



Free Software



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Free Software

- Agenda:

- The Open Source Community
- The Software
 - Freeware vs. Shareware
 - Tips and Guidelines
- Free popular Software and Websites
- Pre-installed software
- Useful inexpensive software
- Popular Education Related Software





The Open Source Community



- “Open source is a development method for software that harnesses the power of distributed peer review and transparency of process.”



- “The promise of open source is better quality, higher reliability, more flexibility, lower cost, and an end to predatory vendor lock-in.”



- The Open Source Definition

- <http://www.opensource.org/>



The Software

- Freeware vs. Shareware
- Tips and Guidelines:
 - What you may get with free software...
 - Not all the features as the commercial software
 - Error Prone/bugs
 - Security Holes
 - Spyware
 - Lack of Support
- <http://sourceforge.net/>

The Free and Popular

(that you have to install)

- Audacity – Sound recording and editing
- Gimp – Adobe Photoshop alternative
- NVU – Web Page creation
- Open Office – Microsoft Office alternative
- PDF Creator – Adobe Acrobat alternative
- Web Browsers – Firefox, Netscape, Opera



The Free and Popular Software Websites

(that you don't have to install)

- <http://pdfonline.com/>
 - Creates a PDF and e-mails it to you
- <http://cooltext.com/>
 - Graphics Generator
- <http://zamzar.com/>
 - File conversion
- <http://www.jumpcut.com>
 - Upload/Edit/Share photos and video



Pre-installed Software



- For PC:

- Sound Recorder
- Windows Movie Maker
- Print screen



- For Mac:

- iLife suite
- Grab





Useful Inexpensive Software



- PC/Mac:
 - Quicktime Pro: \$30
 - WinZip (PC)



- Mac:
 - Fetch – FTP application
 - Flip4Mac – Play windows media files on mac
 - Snapz Pro X – screen recording
 - Stuffit Expander – compression
 - www.opensourcemac.org



Popular Education Related Software

- For PC:
 - Articulate
 - Impatica
 - Lectora
 - Camtasia
 - Captivate
 - PowerPoint Producer – Free
- For Mac:
 - PowerPoint converts directly to a movie file



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Other References

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Thank You!

