

SITE REVIEWS

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Sites for bargain hunters

You won't find a free lunch—but you can find dozens of giveaways.

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Money management takes many forms—sneaking utensils out from the dining hall, hoarding bagels, re-using dryer sheets (all the better if taken from someone else's dryer), using Starbucks napkins as coffee filters. There are plenty of cyber freebies as well—from sneakers and lotto cards to cold hard cash. So surf and earn—here's a list of sites that offer freebies for a little bit of your time.

Freestuffcenter.com is loaded with earn-money-while-you-do-nothing sites. The site gets more than 25,000 visitors a day—if not for its free screen savers, then for the dozens of other freebie links.

Similarly, **totallyfreestuff.com** and **FreeBCity.com** are site with lots of general categories to browse.

Looking for free Internet service, call waiting or voice mail? Gratis cologne, no-pay pantyhose or miserly makeup? Here's a list of sites that offer freebies for a little bit of your time.

UltraFreeStuff.com has more than 1,500 links to free samples, cosmetics, food, graphics, a large assortment of magazines, web space and contests.

PlanetFreebie.com has daily free giveaways. **FreePalace.com** has free jokes, pictures and other cool items.

AllHere.com has links to free DSL, e-mail and web pages; **FreeNetwork.com** has hundreds of free downloads, CD-ROMs and cash.

CoolFreebieLinks offers a comprehensive roundup of bargain-oriented sites—all with plenty of worthwhile freebie content. There's lots of links, including **Free-n-Cool.com** (from samples to gifts to sweepstakes), **FreewareFiles.com** (free software, utilities, programming files

and games) and **Free2Try.com** (a little of everything).

Virtualfreesites.com/free is fast loading, nicely organized and well-maintained, providing more than 3,500 free offers into 100 convenient categories. Also, **thefreesite.com** is broken down by category: free personals services, web cards, prizes and contests, online giveaways, CD-ROMs, videos and more. It links to

DirectFreebies.com (a directory to arts & crafts, business, catalogs, computers, entertainment, food and travel).

Reverse sticker shock sets in when you click on **freestuffonline.com**—where you can find for the specific items. Search for “free pants” and you get links to four pants-giveaway sites, search for “free coffee” and you get 10 sites.

MerchandiseForFree.com displays pictures of the several free (although a tad tacky) knick-knacks they offer—all bargain hunter-friendly. Browse through items (limit one per person) like a point-and-shoot camera, pocketknife and a super soaker.

Looking for free Internet service, call waiting or voice mail? Gratis cologne, no-pay pantyhose or miserly make-up? Go to **Goofballs.com**. How about spinner-friendly stamps? Check out **Postage4Free.com**, where you get 10 free pre-stamped envelopes.

Another sloth-friendly option is **ezsweeps.com**. It does the dirty work for you: Fill out a form, pick contests to enter, and Lucky the RoboHound fetches the choicest sweepstakes for you.

Feeling lucky? Check out **iwon.com**, which gives away \$10,000 cash a week (\$10 million a year). Or **iwin.com**, where you can choose from 48 games. Also play for free on **freestatelotto.com** and **freelotto.com**. •

Editor's Pick

GET INVOLVED

Activism activism.net

Do you want to get involved? This site is a great jumping off point for those who wish to express themselves politically and socially. The links are efficiently organized and comprehensive, giving you many sides to an issue. You will find information here on everything from the environment to drug reform laws to sexuality concerns. *JWorkman*

FASHION

Fashion Planet fp1.com

Fashion Planet is an extensive site on the fashion and beauty world. FP features shopping, columns, travel, food, horoscopes and much more. You can find out the latest trends in swimwear, how to care for your beach bod, and why Victoria's Secret's dress code is upsetting society. To keep yourself updated on the world of appearance, surf your way to Fashion Planet. *TMaor*



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