Portable Operating Systems
for
USB Flash Drives

	PortableApps	Sandisk (U3 LaunchPad)	Pegtop PStart	winPenPack
Installation Requirements	Installable on any flash drive	Requires U3 technology	Any flash drive (U3 and non-U3 versions available)	Any flash drive
Security	No overall drive security - individual files only.	Can password-protect entire flash drive		
Appearance to Computer	One drive	Two drives	Two drives	One drive
Menu	Alphabetical only	Can be configured by user		
Ejection	Dialog boxes	One-step	Confusing installation procedures	Language barrier
OpenOffice.org	Version 2.4	Version 2.2		
Google Toolbar	No	No		
Ease of Obtaining & Installing Applications	Easy	Easy		
Availability	Readily available (free download)	Pre-installed on U3 flash drives. Readily available	Readily available (free download)	Limited, with very slow download
Web Site	www. portableapps. com	www.sandisk. com	www.pegtop.net/ start/	www. winpenpack.com (Google - select translated page)

Approximate Cost

2 GB: $13
4 GB: $13 - $25
8 GB: $20 - $30
16 GB: $40 - $75

Specifications:

U3 LaunchPad and its applications run only on flash drives that are U3-enabled from the factory.
PortableApps and its applications run on any flash drive.
Generic portable applications can run on U3-enabled flash drives, but will not appear on the LauncPad menu.
Portable operating system for Macintosh is FSuite
Portable operating system for Linux is PenDrive Linux

Web Sites

Portable Applications (mostly freeware)
www.portableapps.com
www.u3.com (*note: for U3 drives only*)
www.portablefreeware.com
www.nedwolf.com
www.snapfiles.com
www.ceedo.com (*$39.95, but very impressive*)

Sandisk
www.sandisk.com/Retail/Default.aspx?CatID=1411

U3 LaunchPad Removal Tool
www.pcworld.com/downloads/file/fid,69678/

Folder Lock
www.newsoftwares.net/folderlock/

Toucan
www.portableapps.com

TrueCrypt Portable
http://www.softpedia.com/progDownload/Portable-TrueCrypt-Download-100194.html