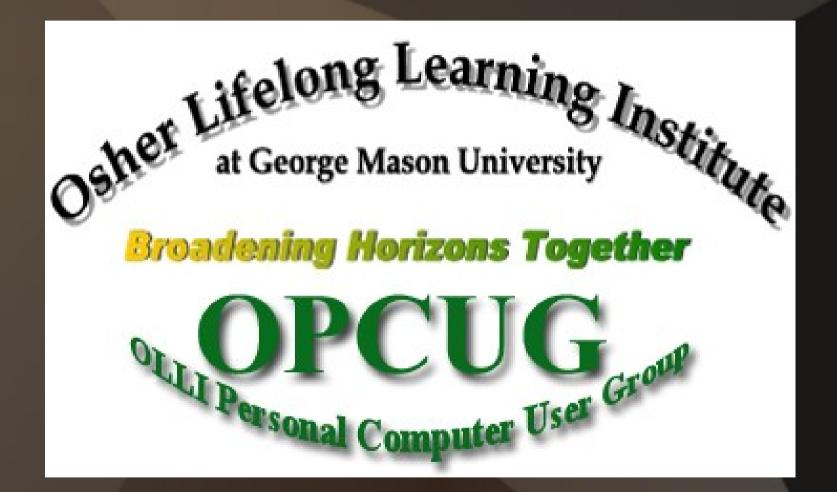
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# Functional Resources

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# My Needs

• Computer software that does what I want.

• The price of the software is reasonable.

# My Problem

• Most "packaged" software does way more than what I need.

• Most "packaged" software costs way more than I can afford.

## My Areas of Computer Needs

- Operating System
- Tech Assisting
- Protection
- Productivity
- Digital Imaging
- Multimedia

# Operating Systems

- Heart/Brains of it all
- Graphical desktop
- Lots of applications

# Tech Assisting

Being able to help others with their tech problems.

• Being able to assist remotely and see what's going on (or not going on).

### Protection

- Anti-virus
- Firewall
- Spam/Adware
- · Clean-up/Remove

# Productivity

- Text documents, spreadsheets, presentations
- · Web browsing, e-mail, calendar
- PDF readers
- Graphics/Drawing

# Digital Imaging

- Viewers
- Editors
- Organizers/Managers
- Screen Capturing

### Multimedia

- Playing
- Recording
- Creating/Duplicating

### What I've Found

- Software that costs \$\$\$\$.
- Software that's FREE.
- Free software that I like better than other free software.
- I'd like to share what I use and other examples of functional software.

### FOSS

- Free and Open Source Software
- Free software vs. Open Source Software; are they the same or different?
- Both are free, and developers are willing to share the code so that others can help rewrite/improve the software (you can also donate to these people as well)
- Difference in philosophy, but I don't really understand or care. I'm just glad it's out there.

#### Bottom Line = \$\$\$\$

- Free programs may be missing some features.
- So far I haven't missed them, and you may not either.
- But if something is missing, then you decide if it's worth the total price of the program to have that missing feature.
- Start with the free program, if it doesn't meet your needs, purchase the paid program.

### Operating Systems

- Linux vs Microsoft/Apple (type)
- Ubuntu/Linux Mint/Debian vs XP/Vista/7 or OS# (version or distro)
- Gnome, KDE, Xfce vs Windows (desktop environment)



TurboPrint



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Monitor



Backups



















Graphics



































Firefox Web Browser



Pidgin Internet Messenger







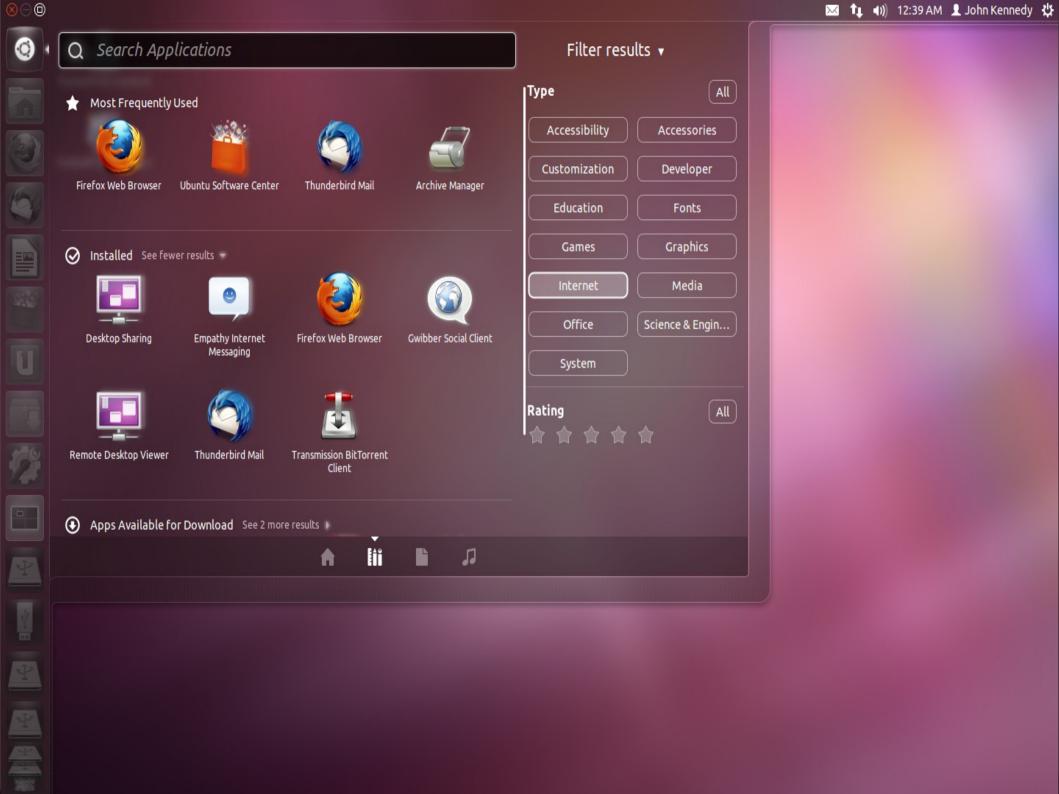


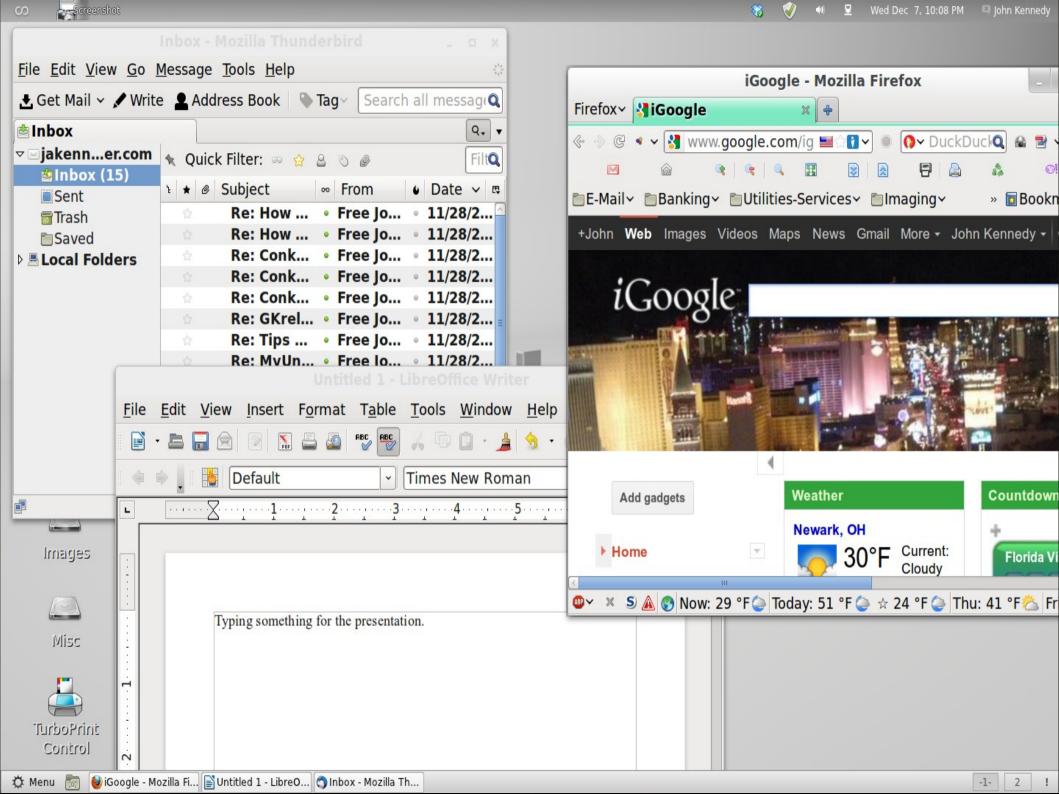


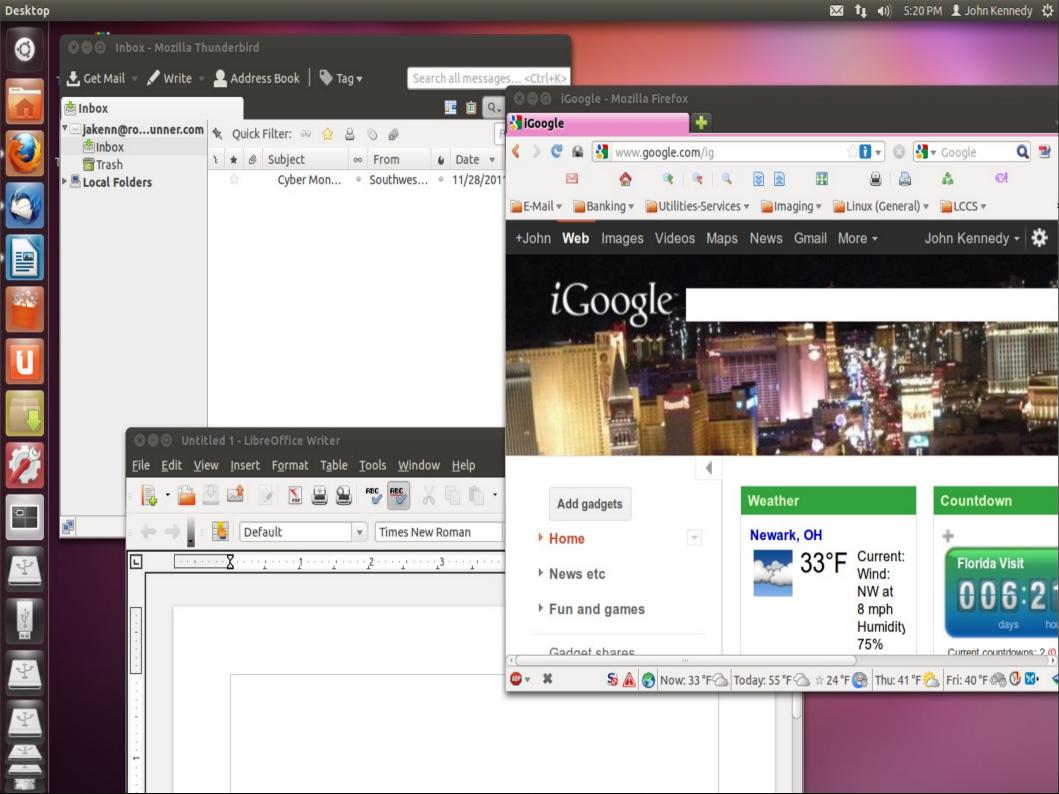








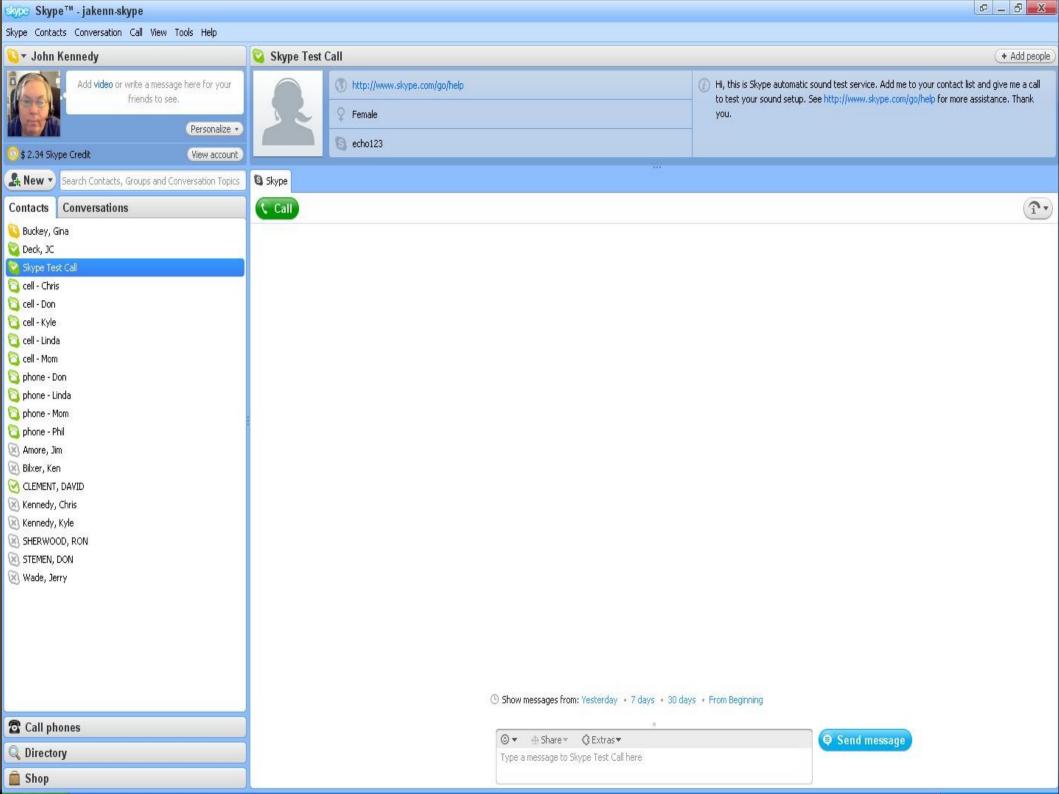


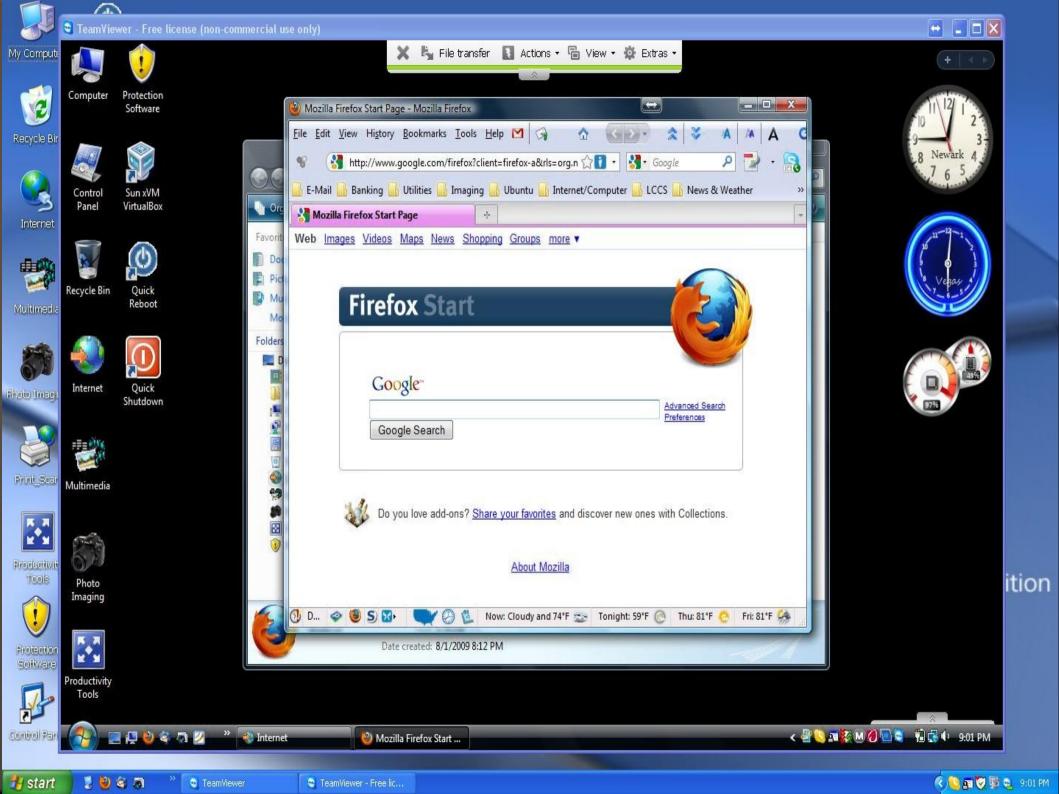


#### Tech Assistance

- Skype
- Teamviewer

• vs GoToMyPC, pcAnywhere or LogMeIn





#### Protection - Antivirus

- Avast
- Avira AntiVir
- AVG (?)

- vs Microsoft Security Essentials
- vs Norton or McAfee

#### Protection - Firewall

- ZoneAlarm
- Comodo
- OnLine Armor

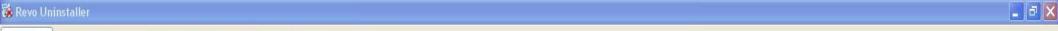
- vs Microsoft's firewall
- vs BitDefender/F-Secure

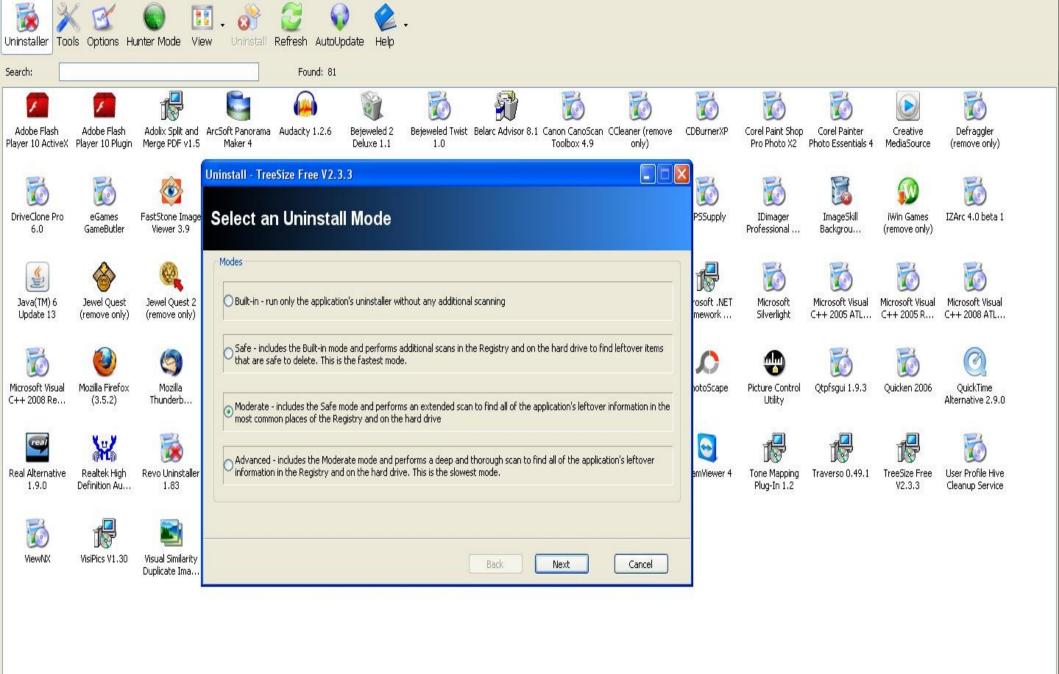
#### Protection — Spam/Spyware/Malware

- MalwareBytes
- SuperAntiSpyware

# Protection — Clean Up/Removal & Information Gathering

- Revo Uninstaller vs MicroSoft's Add/Remove
- Ccleaner
- SIW (system information for windows)
- Belarc





Uninstaller shows you all of the installed programs and components for both the current and all users. In the "Details" view type, or by the context menu, you can reach additional information (links and properties about the installations). A primary feature of Revo Uninstaller is Hunter mode. This mode gives you the flexibility to uninstall, stop, delete or disable from auto-starting with just one click.



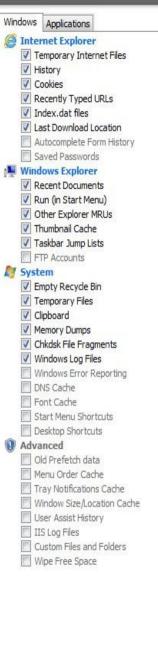






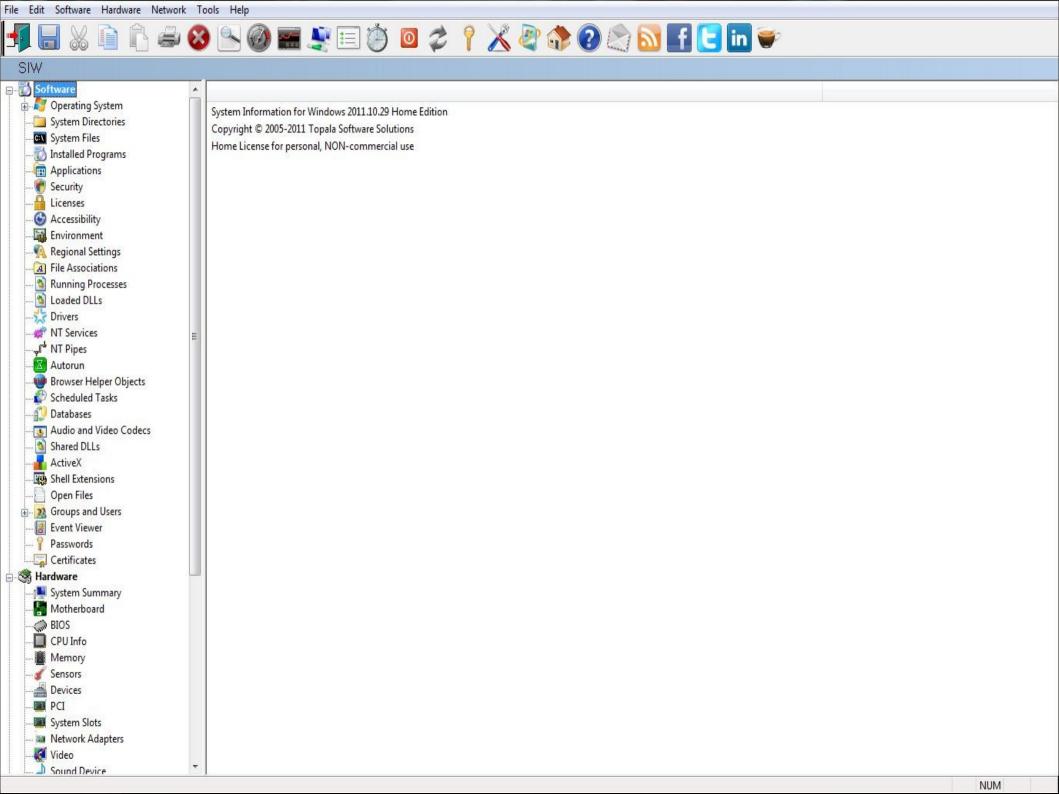






Analyze

Run Cleaner







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1.25 of 10 (details...)

**✓** Up-to-date

Virus Protection

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Microsoft Security Updates

**✓** Up-to-date

#### Computer Profile Summary

Computer Name: jakenn-desk764 (in JAKENN2008) — dual-boot\_32-64 Profile Date: Thursday, December 08, 2011 4:14:33 PM

Advisor Version: 8.2f

Windows Logon: John-Admin7 64

#### Plan for your next computer refresh... click for Belarc's System Management products

Operating System new - server roles

Windows 7 Professional (x64) Service Pack 1 (build 7601)

Install Language: English (United States) System Locale: English (United States) Installed: 8/28/2011 5:14:24 PM

Processor a

2.80 gigahertz AMD Athlon 64 X2 Dual Core 256 kilobyte primary memory cache 1024 kilobyte secondary memory cache 64-bit ready Multi-core (2 total) Not hyper-threaded

new USB Storage Use in past 30 Days (mouse over last used for details)

 Last Used

 Canon iP6700DStorage -- drive 8, rev 0101
 12/8/2011 4:10:52 PM

 Seagate FA GoFlex Desk -- drive 9, s/n NA0LF0CS, rev 0157
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 Seagate FreeAgentDesktop -- drive 7, s/n 5QM0G49V, rev 100F
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 Generic USB CF Reader -- drive 3, s/n 058F312D81B, rev 1.01
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 Generic USB MS Reader -- drive 5, s/n 058F312D81B, rev 1.03
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 Generic USB SD Reader -- drive 2, s/n 058F312D81B, rev 1.00
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System Model

Enclosure Type: Desktop

Main Circuit Board b

Board: XFX MD-A72P-7509 Ver1.1

Bus Clock: 200 megahertz

BIOS: American Megatrends Inc. 080015 04/07/2009

new Hosted Virtual Machines (mouse over name for details)

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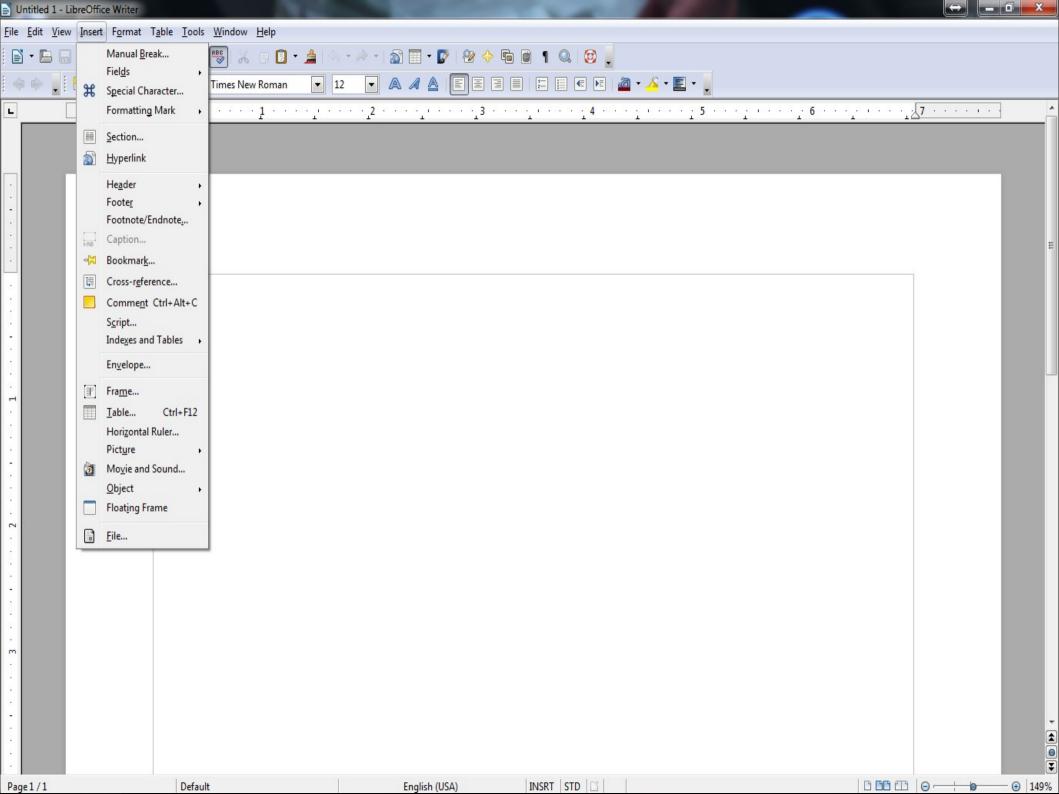
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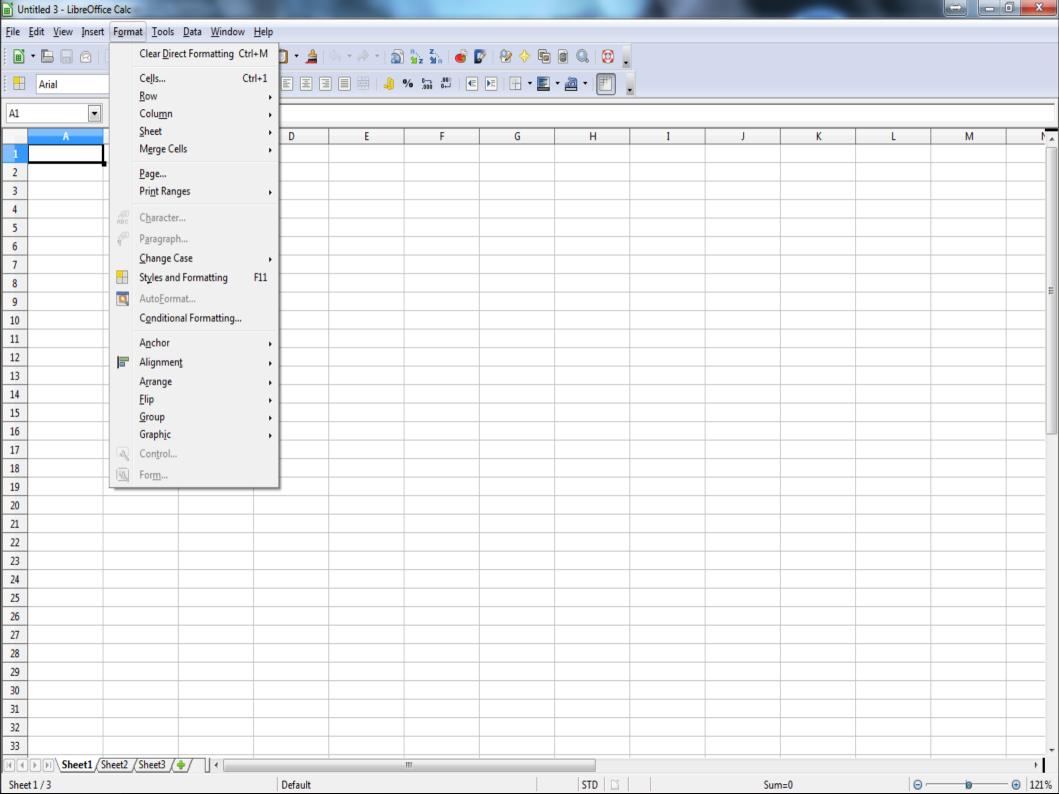
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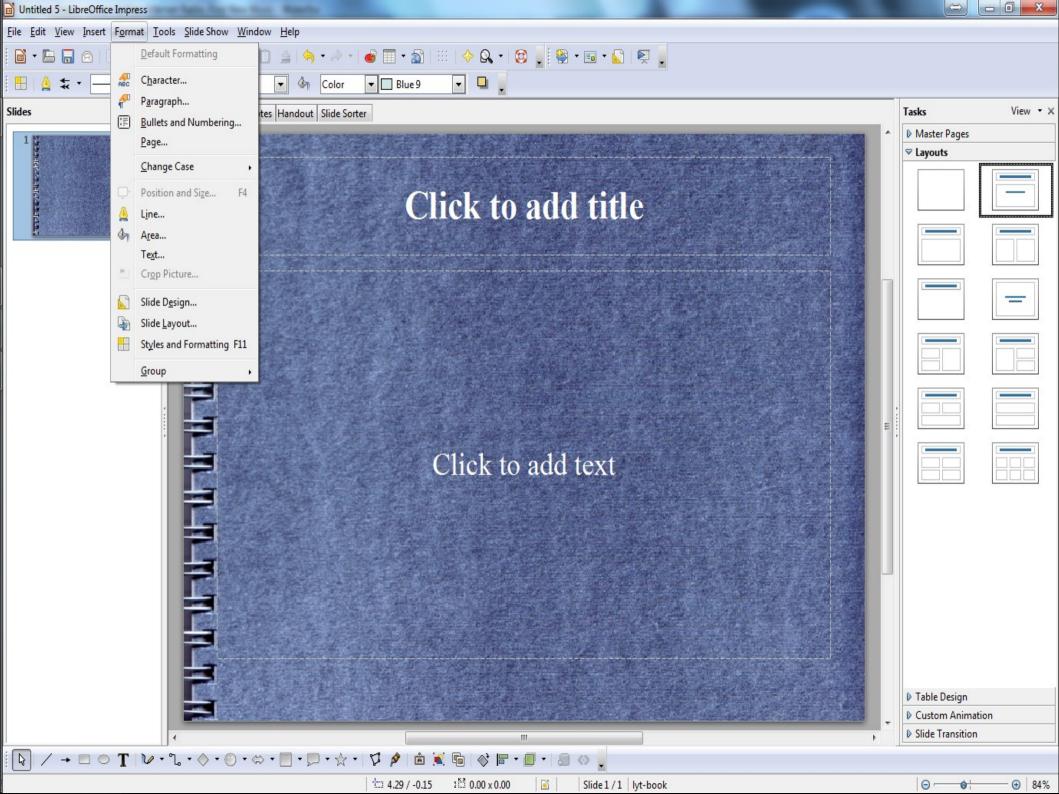
#### Productivity — Text documents, Spreadsheet, Presentation

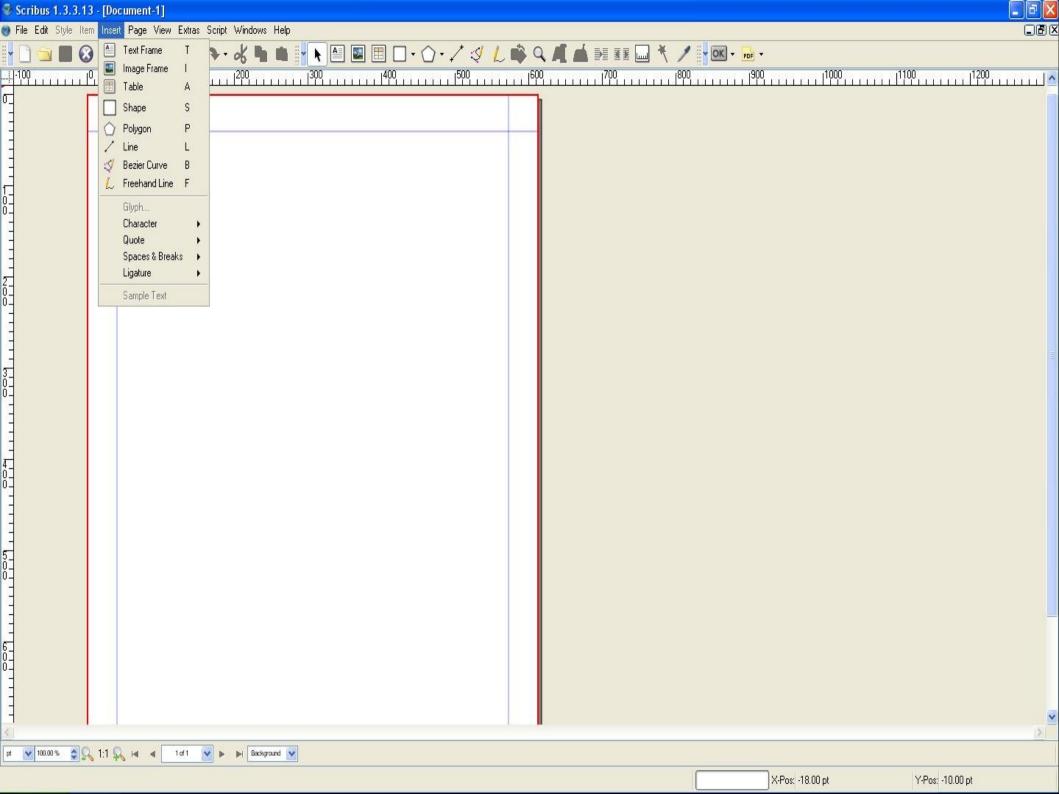
#### LibreOffice vs Microsoft Office

- Writer vs Word
- Calc vs Excel
- Impress vs Powerpoint
- Scribus vs <u>Publisher</u>



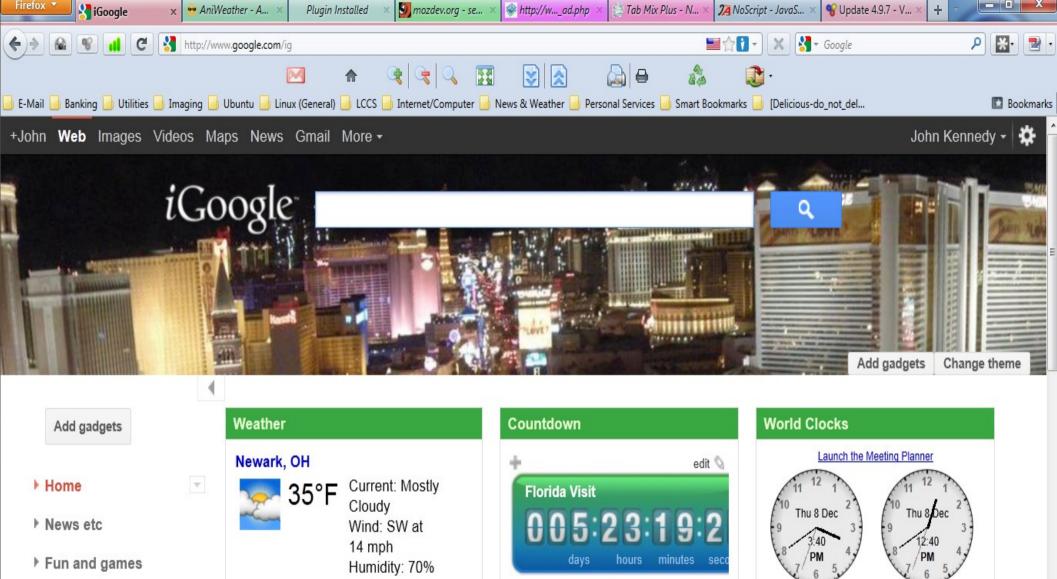






#### Productivity – Web browser, E-Mail

- Firefox/Chrome vs Internet Explorer
- Thunderbird+Lightning vs Outlook (client)
- Google Gmail/Calendar (web based)
- Evernote\*\* vs <u>OneNote</u> (information storage and retrieval)





Gadget shares

Updates Friends

▶ Chat



Monthly Stats – November 2011

■ eUKhost provides Linux Mint

with a new server



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#### Gizmo's Freeware: Top selections

- Finds of the Week
- Updated: Best Free Online Applications and Services
- Fron 1 Voor Dromium



Friday, December 9th, 5:30 PM, LCCS Fall
Banquet
Refurbishing & Recycling News
http://lccsohio.weebly.com Please check
back for updates.

The Licking County Computer Society (LCCS) was founded in 1985 as the Newark Area Computer Club and incorporated in 1988 as a non-profit organization. The purpose was to bring together local personal computer enthusiasts to further computer education and understanding. We meet in a congenial atmosphere where users of personal computers may exchange ideas and information on existing hardware and software.

To read or print LCCS Constitution and Bylaws (MS Word format), please click on Constitution and Bylaws.

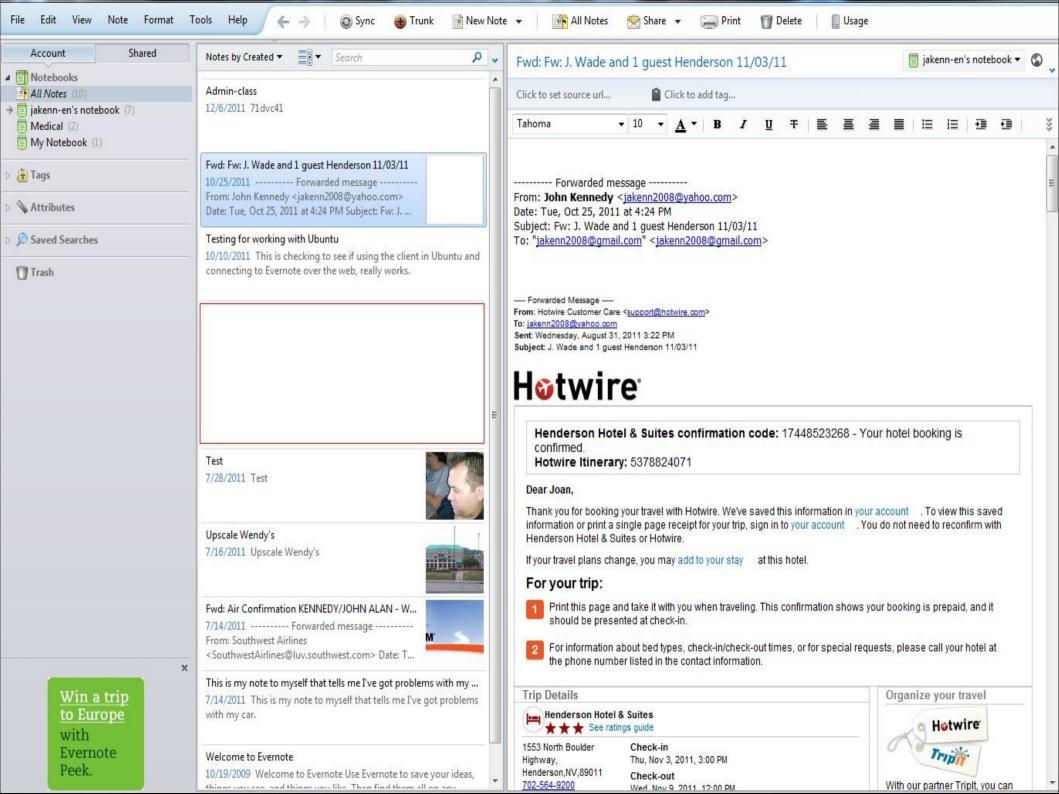
Our general <u>meetings</u>, which are held on the third Tuesday each month, feature speakers who are computer industry representatives and/or knowledgeable enthusiasts. The general public is cordially invited. Can't come to the meeting personally? <u>Installation of Teamspeak Client Audio Conferencing For LCCS</u>. This is the instruction to install and operate the <u>teamspeak</u> audio conferencing program on your PC for use with the LCCS main meetings.

In addition to the general meeting, special "Help Desks" meetings are held monthly to provide mutual assistance in resolving software/hardware problems and to discuss new developments. Members frequently help each other on an informal basis.

Our membership ranges from novices to experienced computer experts. Novices are especially encouraged to join our group. Another benefit is the LCCS **newsletter** which contains reviews and other informative articles written by members.

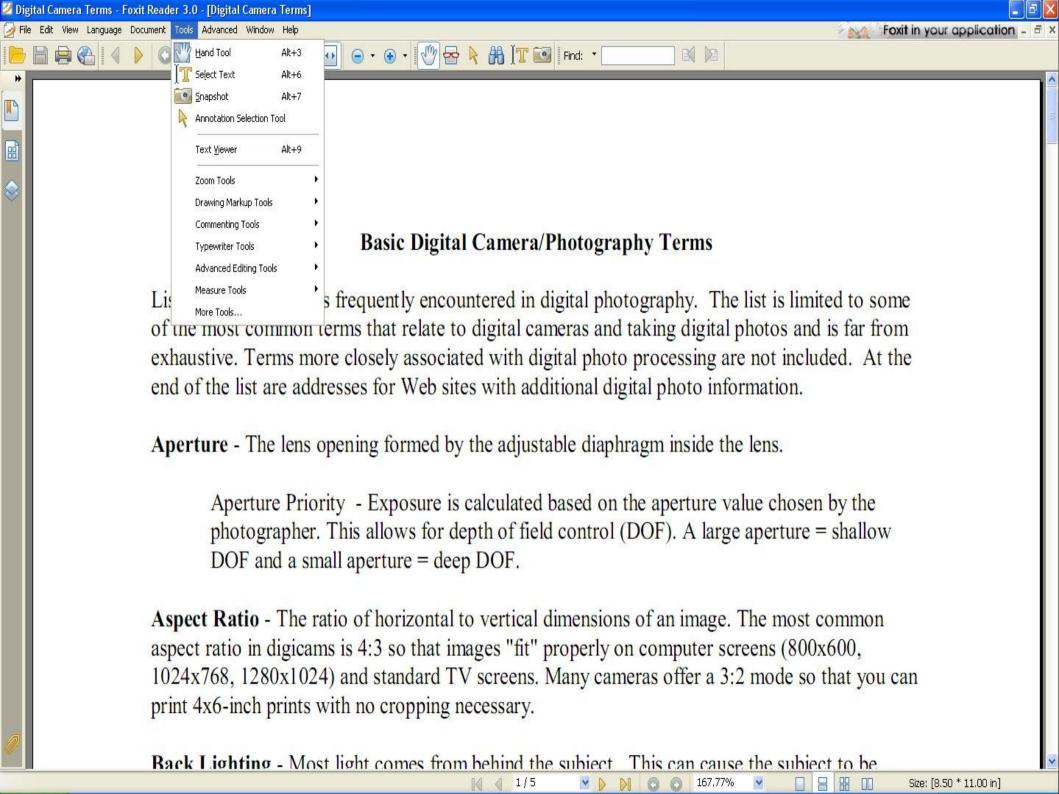
LCCS has three important ongoing projects: Computer Refurbishing, Computer Recycling Events, and the LCCS/LCAP Teaching Program. These volunteer activities are always looking for more members to help out. See the Projects page for details and contacts.

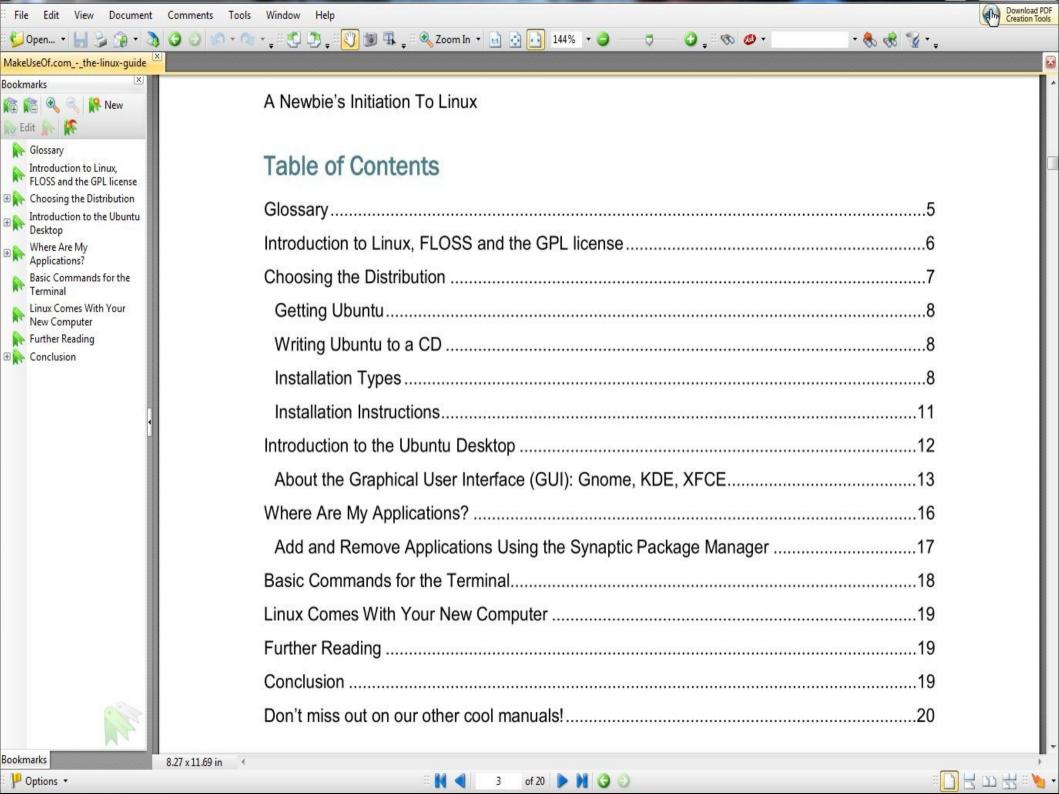
The Licking County Computer Society takes an active part in the needs of our community. During this period of economic needs, the local food banks are being used heavily and they are having a hard time keeping their shelves stocked. So, beginning in May, the society decided that it would give it's portion of their monthly 50-50 drawing to a local food bank. This year LCCS will donate their monthly share to the Johnstown Food Bank. Along with that, LCCS President Kemp O'Dell presented Chuck Moore, of the Food Pantry Network of Licking County, a check for \$500 to help with the summer demands where an increase in need is expected due to schools being not in session.



### Productivity - PDF readers

 FoxIt Reader/PDF-XChange \*\* vs Adobe Reader





### Productivity - PDF tools

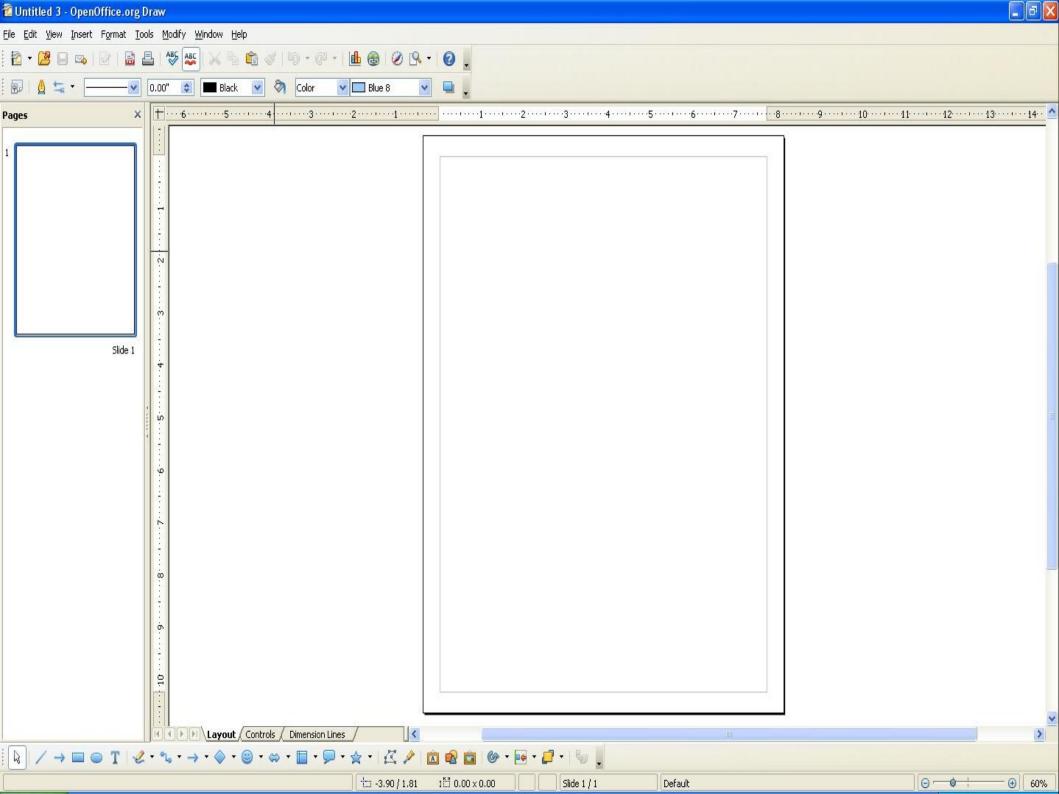
LibreOffice programs

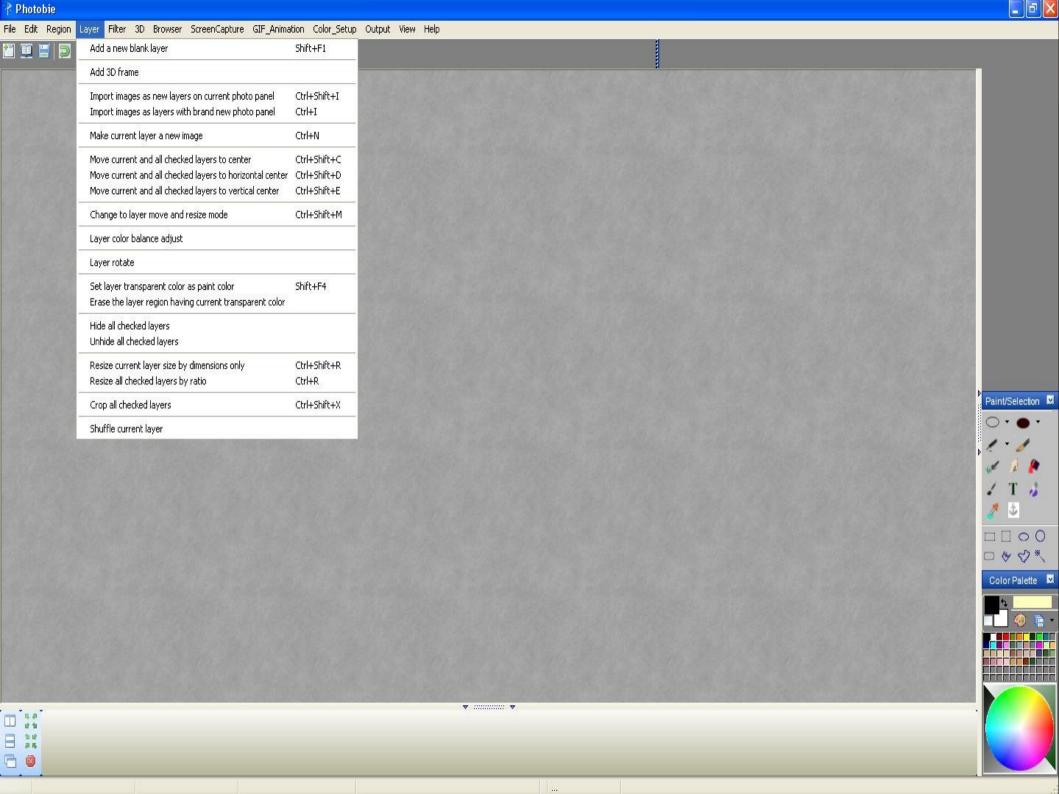
• PDFill PDF Tools vs <u>Adobe</u> <u>Acrobat</u>

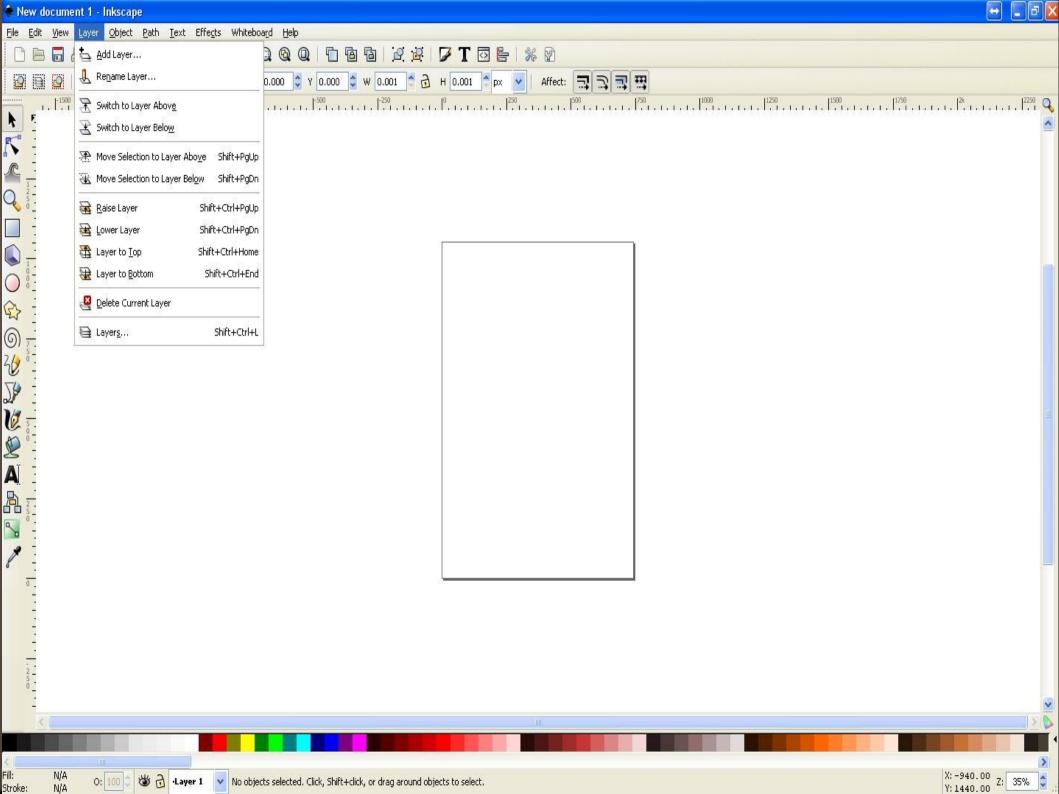
PDFsam- split and merge PDFs

# Productivity - Drawing

- LibreOffice Draw vs MS Paint
- Photobie
- Paint.Net
- Inkscape vs <u>Illustrator/CorelDraw</u>



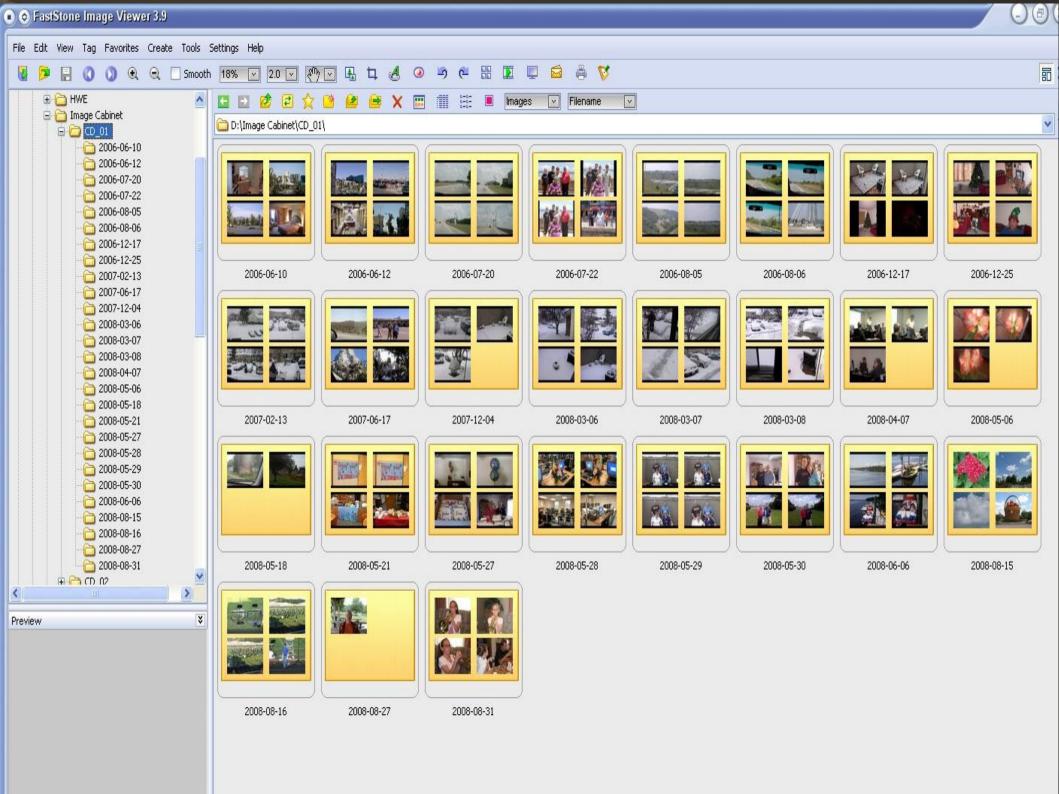


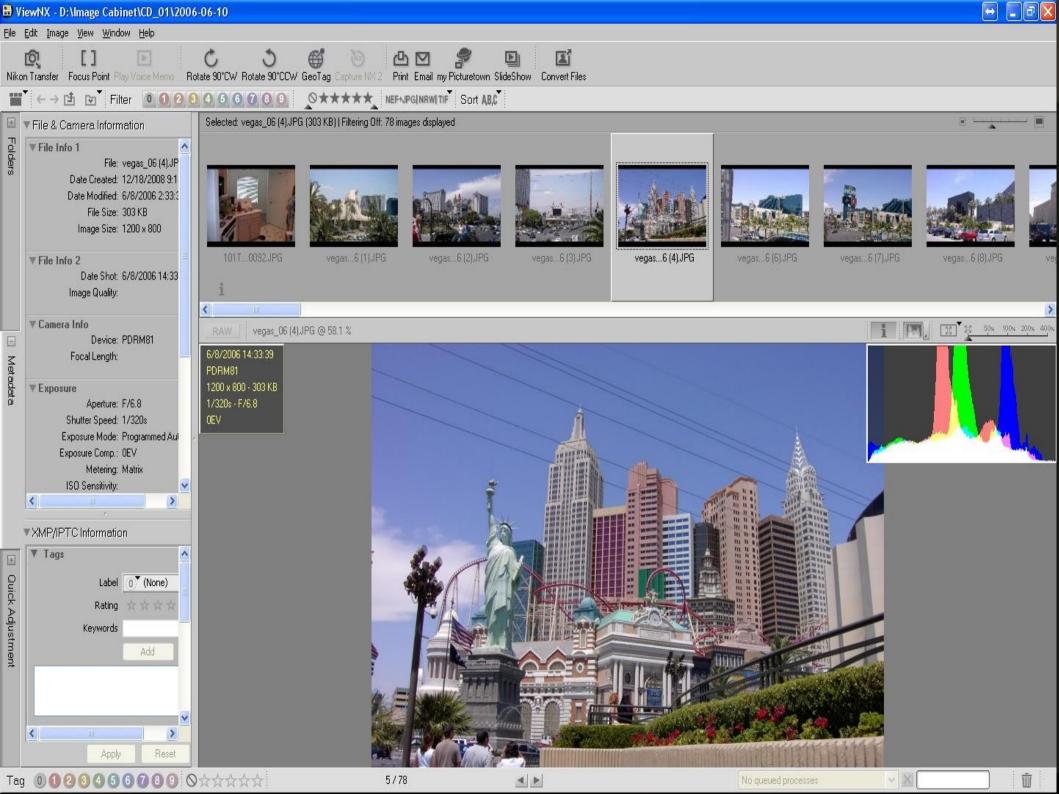


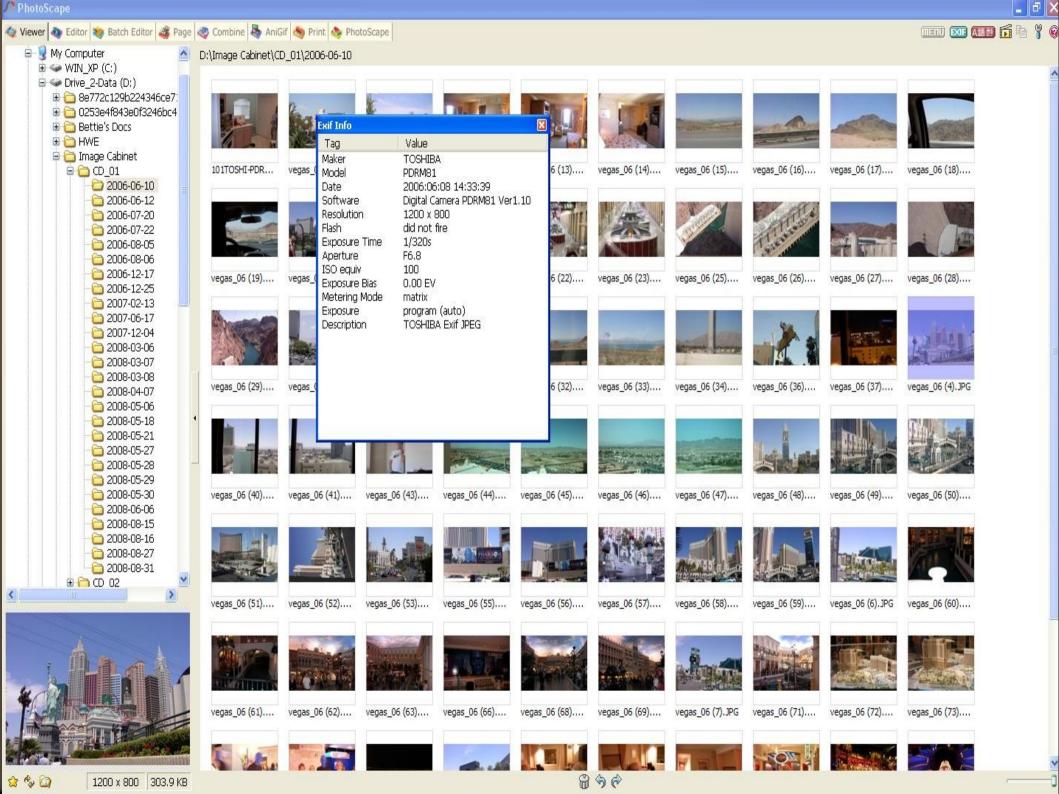
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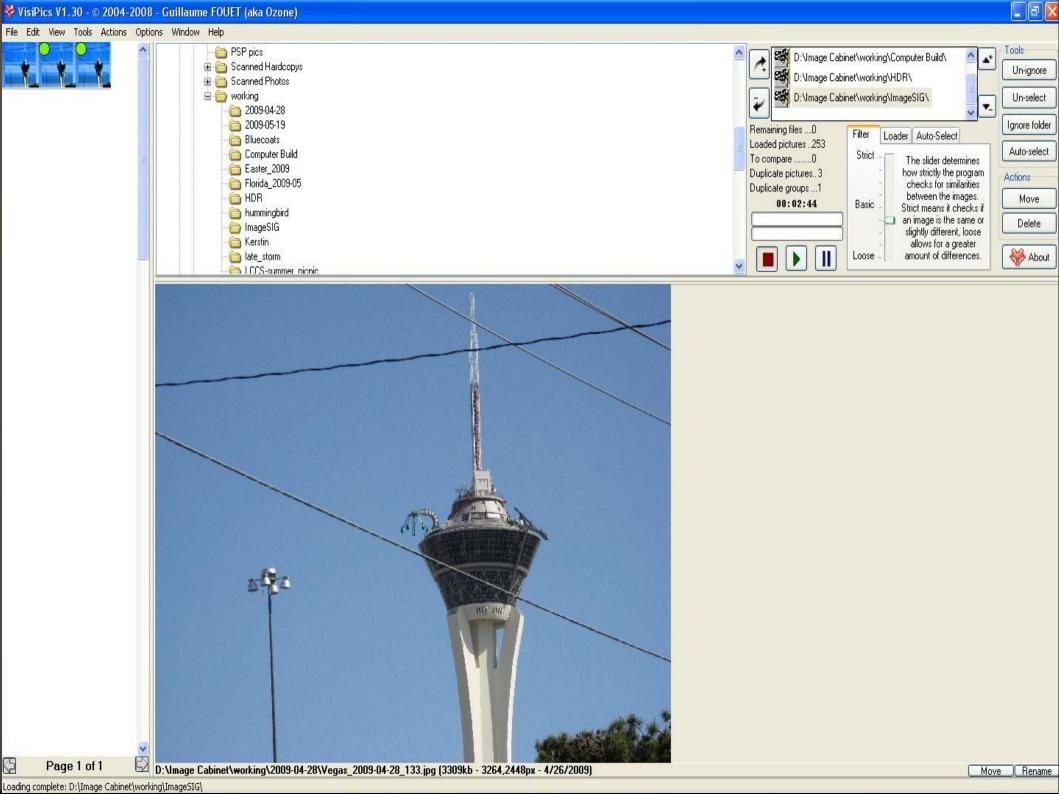
- FastStone Image Viewer
- ViewNX (from Nikon)
- Photoscape

VisiPics (duplicate finder)







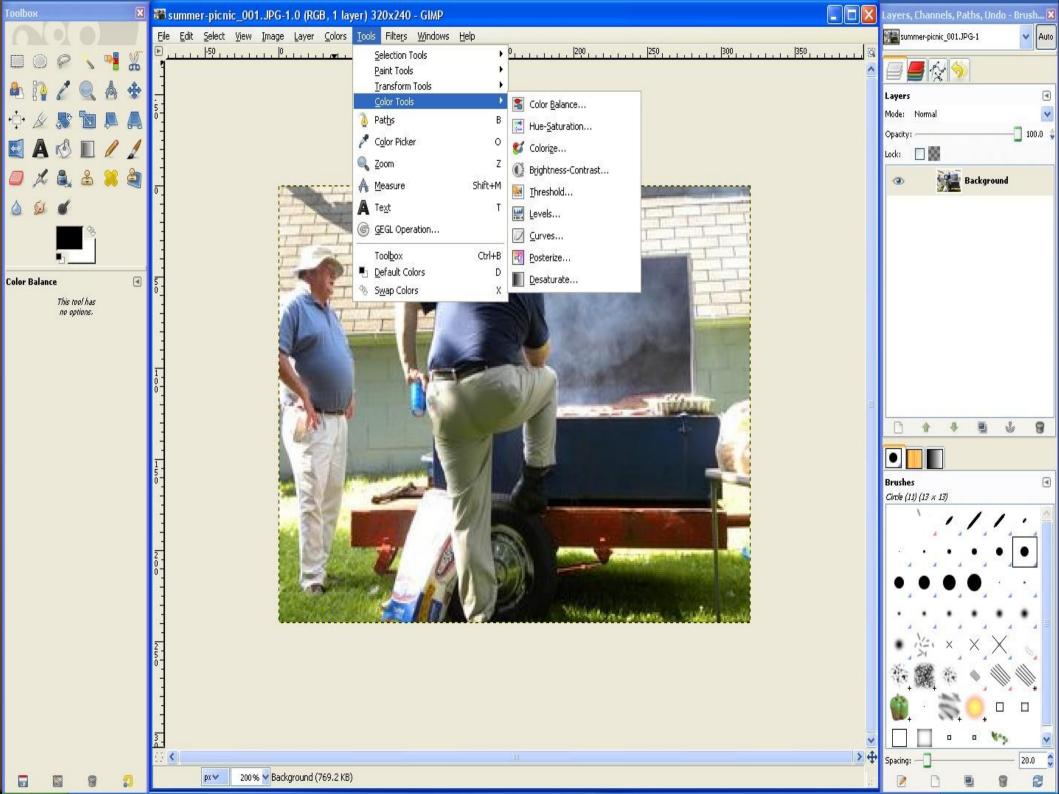


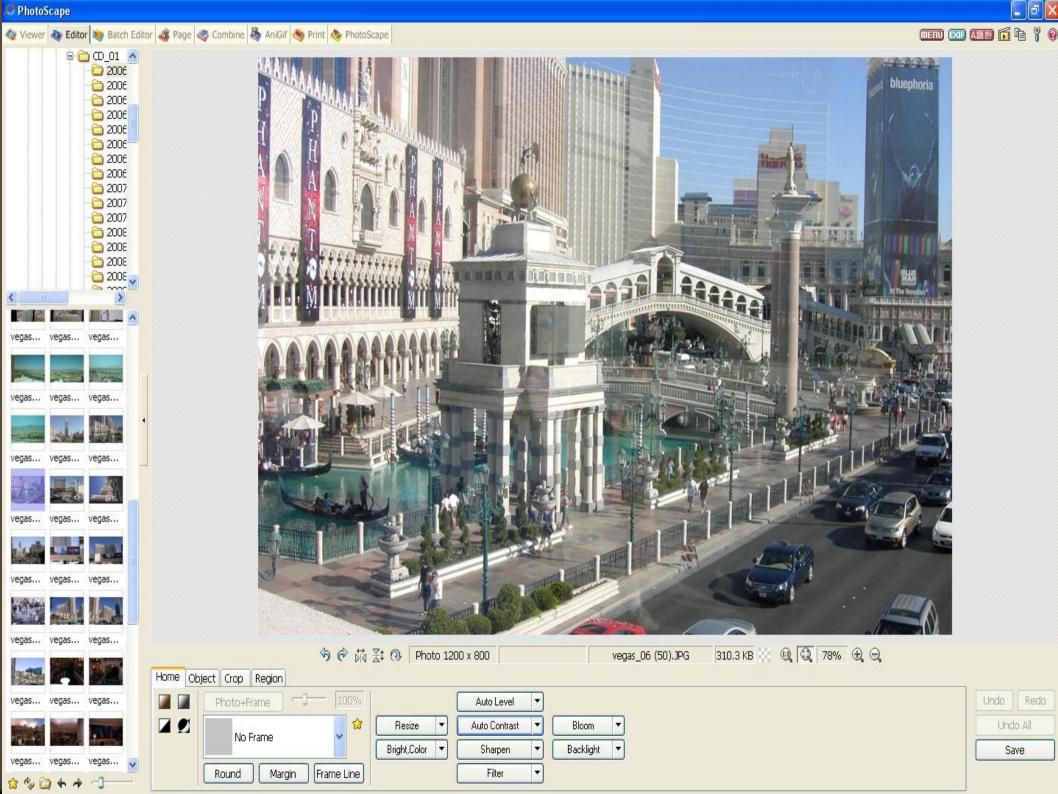
#### Graphics — Photo Editor

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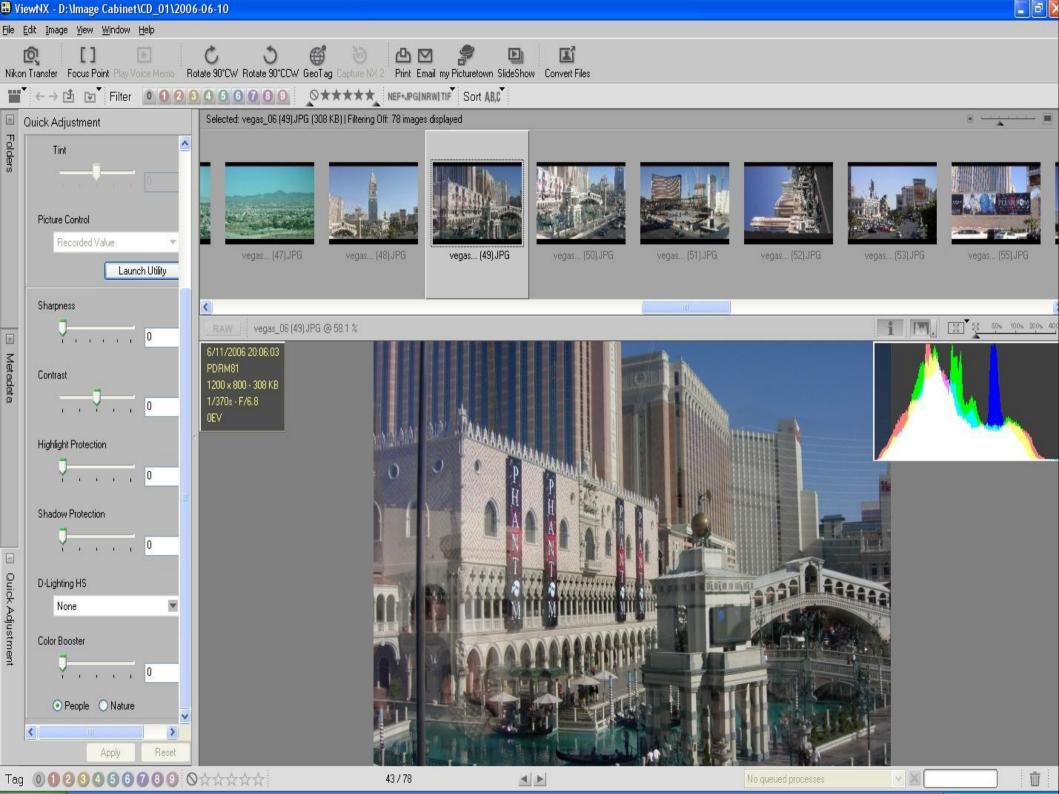
Photoshop/PaintShopPro

- Photoscape/FastStone/ViewNX
- Photobie/Paint.Net









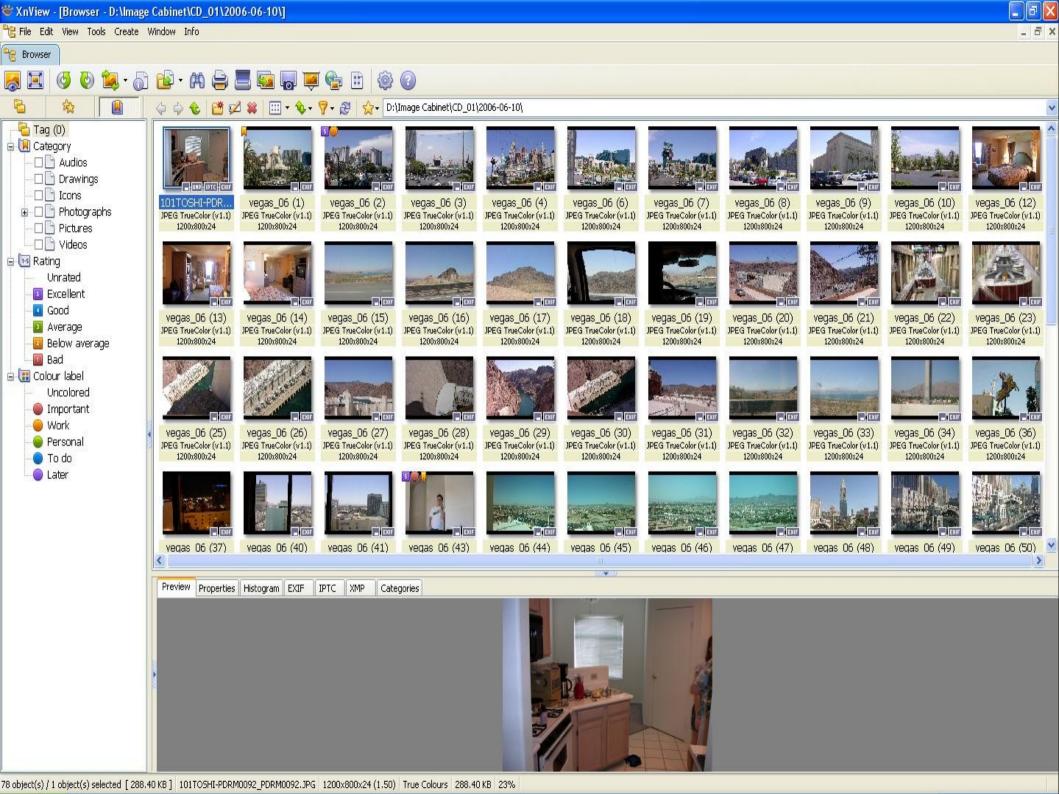
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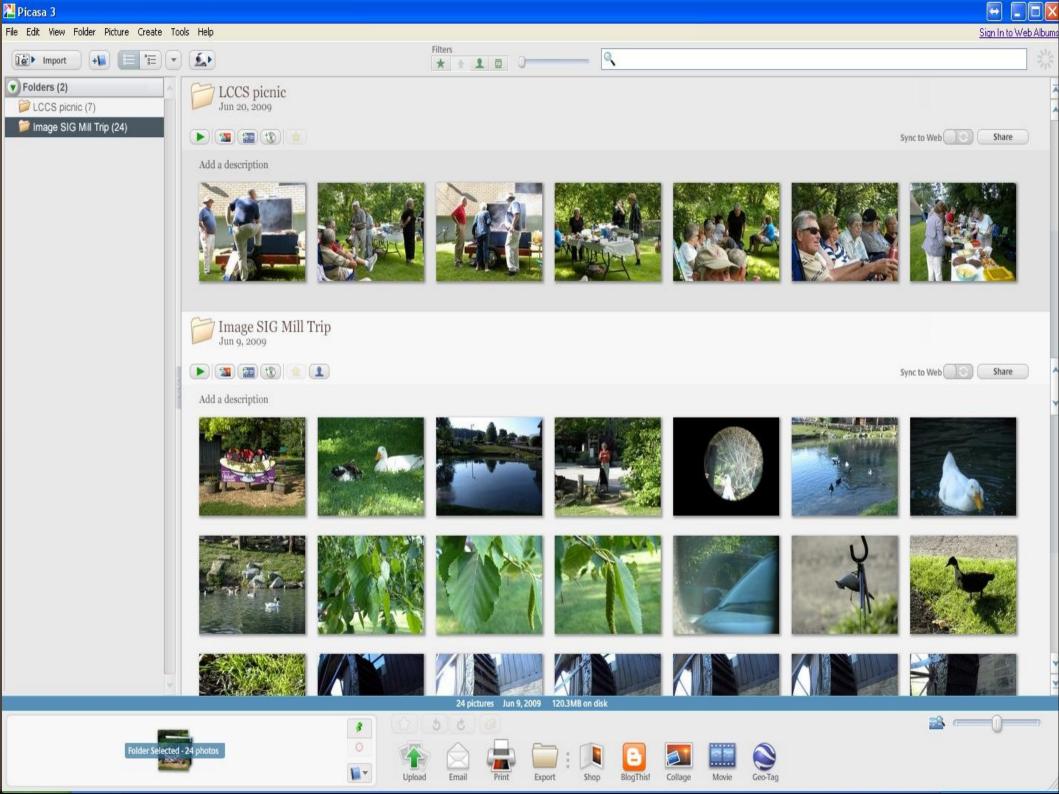
Zoner Photo Studio\*\* vs <u>IDImager</u>

XnView

• Picasso

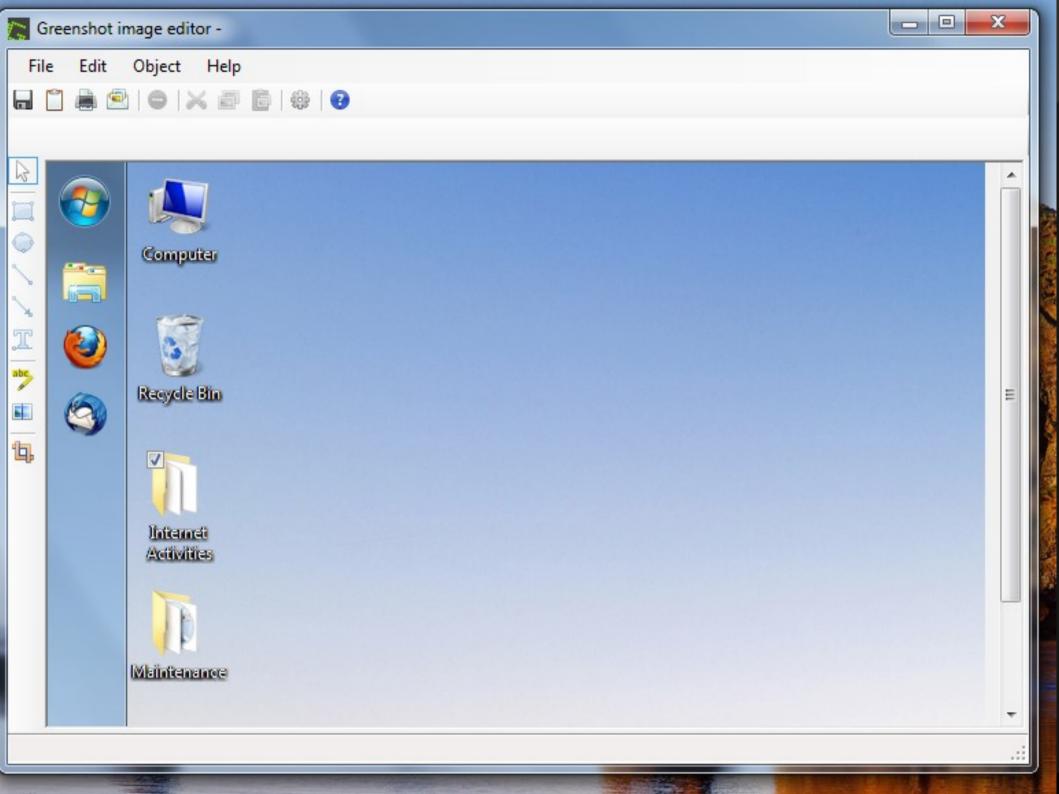






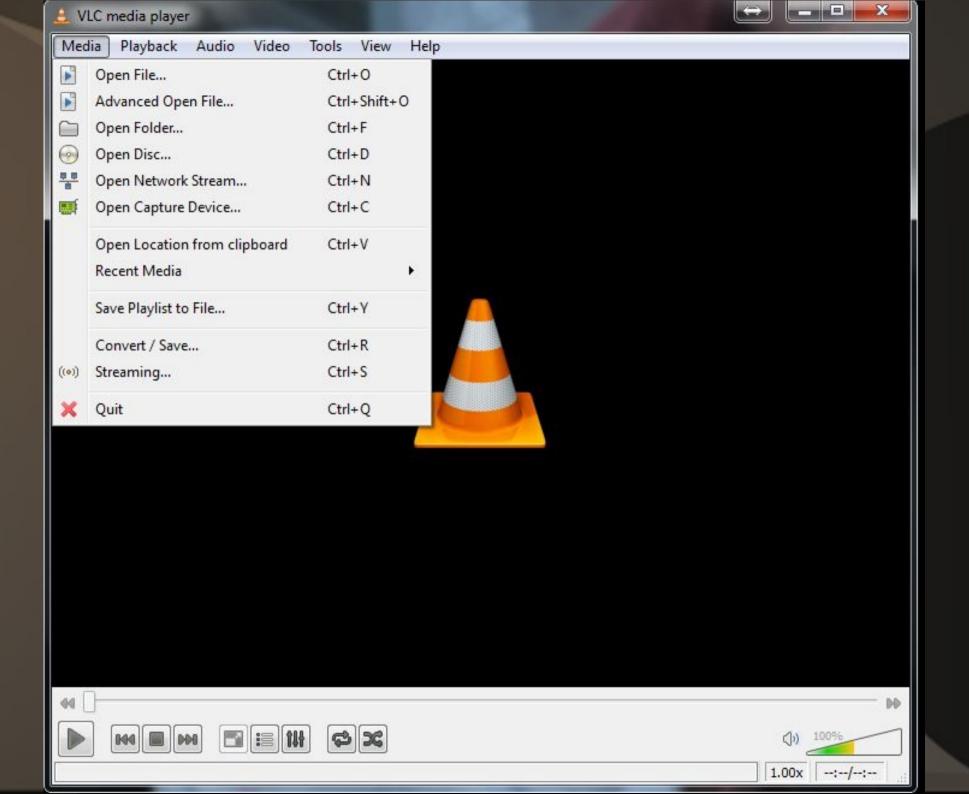
#### Graphics – Screen Capture

• Greenshot\*\*/Gadwin vs SnagIt



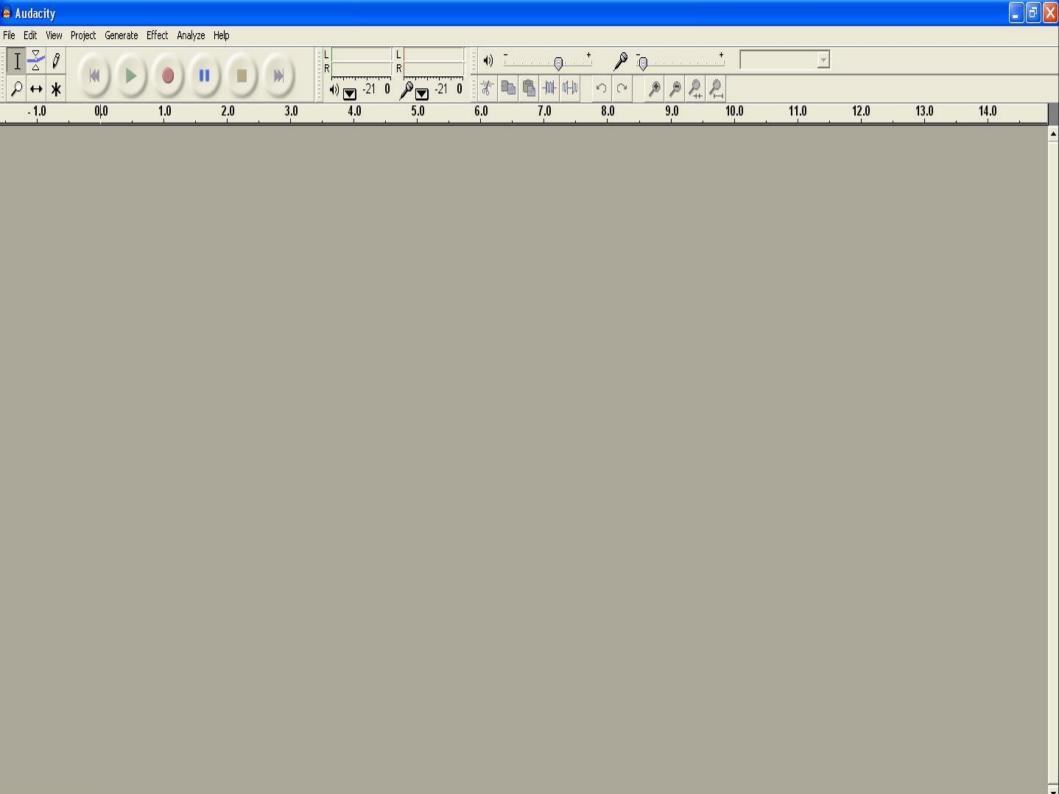
#### Multimedia - Player

- VLC vs Windows Media Player
- Quicktime Alternative
- Realtime Alternative



#### Multimedia - Recording

Audacity



#### Multimedia - Creating/Duplicating

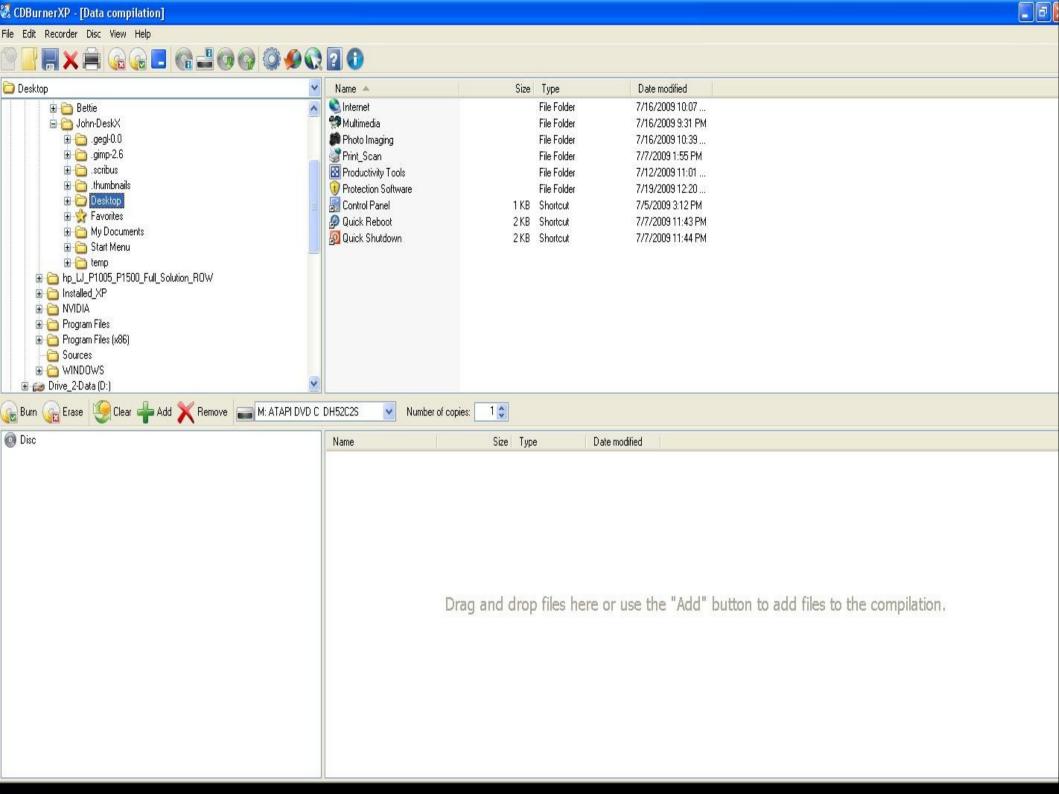
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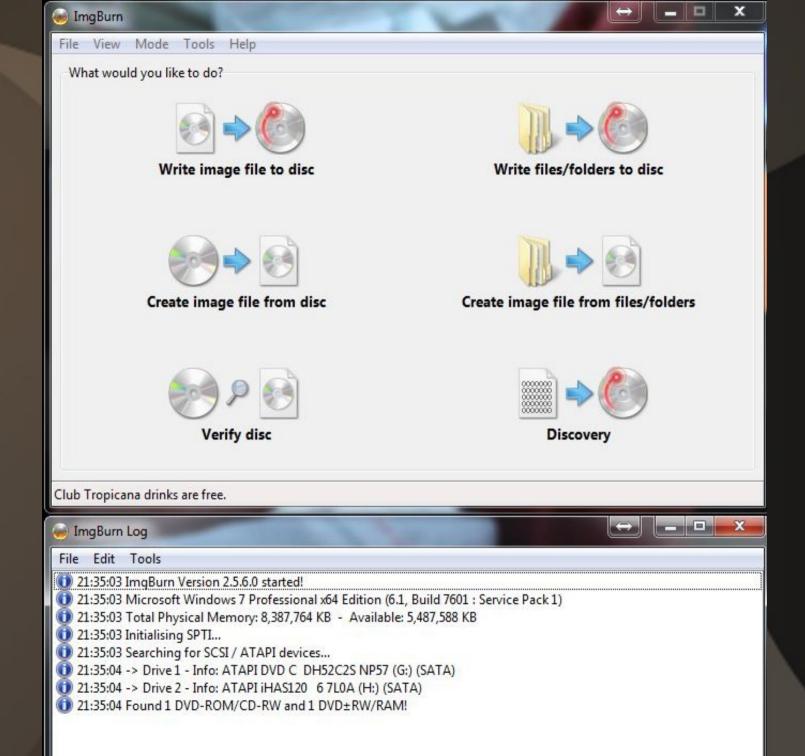


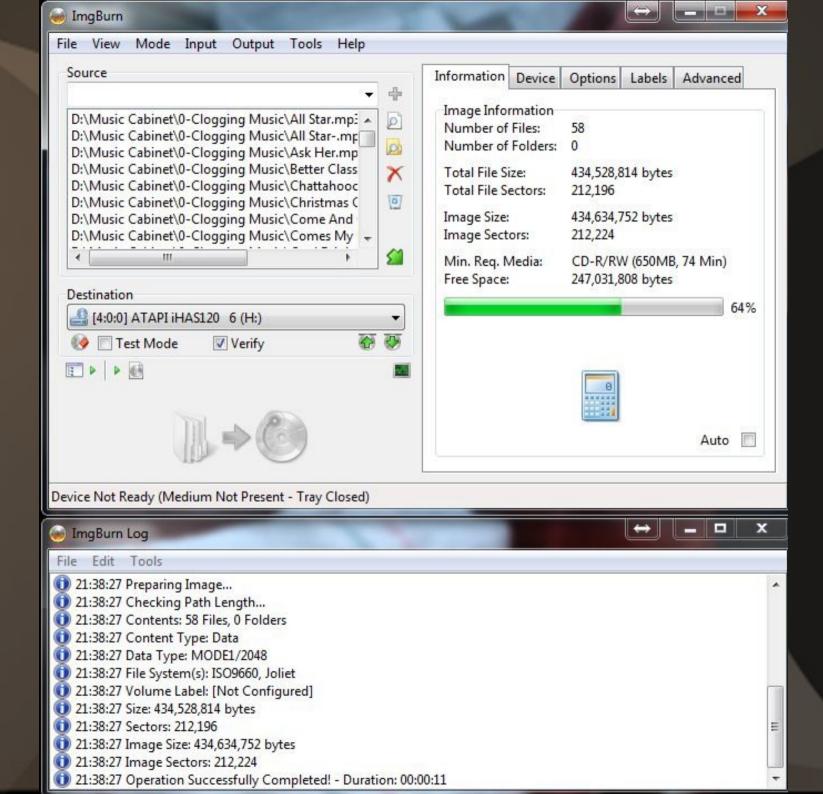












#### That's about it!

Are there others? - Yes

Check out:

www.techsupportalert.com

for lots more recommendations for free software.

Thank you for allowing me to share my ideas on "free software" with you, the

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and the

"OLLI Personal Computer User's Group" • Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments, suggests or even better, more free software that you've found:

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