

Open Source Mac

A simple list of free, open-source software for Mac OS X.

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Free and open-source software is good for you and good for the world. This is the best Mac software that we know of.

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Web Browsing



Mozilla Firefox

The premier free, open-source browser. Tabs, pop-up blocking, themes, and extensions. Considered by many to be the world's best browser.

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Camino

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Software for Macintosh

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IM - Instant Messaging



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Application Launching



Quicksilver

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Software packs



MacLibre

Installs a pack of great open source apps (including many on this page) and keeps them updated for you.

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Email



Mozilla Thunderbird

Powerful spam filtering, solid interface, and all the features you need.

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Utilities



The Unarchiver

Uncompress RAR, 7zip, tar, and bz2 files on your Mac. Many new Mac users will be puzzled the first time they download a RAR file. Do them a favor and download UnRarX for them!

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RSS



Vienna

Very nice, native RSS client.

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RSSOwl

Solid cross-platform RSS client.

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Peer-to-Peer Filesharing



Cabos

A simple, easy to use filesharing program. Gnutella network.

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Transmission

Very nice torrent downloader.

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Running Windows Software on Macs



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Run Windows programs on your Intel Mac at near native speed. Works on G4 / G5 Macs too, but much slower.

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Podcasting



Juice

Solid podcasting client.

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Video Playback



VLC

Plays more video files than most players: Quicktime, AVI, DIVX, OGG, and more. Pretty good interface.

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MPlayer

The interface and buttons are not as nice or as Mac-like in feel, but it may play even more video files than VLC.

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Perian

A plugin that allows quicktime to play additional video formats. (Included in Democracy Player.)

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iPod Ripping



Senuti

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iPodDisk

Copy music off your iPod in the finder, like a regular disk drive.

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DVD Ripping



Handbrake

DVD ripper and MPEG-4 / H.264 encoding. Very simple to use.

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CD / DVD Burning



Burn

CD and DVD Burner. Burn any video to a disc that plays in your DVD player!

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Privacy



Vidalia

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Word Processing / Office Suites



Bean

Very fast and easy to use word processor. Live word count, autosaving, more.

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NeoOffice

Built on OpenOffice.org. Big, full featured suite of tools for word processing and spreadsheets. Compatible with Microsoft Word documents and OpenDocument Format.

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AbiWord

A word processor. Leaner and quicker than OpenOffice. Compatible with Microsoft Word documents and OpenDocument Format.

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Wifi Scanning



KisMac

The best wireless scanner for Mac. Find wireless access when you're on the go.

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Sound Recording



Audacity

Simple sound recording tool.

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Graphics, Photo, Publishing



Seashore

Based on Gimp, but doesn't require X11.

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Xee

Fast image viewer and image browser.

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Gimp.app

Photo editing application that rivals Photoshop in features (requires X11).

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Inkscape

Vector graphics application (requires X11).

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Scribus

Desktop publishing. Complicated install, but a nice app.

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FTP / SFTP



Cyberduck

Very good all-around ftp program.

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OneButton FTP

Simple, fast FTP, with a focus on "advanced queuing".

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Fugu

Not as polished as Cyberduck (and only for SFTP) but has a side by side interface showing your files and the remote files.

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HTML / Text Editing



Smultron

Text / html editor. Integrates with Cyberduck for editing websites.

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Nvu

Visual tool for making websites (WYSIWYG html editor), comparable to Dreamweaver.

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IRC



Colloquy

Great IRC client.

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About this Site

Open Source Mac is a simple list of the best free and open source software for Mac OS X. We aren't trying to be a comprehensive listing of every open-source mac app, instead we want to showcase the best, most important, and easiest to use. This page should be a handy reference and a useful tool for getting more people to start using free and open-source software. If you think we're missing any great apps, please let us know.

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- b. put a download link and a screenshot on your front page.
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