

Suggested Applications

What is presented in this list is mostly **free** alternatives to the paid applications that are available. Where the name of the app is in **bold**, it is a native app (it comes with the device). No AI app is recommended at present nor is any any AI search included as even businesses have been warned not to use AI for search due to high security risks. In all cases the quick and easy to use app is listed first. Some apps have a very steep learning curve especially in image and video editing.

App Use	Windows PC	Apple Mac PC	Apple iPhone/iPad	Android phone/tablet
Browser: view internet websites. Alternative to Google Chrome.	Firefox, Brave, Vivaldi, Zen	Safari, Firefox, Brave, Vivaldi, Zen	Safari, Firefox, Brave, Vivaldi	Firefox, Brave, Vivaldi
Web Search: Not AI, <i>alternate to Google</i>	DuckDuckGo, Startpage, Brave	DuckDuckGo, Startpage, Brave	DuckDuckGo, Startpage, Brave	DuckDuckGo, Startpage, Brave
Email: <i>alternative to GMail, Outlook apps</i> ⁵	Thunderbird	Apple mail , Thunderbird	Apple Mail , Spark, Blue Mail	Spark, Blue mail
Media Player: Music and video player	VLC	VLC	VLC	VLC
File Search: find your files on your device	Everything	Finder, Spotlight	Files	My Files
Photo Editor: edit and improve your photos.	Fastone Image Viewer, Irfan View, Affinity Studio	Apple Photos , Affinity Studio	Apple Photos	Google Photos , Pixlr
Video Editor	Clipchamp , Shotcut, DaVinci Resolve	iMovie , Final Cut Pro	iMovie , Final Cut Pro	Google Photos , PowerDirector
Internet Speed Check ⁴	Fast.com, Ookla	Fast.com, Ookla	Fast Speed Test App	Speedtest by Ookla app
Office Application: alternatives to paying for MS Office	Libre Office	Libre Office, Pages, Numbers, Keynote	Pages, Numbers, Keynote	Office Online, Google Docs
PDF Reader	Adober Reader, Foxit PDF	Preview	Adobe Reader	Adobe Reader

Password Manager	Bitwarden, Proton Pass, Dashlane, 1Pass	1Passwords App , Bitwarden, Proton Pass	1Passwords App , Bitwarden, Proton Pass	Bitwarden, Proton Pass, Dashlane, 1Pass
Security Suite (some are free, more features and multi-device if paid) ₃	Norton, McAfee, Bitdefender, Avast, Eset, Malwarebytes	Norton, McAfee, Bitdefender, Avast, Eset, Malwarebytes	Norton, McAfee, Bitdefender, Avast, Eset, Malwarebytes	Norton, McAfee, Bitdefender, Avast, Eset, Malwarebytes
Cloud Services; Included with your device	OneDrive	iCloud	iCloud	Google Drive
Cloud Services; Paid services and alternatives	MS365, Synch, Proton Drive, pCloud, IceDrive, Mega, Dropbox	iCloud+, Synch, Proton Drive, pCloud, IceDrive, Mega, Dropbox	iCloud+, Synch, Proton Drive, pCloud, IceDrive, Mega, Dropbox	Google Workspace, Synch, Proton Drive, pCloud, IceDrive, Mega, Dropbox
VPN: Virtual Personal Network. Use PAID services only. ₂	Proton, Nord, Mulvad	Proton, Nord, Mulvad	Proton, Nord, Mulvad	Proton, Nord, Mulvad
Photobook	Momento, Albumworks, Snapfish etc.	Momento, Albumworks, Snapfish etc.	You can use most of the online services but not easy on small screens	You can use most of the online services but not easy on small screens

Notes:

1. Apple Passwords app works well on apple devices but is not easily accessible on non-apple products.
2. **Free VPNs monitor your activities** except for Proton and Tunnel Bear which have limited features in free version.
3. Microsoft Defender is a basic protection but only recommended for those that are extremely careful. Most paid applications allow multiple device installation for the one fee. Defender is Windows only.
4. Internet speed checks run in a browser on most devices but mobile apps are available for phones.
5. Email apps can be set up to read accounts with Hotmail, GMail, Outlook, Telstra, Optus etc. You do not have to use an app that matches whoever runs your email account. Apps can also read more than one account at a time.