

## THE COMPUTER CORNER

### No. 223: Top Freeware Picks

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Most of you know I am partial to majorgeeks ([www.majorgeeks.com](http://www.majorgeeks.com)), the best website for free (and pay-for, if you really want to pay) software on the planet. They check all their stuff for malware of any kind, and also to see if the software does what it says. I trust them completely! Indeed, they are my browser's homepage on each of my computers.

If you scroll down a bit on their page, they have a left panel Site Info bar. One of the things there is Top Freeware Picks, consisting of their “**absolutely best, 5 star rated, totally free programs**”. They are arranged in 21 categories, and each has a list of 3-5 programs. Just to give you a feel, here are the categories and the top program in it:

All-In-One-Suites:	Simple System Tweaker
Anti-Spyware & Anti-Malware	Malwarebytes Anti-Malware
Anti-Virus Protection	Avira Free Antivirus
Backup	Macrium Reflect
Browsers	Pale Moon
CD/DVD/Blu-Ray Burning Tools	CDBurnerXP Portable
Data Recovery	Wise Data Recovery
Defragmenting Tools	Defraggler
Diagnostics	Tweaking.com Windows Repair
Drive Cleaners	Wise Disk Cleaner
Driver Updaters	Driver Booster
Email Clients	Mozilla Thunderbird
File Compression	7-Zip
Graphics	FastStone Image Viewer
Multimedia	foobar2000
Microsoft Office Alternatives	LibreOffice Productivity Suite
Partitioning	Partition Logic
PDF Alternatives	Sumatra PDF
System Information	Tweaking.com – System Information
Text Editors (Notepad, Wordpad Alternatives)	Abiword
Uninstallers	GeekUninstaller
Honorable Mentions	(others such as Teamviewer, Patch My PC, etc.)

Now, realized I have listed just the first program of the 3-5 in their initial list, and also realize their list is constantly changing. The message is: go to majorgeeks.com Top Freeware Picks to view their list whenever you are looking for safe, useful software that will cost you nothing. For example, I cannot conceive why anyone would pay hundreds of dollars for Microsoft Office when Libre will do exactly the same thing with its Writer (Word), Calc (Excel), Impress (PowerPoint), Draw (drawing and flowcharting), Base (Access) and Math (editing mathematics). It will even read and write in Microsoft-compatible file formats, for example, .doc or docx Word files, so you maintain compatibility.

Majorgeeks.com is really an unsung hero! You need to investigate this site and make use of it. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Happy Computing!