

Introduction

As luck would have it, I received my August 2010 issue of PC World magazine just recently, and under their Here's How section there was a write up of Double Driver 4.0:

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/196100/view_print_and_back_up_your_drivers.html >

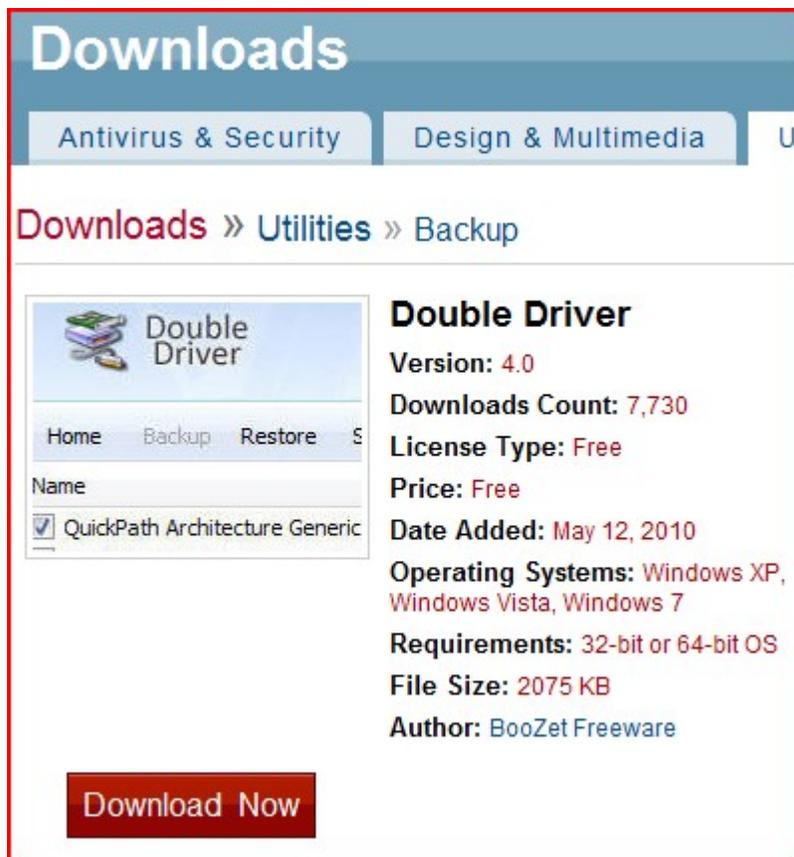
I have been looking for some freeware for backing up my drivers on the computers I work on, and this looked like it might be just perfect, and gives me the opportunity to demonstrate the processes I go through when checking out new freeware.

So here we go!

Step 1

After reading the article, I entered find.pcworld.com/70141 into Google Chrome which took me to the PC World Downloads page:

<<http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file/fid.84516/download.html> >:



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Downloads" with a navigation menu including "Antivirus & Security", "Design & Multimedia", and "Utilities". The breadcrumb trail is "Downloads » Utilities » Backup". The main content area features a product card for "Double Driver" with a version of 4.0, 7,730 downloads, a free license, and a free price. It lists the date added as May 12, 2010, and compatible operating systems as Windows XP, Vista, and 7. The requirements are for a 32-bit or 64-bit OS, and the file size is 2075 KB. The author is identified as BooZet Freeware. A prominent red "Download Now" button is located at the bottom of the product card.

Illustration 1: PC World Downloads Page - Double Driver

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I downloaded the file to my *New Freeware* folder, where I keep freeware downloads until I feel they have been checked out enough and are safe to use.

Step 2

I scanned the file with Trend Micro Internet Security, which is what is installed on the laptop I am working with here. Also, I scanned it with ClamWinPortable newly updated. Both scans showed it having not viruses, or malware, which is what I expected from PC World.

Step 3

Research reviews for Double Driver by Googling “review "double Driver " -pc-world”, within the last month, found that most of what I was seeing was positive, including Gizmo's Freeware <<http://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-windows-driver-backup.htm>>, which is one of my go to sources for freeware.

Step 4

Ran the program sandboxed with Sandboxie, more about that later. Once satisfied with the way the application performs, and that there are no security issues, add it to my collection.

Conclusion

There you have it, a run down of my process for a new freeware application.

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