

My Top 10 Utilities Every Mac User Should Have!

...But That's just my opinion

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#1 - Dropbox/Sync

- Dropbox (www.dropbox.com)
 - US Based but ubiquitous
 - Works with most platforms
- Sync (www.sync.com)
 - Canadian
 - Zero knowledge storage
- iCloud (www.icloud.com)

#2 - 1Password

- 1Password (www.1password.com)
 - \$49.99/\$69.99, App Store
 - I believe the best password manager out there
 - Syncs with Dropbox and iCloud to all idevices and even Windows and Android
 - Has a new teams/family plan
 - Secure storage for passwords, notes, software licenses and more
 - Watch Keeper and Security Audit function will warn of password issues

#3 - Carbon Copy Cloner/ Super Duper

- Every one is regularly backing their data up and checking it twice aren't they?
- Carbon Copy cloner (<https://bombich.com>)
 - \$53.85
- Super Duper (<http://www.shirt-pocket.com>)
 - \$39.81

#5 - Bartender 2

- Bartender 2 (<https://www.macbartender.com>)
 - \$20.20
 - Bartender 2 lets you organize your menu bar apps, by hiding them, rearranging them, or moving them to the Bartender Bar.

#6 - Text Expander

- Text Expander (<https://smilesoftware.com>)
 - \$60.53
 - Desktop and iOS versions
 - Saves many, many keystrokes
 - Type more with less effort! TextExpander saves your fingers and your keyboard, expanding custom keyboard shortcuts into frequently-used text and pictures.
 - Will suggest shortcuts based on your usage patterns

#7 - Hazel

- Hazel (<https://www.noodlesoft.com/index.php>)
 - \$29.00 (US)
 - Create rules to automatically keep your files organized
 - App sweep
 - Automate your trash
 - iLife Support

#8 - iStat Menu

- iStat Menu (<https://bjango.com/mac/istatmenus/>)
 - \$18 (US)
 - Have you ever wondered what was going on inside your mac?
 - For hardware level monitoring of your mac there is no substitute...apologies to Porsche

#9 - Little Snitch

- Little Snitch (<https://www.obdev.at/products/littlesnitch/index.html>)
 - \$34.95 (US)
 - A firewall protects your computer against unwanted guests from unwanted guests. But who **protects** your private data from being sent out?
 - As soon as you're connected to the Internet, applications can potentially send whatever information they want to wherever they want. Sometimes they do this for good reason, on your explicit request. But often they don't. Little Snitch intercepts these unwanted connection attempts, and lets you decide how to proceed.

#10 - VLC Media Player

- Video Lan Client (<http://www.videolan.org/vlc/index.html>)
 - Free!
 - VLC is a free and open source cross-platform multimedia player and framework that plays most multimedia files as well as DVDs, Audio CDs, VCDs, and various streaming protocols.

Honourable Mentions

- ImageOptim - (<https://imageoptim.com>)
- Cafeine - (<http://lighthouse.com/caffeine/>)
- UnArchiver - (<http://wakaba.c3.cx/s/apps/unarchiver.html>)
- F.Lux - (<https://justgetflux.com>)
- Wifi Scanner - (<http://wifiscanner.com/wifiscanner.html>)
- SpamSieve - (<http://c-command.com/spamsieve/>)
- Chronosync - (<http://www.econtechologies.com/chronosync/overview.html>)

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