

Five free Windows 10 downloads you can't miss!

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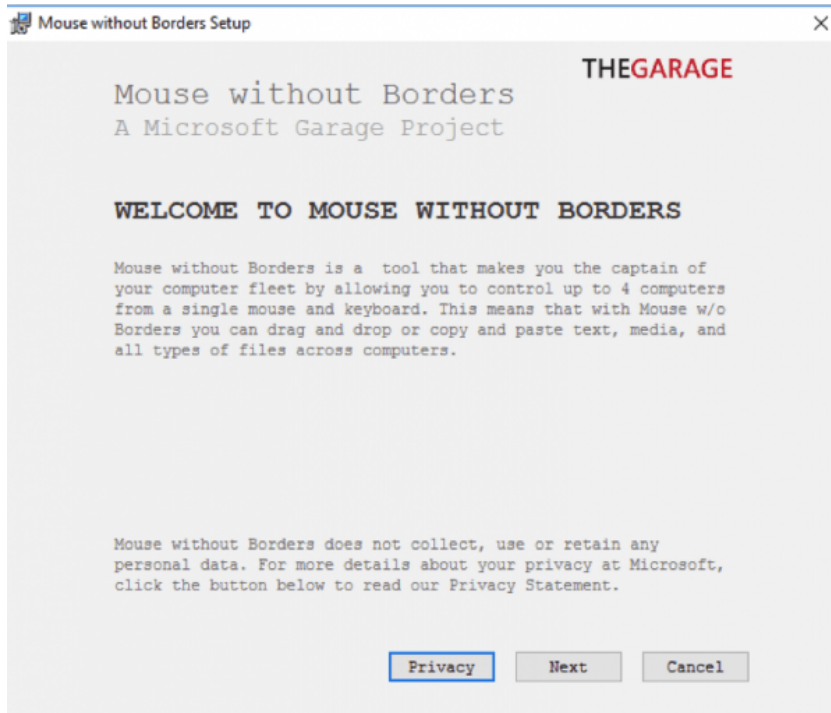
If you've been using a computer for a while, you probably know that you can add third-party software, like photo editors, graphics programs, utilities, games, productivity software and much more. You can find many of those in the Komando.com Downloads section.

What you might not know is that Microsoft too has a lot of other free software programs.

Here are five free ones from Microsoft that you can download right now that can instantly boost your productivity or spur your creativity. All of the programs below can be downloaded at:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/default.aspx>

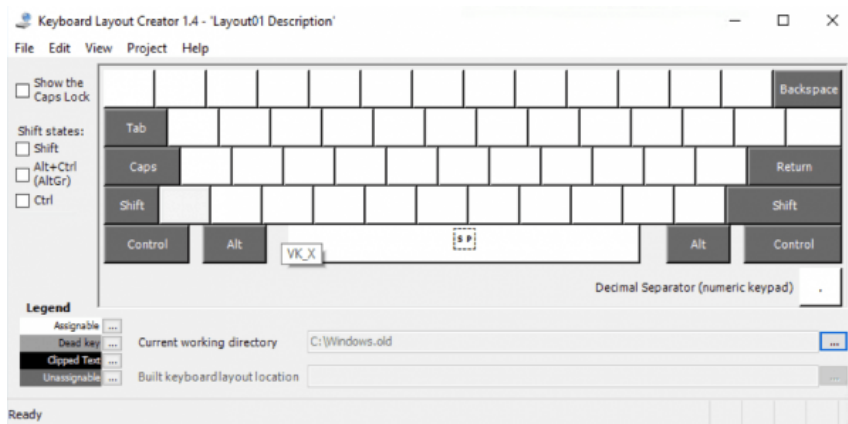
MOUSE WITHOUT BORDERS



"Mouse without borders" is a cool free utility from Microsoft that allows you to control up to four separate Windows computers from a single mouse and keyboard. If you're a multitasker who works with an army of desktops, this tool is a must-have. Additionally, it supports file drag-and-dropping across computers, a big time-saver for sure!

"Mouse with borders" works with Windows 10, Windows 8, Windows 8.1 and Windows 7 and it needs to be installed on each of the computers you're planning to use.

MICROSOFT KEYBOARD LAYOUT CREATOR



Here's another free Microsoft tool that can be useful for multitaskers. It's called Microsoft Keyboard Layout Editor and it allows you to create your own keyboard layout from scratch, essential if you want to type in a language that Windows doesn't support. You can also specify special symbols and characters for each key so you can enter them with a single keystroke. Pretty neat!

Note: The system requirements state that it works with older Windows systems but it works

fine in Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10.

MICROSOFT PHOTOS



With Microsoft Photos, you can easily import your photos and videos from your camera or phone. You can edit your photos with a wide range of editing tools and create fun slideshows. Plus, click on the Share button to send it to family and friends with an email or message.

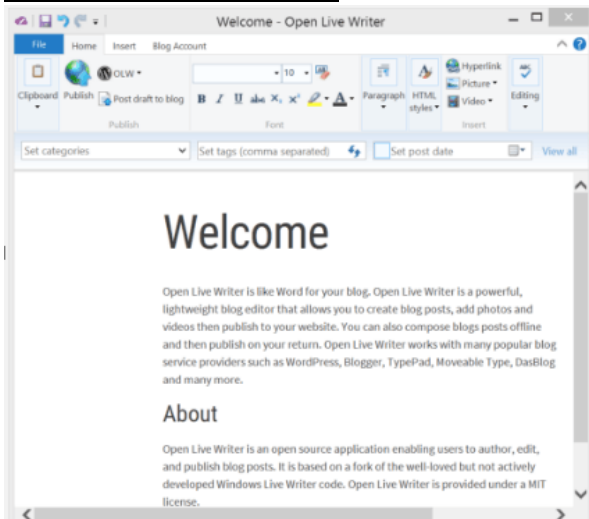
MOVIE MOMENTS



Do you need to tweak your videos to turn them into Facebook masterpieces? Movie Maker is an easy-to-use, free video-editing tool. You can import video files in a number of formats to clip them, cut them and splice them.

With this app, you can trim your videos, highlight key favorite moments and or spice them up by adding music. You can then share your creation with your friends and family straight from the app.

BONUS: OPEN LIVE WRITER



Microsoft's old Essential Live Writer software has been converted to an open source download called Open Live Writer.

Publishing your own website, or a blog is a fun way to keep a journal about your life. Windows Writer gives you a nice desktop program that links up with blogging sites and content management systems, like WordPress.

You can create new posts with text, photos and videos. You can add maps and share your writing with the world. It also lets you archive old posts, in case something happens to your online service.

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