

Technology for Librarians 101

Software Resources

“Before you Download” Checklist!

- **Check the reviews – Find curated lists**
 - Is the developer is trustworthy?
 - Is the download site is safe?
 - Are you getting what you need and want?
 - Why are you downloading the free software?
- **Downloading**
 - Make sure you click the right link
 - Make sure you know where the file is downloading to
 - Make sure Anti-Virus is open and scanning file as it is downloading
- **Installing**
 - Make sure you uncheck all the unwanted features

There are all kinds of FREE software here are the most popular categories!

Photo Editing

- **IrfanView** - <http://www.irfanview.com/>
- **Picasa** - <http://picasa.google.com/>
- **GIMP** - <http://www.gimp.org/>

Desktop Publishing

<http://desktoppub.about.com/od/findsoftware1/f/Readers-Choice-Best-Free-Desktop-Publishing-Software.htm>

- **Apache OpenOffice Productivity Suite** - <https://www.openoffice.org>
- **Serif – Page Plus Starter Edition** - <http://www.serif.com/desktop-publishing-software/>
- **Scribus** - <http://www.scribus.net/canvas/Scribus>
- **Google Docs** – <http://drive.google.com>

Communication

- **Skype** - <http://www.skype.com>
- **Google Hangouts** - <https://www.google.com/hangouts/>
- **Facetime** – <http://facetime-forpc.com>

AntiVirus

<http://pcsupport.about.com/od/backup/tp/free-backup-software.htm>

- **Avast Free Antivirus 2014** - <http://www.avast.com/download-software>
- **AVG Antivirus Free 2014** - <http://free.avg.com/us-en/homepage>
- **Ad Aware Free Antivirus** - <http://www.lavasoft.com>

Backup

<http://pcsupport.about.com/od/backup/tp/free-backup-software.htm>

- **AOMEI Backupper Standard** - <http://www.backup-utility.com/download.html>
- **Comodo Backup** - <http://backup.comodo.com/download-buy.php>
- **EaseUS Todo Backup** - <http://www.todo-backup.com/>

Additional Resources for Downloading Software

- <http://www.komando.com>
- <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/how-to-do-your-research-before-you-download-free-software/>

Most common sites to download from

- <http://download.cnet.com/>
- <http://www.brothersoft.com>
- <http://www.tucows.com/downloads>

Search for best software download sites



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