

# Links

A few general Links that look interesting. All of these have free information for download. Updated July 17, 2020

Control.Com deals with industrial control systems and the like: [Control.com](#)

Texas Instruments has their Web Bench and other resources [here](#) that will design many types of circuits for you and includes the ability to optimize them for your requirements and will give you a parts list for building a prototype. Yes, they try to steer you specifically to TI parts but that is just a given. All the circuits I have gotten from them have worked very well. This are especially good for switching power supplies.

[Free PCB design program](#) - I have not tried this but it looks good for someone not wanting to spend a pile of money on learning computer based PCB design.

[Circuit Simulator and Schematic Editor](#)

[Discover Circuits](#) - Over 45,000 schematic links for free downloads

[Engineers' Tribune](#) - Started as a group of engineers and technical writers who wanted to explore the ins and outs of technology as it affects today's designs and components.

[Make: Projects](#) - All kinds of projects. Electronics and much more. A great site for science fair projects.

Another way to find free schematics is to go to google or bing and just do a search for what you are looking for, adding the words "schematic" or "circuit" to the search. Then when you have the search results, click Images.

## History of Electronics

[Much Ado About Almost Nothing](#)

## Free Science Fiction and Fantasy books

I have been a science fiction fan since 1964 when I bought my first science fiction anthology. If you are interested, it was 17X Infinity edited by Groff Conklin. These days one of the top publishers in that field is Baen Books and they have put about 70 titles into their [free library](#). The best thing is that you do not have to register, give them a credit card or anything to download these. If you had to, I would not be posting these links.

Yes, many of these are the first book in multipart series but these are some of the highest quality series available. My favorite is the Honor Harrington Series by David Weber. Here is a [link](#) to a free download of the first book in the series.

Here is another source I have found. [Smashwords](#) The quality here varies quite a bit. From very good to pretty bad.

Another of my favorite sites for all kinds of books is [Project Gutenberg](#). I check their [Most Recent List](#) every month for new titles. These are all older “out of copyright” books but I have found some really excellent books here. Especially history books When reading a history book, ones written even 100 years ago can still be as good as ones written this year. I have especially found a lot of great books on the causes of the first world war and it is illuminating of the folly of man how a war no one wanted started anyway.