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## **Blender**

The Good	The Bad	The Bottomline
Powerful / Starts up very fast / A sea of options / A good range of export formats / A lot of tutorials / Updated frequently / A big community / Free of charge / Free of speak	Interface seems overwhelming and a lot of practice is needed to get the grasp of this tool.	Blender is a powerful tool in the right hands. The interface is quite complex and not really intuitive, so if you're new to 3D-software you should invest some time in tutorials before starting a project.

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## **Specifications**

**The official website of the tool is**

<https://www.blender.org>

**The tool is made by**

<https://www.blender.org/foundation/>

**You can find the official documentation on:**

<https://docs.blender.org/manual/en/dev/> <https://wiki.blender.org>

**Is there a user forum/ bug tracker/ issue tracker and if so where?**

<https://developer.blender.org> <https://blenderartists.org/forum/>

**I reviewed version Blender 2.79 (Released September 12th, 2017) of the Software The interface:**

- what is it : application
- what is it for ?other
- this tool functions : after download and install
- this tool is available for : Windows
- this tool is : Free Speech
- does this tool have a paid version available? no

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## Review

### The user interface:

The UI is complex, and at first glance a little intimidating. You have to know what you are looking for to find it, and get into the vocabulary of 3D software. That said, most parts of the interface is customizable.

### Tutorials / Instructions:

useful / helpful : 4

clear : 4

quick and easy to understand : 4

### What notable things do other users say about this tool? (either good or bad!)

Blender is chock-full of features, which are powerful but can be overwhelming for beginners. This is a common criticism for why Blender is not beginner friendly. The Spacebar Search is an elegant way to make features more accessible without reducing the feature set for advanced user Blender is chock-full of features, which are powerful but can be overwhelming for beginners. This is a common criticism for why Blender is not beginner friendly. The Spacebar Search is an elegant way to make features more accessible without reducing the feature set for advanced users. "Nancy Yi Liang, Why I use and recommend Blender": <https://medium.com/3d-printing-stories/why-i-use-and-recommend-blender-a15a6c80cb05>)

### Testing the tool (learning by doing — trial and error) What would/could a designer use this tool for?

Modelling, rendering, rigging, posing, sculpting, texture painting, physical modelling, motion capture, composing, video editing, 3D printing. Reconstructions, forensics.

### Depending on what kind of free this tool is, how "free" is this tool really?

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### Please add any additional comments below:

Go for it. Make it a summer.

**As an official reviewer for the Great Free Graphic Software Review I confirm I have filled in the above review at the best of my abilities, with care, patience and without prior prejudice, so help me Tux.\***

*Marius Tetlie, 29/09/2017*

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# Images

## Interface

### Testing the tool

