

Review of SnagIt, v6.0  
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The program reviewed is SnagIt, v6.0 by TechSmith Corporation located in East Lansing, Michigan. This program is not a newcomer and was first introduced in 1990 having had several enhancements since to add features and improve and extend performance. SnagIt can be purchased for \$39.95 by ordering through the TechSmith web site [www.techsmith.com](http://www.techsmith.com). A free trial version of Snagit can be down loaded at the web site.

This program is a 'screen- capture' program. It allows one to capture what is on the computer monitor screen. SnagIt is not only capable of capturing images but also text, video and web images from the desktop. The captures can then be used in many ways such as print, e-mail, file and so on.

Included with SnagIt is SnagIt Studio, an Annotation Editor. With this program you can do image markup like inserting shapes with explanatory text and much more.

System Requirements:

- Windows 95, 98, Me, NT 4.0, 2000, XP or later version
- 90 MHZ processor (400 MHZ recommended)
- 16 MB RAM (64 MB recommended)
- 10 MB of hard-disk space for program installation
- For printed output, a Windows-supported printer capable of printing bitmaps
- For mail output, a 32-bit MAPI mail client

Installation was straight forward and without incident. The program does not include a self-uninstall file. The Windows uninstall program accessed thru the control panel or other third party software may be used to remove SnagIt.

The TechSmith's claim is that Snagit can capture all or part of anything that you can see on the computer screen and deposit it in devices such as printer, file, clipboard, etc. If you are into games, SnagIt utilizes DirectX features that enable capturing action game images. Also included are image correction tools. TechSmith fully supports this program with the website [www.bestgameshots.com](http://www.bestgameshots.com). Information can be shared with other game enthusiasts and a complete tutorial is available on line. I was not able to try a lot of the programs functions, as I do not have several things like pictures, videos or audio on my computer. However, for what I have it was easy to use and worked flawlessly and offers endless capabilities over the old "print-screen" key.

Once installed, the program can be configured easily for personal preference, however for the beginner, the default configuration is quite adequate. When accessed, a Quick Start Wizard gets you going in a hurry. Options for personal hot key access are easily setup. There are selections for various screen captures such as image, text, video and web captures. File type options include JPEG, GIF and PNG. View options for selection are compact, normal and profile. One feature that is very useful is the "Auto Scroll" which

allows the 'screen capture' to include more than one screen by scrolling. This is very useful when copying information from multiple pages from the Internet.

The help menu provided is extensive yet easy to follow. The tutorials take you from installing to how to accomplish the various captures menus, toolbars and tips.

I did not require any support from TechSmith. Their website is [www.techsmith.com](http://www.techsmith.com) on which they list their e-mail address and an 800 phone number. They encourage using e-mail.

I would recommend this as a must have program to anyone. You will be amazed at how useful it can be.