



# Answer Quest Tip Sheet

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## Come Get Your Free Software

You probably already know that you can download free software on the Internet. You may have even gone to <http://www.shareware.com> or <http://www.hotfiles.com> and downloaded free shareware applications. Shareware is "try before you buy" software. If you like it, you pay for it. It's all based on the honor system.

But, did you know that you can get commercial software for free on the Internet? You can get programs like Lotus Notes e-mail Client, Internet Explorer upgrades, and Netscape Communicator software for getting a better view of the World Wide Web.

You can download many popular software application demos (non-working overviews), trials (with time or feature limits), and beta versions (pre-official release still in testing stage). You'll also find updates, drivers and program fixes for your favorite software. The next time your software or hardware is not working properly, check out the Web site of the manufacturer for the latest fix.

The following are some commercial applications and upgrades that you can either download for free or get on CD for only the cost of shipping. Some sites require registration prior to downloading their software. Remember to practice safe-downloading by always running an anti-virus software to check files that you have downloaded.

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### Adobe - <http://www.adobe.com>

From their main web page, you can go to "Tryouts/Betas" where you can find trial versions of software such as Photoshop, PageMaker, or PageMill. At "Free Plug-ins & Updates" you'll be able to download the new Adobe Acrobat Reader and free patches, updates, and plug-ins for other Adobe applications.

### Corel - <http://www.corel.com/freebies>

Download the Freebies and Special Offers for Corel WordPerfect 8, Corel WordPerfect 7 Label Macro, or a trial version of Corel Ventura. You can also find updates and fixes as well as their product manuals online for searching ease.

### Harvard Graphics -

<http://harvardgraphics.com/html/download.htm>

Here you will find demos, patches and trial versions for products such as Harvard Graphics 98, Harvard Graphics NT Patch and a trial of Harvard ChartXL. Submit your email address for consideration as a beta tester at

<http://www.harvardgraphics.com/html/betatest.htm> and they notify you if they need your help.

### Lotus Corporation -

<http://www.lotus.com/downloads>

Lotus has decided to "give away" the Lotus Notes Client 4.6 Gold for FREE! This is not a demo but a full working version. It IS a hefty download but worth it if you want to learn the software or use it instead of other the e-mail clients you currently use. Look for free demos and evaluation copies of other Lotus software, such as Organizer or find free components sample applications, templates, and more.

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**McAfee - <http://www.mcafee.com/download>**

If you would like to try out anti-virus software, go to their "Evaluation" page. You can download trial versions of VirusScan, WebScanX or PCMedic. Go to <http://beta.mcafee.com> to test out their beta software. And as always, their virus signature file updates (DAT file) are free to download (you should update this DAT file frequently).

**Microsoft -****<http://www.microsoft.com/msdownload>**

All of Microsoft's updates, patches, trial versions plus more can be found here. Betas of their software are a great way to see the new products before they are released. Look for Internet Explorer updates, Office 97's Service Release, Outlook 98 upgrade, Publisher 98 trial, Windows 98 updates and Microsoft BackOffice Family Trial Kit.

**Netscape - <http://www.netscape.com/download>**

Download Netscape Navigator or Netscape Communicator v4.06 for FREE or check out the preview (beta) copy of Navigator v4.5. Request the Netscape SuiteSpot Test Drive CD-ROM for a trial of their server software. You'll also find plug-ins, patches, updates, development tools, and more.

**Novell - <http://www.novell.com/download>**

When you need updates, patches, or information on Novell's products, go to their download area. You

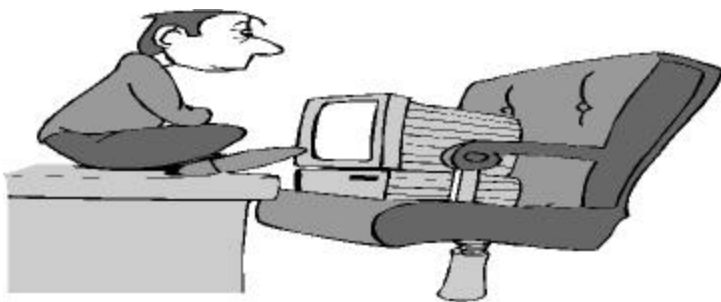
can find what you need for software such as NetWare, IntraNetWare, and BorderManager. Want to give GroupWise a test run? Go to <http://www.novell.com/groupwise/downloads.html> to receive a GroupWise 5.2 3-User Evaluation CD! If you want to help test new software, <http://support.novell.com/beta/public/> gives you information about their beta software available.

**PointCast Network - <http://www.pointcast.com>**

Does your job depend on keeping up with the computer industry? Download free tools for receiving the information you want "pushed" to your desktop. Check out the new beta version 2.6 while you are there. Also, their free Intranet Broadcast Tools allow you to configure PointCast on employee desktops, controlling bandwidth utilization, and broadcast your private intranet channel to your employees.

**Symantec - <http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/files>**

You can find updates and patches for all of Symantec's products at this web page. If you want to try out something new, go to <http://shop.symantec.com/trialware> for trial versions of Norton Anti-Virus, ACT v4.0, TalkWorks, pcANYWHERE, and other software. And of course, if you already own their anti-virus software, go to the AntiVirus Research Center at <http://www.symantec.com/avcenter> to find all the current information and files needed to protect your PC.

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