

# FUN / FREE / INTERESTING SITES



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<http://gopetfriendly.com/>



- **PET TRAVEL MADE EASY**
- **LOCATE PET FRIENDLY CAMPGROUNDS**
- **PLAN YOUR ROAD TRIP**

[www.gardenguides.com](http://www.gardenguides.com)



- **Comprehensive gardening advice for free**
- Gardening can be a relaxing hobby. Or, it can be incredibly frustrating.
- Check out Garden Guides. This site has a ton of free advice on gardening. You can learn about plant types, garden design and gardening phases.
- There are articles on different types of gardens, including flower and organic. It also discusses gardening dangers, like pests and diseases.

# GPS



- Delete all your personal information from your GPS when you trade in your auto

# Is your cell phone data being sold?



- Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI)
- It includes phone numbers of incoming and outgoing calls.
- Information on your data and minute usage.
- Products and services you buy from the provider.
- Location data is in there, too.
  
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# Permission is hidden in your contract



- Your cellular provider can't sell your CPNI without your permission. You were probably opted in at some point. Most often a notice is slipped into your monthly bill. It was in all that fine print you didn't read.
- You can withdraw your consent.
- So, here are the links to the major providers' privacy policies:
- AT&T: [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)
- Verizon: [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)
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# Phone numbers to opt out of CPNI



- Sprint apparently doesn't sell CPNI data. So, it doesn't offer a way to opt out. Here are the numbers for the others. Representatives there should help you opt out.
- AT&T: 1-800-331-0500
- Verizon: 1-800-333-9956
- T-Mobile: 1-877-453-1304
  
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# Another way to control open windows



- Lets you control window sizing with your keyboard. You can maximize and minimize windows with ease. You can also stretch windows vertically or horizontally. You can organize windows however you want.
- You can also resize windows without clicking on tiny handles. Press Alt and right-click anywhere inside a window. Then just drag your mouse to resize the window. That's it. You can also put SecondShell on a thumb drive. You can use it on any PC.
- **Cost:** Free XP, Vista and 7
- **Link:** [www.secondshell.com](http://www.secondshell.com)

# Get all your favorite programs in one package



- Setting up a new computer is exciting. It also takes forever. Getting Windows running is one thing. But then you have to install all your favorite software. That usually means visiting lots of Web sites.
- Most of us use a fair amount of free, open-source software. This includes things like Firefox, VLC, CCleaner and IrfanView. These are great programs. And they're free. But they are scattered all over.

# Blog.zeusoft.net free XP, Vista & 7



- ZeuApp can make setting up a computer much easier. It pulls together links to 82 programs. Download any of them with one click.
- You'll get programs for chatting, editing audio and burning CDs. There are photo-editors and security programs. You'll find desktop e-mail programs, games and office suites. And you can get to all of it from one window. No need to open a browser.
- *(You'll also see file-sharing programs. These have legitimate uses. But you end up wading through pirated and virus-riddled material. So, I'd just avoid them.)*
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# Buy gift cards for less than their value



- Card Pool buys gift cards from people who won't use them. It then sells the cards to you at reduced prices. This can be up to 30 percent off the card's value. All the major retail chains are represented.
- The cards carry a 100-day purchase guarantee. This attests that the card will work as advertised. It also offers your money back if the card's merchant goes bankrupt.
- [www.cardpool.com](http://www.cardpool.com)

# **Professional 3D graphics tool** **[www.blender3d.org](http://www.blender3d.org)**

Blender is an open source 3D graphics program with professional-quality features. You can create scenes complete with textures, light and shadows. Whether you're after real, fantasy or cartoon scenes, your creations will have photographic depth.

Blender also allows you to animate your 3D characters or scenes.

It can convert your artwork to JPG, GIF, PNG and other picture formats. For animations, you can choose formats including AVI and MOV (Quicktime). **FREE**

Blender works on either Windows or Mac OS X.

# A tool for repairing seriously infected PCs

## AVG RESCUE CD



- It contains various antivirus and anti-spyware tools.
- You can burn it to a CD. Or you can install it on a thumb drive. Then, instead of booting into Windows, you boot from your CD or thumb drive. The anti-malware tools can be used to recover your system. You can clean out everything, and then get back to Windows.
- (This is not a program you run from within Windows. It must be burned to a CD or installed on a USB drive. You can then boot your computer into the program.)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Link:** [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)
- **System:** Windows XP, Vista and 7
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- **Unbelievable images of the heavens**
- The universe is an amazing place.
- Everyone knows about Hubble and Mount Palomar. But you may not have encountered the Chandra X-Ray Observatory.
- Chandra is a 10-year-old satellite designed to study X-ray emissions. Aside from furthering scientific research, it takes great pictures. Even better, they are all posted for free online.

# STICKY NOTES FOR YOUR DESKTOP



- Stickies is a powerful program. You can send notes without the aid of a separate e-mail program. You can also share notes directly through a network with others who have Stickies installed. When you do so, the notes will appear on the other computer's screen. Recipients can edit the notes and post them back to your screen
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# Sticky notes for your desktop



- You can opt to save logs of all sent and received notes automatically. Or, set notes as alarms, complete with sounds and visual cues.
- Stickies even supports Windows or Palm mobile devices.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Link:** [zhornsoftware.co.uk](http://zhornsoftware.co.uk)
- **System:** Windows XP, Vista and 7
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