

## Setting Up a New Computer

### Sites for Downloading Free Programs

File Hippo: All free programs, very easy to deal with <http://filehippo.com/>

Download.com – more difficult to deal with for free programs, avoiding the paid versions

Ninite.com USE THIS FOR MULTIPLE PROGRAM DOWNLOADS <http://ninite.com/>

Here you can download 10, 20, more all at once. It installs the programs with the features you probably Want (install in c drive start menu, no icon in the task bar, etc) in maybe 10-15% of the time it would take To do it individually.

Google.com to search for any other programs not in file hippo or Ninite (downloads.com is too much trouble)

### Steps for a New or Reformatted Hard Drive

1. Uninstall ALL the trial programs on the machine including, Norton, Adobe Reader, Microsoft Office. At the FREE decrapifier <http://www.pcdcrapifier.com/download>. Free for personal use. You do Not have to do this first, but do it soon. INSTALL NONE OF THEM. Better FREE ones.
2. Go to file hippo and download AVG Free Edition Antivirus and Antispyware and install it so you will be Protected on your next internet steps. (Internet Explorer browser comes with Windows). You'll get the Rest of the programs from ninite or google (or back to filehippo) Get all the rest you want/need from Ninite.
3. Download, save, and install Startup Monitor to monitor each new program or update installation and ask You to OK or deny addition to the task bar on the right (runs 100 percent of the time in the background, Hogging resources, slowing the computer). You will deny almost of them. You just need security stuff from This list (AVG). The rest you start up when you want to use them. Startup Monitor is free. <http://www.mlin.net/StartupMonitor.shtml>
4. Go to <http://ninite.com/> and put a check in each program you want. Do not check Microsoft Office unless You have already purchased the program , have the key but not the installation disk. You can always Download it from Microsoft.com also. Open Office is a FREE clone of Office that governments, companies Universities use because it is free and until Microsoft brought out Office 2007, Open Office was stronger. You can set the defaults to save in Microsoft Office formats (.doc, .xls, .ppt, etc) so the whole world can Open it's documents. Microsoft Office 2007 now includes OO formats as an option . I suggest you get The following and use them by putting a check in the box beside the names.

The red ones are must haves for best practice. The others are nice but optional. Get others if you Recognize and want to use them. Do not get Ad-Aware and SpyBot. They are not effective, Malwarebytes is the recommended one. You can always come back to Ninite anytime to get more.

Chrome	Google's browser. Fast, easy to use. Everyone needs more than one browser in case it becomes corrupted so you can get the internet. Firefox and Chrome are the most Popular and solid.
<b>Firefox</b>	Many people's favorite browser. You don't need to have Internet Explorer as your default Browser unless you so desire
iTunes	Apple's free media player. Windows Media Player comes installed in Windows
VLC	Plays videos
Paint.net	Similar to Photoshop but is not quite as user friendly, I hear. But it's FREE
<b>Picasa</b>	Considered the best free photo editing and managing program from Google. Need to store Photos free on google's picasa.com photo storage.
Infanview	Very useful quick photo and clip editing and conversion program.
OpenOffice	Equivalent to Microsoft Office. Set the Save defaults to save documents, powerpoint (presenter), excel (has another name in open office) in Microsoft Office formats.
<b>Foxit</b>	THE pdf reader. It is 5mb instead of 50 of Adobe Reader, quicker, easy to use and doesn't Attract the malware that Adobe Reader does (since "everyone" has Adobe it is a target)
<b>Cutepdf</b>	In addition to Primopdf that is not in Ninite, can CREATE pdf files from any document File
<b>Malwarebytes</b>	Considered the best antimalware program. The free version is manual. You must update it Before using and run scans yourself every month or so. There is a paid version if you Want it to run in the background and automatically update.
<b>Flash</b>	A must have to view animation and videos on the net
<b>Flash(IE)</b>	Must be a version for Internet Explorer.
<b>Java</b>	Must have to view on the net
GoogleEarth	To see any location in the world
<b>CCleaner</b>	Run at least once a week to clean the excess and temporary files. Run the Registry For a safe registry cleaner. Has an uninstaller, but Revo is better
<b>Revo</b>	A program uninstaller. Shows all the programs and uses the program's uninstaller, if one Came with it. The uniqueness of REVO is that it then presents all the left over bits and pieces And registry items (there can be thousands). The other uninstallers, including the Windows Control panel one, leave junk files behind that build up.
<b>Defraggler</b>	The best, quickest, most effective free defrager. It actually returns significant usable space. From the same company as Ccleaner.

NOW, after all that. The local computer repair guru (Jon Townsend) recommends that in addition to AVG and Malwarebytes, that you download and install FREE **Spyware Blaster**. It works differently from Other antispymware programs, keeping more from coming in. Keep it updated.

[http://filehippo.com/download\\_spywareblaster](http://filehippo.com/download_spywareblaster)

This is a partial screen shot of Ninite.com.

[Sign in to Ninite Pro.](#)

## Pick your software

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### Web Browsers

<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Chrome</b> Google Chrome 4.0.249.78	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Safari</b> Safari 4.0.4	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Opera</b> Opera 10.10
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Firefox</b> Firefox 3.6		

### Messaging

<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Skype</b> Skype 4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Messenger</b> Windows Live Messenger 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Pidgin</b> Pidgin 2.6.5
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Digsby</b> Digsby	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Google Talk</b> Google Talk 1.0.0.104	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Thunderbird</b> Mozilla Thunderbird 3.0.1
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Yahoo!</b> Yahoo! Messenger 10.0.0.1102		

### Media

<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>iTunes</b> iTunes 9.0.2	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Songbird</b> Songbird 1.4.3.1438 (XP/Vista only)	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Hulu</b> Hulu Desktop
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>VLC</b> VLC 1.0.3	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>KMPlayer</b> The KMPlayer 2.9.4	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>AIMP</b> AIMP 2.51
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Winamp</b> Winamp 5.57 Lite	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Audacity</b> Audacity 1.2.6	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Spotify</b> Spotify
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>GOM</b> GOM Player 2.1.21		

### Imaging