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Top Search Engines and Free Apps for Windows 2024

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Top 10 Best Search Engines (2024)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glV3zlpOb44>


Google	The 800 Lb gorilla in the room
Bing	The 2nd evil empire
Duck Duck Go	For more privacy
Perplexity AI	AI
Mojeek	U.K. Search by emotion?
Qwant	French
Startpage	Security via VPN proxy
Swisscows	Kid friendly
Yahoo!	Still around
Ecosia	Plant a tree!
You.com	More AI
Brave	Also emphasis on privacy



Don't confuse Search Engine with Browser, some share the same name!

Must Have Free Windows Software (2024)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEHj6qQ-4Rg>

PC Manager	Manage computer performance
Obsidian	Advanced Notepad
Pot Player	Media player supporting wide range of formats
Bandizip	File compression/extraction
Huorong	You try it ... I'm Not! 
Ear Trumpet	Audio control
IDM	Download manager
Quick Look	File previewer
BC Uninstaller	More comprehensive than Windows
Brave	Browser



Microsoft App Store Top Ten (2024)

<https://youtu.be/frGe3F9MYxo>

PowerToys	Desktop, screen saver, image resizing, etc.
Splash!	Screen Saver
Duplicates Cleaner	Seek and remove duplicate files
ShareX	Screen capture utility
MyRadar	Weather radar and other displays
Mozilla, Brave, Vivaldi	3rd party browsers carried by MS App store
SomaFM	Free music from deep cuts
Adobe Photoshop Express	Free version of famous image tool
Telegram Desktop	Make a pretty desktop
VLC/VLC UWP	Popular media player, 2nd is for touchscreen
Mouse Pointer Highlight	Make mouse cursor more visible, etc.
Microsoft To Do	Pop up scheduler
Visual Studio code	I'm the only one that would use this :-)



Roundtable Discussion

