



Cool Tool	Description
<a href="#">Piriform's CCleaner</a>	This is a great utility that will scrub your system clean.
<a href="#">CPUID's CPU-Z</a>	The utility to find out the specs of the CPU on your system.
<a href="#">CPUID's HWMonitor</a>	Great little program that gives you a quick break down of your system's temperature and other sensors. From the maker of CPU-Z.
<a href="#">Igor Pavlov's 7-Zip</a>	A free, open-source utility that unzips almost everything you can through at it. I install it on all my systems.
<a href="#">Malwarebytes Free</a>	When you need to scrub a machine of some nasty malware, this utility will help you get the job done.
<a href="#">Memtest86+</a>	<i>The</i> live CD memory tester. This tool boots from a CD and gives your RAM a workout looking for problems that can cause errors such as BSODs and data corruption.
<a href="#">Microsoft's Sysinternals Utilities</a>	The definitive collection of utilities to discover and fix almost anything going on with Windows. My personal favorite is <a href="#">Process Explorer</a> .
<a href="#">Gnome Partition Editor</a>	Gnome Partition Editor, or GParted, is another live CD that will enable you to resize and repartition your hard drive without reformatting. Make sure you have a backup before using this or any partitioning tool on a system you care about.
<a href="#">HiJackThis</a>	HijackThis is great for getting rid of those annoying browser toolbars. It's basically a high-powered version of MSCONFIG.
<a href="#">ImgBurn</a>	For all your disc image burning needs. Many utilities come in ISO format and must be burned to a disc before use. If you are using Windows Vista or previous versions of Windows, ImgBurn will make it easy to burn those ISOs properly.
<a href="#">Wireshark</a>	Everyone should have this famous protocol analyzer in their toolbox.
<a href="#">VirtualBox</a>	The freeware VM that's great for getting your feet wet with virtualization.
<a href="#">Rufus</a>	When I need to make a bootable thumb drive this is my goto utility
<a href="#">Secunia PSI</a>	This utility checks every program on your system, checking for latest versions. Goes way beyond Windows Update.
<a href="#">Versacrypt</a>	Bitlocker is great if you have the right version of Windows, a TPM chip and want to encrypt an entire drive. For those who don't, there is Versacrypt.
<a href="#">Nmap</a>	The best network security scanner out there! (Included in Kali distro)
<a href="#">Metasploit</a>	The number one penetration testing framework (Included in Kali distro)
<a href="#">Hashtab</a>	A darn handy Windows hash calculator that embeds itself into the context menu on your system
<a href="#">Kali Linux</a>	The popular security-centric Linux distro. Contains many of the tools listed here