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Free Software

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Open Office

Open Office 3 is an office software suite for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics, databases and more.

It's great when you prepare your resume and you can even create pdf files from Open Office.

It's available in many languages and works on all common computers. It stores all your data in an international open standard format and can also read and write files from other common office software packages such as for instance MS Word, MS Powerpoint, MS Excel and many more...

Open Office works on both Windows and MAC computers.

It can be downloaded and used completely free of charge for any purpose.

You can read more about Open Office and download it from [this link](#).

Paint.NET

Paint.NET is free image and photo editing software for computers that run Windows XP or Vista. It supports layers, unlimited undo, special effects, and a wide variety of useful and powerful tools. An active and growing online community provides help, tutorials, and plugins.

It started as a college design project mentored by Microsoft. It was originally intended as a free replacement to Microsoft Paint but has grown and become much more powerful than that.

You can download Paint.NET from [this link](#).

GIMP

GIMP is a **very** powerful image editing software almost in the same class as Adobe Photoshop CS and it's completely free.

The problem with GIMP is that you need some computer skills to install it so it's not for the faint hearted. If you have intermediate computer skills you might give it a shot.

It works on Both Windows and MAC computers.

You can download GIMP from [this link](#).

Neat Image

Digital noise can be very distracting, especially with digital pocket cameras in low light conditions. This can be a problem for field representatives because many photos are taken indoor and sometimes just before sunset.

NeatImage is a great noise reduction software and you can get the demo version for free. The features of the demo version is of course limited compared to the full version but it's most likely all you need. There is no time limitation for the demo version.

The only feature you might miss with the demo version is the limited batch capabilities. Try it out and buy the full version later if you need it (you most likely don't need the full version).

NeatImage works on Windows XP and Vista.

You can download NeatImage from [this link](#).

Picasa

Picasa is a great software you can use to organize and edit your images with. You can even create slide shows with Picasa.

The best part is that it's free thanks to Google!

Picasa works on Windows XP and Vista.

You can download Picasa from [this link](#).

Irfanview

Irfanview is a fast and compact image viewer and converter that supports many languages. It has a powerful batch processing feature that helps you convert between many different types of file formats.

Irfanview works on Windows XP and Vista computers and you can download it completely free of charge from [this link](#).

GNU Cash

I'm not a big fan of administrative and accounting work but it's something that is important and unfortunately needs to be done also for a small business.

GNU Cash is a free small-business financial-accounting software and available for both MAC and Windows computers.

GNU Cash allows you to track bank accounts, stocks, income and expenses. As quick and intuitive to use as a checkbook register, it is based on professional accounting principles to ensure balanced books and accurate reports.

You can download GNU Cash from [this link](#).