

Adobe Alternatives

The Adobe Creative Suite offers a collection of tools to bring out your creative flair, however at over AU\$3,900 it is incredibly expensive for the home or small business user.

There are many alternatives for the main components of the CS suite that are available for a fraction of the price and many are designed exclusively for, and take full advantage of, Mac OS X.



Photoshop Alternatives

GraphicConverter

Dubbed as the program the equivalent of the "Swiss penknife" and described it as a "universal genius for photo editing on the Mac" GraphicConverter offers you everything you need and would expect for an all-round image editing software with ease of use, an excellent range of functions, stability and reliability.

CinePaint

Deep paint image retouching tool that supports higher color fidelity than ordinary painting tools. It can be used to retouch feature films and in pro photography.

Pixelmator

Beautifully designed, easy-to-use, fast and powerful image editor that has everything you need to create, edit and enhance your images.

Illustrator Alternatives

DrawIt

Vector editing application with support for bitmap-like image filters. Vector editing as well as the filters are completely non-destructive, which means that a vector layer can still be edited even after a stack of filters has been applied.

EasyDraw

An illustration or drawing application that offers vector-based graphics editing and creation capabilities for creating simple not-photographic drawings, technical diagrams and illustrations such as logos, icons, buttons and stylized art.

InDesign Alternatives

SwiftPublisher

Excellent page layout application for designing and printing colorful flyers, newsletters, brochures, letterheads, booklets, etc. A great selection of templates inspires your creativity and a variety of editing tools lets you quickly apply it.

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Flash Alternatives

BannerZest

Creates Flash-based animations that require zero understanding of Flash. In fact you don't even need to own Flash. Everything has been pre-integrated, allowing you to be up and running - or rather, scrolling, popping and rolling - in no time. Create animated banners that give your website or blog a business-like, professional appearance while improving functionality.

BannerZest Pro

All the features of the standard BannerZest, but for full commercial use and has extra features like export an alternative version of your banner in a format that can be viewed when the navigator does not have Flash installed - ie the iPhone and iPad!

Acrobat Alternatives

PDFPen

Edit PDFs easily! Add text, images and signatures. Make corrections. Fill out PDF forms. Merge, delete and reorder pages.

PDFPen Pro

Has all the PDF editing features of PDFpen, plus it also allows you to build cross-platform PDF forms by adding text fields, checkboxes and radio buttons (even to scanned documents) and you can create and edit a Table of Contents. Easily add chapter and subchapter titles to make your PDF a breeze to navigate.

Skim

A PDF reader and note-taker that is designed to help you read and annotate scientific papers in PDF, but is also great for viewing any PDF file.

Dreamweaver Alternatives

PageSpinner

Easy-to-use, web page editor for Mac OS supporting HTML, XHTML, PHP, SSI, CSS and a built-in JavaScript generator that features built-in FTP support, customizable syntax color-coding of JavaScript, PHP, Cascading Style Sheets, support for Server Side Includes, integration with Apache and the Mac OS X Terminal

For even more alternatives to the Adobe CS applications, check out these previous Discs of the Month:

- Photoshop & Illustrator
 - Artist's Palette
- InDesign & Acrobat
 - Publishing House
- Dreamweaver & Flash
 - Web Developer Deluxe

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