

# 1.3 Pros and Cons of using PRIMER

To re-cap and summarise, below is a table outlining the primary pros and cons of using PRIMER, as I see it:

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Easy to use</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not free</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>High-quality results you can trust</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not platform-independent (Windows only)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Special focus: robust multivariate methods, especially for ecology</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Niche is somewhat narrow</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Built by a small team of experts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not much univariate or classical stats</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Does not require programming skills or code-writing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No scripting (yet)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Does many things that no other software will do</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Handles complex experimental/sampling designs correctly</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Great for scientists/practitioners</li></ul>	

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