# Free Utility Apps

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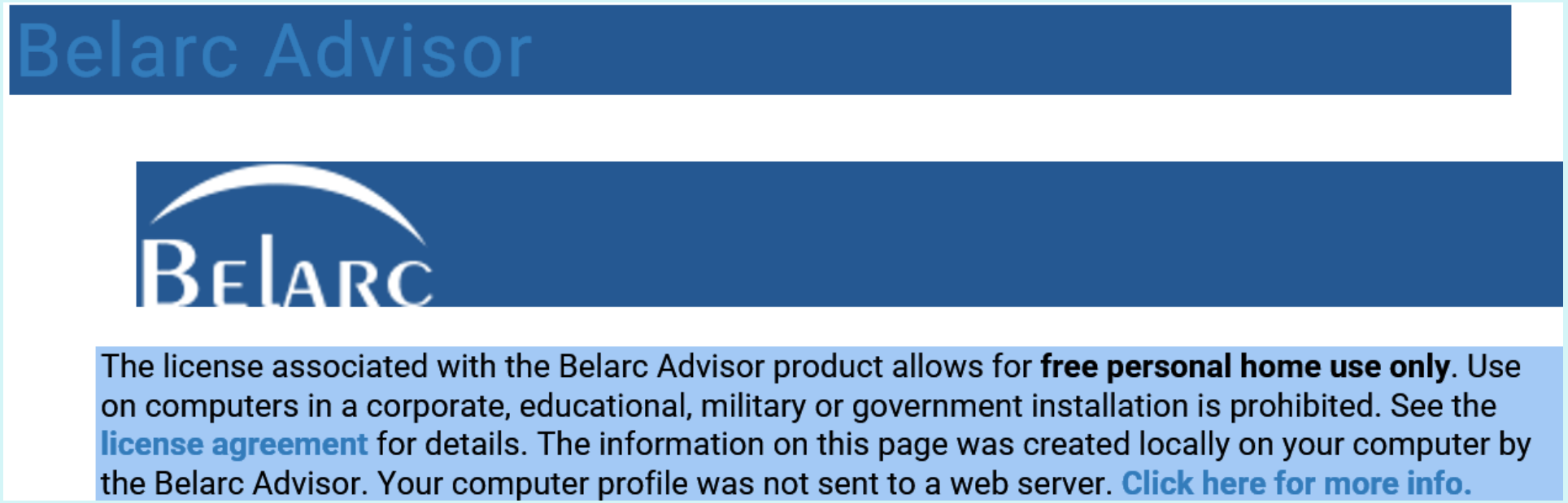
# Belarc Advisor

- Gives full details about all your hardware, software, patch status, security settings, networking inventory, serial numbers, and more.
- Buy a new system?
- Use Belarc to give you a report on vital information in one place.
- Doing tech support for someone?
- Run it first to show you details about the computer.

# Belarc Advisor

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# Belarc Advisor

Downloaded as a Word document – 9 pages – 2443 words

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|---|---|---|
| Operating System | Printers | Other Devices |
| System Model | Controllers | USB Storage Use – Last 30 Days |
| Processor | Display | Network Map |
| Main Circuit Board | Bus Adapters | Missing Security Updates |
| Drivers | Multimedia | Software Licenses |
| Memory Modules | Virus Protection | Software Versions & Usage |
| Local Drive Volumes (c: - d: - f:) | Group Policies | Installed Hot Fixes-Last 90 Days |
| Network Drives | Communications | |

# Bitly

**Free & Pay**

- Shorten, share, manage, and analyze links to your content
- Create custom links

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https://amzn.to/3Q8J0W5

# Bitwarden – John Kennedy, ECOTUC

**Free – Windows, macOS, and Linux**

- Security experts recommend you use a different, randomly generated password for every online account you create
- Free open-source password manager
- Cross platform access for mobile, browser, and desktop apps
- Data fully encrypted before it leaves your device
- Creates passwords
- One-stop shopping

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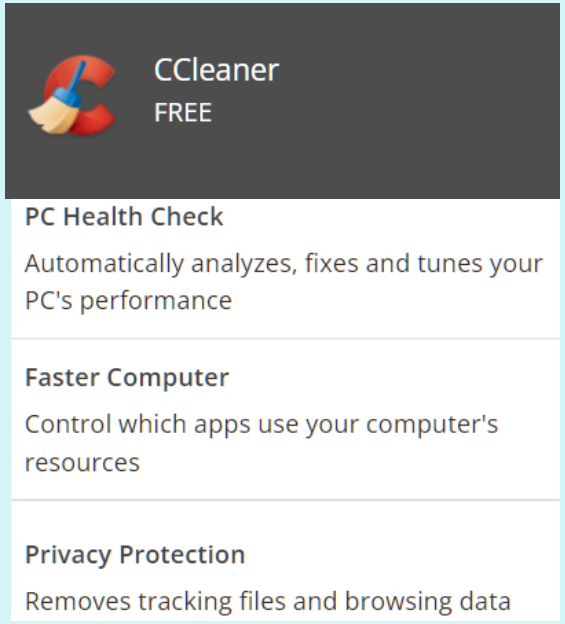
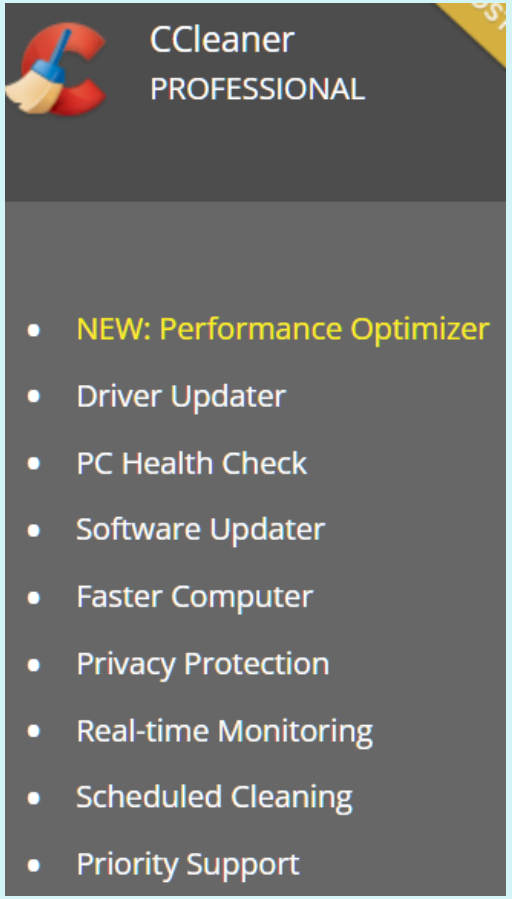
# CCleaner

## Free or Pay

PC-Mac-Android



# Evernote – Hewie Poplock

**Free & Pay**

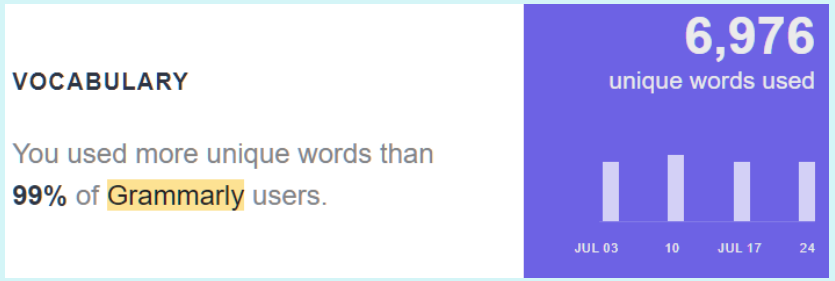
- Helps you capture and prioritize ideas, projects, and to-do lists = nothing falls through the cracks.
- I called it my Post-It note program (remember when we had them all around our CRT monitors)
- When I started planning my monthly meeting
- I created a note and included URLs, etc. to everything I want to present, talk about….

# Grammarly

**Free & Pay** - Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Safari

- Cloud-based typing assistant that reviews spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity, engagement, and delivery mistakes.
- Uses artificial intelligence to identify and search for an appropriate replacement for the error it locates.
- Also allows users to customize their style, tone, and context-specific language.

# Grammarly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99% of Grammarly users.
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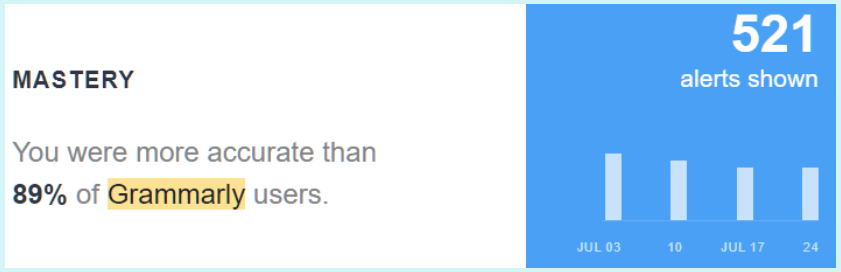
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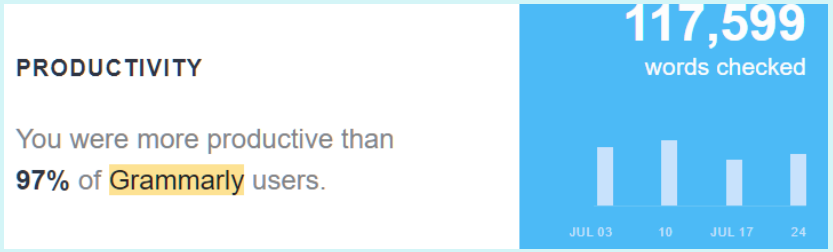
PRODUCTIVITY
You were more productive than
97% of Grammarly users.
117,599
words checked
JUL 03
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JUL 17
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WORDS CHECKED WITH GRAMMARLY OVER TIME
14,540,164
total words checked by Grammarly
since Apr 14, 2019 (117,599 last week)

# Last Pass

- Free or $3/month
- $4/month for families Creates unique passwords, fill in forms, add all your credit card password information, etc.
- Give your master password to your Digital Executor

# NitroPDF Reader

**Free**

- You really don’t have to use Adobe Reader
- This PDF reader works great
- I have been using it for years, ever since I came back from a SW conference and Adobe had been hacked -- people were asked to download the emergency fix
- It happened again 2 weeks later
- No more AR for me

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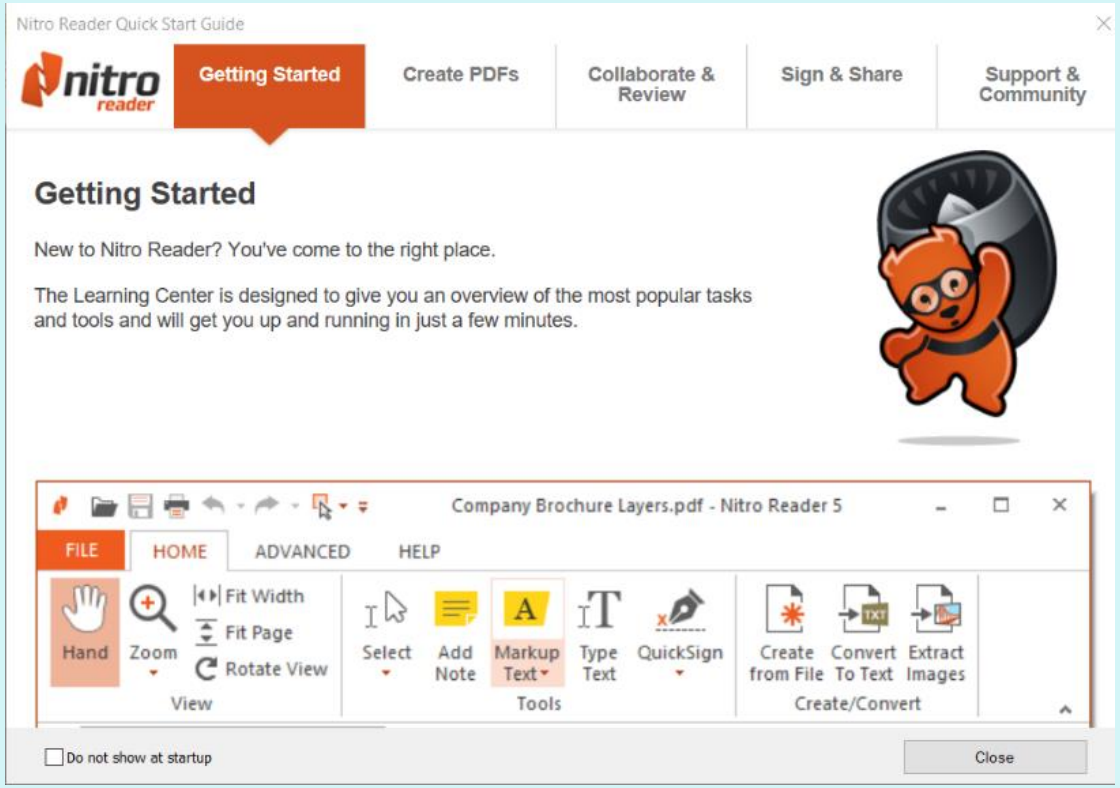
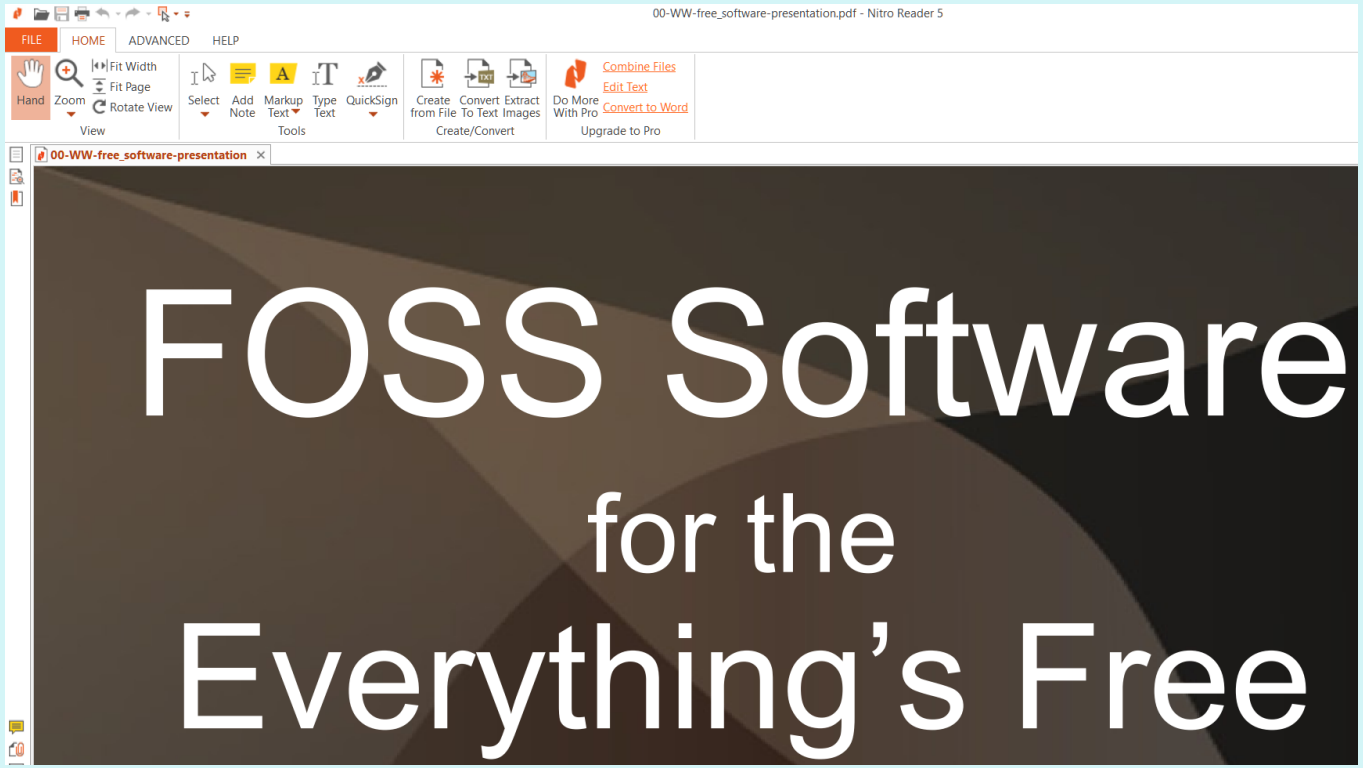
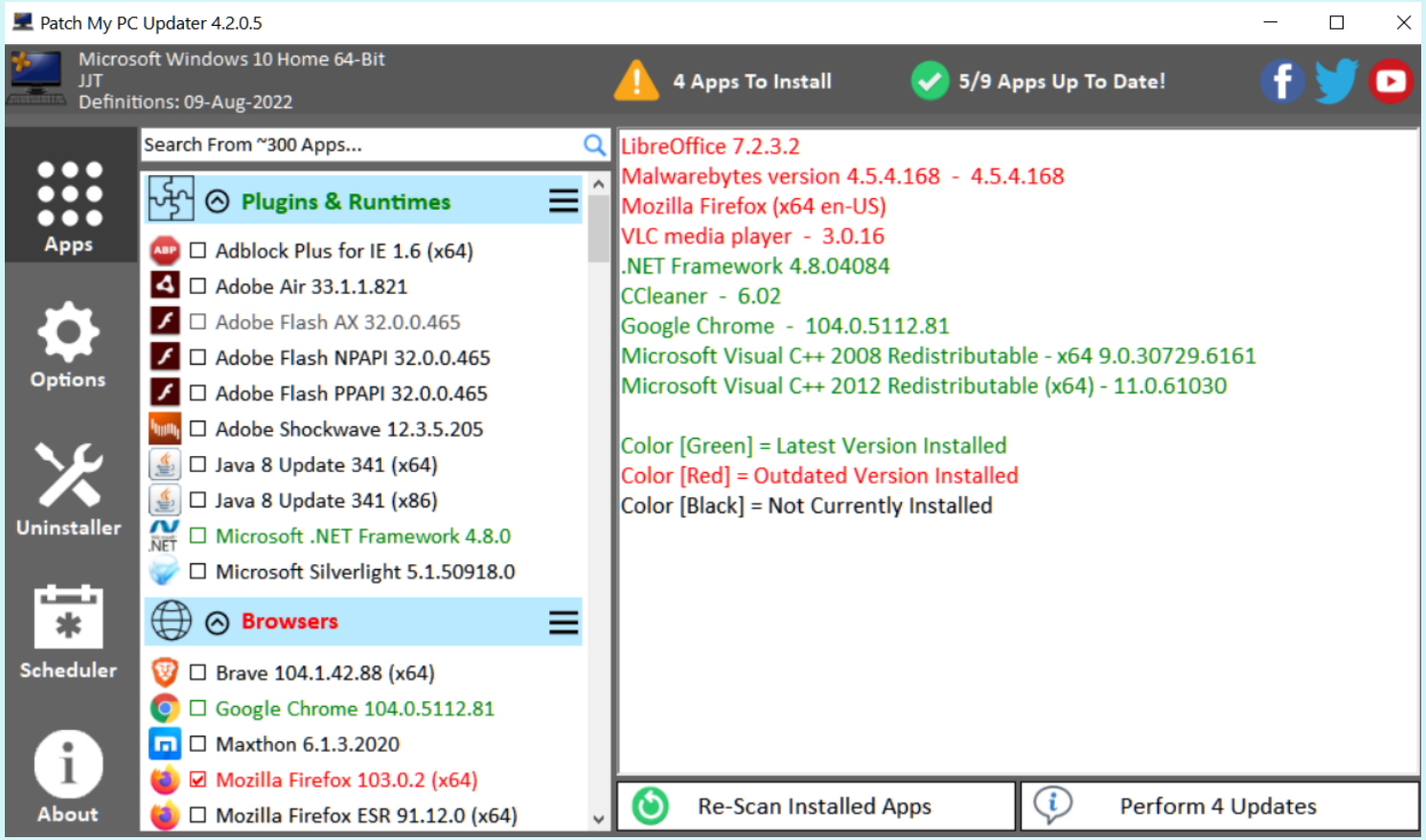


# Patch My PC – Matt Batt

- Recommended and reviewed by The Computer Club (FL) president, Matt Batt
- Hackers and virus writers love outdated software
- Often contain security weaknesses = access to your computer
- Can be buggy and have performance issues = usually fixed with a newer version of the software

# Patch My PC

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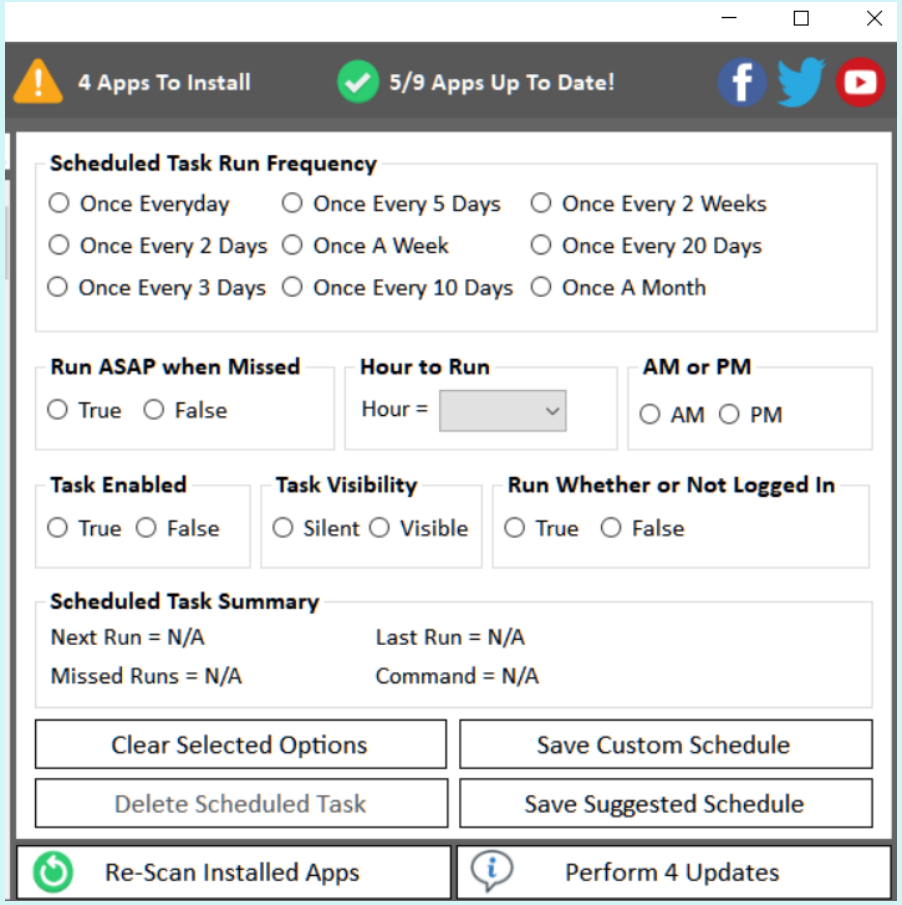
# Patch My PC


4 Apps To Install
5/9 Apps Up To Date!
Scheduled Task Run Frequency
Once Everyday
Once Every 5 Days
Once Every 2 Weeks
Once Every 2 Days
Once A Week
Once Every 20 Days
Once Every 3 Days
Once Every 10 Days
Once A Month
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True
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True
False
Task Visibility
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Run Whether or Not Logged In
True
False
Scheduled Task Summary
Next Run = N/A
Last Run = N/A
Missed Runs = N/A
Command = N/A
Clear Selected Options
Save Custom Schedule
Delete Scheduled Task
Save Suggested Schedule
Re-Scan Installed Apps
Perform 4 Updates

# PayPal

**Free**

- Use it for your online shopping
- Link it to a low-amount credit card
- Don’t use your Debit Card to pay for anything
- Use PayPal as much as you can so your credit number(s) aren’t floating around the I-net
- Have you checked your account(s) where you have stored your CC information?
- Make sure there is only one listed

# Revo Uninstaller

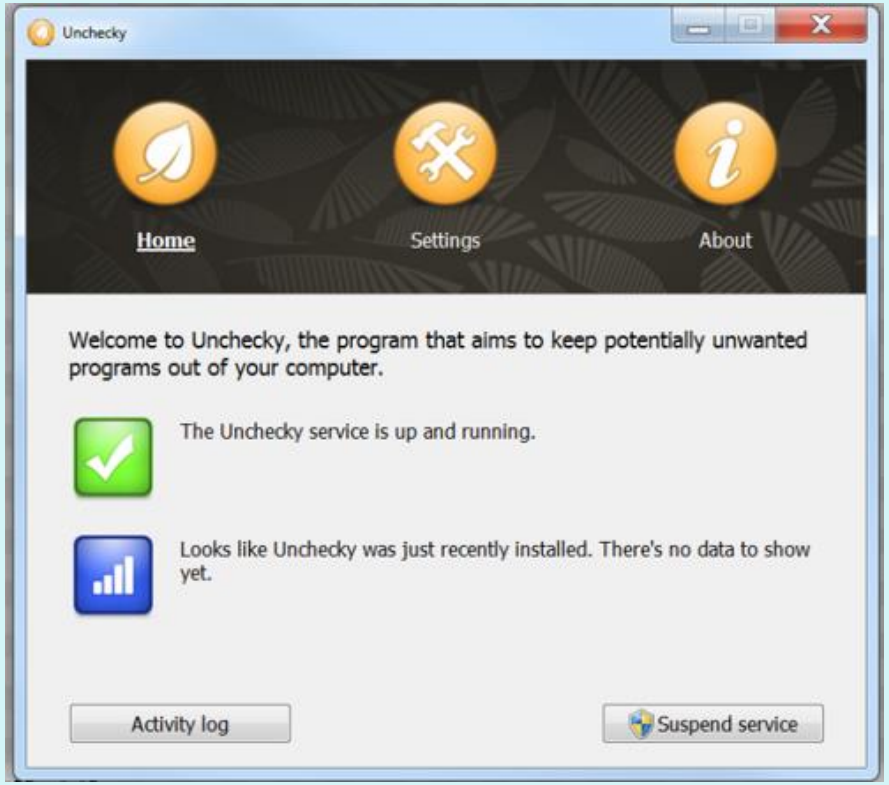
**Free & Pay - Windows**

- When you uninstall a program with Windows' built-in tool, it sometimes leaves behind extra files or registry entries that it can't find.
- Revo fixes that problem

# Unchecky - BobG

**Free**

- Forget to click on Custom install?
- Automatically unchecks all the checkboxes when you are installing a program and warns you if ‘shady’ software is trying to sneak something onto your hard drive.



# Venmo

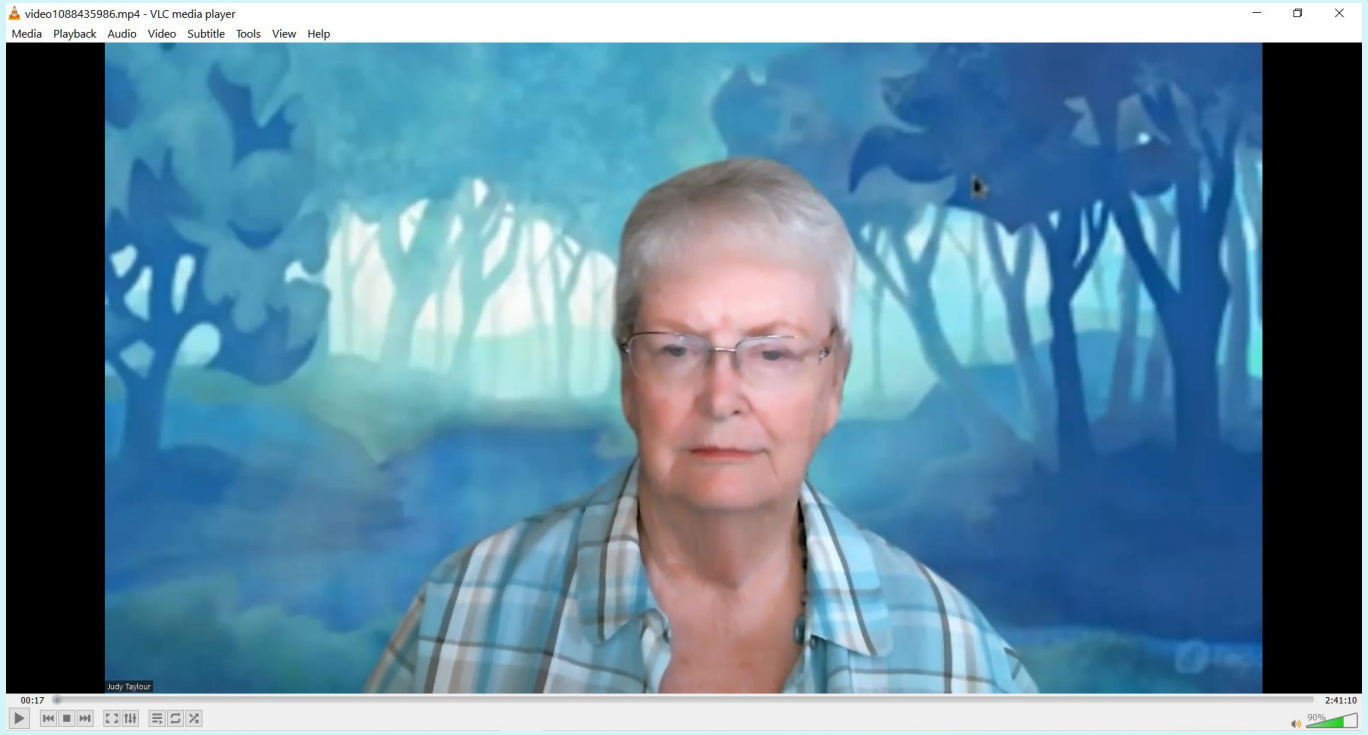
**Free & Pay**

- Pay friends and family with a Venmo account using the money you have in Venmo
- Link your bank account or debit card
- My kids, grandsons, and little girls selling lemonade use it
- Doesn't collect or share any user data
- Doesn't share user data with other companies or organizations
- Data encrypted in transit
- Can request data be deleted

# VLC Media Player

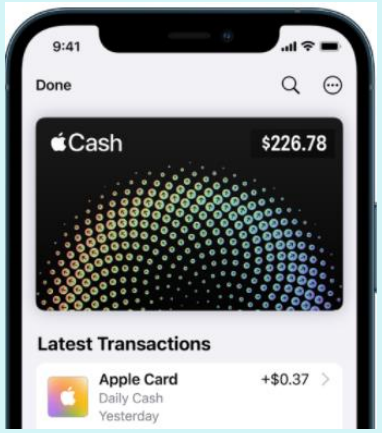
## Free Open Source

- Free VLC plays every file format under the sun, and it does it well
- Very easy to use



# Thanks to the attendees for submitting these free & pay apps.

# Pay/Wallet Apps – Bill James, ccOKC




Use together 2% cash back on all purchases

Cash App

venmo

Discounts on Samsung Products

SAMSUNG pay

PayPal

# ColorNote – Terry Harvey, WAUC

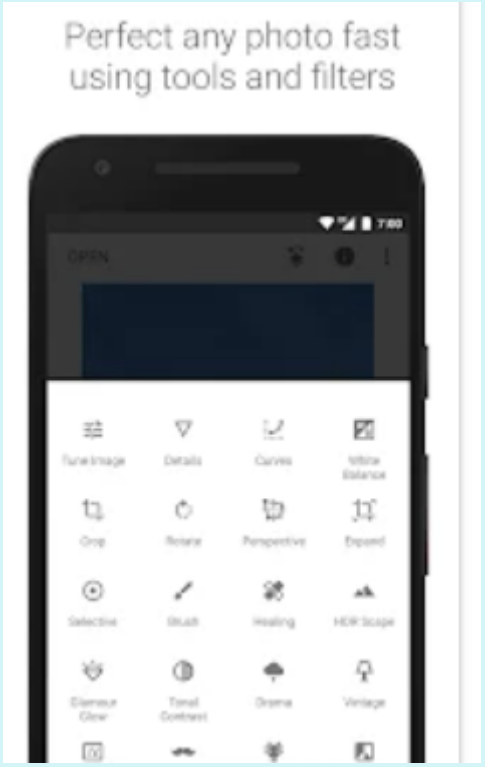
**Free - Android**

- I pretty much keep my life on this app. I have notes of all my medications, Christmas gift ideas as I hear them throughout the year, WAUC presentations, WAUC suggestions, notes I want to mention to doctors, exact names of plants I purchase every spring, ALL MY PASSWORDS (encrypted), my list of supplies I need for the WAUC picnic and WAUC Christmas party, my library card number, and password, drug allergies, my immunization history, my printer model and ink cartridge number, Walmart list, and things I can't even think of off-hand.
- The big thing though is to have all my passwords so easily at hand. I can be anywhere and know all my passwords.
- This app syncs with my computer, phone, and all my tablets.
- IMO, this app is a must-have.

# Snapseed – Chris Guld, Geeks on Tour

**Free** · Download on the App Store · GET IT ON Google Play

- Easy to use complete and professional photo editor developed by Google.
- Use it when you want to improve your photo in a way that Google Photos can't.



# Everything – Hewie Poplock, CFCS

**Free - Windows**

- Search engine for your Windows computer
- Locates files and folders by filename instantly for Windows
- Initially displays every file and folder on your computer
- Can search file content
- Monitors your file systems for all changes
- Search results will update in real-time to reflect any changes

# Mail Washer – Gary Oddi, PATACS

**Free & Pay**

- I have been using it for years.
- Helps to quickly get rid of spam and other reoccurring emails you don't want.

# SuperAntiSpyware – Gary Oddi, PATACS

**Free & Pay**

- Used this for years, too, to remove Adware, Tracking Cookies...

# ClipGrab – Gary Oddi, PATACS

**Free**

- Good to download videos from YouTube, etc....
- “ClipGrab is a fast, straightforward, and free tool for downloading videos from multiple streaming websites. The video downloader works as a standalone application and doesn’t rely on a specific internet browser.”

# Route Generator– Gary Oddi, PATACS

**Free - Linux - Windows**

- Fun if you create vacation videos...
- Make a movie of your route on a map...

# Default Folder X – John Walradt Brookdale Computer User Group

**Pay - Mac**

- I find Default Folder X by St. Clair Software to be really useful on my MacBook Air.
- It offers a (usually) much faster way to navigate a multilevel directory to locate, store, or retrieve files on a well-used Mac.
- It takes a little getting used to, but I've found it really helpful.
- A tip of my hat to Lee Maxwell, a BCUG workshop leader who told me about Default Folder X.

# Belarc – Garry Garrety, Olympia Microcomputer User Group

**Free & Pay**

- My favorite free utility is Belarc.

# WizFile - Michael Hurley

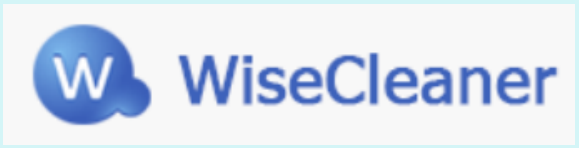
**Free**

- My favorite free utility is WizFile.
- Quick easy way to find a file when you can't recall where you saved it.

# Chris Nance, Kentucky Indiana PC Users Group

**Free & Pay**

- I use several Utility apps; they declutter hard drives to keep one's computers running smoothly.
- CCleaner
- Glary Utilities
- Wise Care



# Magic Eraser – Joe Nowak, Indian Prairie Computer Club

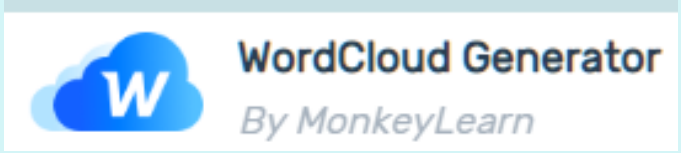
**Free & Pay**

- This app does a very nice job of removing unwanted images from photos.
- Example: You take a photograph of a statue and at the last minute someone walks by in the background.
- This is a one-trick pony. You pull up the photo.
- Highlight the unwanted item.
- Click the erase button.
- It then fills in the blank with info from the surrounding space

# WordCloud Generator – Joe Nowak, Indian Prairie Computer Club

**Free**

A word cloud (also known as a tag cloud) is a visual representation of words. Cloud creators are used to highlight popular words and phrases based on frequency and relevance. Copy your text into a data box and the utility will pull the most important words out and create a word cloud. The image it generates can be used as a nice little graphic to promote products or upcoming events. I've included a word cloud based on the text of your "Everything is Free" See next slide.



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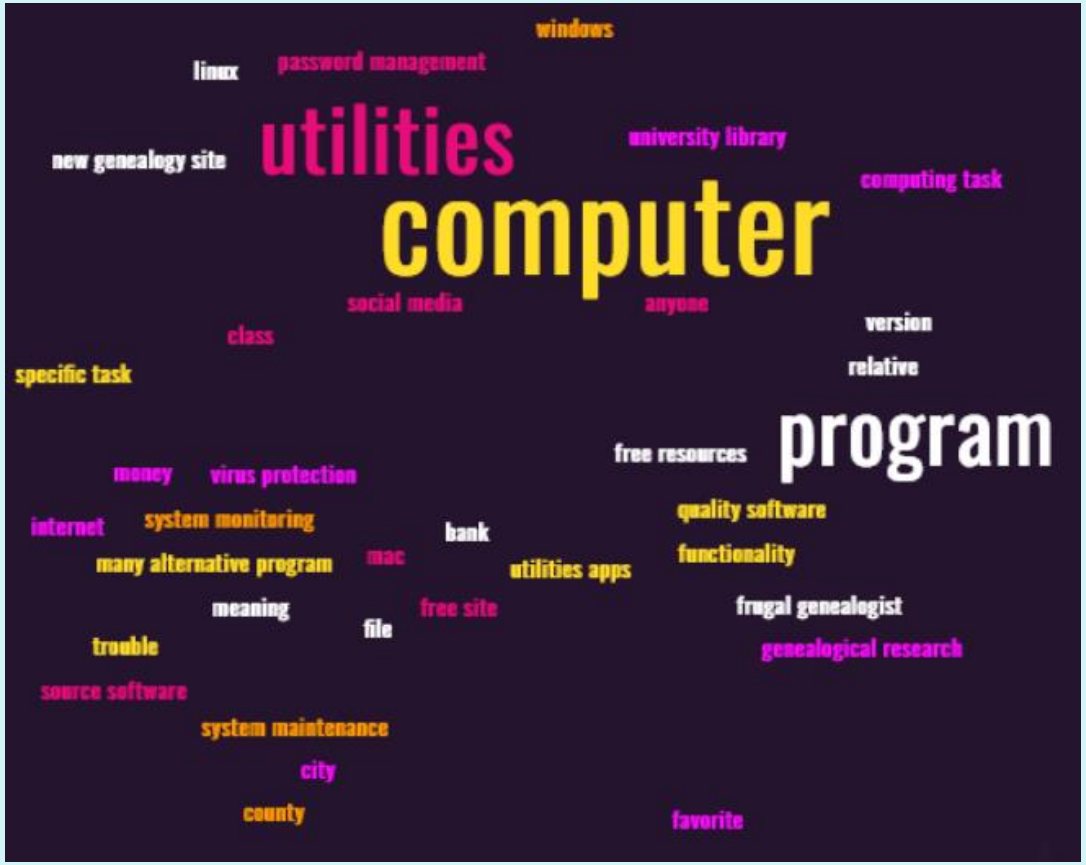
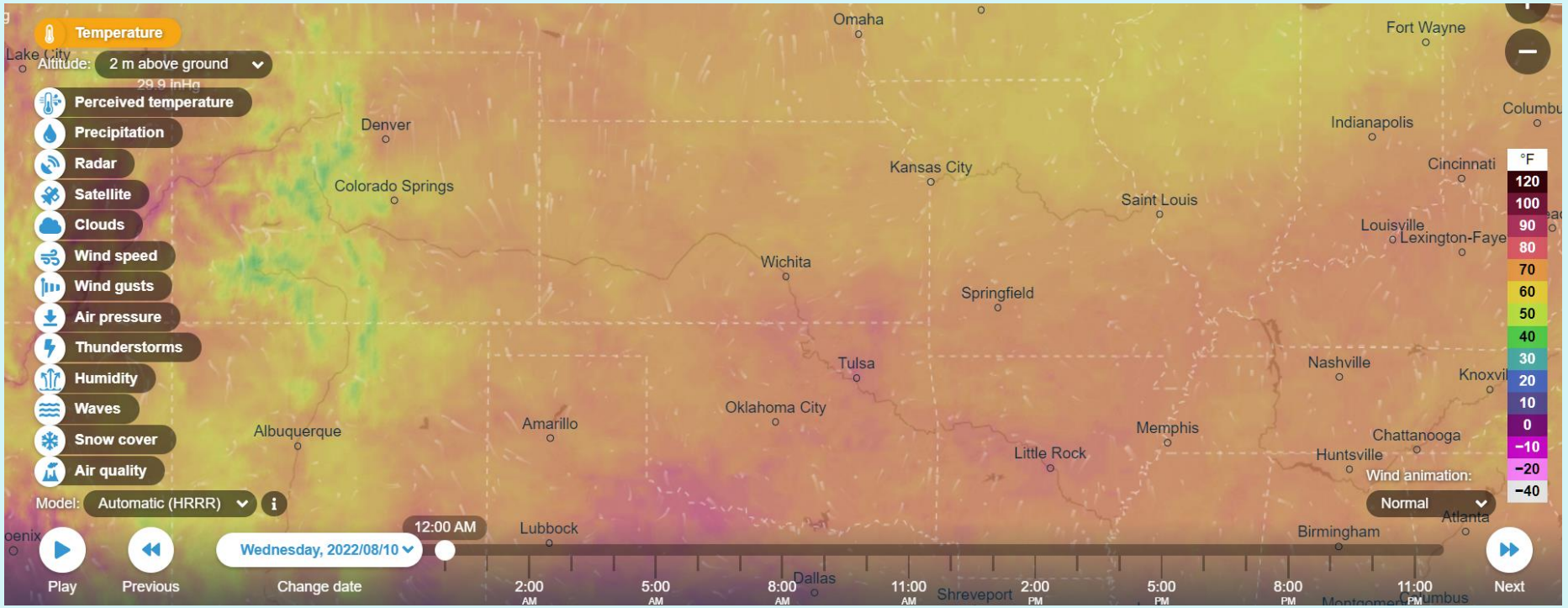


# Ventusky– Joe Nowak, Indian Prairie Computer Club

VENTUSKY

**Free** Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

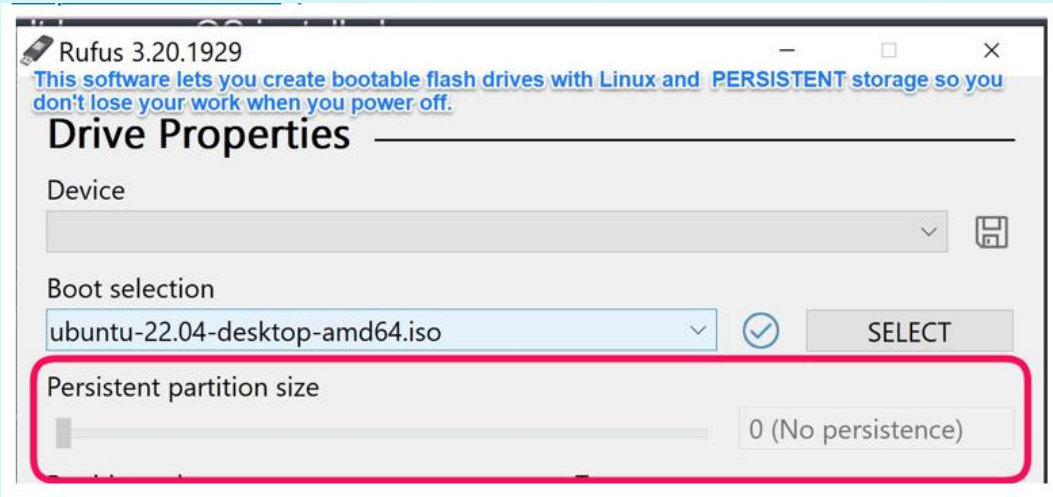
- Ventusky is an excellent weather utility.



# Rufus – Drew King, Sarasota Technology Users Group

**Free - Linux**

- Create USB installation media from bootable ISOs (Windows, Linux, UEFI, etc.)
- Work on a system that doesn't have an OS installed
- Flash a BIOS or other firmware from DOS
- Run a low-level utility
- Keep it with you and boot it into Linux anywhere/anytime.



# Revo Uninstaller Free – Drew King, Sarasota Technology Users Group

**Free - Windows**

- The Uninstaller module is Revo Uninstaller‘s primary feature for situations when a program won’t uninstall normally or when you have some doubts that a program has not been uninstalled completely.
- Also, when a program is uninstalled, oftentimes there are multiple files, folders, and/or Registry entries left on your system, which can cause various issues if not removed. This happens more frequently than you might think.

# File Shredder – Drew King, Sarasota Technology Users Group

**Free - Windows**

- Desktop application for shredding (destroying) unwanted files beyond recovery.
- Delete in Windows only removes bits of information from files so they appear deleted in the OS.
- Easy to retrieve those files using specialized file recovery software.

# Jerry Berman, Leisure World Apple Club

**Free & Pay**

**GIMP -** GNU/Linux, macOS, Windows

- Cross-platform image editor.

**OpenOffice -** GNU/Linux, macOS, Windows

- Open-source office software suite for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics, databases, and more.

**Audacity** – Windows Mac, Linux

- An easy-to-use, multi-track audio editor and recorder.

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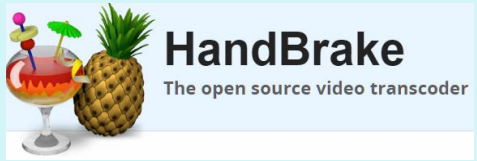
**Free & Pay**

**HandBrake –** macOS, Windows, Linux




- Can process most common multimedia files and any DVD or BluRay sources that do not contain any kind of copy protection.

**MalwareBytes** – Windows, Mac, Chromebook, Android, iOS

- Anti-malware software

- Note: Download the 14-day trial version but do not upgrade and pay. The software features will be somewhat limited and not automatic. You will have to run it periodically yourself to check for malware

# Jerry Berman, Leisure World Apple Club

**Free & Pay**

**WavePad –** Windows

- Audio editing software for novices, enthusiasts, and professional music editors that lets you seamlessly edit and record voice, music, and various other audio clips.

**Spotify –** Windows, iOS; Android Linux, Chromebook

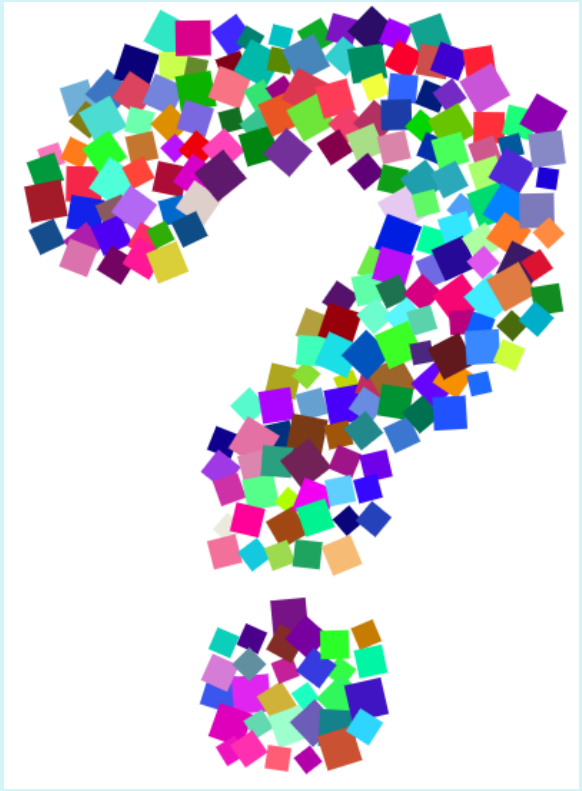
- Online streaming service.
- Note: Establish an account. You can listen to music for free, but you will get commercials. If you don't want commercials, you will have to pay a subscription.

# Jerry Berman, Leisure World Apple Club

**Free & Pay**

**DropBox** – Windows, Mac, Android, iOS Devices, Linux

- 2 GB of storage
- Access and share photos, documents, and other files from any device.
- “Note: This is a very useful application for transferring large files. You have to sign-up and install the App. You get 5 GB of space for free. You have to pay for greater storage.”



# JT Resources

Belarc Advisor - Download Belarc Advisor – MajorGeeks

URL Shortener – Bitly Bitly | Link Management

Bitwarden - Bitwarden Open Source Password Manager | Bitwarden

CCleaner - CCleaner Makes Your Computer Faster & More Secure | Official Website

Evernote - Best Note Taking App - Organize Your Notes with Evernote

Grammarly – Grammarly

# JT Resources

LastPass - #1 Password Manager & Vault App with Single-Sign On & MFA Solutions | LastPass

NitroPDF Reader - Download Free PDF Software | Nitro PDF Pro (gonitro.com)

Patch My PC - Patch My PC: Home Page

PayPal - Digital Wallets, Money Management, and More | PayPal US | PayPal US

Revo Uninstaller - Uninstall Software, Remove programs easily - Revo Uninstaller Pro

# JT Resources

- Unchecky - Unchecky - Keeps your checkboxes clear
- Venmo - Venmo - Share Payments
- VLC Media Player - Official download of VLC media player, the best Open Source player - VideoLAN

# Resources
# Attendee submitted apps

# Resources

ColorNote - ColorNote Notepad Notes - Apps on Google Play

MailWasher - MailWasher Free - The Popular Free Spam Blocker, Used By Millions

SuperAntiSpyware - SUPERAntiSpyware Free Edition

ClipGrab - ClipGrab - Download (softonic.com)

Route Generator - Route Generator download | SourceForge.net

# Resources

Default Folder X - Default Folder X (stclairsoft.com)

WizFile - WizFile - An extremely fast file finder (antibody-software.com)

Glary Utilities - Glary Utilities - Free System Utilities to Clean Registry, Fix PC Errors, Protect Privacy | Glarysoft

Wise Care - Wise Care 365 - Stabilize, Secure and Speed Up Slow Windows PC/Laptop with One Click! (wisecleaner.com)

Magic Eraser - Magic Eraser - Remove unwanted things from images in seconds

# Resources

Word Cloud - Free Word Cloud Generator – MonkeyLearn

Ventusky - App – Ventusky

Rufus - Rufus - Create bootable USB drives the easy way

File Shredder - File Shredder

GIMP - GIMP - GNU Image Manipulation Program

OpenOffice - Apache OpenOffice - Official Site - The Free and Open Productivity Suite

# Resources

Audicity – Audacity ® | Free, open source, cross-platform audio software for multi-track recording and editing. (audacityteam.org)

Malwarebytes - Thank you for downloading Malwarebytes for Mac | Malwarebytes

# Resources

Malwarebytes - Malwarebytes Cybersecurity for Home and Business | Anti-Malware & Antivirus

WavePad - Download WavePad Audio Editing Software for Windows - Free - 16.37 (digitaltrends.com)

Spotify - Spotify – Web Player

Dropbox - Dropbox Basic (Free account) – Dropbox

Everything - FAQ – voidtools

Hewie's Everything video - (6) How to Find Anything in Everything on a PC - YouTube