

Free Software! Why?

1. A programmer wants to add a successfully written program to his/her resume.
2. Free for personal use..with high hopes you will buy the software for your business.
3. If you try a free program and like it, you might pay for future upgrades.
4. Competition, free Google Docs vs. expensive MS Word.

Finding Free Software.

1. Use a Search Engine such as Google or Dogpile.

A: Google does it's own search.

B: Dogpile uses multiple search engines, including Google. It also lists several search engines that you can use.

Please note: The search for search engines on Google showed 55,000,000 hits (websites) that contain information about Search Engines.

Keep in mind that any website that uses the word - search - is a hit; as well as any website with the word - engine- would be listed as a hit.

Go to www.googleguide.com to learn how to format your search request so that you go directly to the websites that have the information that you want.

The businesses that provide Search engines, make money by selling advertising space. The first choices listed on search engines are usually the websites that are paid advertisers. Sometimes it is worth jumping forward 20 or 30 pages to websites that may have a better selection or price.

Another aspect of Free Software is the quality of the software. Gizmo Richards publishes an RSS feed that lists free software and reviews of that software with ratings from very good to poor. Do a google search for Gizmo Richards if you are interested.

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