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Communications

FireFox

- Use as an alternative to Safari
- Access some sites Safari can't
- Mac OS X 10.2.x or later

Category:
Web Browser

License:
Free

URL: www.mozilla.com/firefox

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X-Lite

- VoiP client
- Use computer microphone and speakers (or headphone) instead of a regular telephone hand set

Category:
VoiP Client

License:
Free

URL: www.xten.net

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Graphics

Seashore

- Features gradients, textures and anti-aliasing for both text and brush strokes.
- It supports multiple layers and alpha channel editing.
- Based around the GIMP's technology and uses the same native file format.

Category:
Graphic

License:
Open Source

URL: seashore.sourceforge.org

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Tux Paint

- Designed for young children (kids ages 3 and up).
- Has a simple, easy-to-use interface, fun sound effects, and an encouraging cartoon mascot who helps guide children as they use the program.
- Provides a blank canvas and a variety of drawing tools to help your child be creative.

Category:
Image Editor

License:
Free

URL: www.newbreedsoftware.com/tuxpaint

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Image Tricks

- Easy to use and friendly Interface.
- Around 40 Core Image Effects & Filters.
- 11 image generators
- 30 unique masks can be applied
- Import over 20 image formats (TIFF, JPEG, GIF, PDF, EPS among them).
- Export to TIFF, JPEG, PDF, PNG & GIF
- Resize and rotate images 90 degrees

Category:
Image Editor

License:
Free

URL: www.belightsoft.com/products/imagetricks

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Image Well

- Drag images in and out of the well, resize, crop, shape, rotate and add a watermark, border, or drop shadow.
- Add text, labels, arrows, circles and squares to your image.
- Add a thought cloud or talking balloon.
- A few simple clicks, copy, paste, and send them off to your web server instantly or your desktop.

Category:
Image Editor

License:
Free

URL: www.xtralean.com/IWOverview.html

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iPhoto Diet

- Eliminate duplicate photos
- Remove backups of modified photos
- Strip the thumbnail icons of your photos
- Remove thumbnail photos that have become mixed up with your high resolution photos
- Identify photos which have not been added to albums

Category:
Enhancement

License:
Free

URL: pages.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~fuhrer/personal/freestuff/iphotodiet

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Film Loop

- Instead of emailing photos, or sending people to a web page, show photos in a "Loop" on your desktop.
- Share your Loop with your friends - they can see your Loop on their desktop too.
- And, they can add their photos to your Loop if you want.

Category:
Photocaster

License:
Free

URL: www.filmloop.com

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Video

Video Lan Client (VLC)

- A multimedia player for various audio and video formats including;
- MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, DivX, mp3, ogg, ...)
- as well as DVDs, VCDs, and various streaming protocols.
- It can also be used as a server to stream in unicast or multicast on a high-bandwidth network.

Category:
Playback

License:
Free

URL: www.videolan.org/vlc

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Real Media Player

- Used by many websites to stream video files

Category:
Playback

License:
Free

URL: www.real.com/international

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Flip for Mac WMV Player

- "Replaces" Windows Media Player
- Plays AVI; WMV 7, 8 & 9; WMA 9 and other formats directly in QuickTime Player
- Requires Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later and QuickTime 6.5 or later

Category:
Playback

License:
Free

URL: www.flip4mac.com/wmv.html

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MPlayer

- Play almost all 3ivx, DivX 3,4,5 and other codecs files in the window or fullscreen mode.

Category:
Player

License:
Open Source

URL: mplayerosx.sourceforge.net

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DivX

- Watch DivX videos (the way they were meant to be seen)
- Enjoy crisp DivX HD video
- The DivX Player for Mac also supports QuickTime and other popular video formats
- Enjoy a truly cinematic experience with elegant features like desktop dimming and automatic window fade-out

Category:
Player

License:
Free

URL: www.divx.com/divx/mac

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iSquint

- Converts various video formats in to the iPod Video Format
- Drag and Drop interface
- QuickTime Pro & DivX are NOT required
- Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later required

Category:
Video Convert

License:
Free

URL: www.isquint.org

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Handbrake

- Convert DVDs into QuickTime compatible files for use in iMovie, Final Cut and iPods with Video

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Video Convert

License:
Free

URL: handbrake.m0k.org

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Sound

Garageband Anywhere

- Allows you to utilize any volume (hard drive) to hold large GarageBand Loop files
- You could use anything from an iPod to a RAID array ;)

Category:
Enhancement

License:
Free

URL: www.freemacware.com/garageband-anywhere

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Audicity

- Record live audio.
- Convert tapes and records into digital recordings or CDs.
- Edit Ogg Vorbis, MP3, and WAV sound files.
- Cut, copy, splice, and mix sounds together.
- Change the speed or pitch of a recording.

Category:
Audio Editor

License:
Open Source

URL: audacity.sourceforge.net

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iPodDisk

- In short, it's just another tool that enables you to copy your own music from your iPod.
- iPodDisk is designed to make it easy and intuitive to copy music off iPod; it enables you to do so within the Finder, or whatever application that can read files.

Category:
iPod

License:
GNU General

URL: sourceforge.net/projects/ipoddisk

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Interval

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Office Productivity

TextWrangler

- A general-purpose text editor for light-duty composition, data-file editing
- Powerful single and multi-file search & replace with file filtering options.
- Sort Lines and Process Duplicate Lines
- Find Differences to compare two versions of a text file and merge the differences
- Zap Gremlins & Change Case

Category:
Text Editor

License:
Free

URL: www.barebones.com/products/textwrangler

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NeoOffice

- Mac OS X native development of OpenOffice.org and is a free alternative to Microsoft Office:Mac.
- NeoOffice is a full featured office productivity suite including word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, vector drawing, database, and macro functionality.
- You can exchange documents with Microsoft Office and OpenOffice.org users, even on other platforms!

Category:
Office Suite

License:
Open Source

URL: www.neooffice.org

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Utilities

WhatSize

- Quickly measure the size in bytes of a given folder and all subfolders and files within it.
- You would be surprised at how many useless files might be laying around on your hard disks.
- The files and folders are automatically sorted by size, with the biggest sizes first.

Category:
Utility

License:
Free

URL: www.id-design.com/software/whatsize

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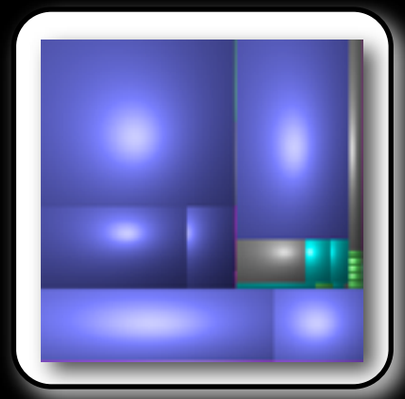
Disk Inventory X

- Disk Inventory X is a disk usage utility for Mac OS X (10.3). It shows the sizes of files and folders in a special graphical way called "treemaps".
- If you've ever wondered were all your disk space has gone, Disk Inventory X will help you to answer this question.
- Requires Mac OS X 10.3 or later



Category:
Utility

License:
GPL

URL: www.derlien.com

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Carbon Copy Cloner

- Backup your system, applications and data
- Makes bootable backups

Category:
Backup

License:
Free

URL: www.bombich.com/software/ccc.html

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TNEF's Enough

- Allows Mac users to read TNEF or winmail.dat files sent via email from Outlook users
- The file is actually a rich text but Microsoft Exchange tries to be "smart" and converts it... making it "unusable" to non-Outlook users
- Requires Mac OS X 10.1.5 or later

Category:
Email Helper

License:
Freeware

URL: www.joshjacob.com

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Mouseposé

- Mouseposé dims the screen and puts a spotlight on the area around the mouse pointer, easily guiding the audiences attention or to quickly locate the mouse pointer.

Category:
Presentations

License:
Free

URL: www.boinx.com/mousepose

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ClamAV X

- ClamAV X is a free virus checker for Mac OS X.
- It uses the tried, tested and very popular ClamAV open source antivirus engine as a back end.

Category:
Anti-virus

License:
Free

URL: www.clamavx.com

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StuffIt Expander

- Expands compressed files including .sit, sitx, .zip, .gz
- Used to be included with Mac OS X, now you need to download separately

Category:
Compression

License:
Free

URL: www.stuffit.com

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Fun & Games

Fish

- Fish is an aquarium simulator. It allows you to add fish to an underwater environment and customize them.
- Fish show complex behavior. You can feed them, see their evolution as they grow, use different cameras to track them, and save different aquariums for later use. Fish can also be shared with others over the local network using Rendezvous.

Category:
Game

License:
Free

URL: oriol.mine.nu/software/Fish

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Pluzzle

- Draggable tiles.
- Automated jumbling of tiles.
- Animated tile movements.
- Drag and drop custom images.
- Customizable game board and tile size.
- Sound effects.

Category:
Game

License:
Free

URL: www.plasq.com/pluzzle

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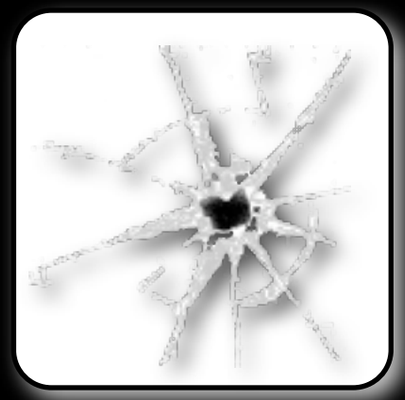
Bullet

- Angry at an email that someone sent you?
- Need to blow off some steam?
- Put some bullet holes in your screen with bullet.
- Keep it in your dock so that when you need to pull the trigger, it is ready.



Category:
Stress Relief

License:
Free

URL: mac.softpedia.com/get/System-Utilities/Bullet.shtml

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Finding more free software

- www.freemacware.com
- www.versiontracker.com/macosx/lt/freeware
- www.macupdate.com

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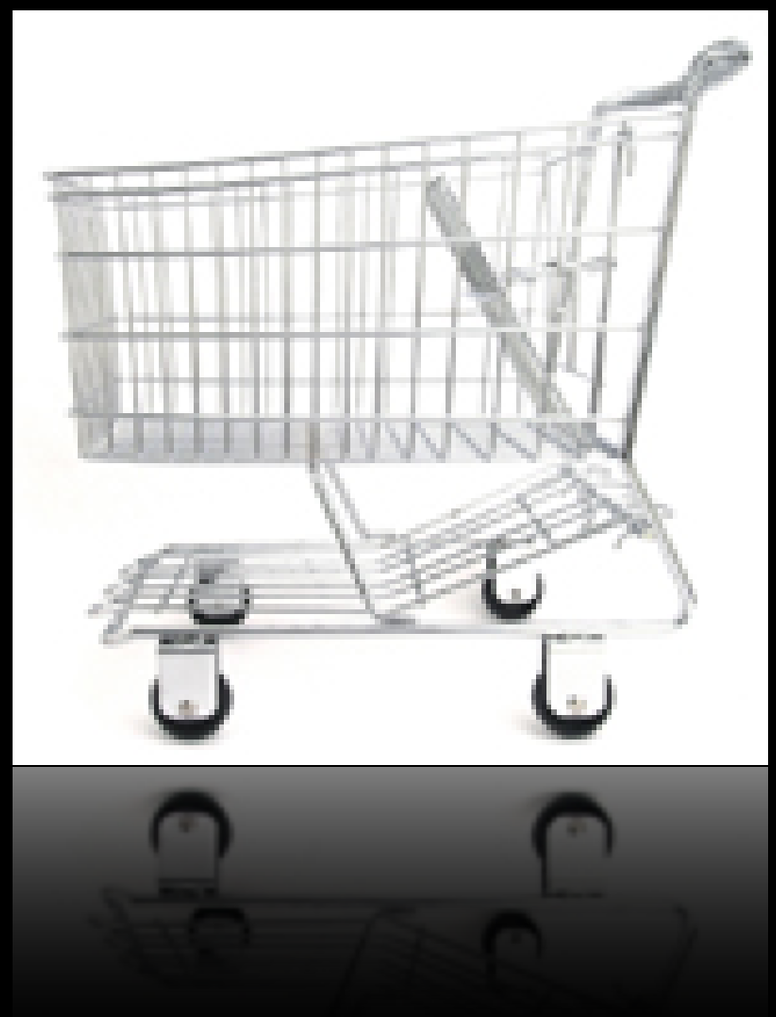

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