

PN -- <http://www.pnotepad.org/>

More powerful than windows notepad, tabs, syntax highlighting, etc. Can completely replace windows notepad with some registry tweaks.

Taskbar Shuffle - <http://www.freewebs.com/nerdcave/taskbarshuffle.htm>

Move items around in your taskbar and system tray, stay organised

Process Explorer -- <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/sysinternals/Utilities/ProcessExplorer.msp>

Much more powerful than taskmgr, can be used to explore threads, heirarchies, etc.

Speedswitch XP -- <http://www.diefer.de/speedswitchxp/index.html>

Change processor speeds for better performance and power saving.

Rocketdock - <http://www.punksoftware.com/rocketdock>

Just a quicklaunch, or can act like the Mac OS X dock

QT Toolbar, Tabbar, Adressbar - <http://members.at.infoseek.co.jp/Quizo/freeware/indexEn.html>

Improve explorer - tabs, quick search, preview images and text files

UXTheme patcher - <http://www.softpedia.com/get/System/OS-Enhancements/UXTheme-MultiPatcher.shtml>

Allow use of third-party themes from deviantart or so with Windows

Omega drivers -- <http://www.omegadrivers.net/>

Add a few more functions to your default drivers -- can improve gaming experience. Useful tools in the tray program.

Synctoy -- <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/prophoto/synctoy.msp>

Perfect freeware backup solution.... just dont do any gaming while it's backing up.

VLC - <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>

Media player supporting of many more codecs and so on than WMP and Quicktime

7-zip - <http://www.7-zip.org/>

Better compression than the built-in zipping. Unzips many formats as well.

Taskswitch XP - <http://www.ntwind.com/software/taskswitchxp.html>

A replacement for Alt+Tab with stickyness, window previews, etc

Unlocker -- <http://ccollomb.free.fr/unlocker/>

Delete those pesky files that dont seem to want to delete.

Quickmonth - <http://www.esnips.com/web/qmc>

View a mini-calendar by clicking the time, just like in Gnome.

Revouninstaller -- <http://www.revouninstaller.com/>

Uninstalls things in a rather vigorous way -- hunting down files and registry entries

Teracopy -- <http://www.codesector.com/teracopy.asp>

Better copying of large amounts of data than the default copy -- doesnt cough up if a file is unreadable