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Communications – Networking

Network Magic - Eliminates home networking hassles and helps you do more with your network. It lets you easily print from any of your home computers to any of your printers, and also makes it a snap to share files across all of your computers. Network Magic also helps you troubleshoot and repair broken wireless Internet connections and protect your wireless network from intruders.

Ping Plotter - Provide a color-coded chart that lets you instantly spot bottlenecks in your connection. You can set the monitoring period and the interval between pings, and save the results as plain text or as a snapshot of the program window.

Drivers

Driver Magician Lite - Driver Magician Lite identifies all the hardware in the system, extracts their associated drivers from the hard disk, and backs them up to a location of your choice.

Graphics

Desktop Architect - Control the look and feel of your graphical user interface by customizing and installing Windows desktop themes.

GimpShop - Gimpshop is an exceedingly powerful Photoshop look-alike that has far more features than you, or most people you know, will ever use. If you're looking to do something as simple as touch up photos, or something far more sophisticated, like work in multiple layers, it has the tools you need.

Inkscape - Very good vector graphics editor that is also suitable for photo editing. If you're looking for a graphics program that lets you create illustrations and graphics, much like Freehand or Illustrator, then give Inkscape a whirl.

Zmatrix – Are you the one? This is the green falling number screen saver for fans of the Matrix.

Operating Systems

(Installation may destroy prior OS on hard drive. Please exercise CAUTION when installing replacement operating systems on your computer)

DOS Box - DOS emulator lets you play old games, programs.

UBCD4WIN - UBCD4Win is a bootable "live" CD which contains software that allows you to repair/restore/diagnostic almost any computer problem. All software included in UBCD4Win are freeware utilities for Windows. UBCD4Win is based on Bart's PE. An exe file... creates a bootable CD?

PDF Help Guides

- 10 Free security Tools That You Should Already Be Using
- 10 Steps to Web Security
- 10 Tips to Customize XP
- 50+ Keyboard Shortcuts
- Power PowerPoint Tips

Security

AVG AntiRootKit Free - AVG Anti-Rootkit is a powerful tool with state-of-the-art technology for detection and removal of rootkits.

Extreme Cleaner - Extreme Cleaner is a freeware program that cleans up your PC by running other freeware that cleans your PC.

TC Spy - TC spy will protect you by scanning your entire computer system against a database of thousands of known spyware and adware threats and then alert you to any infections found. It will also provide you with a detailed report and clean any infections found.

WinPatrol 2007 - Kill off unwanted background programs like worms, adware, and spyware. Review the .doc file for more details.

Upgrades

QuickTime 7 - QuickTime Player's simple and clean interface gets out of the way, letting your audience focus on your message, rather than advertisements from other parties. The standalone QuickTime Player is easy for anyone to use and enjoy. You can also easily embed QuickTime movies in a Web site.

Utilities

Autoruns - What's loading at startup? Find out with this utility, which improves on MSCONFIG.

BitMeter II - Track your download speeds and avoid hitting your ISP's bandwidth cap with this freebie.

Cathy - Cathy is a super-small, super-fast cataloguing tool suitable for cataloguing fixed drives or removable media, both old and new, including USB drives, CDs, DVDs, flash cards, old Zip and Jaz drives, even floppies and LS120 SuperDisk drives.

CDBurner XP Pro - Write to CDs and DVDs, and fix damaged audio tracks. Rip and burn, baby.

Drag and Drop Shell Robot - Drag and Drop Shell Robot is a utility to help power users easily perform operations on large numbers of files and folders.

Force Shutdown - : Force shutdown is an easy to use time save utility, saving you from several clicks when you are finishing work with computer.

Free Registry Defrag - Free Registry Defrag optimizes your registry by removing gaps and wasted space, thus improves the whole system performance.

FreeHelp Remote Desktop - The normal remote control software uses direct connection, needs to know the IP of the server, it couldn't work if the server and the client are in Local Area Network. FreeHelp uses transit network server, allows two computers through the Internet to control each other. (FVPCA endorses LogMeIn though...)

Free RAM XP Pro - Monitor how programs use memory, and try to make the most efficient use of the memory you have.

FreeUndelete - A freeware data recovery program for deleted files. In case of accidental deletion of files on a NTFS file system (used by default in Windows XP/2000/NT) and FAT32 FreeUndelete is the utility to help.

Invisible Secrets - Invisible Secrets allows you to encrypt and hide files in other files (carriers) which are not suspect of encryption (JPG, PNG, BMP). First, It will encrypt the

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sensitive data using a specified password and cryptosystem (algorithm). After that, the encrypted data will be inserted in the carrier.

Kruptos 2 - A powerful 128 bit file encryption utility that allows you to secure any sensitive files stored on your PC or portable storage device. Kruptos 2 includes a powerful file shredding utility, and the ability to generate self decrypting files.

MotherBoard Monitor - Find out if your PC is overheating with this free utility.

OpenProject - OpenProj is a free, open-source project management solution.

PrintKey 2000 - Print with a single press of the print screen key and also edit screen captures.

Process Tamer - Process Tamer is a tiny and efficient utility that runs on your system tray and constantly checks the CPU usage of other processes. When it sees a process that is overloading your CPU, it reduces the priority of that process temporarily, until its CPU usage returns to a reasonable level.

Quick Access - As many as 20 to 30 processes may be running invisibly, silently in the background on your PC. Some hog system resources drastically slowing down your computer; others are a threat to security and privacy; others may be harmless. The Windows Task Manager displays most of these processes but you have no information to learn and understand what is what. Get the latest definitions and exhaustive advice on all the processes running on your PC.

ShellExView - This tool lets you remove pesky programs and their remnants (including menu items) from your system.

Startup Control Center - Programs that automatically start up with Windows can be annoying, especially when they hog system memory and bog down your system. Startup Control Panel is a free program that lets you take control of this process.

YCopy - File copying tool is great for large scale copying and will skip files it can't handle without coming to a halt.

Video:

ALShow - This terrific little media player can handle just about anything.

Media Coder - If you need to transform media files between formats, shrink files with little quality loss, extract audio from video files, and much more, this is the program for you. It'll convert files between media formats, giving you a great deal of control over the output. So, for example, if you have a file that you'd like to convert so it can be played on a portable media player, MediaCoder will do the trick.

MPEG Streamclip - A converter, an encoder, a player and an editor

VLC Player - VLC media player is a highly portable multimedia player for various audio and video formats (MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, DivX, mp3, ogg, ...) as well as DVDs, VCDs, and various streaming protocols

Windows Movie Maker - Instructions on how to upgrade XP to SP2 to get this freebie from Microsoft.