

Computing for Seniors with free or nearly free software

SoftMaker FreeOffice
EDITOR RATING: GOOD
REVIEW

FileZilla The free FTP solution
Overview
Welcome to the homepage of FileZilla, the free FTP client.
Support is available through our [forums](#), the [mailing list](#), or by contacting us directly.
In addition, you will find documentation on how to use FileZilla.

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**What to choose?
What to use?
What works?
What does not?**

Why should Seniors learn computing?

Some points to consider:

- Lets you access the internet
- Lets you do banking & pay bills
- Lets you interact with Governments
- Lets you interact with family & friends
- Lets you play games to exercise the mind
- Lets you book travel itineraries
- Gives you access to education
- Gives you access to music, videos & movies
- Opens up the whole “World” to you

Let's discuss some aspects of computing.

Computers & Operating Systems

Security, Malicious & Unwanted

Software

Office programs

Web browsers to access the internet

Photography & Music

Other

Types of computers



Tablet

Tablets are thin and ultra-portable and designed for touch. They're blazing fast with longer battery life, and touch-enabled HD screens and powerful graphics that make movies and games come to life as never before.



Detachable tablet

Detachable tablets are designed for snap-on external keyboards for enhanced productivity. They can also stand alone as pure, touch-driven devices.



Convertible

Convertibles are portable laptops that can twist, fold and slide into tablet mode, giving you the ease of touch and the option for the speed and precision of a mouse and keyboard.



Laptop

Portable and battery operated, laptops range in screen size from 8 to 18 inches.



All-in-one

It's a desktop that houses everything inside the same piece of hardware as the monitor. Mobile all-in-ones have a battery, can detach from a base/stand for mobile use and can rotate to lie flat.



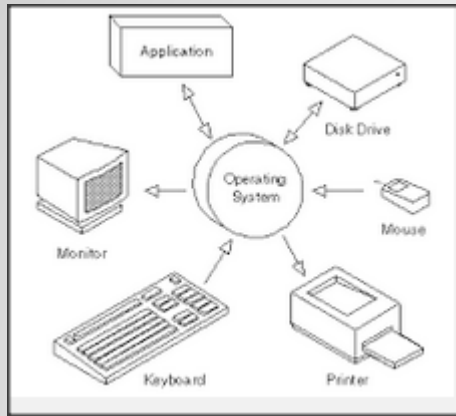
Desktop

The familiar classic, a traditional desktop computer is designed for use in one, fixed location, with a monitor that's separate from the rest of the device.

There are also these



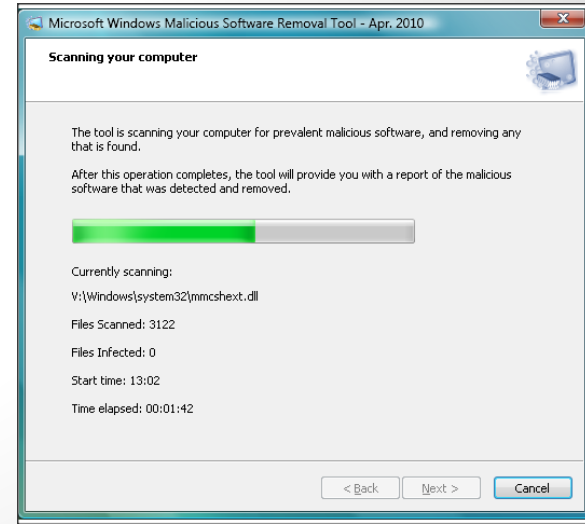
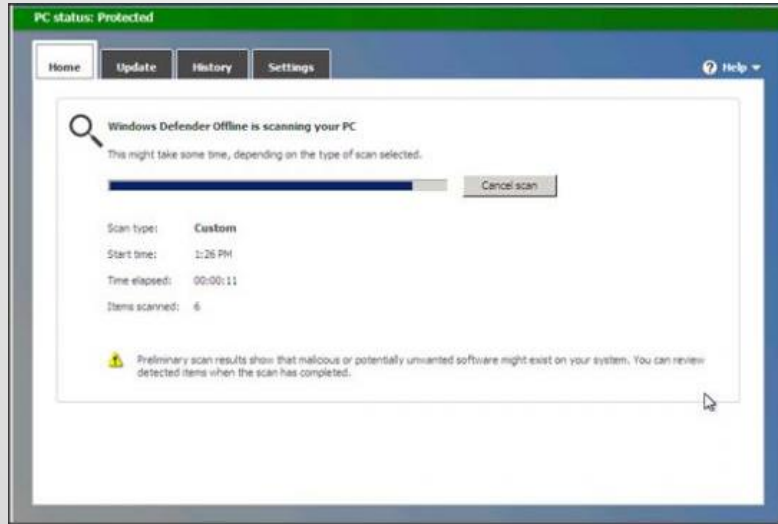
Operating Systems



Security

Computer security is a topic of importance to all computer users. We hear of all sorts of scams, hacking, malicious software, viruses etc.

Users of Microsoft Windows should be aware that there are security products available from Microsoft for Windows. These are Windows Defender and the Microsoft Malicious Software Removal Tool.



There are also numerous free programs such as Avast, AVG, Malwarebytes etc.

Open Source Software & Freeware - What is the difference?

Open Source. If a program is Open Source it is freely available to its users and anyone else and users are able to distribute as many free copies as they like to whoever they want. There are no licensing fees or other restrictions as to its use. Users can also change the source code to suit their requirements.

Freeware. Is software that is available for use at no cost but which may have restrictions as to copyright, redistribution or to using the source code.

So, preferably, always try to find an Open Source program. It allows you to use the software how you like.

So, what should a software program be?

Must be:

Able to perform the task required

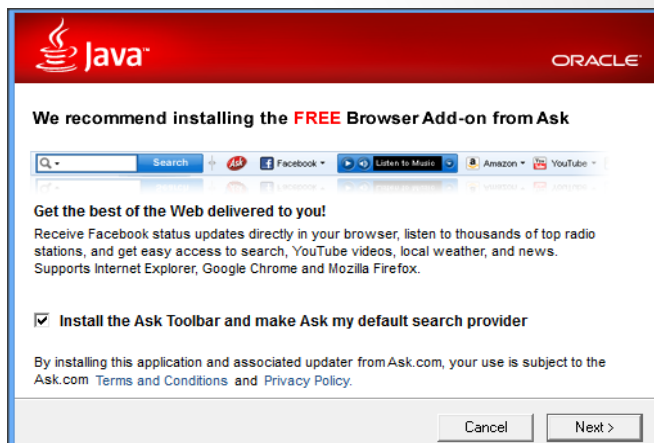
Legally able to be downloaded

Have adequate instructions on how to use

All the software I discuss in this presentation
can be obtained free or nearly free.

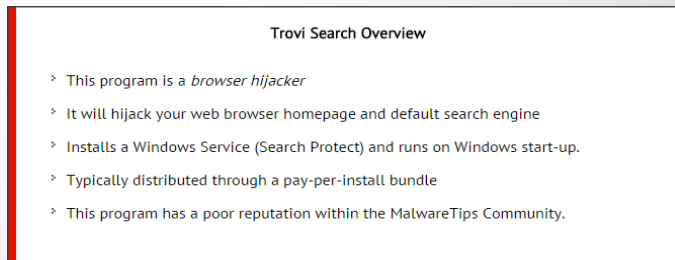
Unwanted software

It has become common for [software providers to add other programs](#) to their offer by adding them to the bottom of their form and pre-ticking the boxes so that if you buy the program you want or download an evaluation copy then you get the other programs as well. See these two examples:



To avoid getting these unwanted programs, which can clog up your system and in a lot of cases be difficult to get rid of, you should always look at all parts of any download box and delete the ticks where necessary.

If you ever see the “Trove” search box never download it. It is really difficult to get rid off.



What is available for the Office?

Word processing
Spreadsheets
Presentations



These are the main modules in Microsoft Office. Which is the most well known office package. But there are other packages available that are just as good.

I use **OpenOffice**.



I have used it for a number of years and have not had any issues with it. It will save files in its own format or will save them in Microsoft format so there is compatibility and files can be used in either program.



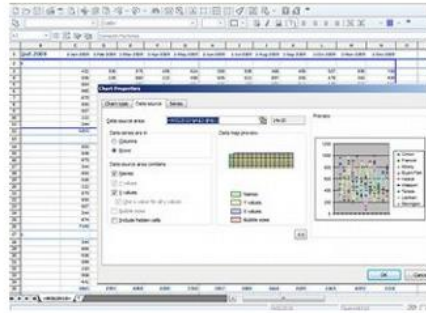
Office Alternatives

SoftMaker FreeOffice

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 **LibreOffice**
The Document Foundation

 Text Document

 Spreadsheet

 Presentation

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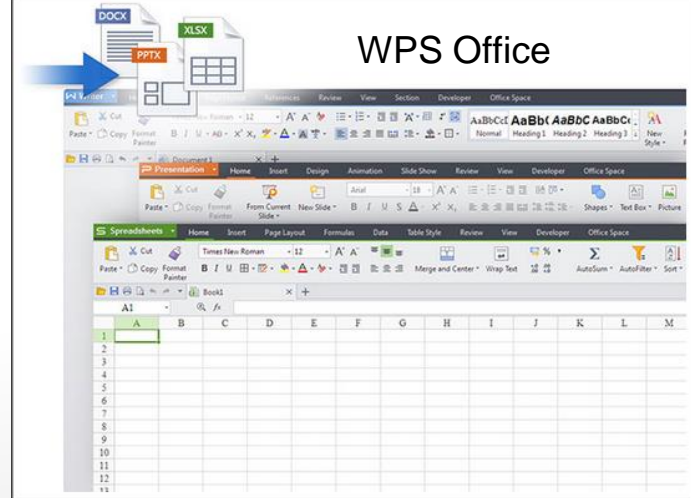
 Drawing

 Database

 Formula

 Templates...

WPS Office



Web Browsers

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Edit



Touch Up



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Burger
Restaurant & Grill

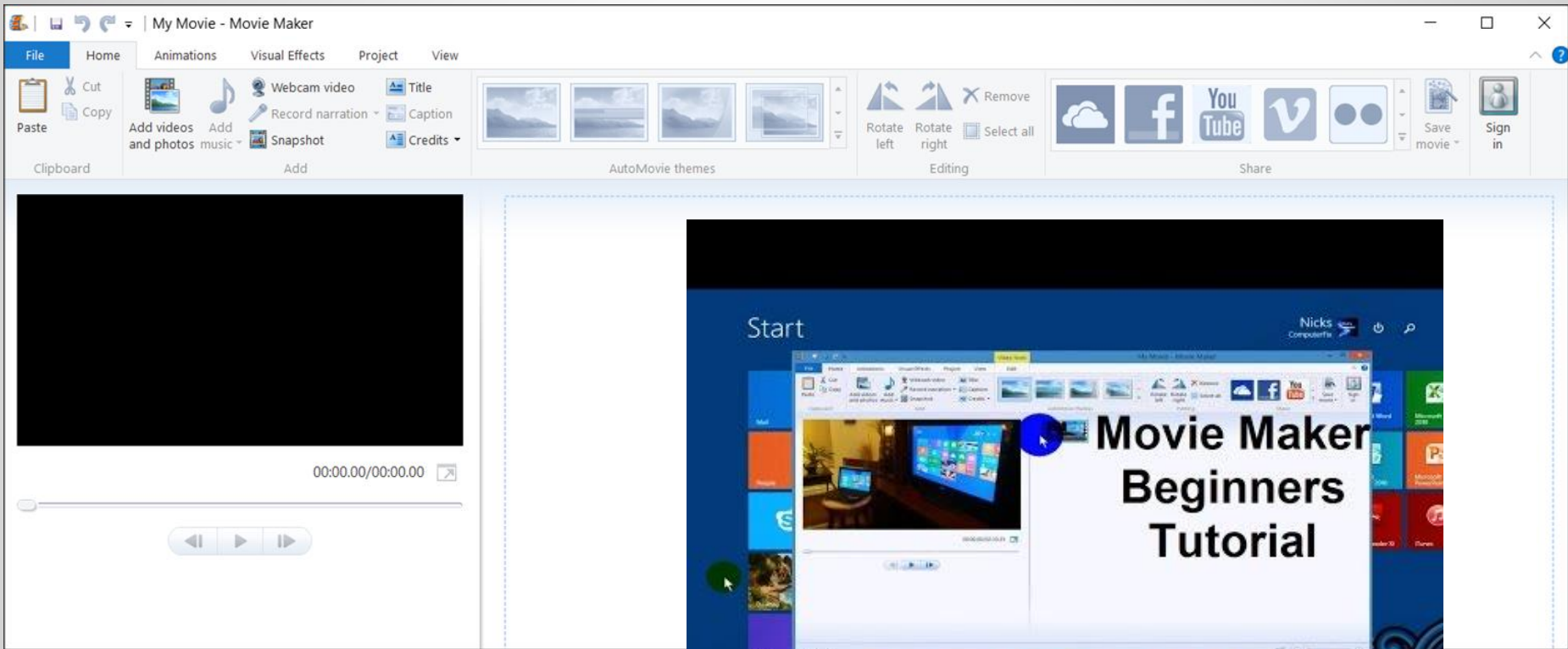


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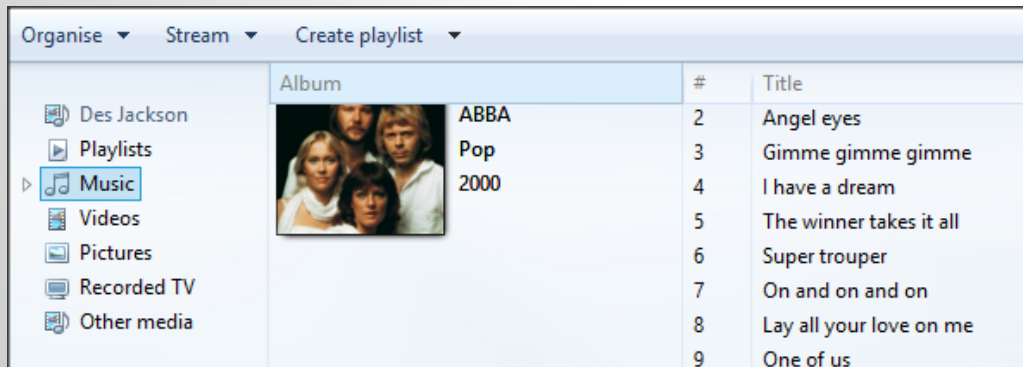
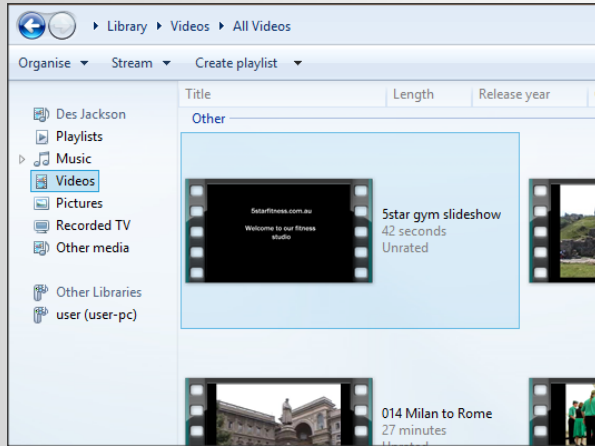


Videos/Movies



Music

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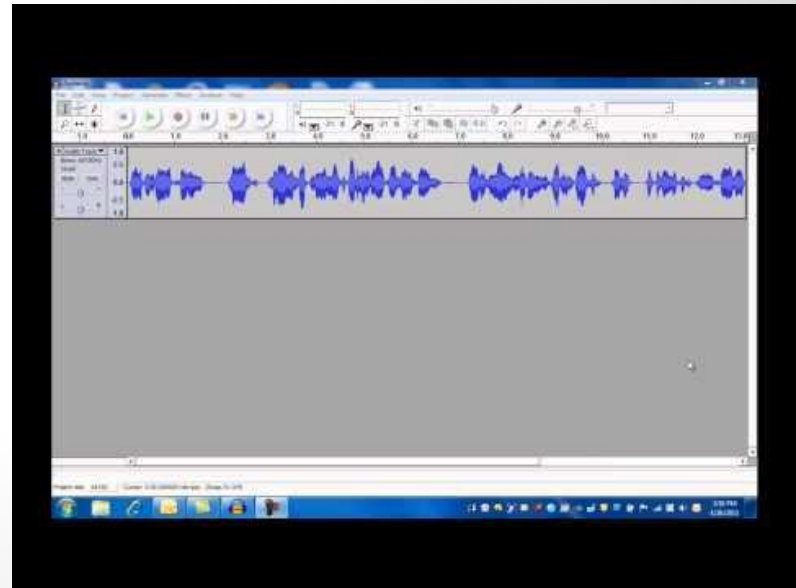
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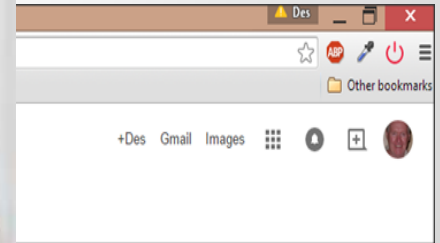
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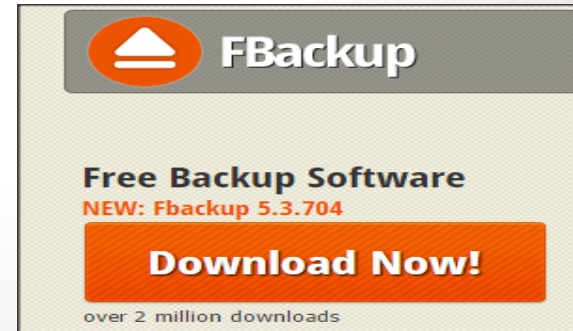
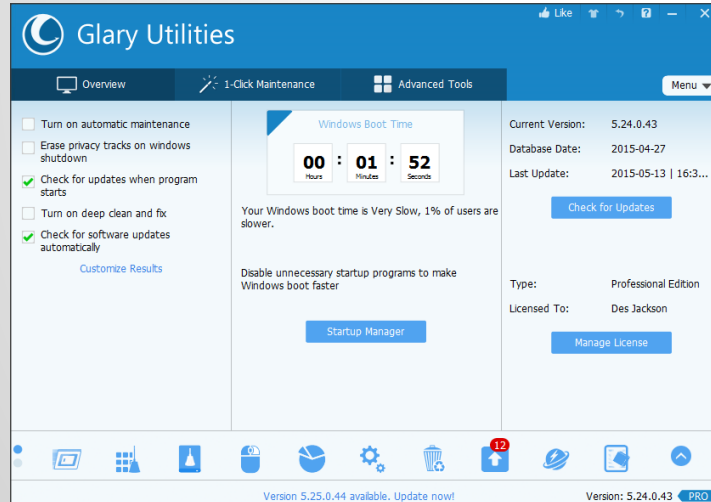
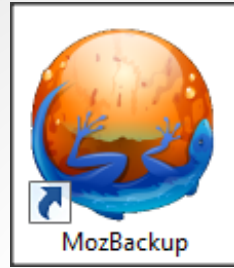
Cloud Storage



	OneDrive	Dropbox	Google Drive	Box	Copy
File size restrictions?	2GB	None with Dropbox apps	5TB	250MB for free plan, 5GB for paid plan	None
Free storage?	15GB	2GB	15GB	10GB	15GB
Can I learn extra free	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
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Utility Programs



All in one place

A fast, simple way to access government online services.

One login.
One password.
One destination.



There are videos available for:

- Medicare
- Australian Taxation Office
- Centrelink
- eHealth

Just type “.gov.au” into YouTube to see what is available.



Videos/Movies to watch!

YouTube is an essential site for seniors. Videos on almost anything you can think of can be found there.

Home Maintenance

Computers/Software

DIY

Education

How to

Music



Flight Details

Travel

Movies

TV Clips

Sewing/Knitting

Anything else

In Closing

- There is little information that you cannot obtain from the internet
- When searching, use Google and use the words “How to” or “How do I” or “Where do I” then write the rest of the query in plain English
- If you want to only search for the exact wording then put quote marks “” at the beginning and end of the query in the search bar
- The answers will be more relevant from the top and get lesser as you move down through them

Thanks for your attention