Cool Tool	Description
Piriform's CCleaner	This is a great utility that will scrub your system clean.
CPUID's CPU-Z	The utility to find out the specs of the CPU on your system.
CPUID's HWMonitor	Great little program that gives you a quick break down of your system's temperature and other sensors. From the maker of CPU-Z.
Igor Pavlov's 7-Zip	A free, open-source utility that unzips almost everything you can through at it. I install it on all my systems.
Malwarebytes Free	When you need to scrub a machine of some nasty malware, this utility will help you get the job done.
Memtest86+	*The* live CD memory tester. This tool boots from a CD and gives your RAM a workout looking for problems that can cause errors such as BSODs and data corruption.
Microsoft's Sysinternals Utilities	The definitive collection of utilities to discover and fix almost anything going on with Windows. My personal favorite is Process Explorer.
Gnome Partition Editor	Gnome Partition Editor, or GParted, is another live CD that will enable you to resize and repartition your hard drive without reformatting. Make sure you have a backup before using this or any partitioning tool on a system you care about.
HiJackThis	HijackThis is great for getting rid of those annoying browser toolbars. It's basically a high-powered version of MSCONFIG.
ImgBurn	For all your disc image burning needs. Many utilities come in ISO format and must be burned to a disc before use. If you are using Windows Vista or previous versions of Windows, ImgBurn will make it easy to burn those ISOs properly.
Wireshark	Everyone should have this famous protocol analyzer in their toolbox.
VirtualBox	The freeware VM that's great for getting your feet wet with virtualization.
Rufus	When I need to make a bootable thumb drive this is my go-to utility
Secunia PSI	This utility checks every program on your system, checking for latest versions. Goes way beyond Windows Update.
VeraCrypt	Bitlocker is great if you have the right version of Windows, a TPM chip and want to encrypt an entire drive. For those who don't, there is VeraCrypt.
Nmap	The best network security scanner out there! (Included in Kali distro)
Metasploit	The number one penetration testing framework (Included in Kali distro)
Hashtab	A darn handy Windows hash calculator that embeds itself into the context menu on your system
Kali Linux	The popular security-centric Linux distro. Contains many of the tools listed here