

## Free Tools for Creatives

☉ My list is cetered around free software - free as in "no cost" and also as in "free speech" (open source). Many of these apps are Open Source, and have opportunities to join the community and help out in some way (documentation? design? marketing copy?) While many of the tools may have a web/techy flavor, if you don't do web work on a regular basis, consider them your fire extinguishers. When something blows up, these apps can help you cut through the chaos and get to the solution more quickly. Bon Appetit!

- Designer Tools
  - Blender
    - [blender.org](http://blender.org)
    - Elephants Dream
      - [orange.blender.org](http://orange.blender.org)
    - Big Buck Bunny
      - [bigbuckbunny.org](http://bigbuckbunny.org)
  - Kuler
    - [kuler.adobe.com](http://kuler.adobe.com)
  - ArtRage (starter edition)
    - [ambientdesign.com](http://ambientdesign.com)
  - Linotype FontExplorer X
    - [linotype.com/fontexplorerX](http://linotype.com/fontexplorerX)
  - What the Font
    - [myfonts.com/WhatTheFont](http://myfonts.com/WhatTheFont)
  - Make Web Favicons form Photoshop
    - [telegraphics.com.au/sw](http://telegraphics.com.au/sw)
- General Tools/Utilities
  - Freemind
    - [freemind.sourceforge.net/wiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://freemind.sourceforge.net/wiki/index.php/Main_Page)
  - TextWrangler
    - [barebones.com/products/textwrangler](http://barebones.com/products/textwrangler)
  - Sloppy
    - [dallaway.com/sloppy](http://dallaway.com/sloppy)
  - NeoOffice
    - [neooffice.org](http://neooffice.org)
  - The Unarchiver
    - [wakaba.c3.cx/s/apps/unarchiver.html](http://wakaba.c3.cx/s/apps/unarchiver.html)
  - iGTD
    - [igtd.pl/iGTD](http://igtd.pl/iGTD)
  - Main Menu
    - [santasw.com](http://santasw.com)
  - MAMP
    - [mamp.info/en/index.php](http://mamp.info/en/index.php)
  - XAMPP
    - [apachefriends.org/en/xampp.html](http://apachefriends.org/en/xampp.html)
  - JW Player
    - [jeroenwijering.com/?item=JW\\_FLV\\_Player](http://jeroenwijering.com/?item=JW_FLV_Player)
  - Ubuntu
    - [ubuntu.com](http://ubuntu.com)
    - [kubuntu.org](http://kubuntu.org)
    - [xubuntu.org](http://xubuntu.org)
  - Firefox
    - [mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/?from=getfirefox](http://mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/?from=getfirefox)
    - Firebug

- [getfirebug.com](http://getfirebug.com)
- Web Developer Extension
  - [chrispederick.com/work/web-developer](http://chrispederick.com/work/web-developer)
- Save Complete
  - [addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/4723](http://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/4723)
- Clear Cache Button
  - [addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/1801](http://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/1801)
- Dummy Lipsum
  - [addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/2064](http://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/2064)
- HTML Validator
  - [users.skynet.be/mgueury/mozilla](http://users.skynet.be/mgueury/mozilla)
- Cyberduck
  - [cyberduck.ch](http://cyberduck.ch)
- Wordpress
  - [wordpress.org](http://wordpress.org)
  - [wordpress.com](http://wordpress.com)
  - [podpress](http://podpress)
- Drupal
  - [drupal.org](http://drupal.org)
- Communications
  - Adium
    - [adiumx.com](http://adiumx.com)
  - IRC
    - Colloquy
      - [colloquy.info](http://colloquy.info)
- Information
  - [MacApper.com](http://MacApper.com)
  - [FreeMacWare.com](http://FreeMacWare.com)
  - [SmashingMagazine.com](http://SmashingMagazine.com)
    - [smashingmagazine.com](http://smashingmagazine.com) > Category > Toolbox
    - [smashingmagazine.com](http://smashingmagazine.com) > 2006 > 11 > 09 > Online-generators
  - [Design-Feed.net](http://Design-Feed.net)
  - [AListApart.com](http://AListApart.com)
  - Podcasts
    - PhotoshopUser TV
    - The Indesigner