

Category	Commercial	Open Source / Free Software
Operating System	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Windows (Different variants) 2. Mac OS 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Linux(Ubuntu for home users and Fedora for professional) 2. Open Solaris
Application Software Office Productivity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS Office (Microsoft) 2. iWork (Apple) 3. Start Office (Sun. Almost half the price of MS office) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open Office (available for all popular operating systems) 2. Lotus Symphony (IBM) 3. Google Docs (Online) 4. Zoho Office (Online) <p>Note: Google and Zoho tools can be used in off line modes by installing google gears in your web browser.</p>
Media Players	<p>All commercial Operating Systems have their own players available.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Windows Media Player 2. iTunes and QuickTime(All are actually free but supported operating systems are not) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Video Lan or VLC <p>This one supports almost all media format and can play DVD's without any extra installation.</p> <p>All linux distributions include some kind of Media player but extra paid or free plugging required to play different formats.</p>
Internet browsers and email	<p>All commercial Operating Systems have their own browser.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Internet Explorer (Microsoft) 2. Safari (Apple) <p>(All are actually free but supported operating systems are not)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Windows Mail (Microsoft) 4. Outlook (Microsoft) <p>Mac has its own mail client; definitely commercial platform.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FireFox (Mozilla) 2. Opera (Opera Software) 3. Chrome (Google. Only for windows) <p>(There are other different browsers available but FireFox is the dominant and available for all popular operating systems)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Thunderbird (Mozilla) 5. Gmail 6. Yahoo 7. HotMail <p>All social networking and instant messaging tools are free for all platforms</p>
Camera and Photos	<p>All commercial Operating Systems have their own photo browser and camera support. Some are freely available to download but supporting operating systems are not free</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Picasa (Google. Comes with free online storage) 2. Pictomio (PictoGeo is commercial though) <p>A bunch of online photo apps allow minor tweaks like photoshop.com</p>
Advanced Graphis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PhotoShop (Adobe) <p>PhotoShop kind of ultimate tool for graphic professionals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. iLife (Mac; a complete suit of tools) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GIMP 2. GIMPSHOP (A GIMP variant to provide the feel of photoshop) 3. Krita (for Linux only)
Software Development	<p>Mostly SDK's are free download but platforms could be commercial.</p>	<p>Most of the software platforms developed by open source community have variety</p>

1. [Visual Studio](#) (Microsoft)
2. [XCode](#) (Mac programming)
3. [MyEclipse](#) (Java programming)
4. [Rational Tools](#) (IBM)
5. [Visio](#) (Microsoft)

of tools available for free like PHP and Ruby.

1. [SharpDevelop](#) (.NET development)
2. [Eclipse](#) (Universal IDE)
3. [StarUML](#) (For windows)
4. [ArgoUML](#) (Java based)