

## THE COMPUTER CORNER

### No. 307: Majorgeeks Top Freeware Picks

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If you often read this column, you already know that I am a longtime fan of the MajorGeeks site for freeware and shareware software for Windows. There is just no better source for the software you use every day to safely run your Windows machine, and their reputation for fair evaluation is unparalleled. To examine the Top Freeware Picks category, ctrl-click this: <https://www.majorgeeks.com/> to go to the MajorGeeks site, look down the left column of the page to find FILES, then OTHER NEWS, then SPREAD THE WORD, and SITE INFO. Under SITE INFO click the first item, TOP FREeware PICKS.

There are quite a few of these picks, organized in several categories. As of this writing (early August 2023) there are 20 categories, but be aware that both the categories and their contents change from time to time. Here is the current list, which you should look through. [As an aside, to save yourself some money and lots of your time waiting for a slow machine to respond, please pay particular attention to what is said in the 3<sup>rd</sup> category, Anti-Virus Protection. You can probably speed up that slow machine significantly by following their suggestions!]

1. All-In-One Tweakers	11. Flash or Thumb Drives
2. Anti-Spyware & Anti-Malware	12. Graphics
3. Anti-Virus Protection	13. Multimedia
4. Backup	14. Microsoft Office Alternatives
5. Browsers	15. Partitioning
6. Data Recovery	16. Password Managers & Recovery
7. Diagnostics	17. PDF Alternatives
8. Drive Cleaners	18. System Information
9. Driver Updaters	19. Text Editors (Notepad, Wordpad Alternatives)
10. File Compression	20. Uninstallers

Tim Tibbets, one of MajorGeeks directors, is quoted below concerning their Top Freeware Picks category. The Freemium category he speaks about (a combination of the words *free* and *premium*), describes otherwise free software that will do some additional functions for a monetary charge.

*"MajorGeeks.Com takes pride in hand-selecting the best freeware, shareware, Freemium, and Open Source software. However, in our 15,000 plus listings, you can find the cream of the crop, or as we call it, the top 1%. These are the apps that most geeks would recommend to you in their respective categories. There are now (very*

*few freemium listings included that we could not avoid. For example, Malwarebytes, a household name, is included. You can scan for free, but real-time protection requires a license.”*

While you are at it, take a look at the About Us category under Site Info. There is even a video in there which explains how they bench test (and actually run!) each piece of software before that software becomes one of the offerings on the MajorGeeks site. That sort of testing long ago convinced me to have confidence in the software they list. Happy Computing!