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Want a clean desktop? This month we examine several pieces of software to clean up the shortcuts, files, etc., on your desktop. Even though there is nothing on your desktop, everything is easy to access, even better than the Start menu.

1. The first bit of software provides handy toolbars with shortcuts or links to websites. Each shortcut or link is only one click away from your destination. This means the desktop is clean and accessing your favourites is fast. The download is located at:

<http://www.bryntyounce.com/coolbarz.htm>

Documentation for the software is at:

<http://www.bryntyounce.com/download/Coolbarz.htm>

Additional icons, to use with this software, are available at

https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D6415282_1896302_171730

2. Another piece of software is similar. Initially it provides a smaller semi-transparent tab containing shortcuts, links, etc. You can add more tabs as desired. Download site is at:

<http://www.stablauncher.com/Downloads/index.html>

3. This software has been adapted from Apple. It's a quick way to create Folders. The download site plus a video tutorial is located at:

<http://www.addictivetips.com/windows-tips/smart-folders-for-windows-addictivetips-apps/>

4. The final piece of software is a clipboard manager. Its small, not fancy and works well. Its also portable. The documentation is in the zip file at:

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/wlipper/>