

Re: advice on selecting new PCB design package

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Look, common sense must tell you that you aren't going to get a product to handle 6 layers for nothing. You can buy good quality CAD for a reasonable amount nowadays so why mess with a free product like gEDA?

In general, such products are created by enthusiasts for the use of other enthusiasts. It's just like saying "I'm not going to use any commercial level wordprocessing, spreadsheet, presentation, publishing tools, only what I can get free on the internet". Yep, you will undoubtedly find such products but would you find anyone who relies on software tools for their livelihood wasting time with them..... No, of course not.

Rule of thumb: if you're a hobbyist, a technofreak, and/or design small and very simple two sided boards with just a few standard components then give the freebies a try. If you're doing any kind of commercial level boards of any size above small and simple then expect to pay at least \$500 and upwards for something decent and reliable.

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