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SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC LAW LIBRARY DEMO

FireShot—capture and edit screenshots with your browser

Available at: <http://screenshot-program.com/fireshot/>

Overview:

FireShot can capture entire web pages or selected portions, allowing the user to edit, annotate, and add graphics.

Cost:

FireShot Pro is \$34.95. Users can register for a 30-day free trial, but many features will disappear upon its expiration.

How to Use:

To begin, install the add-on to a browser and right click on pages or portions you'd like to capture and edit.

Demo: <http://screenshot-program.com/fireshot/demo.php>

Features:

- Provides a set of editing and annotation tools for both the free and fee versions.
- Users can quickly modify captures and insert text and graphical annotations on the clipboard.
- Offers several capture modes, including: entire web page; visible area; selection; browser window and contents; and all tabs.
- Screenshots can be saved to disk (PNG, GIF, JPEG, BMP), printed (NEW), copied to a clipboard, e-mailed or sent to external editor for further processing.
- A free image hosting web-server is also provided.

Pros:

- Provides a variety of screen-capture options: visible page, entire page, selection.
- Enables users to send, save, or print creations.
- Compatible with several browsers, including Firefox, IE, Chrome, SeaMonkey, and Thunderbird.
- The multi-editor interfaces allows user to quickly switch between captures and transfer images or annotations amongst them.

Cons:

- According to user reviews, after the 30-day free trial expires, pop-ups become frequent and frustrating.
- The workspace doesn't allow for a scroll. To perform editing on a large scale, you would need to create several workspaces and then join them together in another location.
- The unlimited "Undo" feature disappears when the 30-day trial expires, and is only available in FireShot Pro.
- Reviewers noted a tendency to freeze.

Ratings:

- CNET

Example: Use Fiehsot to manipulate information from webpages, such as “graying out” some information, while highlighting and pointing to other data. Useful for training and documentation.

The screenshot shows the Sacramento County Public Law Library website. At the top left is the library logo. A search bar and a "How do I..." dropdown menu are at the top right. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for "Collections & Tools", "Online Resources", "Library Services", "Classes", "About Us", and "Contact Us". The main content area is titled "Home > Library Services > MCLE Credit". A "SHARE" button is visible. A "Live MCLE Classes" section contains text about training classes and a link to "email updates". A "Self-Help" section includes "Forms, Courses" and "Legal Forms". A "Self-Study Materials" section mentions audio and video tapes. A sidebar on the left has a "Law Community" menu with "MCLE Credits" highlighted in pink. A "Select to view MCLE offerings" box is overlaid on the "Self-Study Materials" section.

This screenshot shows the "MCLE Videos - Participatory Credit" page. It features a search bar at the top left and a list of video offerings. A green box with the text "Sign in or create an account to register for classes or purchase videos." is overlaid on the page. A detailed sign-in form is also overlaid in the bottom left corner, containing fields for "Email Address" and "Password", a "Log In" button, and links for "Create new account!" and "Login help". The video listings include titles like "Title: ADR Mediation and Settlement Conference" and "Title: Taking the Bite out of ADA Litigation in California", with prices and purchase options.