

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

Screen Capture

Do you ever need to take a picture of something on your computer screen? Either to document an error message or to compile an Office Procedure Manual. Well for a long time we have been using either Ctrl + PrtScn to capture the whole screen to the paste buffer or Alt + PrtScn to capture the active window. Once captured, you can then paste the image into either an MSWord document or Paint or other software for saving etc.

Now there is a fantastic tool that makes this task even easier. Jing is a free software program that does these tasks plus a lot more. Basically you can capture anything that is on your monitor. You define any area on your screen to capture, not limited to the size of a window. Once captured, you can annotate the picture with comments and arrows etc. perfect for making a user manual. Then even better, Jing can capture video, any size from your monitor, simply define the area to capture and press the record button. This is a fantastic feature for making software tutorials, and if you want, Jing will help you share them on YouTube, facebook or Flickr etc.

When you use Jing to create videos, the file is saved in a SWF file format which is easily played with a browser like Internet Explorer or Chrome etc. Great for making and sharing... have a go.

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