com>
4. Infix PDF editor https://download.cnet.com/Infix-PDF-Editor/3000-18497_4-10391701.html
5. PDF Xchange PDF editor <https://pdf-xchange-editor.en.softonic.com/download> free PDF editor,

I use this a lot

6. Free OCR, by Steelsoft <http://www.paperfile.net/> https://download.cnet.com/Free-OCR/3000-10743_4-76416758.html
7. PDF Lite another PDF reader
https://download.cnet.com/All-in-One-PDF-Lite/3000-18483_4-75557537.html
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PDF element OCR Scanned PDF to Editable Format

C. Photo and video software

1. Irfanview free photo editor www.irfanview.com
2. Microsoft Image Composite Editor photo stitching software
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/product/computational-photography-applications/image-composite-editor/>
3. Clevr Stitcher photo stitching software <http://www.clevr.com/>
4. VLC Media Player
<http://www.videolan.org>
https://download.cnet.com/windows/videolan/3260-20_4-6197208-1.html
5. VideoLAN Movie Creator, free video editor
<http://www.videolan.org/vlmc/>
6. Free video cutter; and Free video cutter joiner

<https://www.gihosoft.com/free-video-cutter.html>

7. Video Pad video editor, free for home use, \$40 to buy

<https://www.nchsoftware.com/videopad/index.html>

8. Debut video capture software, capture video from your computer screen, a webcam, network IP camera or video input device (e.g., VHS recorder)

<https://www.nchsoftware.com/capture/index.html>

9. Media Player Classic, I use this more than any other media player

<https://media-player-classic.en.softonic.com/download>

10. oCam screen capture recorder, free for home use, paid version has more features

<http://ohsoft.net/eng/ocam/download.php>

D. Important computer programs

1. Zoom <https://www.zoom.us> software widely used by companies and nonprofits for holding meetings online

2. Opera web browser <https://www.opera.com/> allows you to capture a web page as a PDF, with text & images

3. Firefox web browser www.mozilla.org

4. Chrome web browser www.google.com/chrome

5. Skype internet calling software <https://www.skype.com/en/> Talk for free via high-speed internet to friends & relatives anywhere on Earth

6. Viber <https://www.viber.com/en/download/> another computer program & smartphone app to use the web for global communication

7. Google Earth <https://www.google.com/earth/> enter any address to view the neighborhood and specific address

<https://www.google.com/earth/versions/>

8. Adobe Connect <https://helpx.adobe.com/adobe-connect/connect-downloads-updates.html>
another online meeting program, similar to Zoom

E. Source for thousands of software titles, many of them free

<https://download.cnet.com/windows/>

<https://www.majorgeeks.com>

<http://www.tucows.com/downloads>