

Bob's Top 10

(free Windows desktop programs)

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Computer Experience

IBM 650



IBM 1130



IBM PC



KAYPRO

Current Digital Grab-bag

- 2 Desktops (home & cottage)
- 2 Portables (laptop & netbook)
- 2 Tablets (older & newer)
- 2 Cameras (smaller & larger)
- 7 Websites (all Drupal)

“Best” Programs!

- Best for a purpose, for a user
 - Purpose is valued by the user
 - No universal best programs
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- Focus on free, desktop, personal programs
 - Focus on applications doing common things

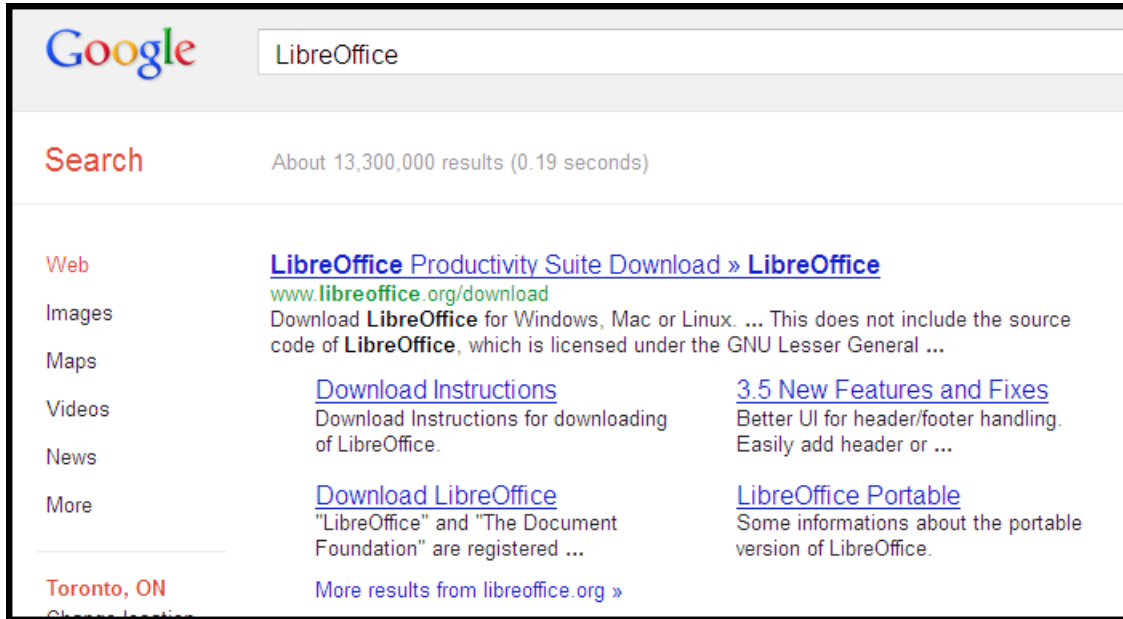
“Free” Programs

- Because some programmer felt like it
 - Now rare
- Because a community needs it – open source
 - Increasingly common
 - Can have sponsors: IBM, Google, ...
- To convince you to buy the “pro” version
 - Can be a reasonable offer
 - But isn't always!

Categories

- Office Programs
 - LibreOffice, AbiWord, TotalEdit
- Graphics Programs
 - Irfanview, PhotoFiltre, Inkscape, SketchUp
- Utility Programs
 - Free Commander, Karen's Replicator
- Security Programs
 - MS Security Essentials, MS Anti-Malware

Finding Out More



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Google LibreOffice

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Images

Maps

Videos

News

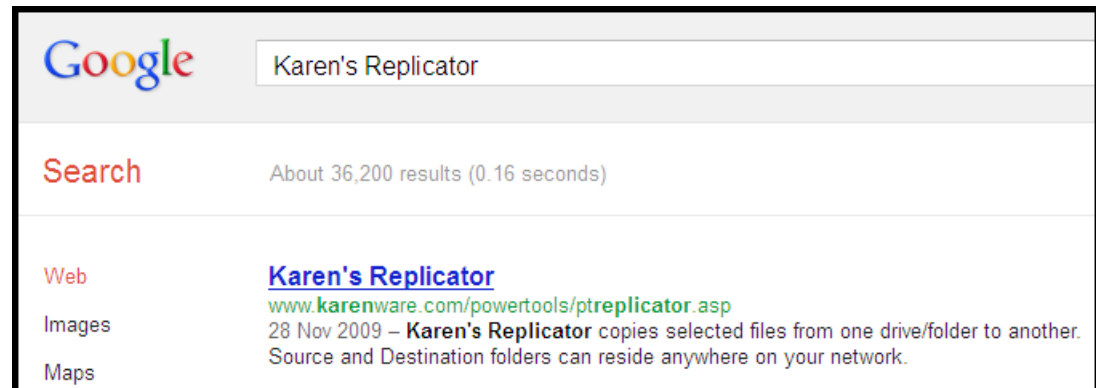
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Download Instructions for downloading of LibreOffice. Better UI for header/footer handling. Easily add header or ...

[Download LibreOffice](#) [LibreOffice Portable](#)
"LibreOffice" and "The Document Foundation" are registered ... Some informations about the portable version of LibreOffice.

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[More results from libreoffice.org »](#)



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Google Karen's Replicator

Search About 36,200 results (0.16 seconds)

Web [Karen's Replicator](#)
www.karenware.com/powertools/ptreplicator.asp
28 Nov 2009 – **Karen's Replicator** copies selected files from one drive/folder to another. Source and Destination folders can reside anywhere on your network.

Images

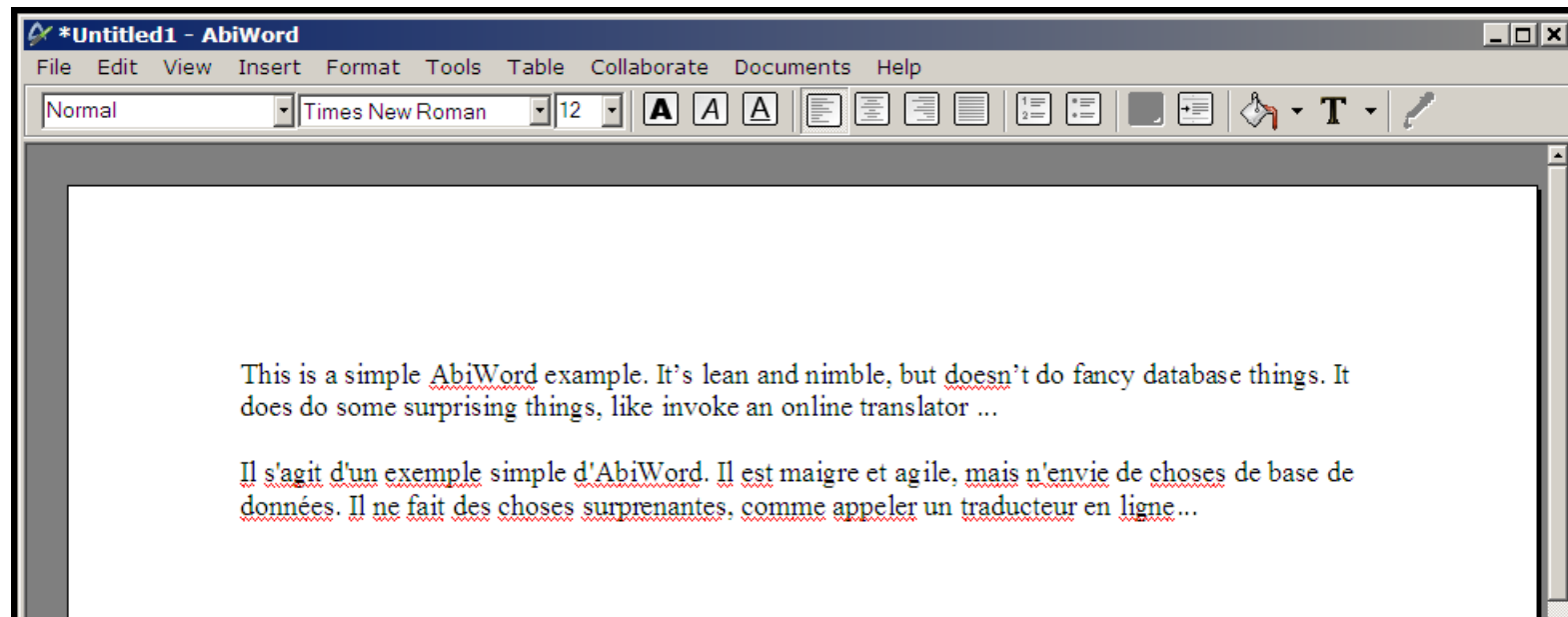
Maps

LibreOffice

- Replacement for MS Office
 - Base, Calc, Draw, Impress, Math, Writer
- Open Source (free)
 - Came from StarOffice
 - Became OpenOffice
 - Forked: Oracle vs Google
- Strong competitor to MS Office

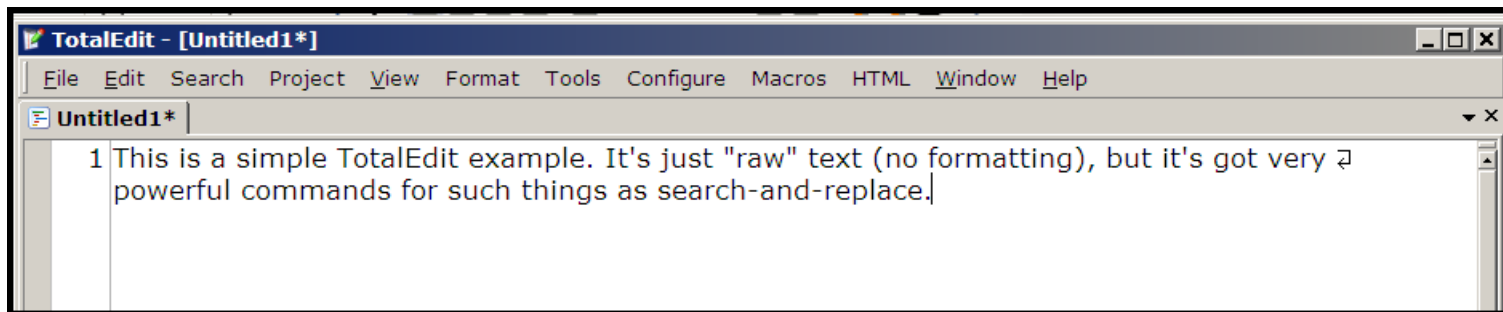
AbiWord

- Open Source (free)
- Great for simple documents



TotalEdit

- Simple, unadorned text
- Free version
 - Pro (paid) does database work
- Great for programming, html, etc.



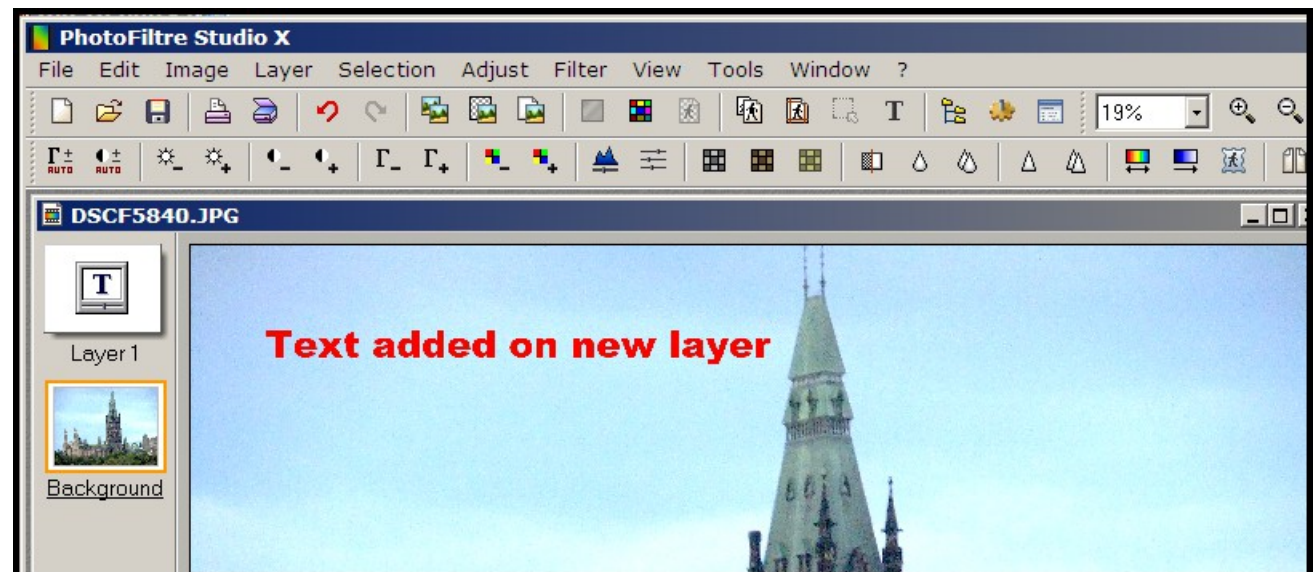
IrfanView

- Handy, free tool for jpg, png, gif images
- Does all of the basics
 - Crop, Resize, Add Text, Contrast, etc.
- Basic Graphics Editing – press F12 →
- Handy Extras
 - Batch Process, Thumbnails, Slideshow
- Money from selling conversion code

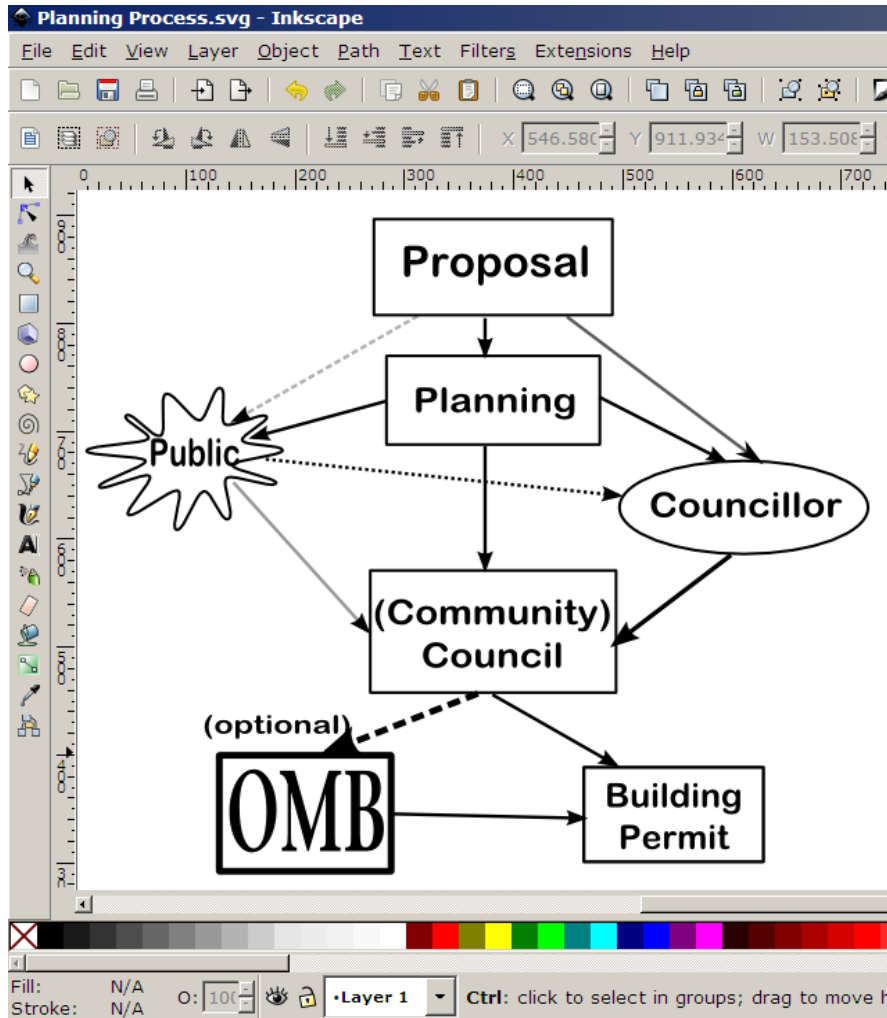


PhotoFiltre

- When you want to really edit the image
- Multiple layers, independently editable
- Free version is minus a few features

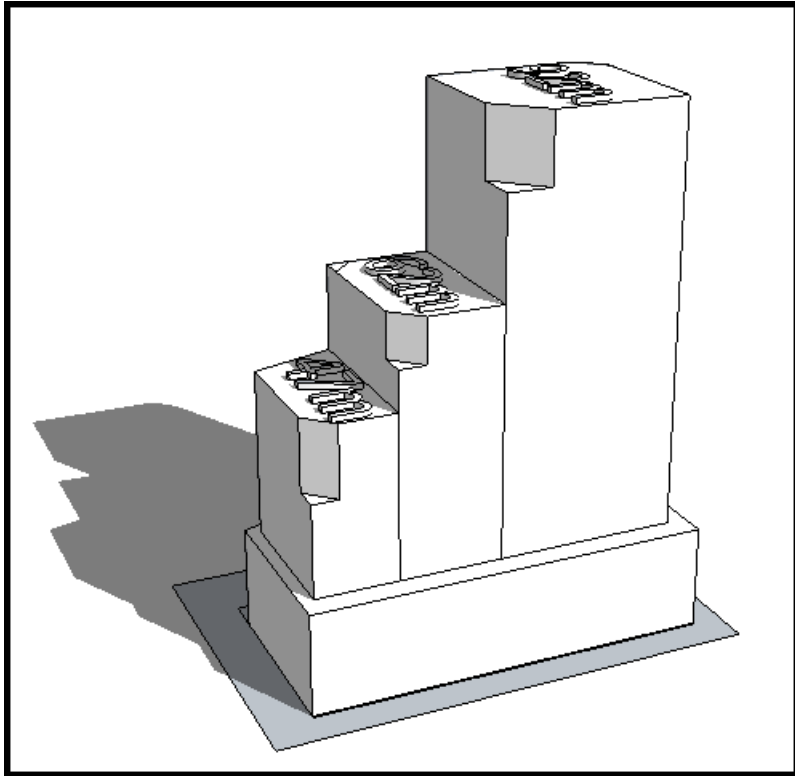


Inkscape



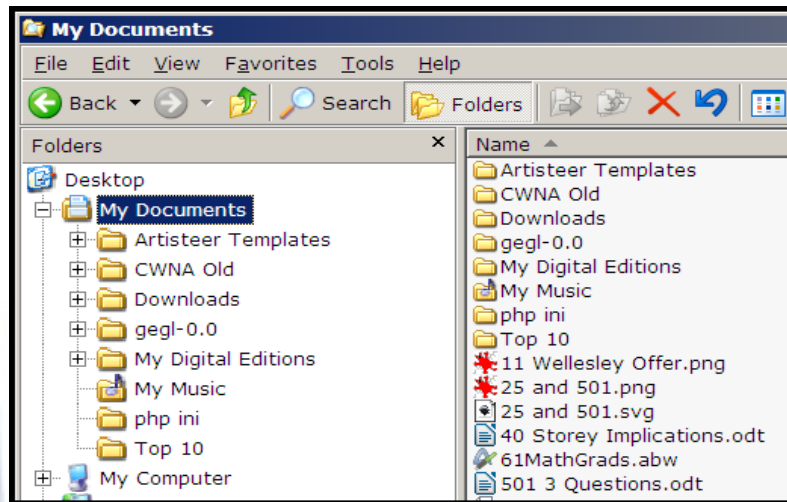
- Works with geometric shapes (not pixels)
- Open Source (free)
- Great for drawings
- Can imbed photos, but not edit them

Sketch Up



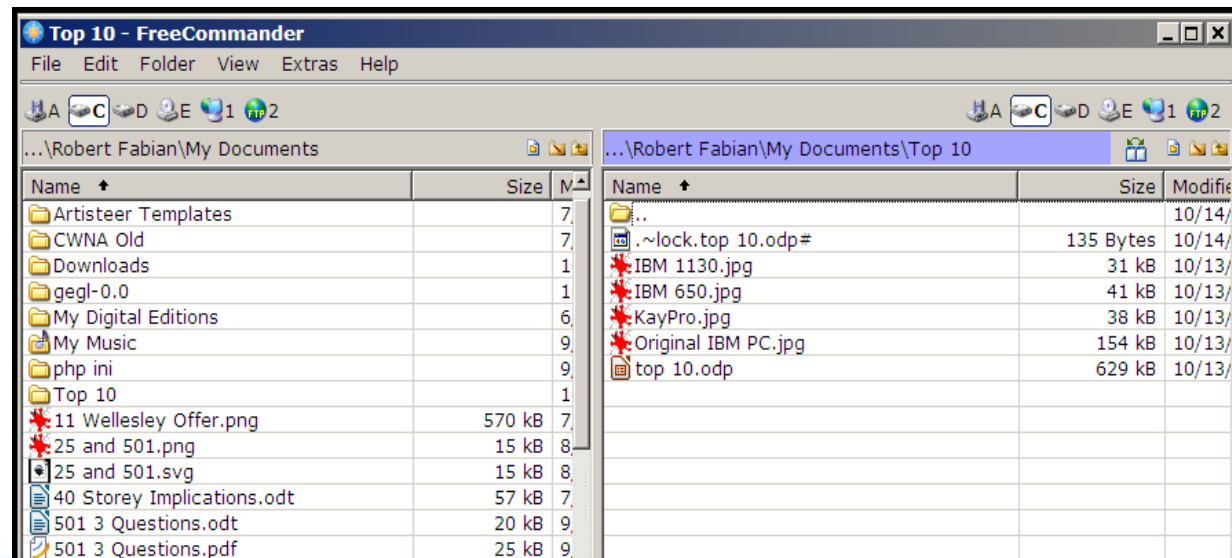
- Model for 501 block of Yonge Street
- Accurate 3D image (shadow at 2 PM)
- Free version, easy(?) to use
- Also professional version (paid)

Free Commander



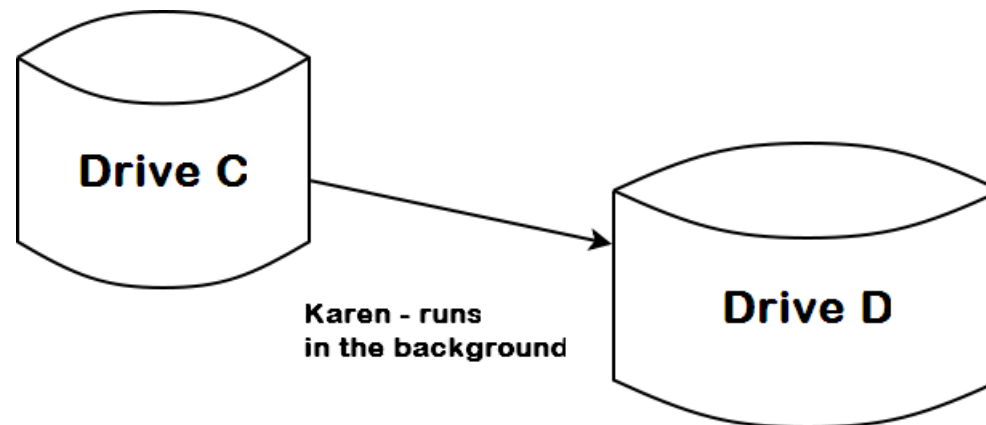
Plus handy features:

- Print directory
- Mass rename
- Simple FTP
- etc, etc



Karen's Replicator

- Simple back-up scheme
- In the background
 - Copy important directories from C to D
- No one disk failure can really hurt



Security

- Nothing beats intelligent use
 - (Don't do stupid things)
- Microsoft Security Essentials
 - Free from Microsoft
 - Automatic update
 - Controlled resource load
- Plus: Microsoft Anti-Malware

Other Free

- My other free programs
 - Batch of other utilities
 - Audio edit/convert, CD burn
 - Many Internet apps
- **Your free programs ...**
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 - **????**
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Thank You