

1.) ATA/SATA 2.5"/3.4" USB 2.0 Hard Drive Cradle

Example shown: Tripp Lite U239-UE1 2.5" & 3.5" Black 1 x 7-pin Serial ATA/300 eSATA 1 x USB 2.0 USB Hard Drive Cradle

\$25.00 at Newegg.com

Note: Dozens of other makes and models exist, including cables without an enclosure. A USB HDD cradle (a.k.a. "dock") is great for recovering files from computers that won't boot and/or imaging hard drives.



2.) LaCie lamakey 8GB / 16GB USB drive

A cool way to keep a USB flash drive in your wallet or purse; ends being left out when someone wants to share a file and you don't have your thumb drive.

\$24.99 8GB model at Newegg.com
\$39.99 16GB model at Newegg.com
\$3.69 4GB generic version from Amazon (Crazy Cart)
\$2.65 1GB generic version from Amazon (Crazy Cart)



3.) Scosche Industries flipSYNC II

Handy key fob unfolds to provide cable necessary to charge or sync an iPhone, iPad or iPod.

\$17.99 from Scosche

\$10.45 from <u>Amazon</u> (CyberMoney)

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- 4.) System Information Software (hardware inventory, license keys for installed software, running processes, much more)
 - <u>SIW</u> System Information for Windows
 - Speccy from Piriform
 - Belarc Advisor from Belarc

Note: All the above are licensed either as 100% freeware or software that is free for personal use.



5.) Combating Rogue Anti-Virus Attacks

- <u>Hitman Pro3 by SurfRight</u> (30-day fully-functional trial /\$20 per yr. for 1 PC / \$30 per yr. for 3 PCs)
 - MalwareBytes Anti-Malware (Freeware)
 - ComboFix (Freeware)
 - Norton Rescue Tools (Freeware)
 - McAfee "Fake Alert" Stinger (Freeware)
 - Kaspersky Virus Removal Tool 2011 (Freeware)



6.) Free AntiVirus Software

- Microsoft Security Essentials*
- Panda Cloud Antivirus (Free for Personal Use)
- * Available for small business use (up to 10 PCs); now installable on Microsoft server operating systems (Microsoft Forefront without centralized management)

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7.) Trinity Rescue Kit

Trinity Rescue Kit or TRK is a **free** live Linux distribution that aims specifically at **recovery and repair operations** on Windows machines, equally usable for Linux recovery issues.

More Information

See also ERD Commander from Microsoft

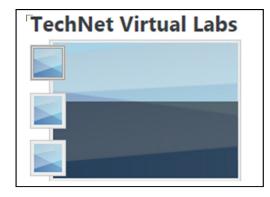
Microsoft Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset (MSDaRT) is available to select Microsoft customers as part of the Desktop Optimization Pack



8.) Miscellaneous Freeware Utilities

- Tweaks.com Logon Changer for Windows 7
- Glary Undelete
- File Govenor
- InSSIDer by Metageek
- KeepVid
- Smart Defrag 2 by IObit
- TrueCrypt
- Disk2vhd from Windows Sysinternals*

*Also see Autoruns, Process Explorer, Page Defrag, and TCPView



9.) Microsoft TechNet Virtual Labs

TechNet Virtual Labs enable you to quickly evaluate and test Microsoft's newest products and technologies through a series of guided, hands-on labs that you can complete in 90 minutes or less. There is no complex setup or installation required, and you can use TechNet Virtual Labs online immediately, free.

More Information



10.) Insecure.org / SecTools.Org

Learn more about *Metasploit*, *Cain and Abel*, *John the Ripper*, *Nmap*, *Aircrack*, *BackTrack*, *OpenVAS*, and other vulnerability assessment, password-cracking, and exploitation tools.

More Information