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Productivity: Desktop Page of Sonoff Consulting Services, Inc.'s Productivity and Knowledge Transfer Web Site

Provided here is an alphabetically ordered listing of desktop productivity tools regularly made use of by Scsi.

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Add/Remove 4Good

Add/Remove 4Good is a shareware program de-installer available at URL address [4Developers Web site](#).

When this utility is installed, you will not encounter 'orphan programs' -- programs which remain 'in name only' on your PC --- that have somehow 'lost' their uninstall capability and are left behind, e.g., when and if you had employed the default "Add/Remove Programs" tool displayed in the Control Panel's window of selectable icons.

ClipMate

ClipMate is a shareware program from [Thornsoft Development, Inc.](#) ClipMate is probably at or very near the 'top of Scsi's list' of productivity tools, particularly for those situations where Scsi knows the job at hand (e.g., Web content development and related testing activities) will require going well beyond simple screen capture usage only. ClipMate provides a database backup feature, ability to sort and categorize your image into collections, exporting options, and so on.

You can rest assured that much more will be said about its features and some of the specific things that ClipMate has been used for. Meanwhile, however, you might also wish to investigate it for yourself.

CyberSpyder

CyberSpyder is a shareware program that proves to be a powerful link checker and site management tool. As [Aman Software](#) states on its Web site, "We develop various products and tools for the Web to assist Webmasters and site owners in maintaining quality Web sites." As Scsi can attest, CyberSpyder is but one of several software products and services offered for exactly these purposes.

CyberSpyder does an excellent job for those situations where you want to test for link integrity and/or 'link rot' -- a term which typically refers to situations where existing specified pathways to hyperlinks either no longer exist, have been modified or changed in some way, or that ultimately manifest themselves as 'broken' (typically displaying either an Error 404, page not found, or Web page cannot be displayed error message).

Scsi makes regular use of CyberSpyder's products and recommends that you investigate for yourself other Aman Software products, such as Are You There? and WebBug, as well as Aman's Software services, such as Link Check Service.

DeskSweeper

DeskSweeper is a freeware program from [No Nonsense Software](#) which provides for a 'one-touch' clear/restore of desktop icons for those times when just such a utility is desired.

FinePrint

FinePrint is a shareware program from [FinePrint Software, LLC](#) that will allow you to print booklets, print preview, print multiple pages onto a sheet, embed letterheads, superimpose watermarks, and much more.

For sure, it saves paper, but it also provides you with the opportunity to truly "see-before-you-choose-to-finally-print" -- or even to choose to "print out only a specific displayed page among many" when that is what you wish to do.

Scsi purchased this superlative Personal Computer (PC) printer productivity tool and uses its many features for virtually all printing operations because of its versatility to both show and do what is expected of it. For example, by making effective use of a wonderful "view-the-queue-before-selecting-the-print-button" feature of the FinePrint software, you will experience firsthand what constitutes true control and advance knowledge of exactly what you'll obtain as the actual printed output -- before actually making that final commitment to send a given file to the printer. The ready availability of free upgrades is an additional reason Scsi recommends that you download an evaluation copy to put it through its paces. Once you do, Scsi is convinced that you also will purchase a copy.

MemTurbo

MemTurbo from [Silicon Prairie Software](#) is a shareware program (currently version 3.0) that increases your system performance by making more RAM available for your applications and the operating system. It also defragments your physical RAM, increasing the efficiency of your CPU and motherboard caches. MemTurbo also recovers memory leaks from poorly behaved applications and flushes unused libraries and DLLs temporarily out to disk, making more room for your favorite games or applications.

MemTurbo is a breeze to configure and to use, is readily accessible from the system tray, and works automatically and according to the settings you specify under Options and Cache Tuning.

Scsi recommends this desktop-based utility to everyone!

Palm Desktop

The [Palm Desktop Software](#) is a free PC-to-PDA interface utility program that allows for easy synchronization of whatever you have stored on your Palm Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) and/or wish to transfer from/to your PC. In short, if you own a Palm PDA, this is a "must have" tool!

Registry Crawler

Registry Crawler is a shareware program which you can use to find and configure your PC's Window Registry values. It is available at the [4Developers Web site](#).

NOTE: Over the past several years, Scsi has made extensive use of this superlative registry-crawling tool. The bottom line is that RegCrawler has proven itself to be without peer in being able to 'clear' things away that otherwise prevented de-installation or even re-installation of important software programs -- among them Symantec products, such as Norton SystemWorks and Norton Internet Security Professional -- when upgraded software had been purchased but would not successfully 'overwrite/replace' the

'uninstalled' older versions.

Registry Crawler is a software utility that always does what it claims ... and more!

TClockEx

TClockEx is a freeware Taskbar Clock Enhancement program from [Dale Nurden's Tclockex Web page](#). This utility includes a selectable configuration for the clock function, a configurable calendar, and numerous desktop functions that are immediately available to you. Try it for yourself!

ToggleMouse and ToggleMinimize

ToggleMouse and ToggleMinimize are just two of several low-cost desktop enhancement tools from [Toggle Software](#).

Scsi recommends every Toggle Software product tried and purchased to date. Each proves to be an indispensable addition toward having a productive and seamlessly effective desktop working environment.

Total Commander

[Christian Ghisler's Total Commander](#) (current Version 7.03) shareware file manager represents a superlative "Swiss Army knife" alternative to Microsoft's Windows Explorer utility program. The Total Commander Web site provides you with all the associated details.

Scsi has purchased and regularly exercises many of Total Commander's features. What about these for starters?

1. Imagine having access to a wonderful, fast, and unmatched enhanced search function that has been sorely missing since day one from any file manager from Microsoft
2. Capability to do a Synchronize Directories operations with multiple comparison/selection criteria, including allowing for subdirectories if so desired
3. Ability to Split/Combine/Pack/Unpack files
4. A straightforward Test Archives selection
5. Ability to Compare files by Content
6. A Multi-Rename Tool
7. Selections to either encode or decode files
8. Ability to Create/Verify Cyclic Redundancy Checksums (CRCs) both quickly and easily
9. Numerous Net(work)-related operations, such as mapping drives, transferring files via File Transfer Protocol (FTP), and Port Connection to another PC

Well, by now you obviously have figured out the reason for why Scsi calls Total Commander a "Swiss Army Knife" utility program that is a must-have productivity tool for anyone who makes use of a PC, period. Coincidentally, Christian Ghisler's software base of operations happens to be in Switzerland, and you probably know that country's well-deserved reputation for always creating fine precision equipment and devices. Christian has generously extended that talent and skill to personal computer software, and users of his finely-crafted software are the beneficiaries.

Scsi encourages you to download and try out this 'thoroughbred' shareware product for yourself and put it through its paces. If you do and you are a serious productivity-focused user, you'll not only buy it, but you'll find yourself recommending it to your PC user friends and associates. And, if you're like Scsi, you will seldom feel any need or desire to look back. The software product has been time-tested, going way back to Windows 3.1 days, and is now equally suitable for Microsoft Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP operating systems. It's really that good.

WindowSizer

[Mike Lin's WindowSizer](#) utility is a particularly useful freeware program. WindowSizer is a convenient utility program that easily provides you with a means for setting a given window to any specified-by-you size in pixels, e.g., 800 x 600.

Doing this would, among other things, allow you to: 1) check for automatic wordwrap appearances at different screen resolutions and 2) observe how a Web site's overall contents will appear at specific window size settings.

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