

Firefox

Safe secure web browser. Extra features include tabbed browsing, instant finding and PubMed searching extensions. Download from www.mozilla.org. The site also provides Thunderbird email software.

OpenOffice

Complete office suite, including word processor, presentation, spreadsheet, database and drawing software. Reads / writes in Microsoft Office formats but has extra feature including PDF, PDA and reference management. Download from www.openoffice.org. Tutorials at www.tutorialsforopenoffice.org.

Laura Dean's website (www.laura.md)

FreeMind mind mapping software <http://freemind.sourceforge.net>. GIMP image editing software www.gimp.org. Mambo content management system www.mamboserver.com.

Group software

- OpenVista software power the entire VA's system and is deployed in several countries. One of the oldest and most tested medical records systems in the world. www.worldvista.org
- OpenEMR software is easier to setup and several companies can provide the data management service. Compliant with HIPAA legislation, HL7 medical record standards, ANSI X12 for billing providers. Already supports ProxyMed and Zirned billing clearing houses. www.openemr.net
- CALIMS lab management software, produce by the National Cancer Institute <http://calims.nci.nih.gov/>.
- Moodle (www.moodle.org) and Claroline (www.claroline.net) online course management software tools are used by universities around the world.

“Free Software for Busy People”

This is the book I wrote about Free / Open Source software. The entire text will be available for reading and download at www.freesoftware.info in August.