

# Cry for Help

## Computer Tips & Tricks

### Paint

One piece of free Microsoft software that has recently had a major makeover is Paint. It has been around since the start of Windows, and sometimes goes by aliases like MSPaint or PaintBrush. Over many years I have found it invaluable for many simple functions.

Like, pasting a screenshot into. You know when you take a screenshot of an error message (Ctrl + PrtScn), or a screenshot of something on the internet, then paint is the easiest tool to paste (Ctrl + v) this screenshot into and save it as a jPeg. You can even crop it, add circles and text to highlight the points of interest.

Instead you might be doing some quick edits to a photo, like adding a date or name in a cool font.

Or for generating a title slide and chapter slides as you convert the pictures from your last holiday into a movie.

Now you can use it to do so much more. It comes with shapes that can be inserted, and different paint brush options. Like, Crayon, Felt Tip, Oil, Pencil or Water Colour.

The view screen also has more options, with zoom in and out, and rulers etc. There are more text options when writing words onto pictures.

I find resizing is invaluable. How often do you have a great picture that is the wrong dimensions or aspect ratio for a situation now you can fix it easily.

The ability to write different file outputs has not changed, and it still has the ability to read a file from a scanner. It now has the ability to eMail directly instead of having to paste it into an eMail.

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