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System Mechanic 4

GENERAL-PURPOSE PC UTILITY SUITE

Iolo Technologies LLC; Pasadena, Calif.; tel. 626-793-3993 www.iolo.com Price: \$50

- + Diverse tools for system maintenance
- + Automatic monitoring and fixes
- Kills spyware and prevents recovery of purposely erased data

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System Works 2004

GENERAL-PURPOSE PC UTILITY SUITE

Symantec Corp.; Cupertino, Calif.; tel. 408-517-8000 www.symantec.com Price: \$69

- + Excellent password management utility
- + Easy user interface
- More expensive than other utility suites

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SpeedUpMyPC

SPEED-ENHANCING UTILITY

LIUtilities Inc.; Ostersund, Sweden; tel. 46-63-108830 www.liutilities.com Price: \$49

- + Keeps system running fast
- + Automatic operation
- Few user controls

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Diskeeper 8

AUTOMATIC DISK DEFRAGMENTER

Executive Software International Inc.; Burbank, Calif.; tel. 818-771-1600 www.execsoft.com Price: \$34 home version, \$44 professional version

- + Speeds up drive performance
- + Can be set to work automatically
- + Can run while other programs are active

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Norton AntiSpam 2004

AUTOMATIC DISK DEFRAGMENTER

Symantec Corp.; Cupertino, Calif.; tel. 408-517-8000 www.symantec.com Price: \$35

- + Works even for a dial-up account
- + Learns as it's used
- + Inexpensive
- + Blocks ads and pop-ups

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AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition

FREE ANTIVIRUS PROTECTION

Grisoft Inc.; Pollock Pines, Calif.; fax 530-647-0177 www.grisoft.com Price: Free

- + Stops viruses effectively
- + Free access to new virus profiles
- User must remember to download new profiles