

## Improve Productivity with 9 Free Apps!

### Productivity Apps

<b>Wunderlist</b>	Manage to-do lists
<b>RescueTime</b>	Become more efficient timewise
<b>Skype</b>	Chat and call everyone
<b>Simplenote</b>	Take notes and sync them
<b>Notepad++</b>	Edit text and HTML easily
<b>ActiveWords</b>	Use keywords in productive ways
<b>Dropbox</b>	Sync and share 2 GB of files
<b>CrashPlan</b>	Back up to your PC and family PCs
<b>WinSplit Revolution</b>	Manage many windows on one screen

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Sometimes, you'd like to optimize your work or home life rather than your PC. In other words, you want to fix your productivity. Here's a list of our favorite free apps that improve life productivity. Don't like our choices? Got some of your own? Tell us in the comments!

#### [Wunderlist](#)

A task management app that's the digital equivalent of writing the five most important things to do in a notepad, but better.

#### [RescueTime](#)

Recover work productivity time and become more efficient at your job by blocking distractions and tracking time.

#### [Resoph](#)

A simple, fast note-taking application that syncs easily between multiple PCs and also syncs with Simplenote (see below).

#### [Simplenote](#)

A simple, fast note-taking application that syncs with phones, tablets and other PCs.

#### [Skype](#)

Video chat, text chat and Internet phone call everyone. The standard for all of the above.

#### [Notepad++](#)

A replacement for Windows's Notepad app, this offers line-by-line editing with no garbage. Wonderful for HTML or plain text editing.

#### [ActiveWords](#)

When you type specific key words into any application and hit the space bar twice, substitute it with

something else, launch a program automatically, or do a number of other things.

### [DropBox](#)

Two gigabytes of space. It acts as a folder on your PC, but also syncs with your other PCs and can be shared with others. Must-have.

### [CrashPlan](#)

Free, easy to use PC backup to your own machines and offsite to friends and family's machines, too!

### [WinSplit Revolution](#)

Snap, tile and resize many windows at the same time. Especially useful with high-resolution, widescreen monitors.