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27. Posterous

<http://posterous.com>

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This might be the easiest way for anyone—newbie or experienced—to get started with a new [blog](#), podcast or sharing site. Posterous hosts a Web page for you where you can post just about anything, from your deepest thoughts to most types of digital media (stills, video, or audio). Here's the kicker: You (or others in your group) can autopost directly from e-mail, so any one can become an instant Web publisher.

- [Read more about Posterous on Appscout.com.](#)

28. Ustream.tv

<http://www.ustream.tv>

Web

If you've got a Webcam or some compatible screen-casting software and a good Internet connection, you can stream video live with Ustream.tv, a PCMag Editors' Choice for live video broadcasting. It's not exactly TV quality, but being able to build up a fanbase this way is priceless.

- [Read PCMag's review of Ustream.tv](#) and check out [the PCMag Radio channel at Ustream.tv](#).

29. WordPress.com

<http://www.wordpress.com>

Web

This is where you go to setup a new blog, which WordPress will host and you control. You only pay if you need extra space or even more control (such as CSS modification).

- [Read PCMag's review of WordPress.com.](#)

30. Windows Live Writer 2009

<http://download.live.com/writer>

Windows

Want a word processor that's specifically for blogging and can automate posting to top [blogging platforms](#), such as Movable Type, WordPress, Live Journal, TypePad, and others? The new version of Writer offers enhancements for sharing images and even cropping and tilting pictures on the fly, or creating albums. You can even auto-publish video to sites like YouTube. Plug-ins will integrate Writer with sites like Digg, Flickr, and Twitter.

31. Zoundry Raven 1.0.375

<http://www.zoundryraven.com>

Windows| Portable

Send your missives to multiple [blogging](#) platforms with this WYSIWYG editor. Zoundry Raven gives Windows Live Writer a run for its money (or it would if either cost a dime). The open-source app can run portably from a USB [flash drive](#) and be used with any Windows PC.

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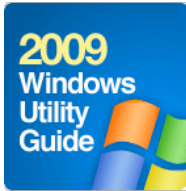
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Thanks for the great list though!

[Report](#)**CarolMangis****MARCH 30, 2010 11:05AM**

Thanks for the heads up, folks: We are working on the links problem now.

[Report](#)**Daafjay****MARCH 30, 2010 12:11PM**

Are you sure that Adobe Acrobat.com provides free Online Storage?

The site state that Basic (\$15 per month) & Plus plans (\$39 per month) includes 2 months free each.

But the description of the Free plan does not say that online storage is included: only "1 online Workspace, 5 PDF conversions total, 3-person web conferencing, online office applications, and forum-based support" (acrobat.com/pricing.html). Please be kind enough to clarify.

Thank you!

PS: You may also consider including free visual presentation software in future editions, such as the Visual Understanding Environment (vue.tufts.edu) and Freemind (freemind.sourceforge.net).

[Report](#)**technoguide****MARCH 30, 2010 1:23PM**

Glad to see Dimdim listed! Remember you can sign up for a free 30 Day Dimdim Pro or Webinar trial with no credit card needed here: <http://bit.ly/bpWirG>

[Report](#)**fente****MARCH 30, 2010 2:43PM**

Seriously where the hell is adium? not on this list

<http://adium.im/>

there has yet to be any and i mean ANY windows comparative. Digsby comes close but damn fail on aim for you guys.

[Report](#)**superacrosstheaway****MARCH 30, 2010 2:59PM**

Glad to see that someone beat me to mentioning Adium. Great software.

[Report](#)**ecgriffith****MARCH 30, 2010 4:31PM**

Greetings all!

Daafjay, you're right, Acrobat.com makes a big deal on the site about the \$15 a month Basic plan, but there is a hidden Free plan. Which I know exists, because I've got one and I've never given Adobe a dime. As you note, it conspicuously does not state how much room you get for storage, but it offers some, because I've got at least 10 documents stored there. But it might not make the list next year if I can't store a lot more.

Those of you seeking Adium (<http://adium.im/>) there's only one reason I didn't include it: it's a Mac-only program. I made this list relatively Windows heavy, as reflects majority of our readership (and I had a lot of IM software to include already, five of which support Mac). But tell me what other great Mac-only freebies I missed; maybe the near future we can do Best Free Mac Software.

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I'm trying to save this and it keeps taking me back to the signin even though I'm signed in to my account.

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