

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
\$\bullet\$ Easy to use	\$\bullet\$ Not free
\$\bullet\$ High-quality results you can trust	\$\bullet\$ Not platform-independent (Windows only)
\$\bullet\$ Special focus: robust multivariate methods, especially for ecology	\$\bullet\$ Niche is somewhat narrow
\$\bullet\$ Built by a small team of experts	\$\bullet\$ Not much univariate or classical stats
\$\bullet\$ Does not require programming skills or code-writing	\$\bullet\$ No scripting (yet)
\$\bullet\$ Does many things that no other software will do	
\$\bullet\$ Handles complex experimental/sampling designs correctly	
\$\bullet\$ Great for scientists/practitioners	

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