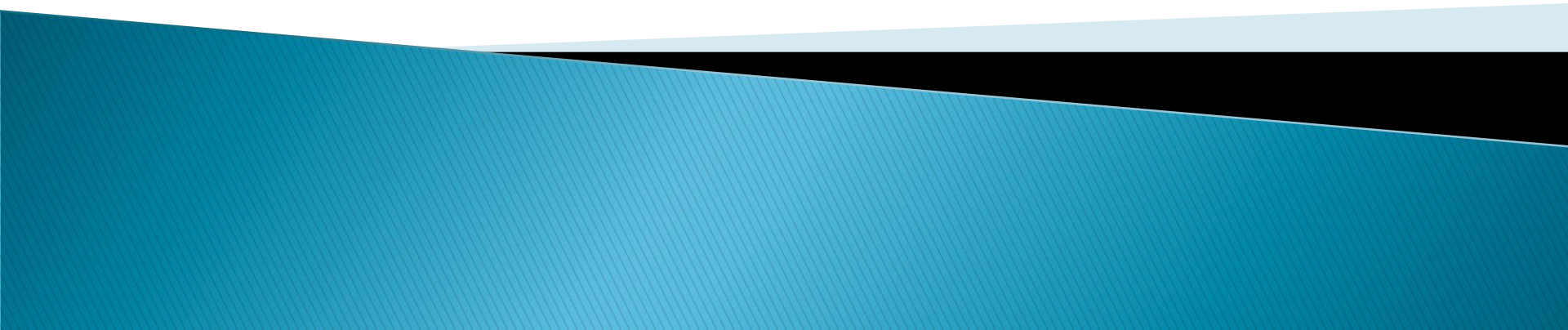


# Free Useful Programs and Macros

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# Warnings Related to Free Software

- ▶ Make sure they are virus free
  - Check with [www.download.com](http://www.download.com)
- ▶ Watch for add-ons that they try to sneak in
  - Toolbars you may not want
  - Default search engine that you may not want
- ▶ Make sure you get free version or know the benefits of the paid version of the same program

# Free Useful Programs and Macros

## ▶ Slickrun



- <http://www.bayden.com/Slickrun/>
- Example
  - C:\Program Files\Outlook Express\msimn.exe becomes MAIL

## ▶ TweakUI

- <http://www.thewindowsclub.com/ultimate-windows-tweaker-v2-a-tweak-ui-for-windows-7-vista>
- Custom Background on Welcome Screen

# Free Useful Programs and Macros

## ▶ Sleep

- <http://www.gammadyne.com/cmdline.htm>
- Quickly puts windows to sleep

## ▶ Switch User

- <http://www.winhelponline.com/blog/shortcut-to-switch-user-accounts-in-windows-xp-and-vista-tsdisconexe/>
- Sleep.bat
  - Sleep 30
  - Tsdiscon.exe

## ▶ PixResizer

- <http://bluefive.pair.com/pixresizer.htm>
- Resize photos to save space

# Free Useful Programs and Macros

## ▶ Mozella FireFox

- <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/personal.html>
  - Faster than Internet Explorer
  - Cannot be used to update windows

## ▶ Google Toolbar

- <http://www.google.com/toolbar/ff/index.html>
- Bookmarks for multiple computers

## ▶ Sumble Upon

- <http://www.stumbleupon.com/>
- Find interesting new useful web sites

## ▶ Smart Defrag

- [http://download.cnet.com/Smart-Defrag/3000-2094\\_4-10759533.html?tag=contentMain;compare](http://download.cnet.com/Smart-Defrag/3000-2094_4-10759533.html?tag=contentMain;compare)

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## ► Glary Utilities

- <http://www.glaryutilities.com/>



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## ▶ Windows Security Essentials

- [http://www.microsoft.com/SECURITY\\_ESSENTIALS/](http://www.microsoft.com/SECURITY_ESSENTIALS/)
- Microsoft Free Virus Scanner

## ▶ WinDirStat

- [http://download.cnet.com/WinDirStat/3000-2248\\_4-10614593.html?tag=mncol](http://download.cnet.com/WinDirStat/3000-2248_4-10614593.html?tag=mncol)
- Finds the largest directories and files

## ▶ Adobe Reader

- [http://download.cnet.com/Adobe-Reader/3000-10743\\_4-10000062.html?tag=mncol;lst](http://download.cnet.com/Adobe-Reader/3000-10743_4-10000062.html?tag=mncol;lst)
- Read Portable Document Format (.PDF) files

# Free Useful Programs and Macros

## Google Applications

- ▶ Google Toolbar
  - <http://toolbar.google.com>
  - Share Favorites between your computers
- ▶ Picasa Version 3.5
  - <http://picasa.google.com>
  - Face recognition
- ▶ Gmail
  - <http://mail.google.com>
- ▶ Google Calendar
  - <http://calendar.google.com>



# Free Useful Programs and Macros

- ▶ Yahoo Widgets
  - <http://widgets.yahoo.com>
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