

**BOX SCORE****SystemWorks 2004**

GENERAL-PURPOSE UTILITY SUITE

Symantec Corp.; Cupertino, Calif.; tel. 408-517-8000

www.symantec.com

Price: \$99 for professional version

- + Easy interface
- + Many programs included
- About double the price of other programs with similar performance

**BOX SCORE****System Mechanic 4**

GENERAL-PURPOSE UTILITY SUITE

Iolo Technologies LLC; Pasadena, Calif.; tel. 626-793-3993

www.iolo.com

Price: \$69 for professional version

- + Accesses many hidden Windows settings
- + Can make erased files vanish forever
- Assumes a slightly higher IT knowledge than other reviewed products

**BOX SCORE****SpeedUpMyPC**

FIRE-AND-FORGET SPEED UTILITY

LIUtilities Inc.; Ostersund, Sweden; tel. 46-63-108830

www.liutilities.com

Price: \$29

- + Inexpensive and easy for inexperienced users
- Not a lot of controls—will either work out of the box or not be able to help

**BOX SCORE****DeviceLock**

PORTABLE STORAGE POLICY UTILITY

AdvancedForce InfoSecurity Solutions Inc.; San Ramon, Calif.; tel. 925-277-3420

www.advancedforce.com

Price: \$35 for one user; group licenses available

- + Fills a rapidly expanding security hole
- + Easy interface
- + Can restrict file access by certain portable devices

**BOX SCORE****Diskeeper 8**

AUTOMATIC DISK DEFRAGMENTER

Executive Software International Inc.; Burbank, Calif.; tel. 818-771-1600

www.execsoft.com

Single-user price: \$34.95

- + Fixes fragmented disks and keeps them fixed
- + Runs forever in background
- + Can even defrag while other programs are running