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Snag it – screen capture software

Available at: <http://www.techsmith.com/snagit/>

Overview:

Snag anything, on the fly. Grab your entire desktop, a region, a window, or a scrolling window—all with a single hotkey or click. Use mark up tools to draw attention with arrows or add text. Save it in your various file formats, paste into Microsoft Applications, embed in a screencast or publish to the web. Created in 1990 to capture and print “early” Windows screens, the current Version 10 was released in 2010.

Cost:

Full version is \$48.95 to download. Free version available for 30 days trial.

How to use: Snag it Learning Center videos available at: <http://www.techsmith.com/learn/snagit/10/> Getting started Guide: <http://download.techsmith.com/snagit/docs/gettingstarted/enu/10/Snagit-10-Getting-Started.pdf>

Features:

- Snagit captures any image from your computer screen – just like your print screen key...even long web pages.
- Create and share high-quality screen captures for your presentations, documents and blogs.
- Use the image editor to add text, arrows, and effects to turn it into a fun or professional image.
- Insert hotspots in screen captures such as hyperlinks and mouse-over pop-ups.
- Add keywords and flags to the captures to allow searching of images in the Snagit Editor Library.
- Send images to specific programs or web destinations including blogs, productivity applications, and Microsoft Office applications.

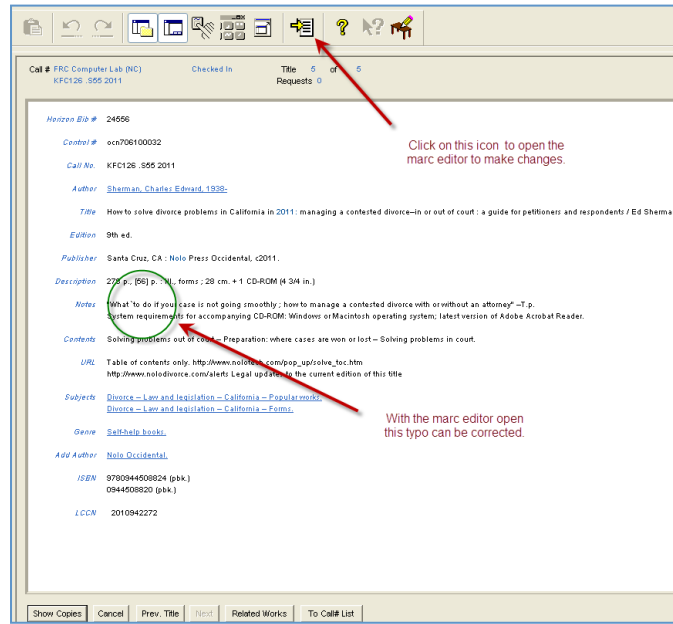
Pros:

- Easy to capture any portion of a computer screen or web page and paste into a file.
- Captures an entire web page – not just the window being displayed – and saves it as a PDF file.
- Snagit program was developed in 1990 and is likely to continue to be updated in the future.
- Vendor provides lots of instructional videos and a “Getting Started Guide” on their website.
- Search to find captures by keywords, flags or other information automatically generated during capture.

Cons

- Fewer markup tools than some image editing programs, but it has the essentials.
- The free version expires in 30 days so will need to purchase to continue to access your images.
- Full version is a bit expensive at \$48.95 per year.

Example 1. Capture of an ILS screen-shot, plus added arrows and text. Great for creating user documentation or for staff or patron training classes:



Example 2. This image can be used for a Technical Services online manual on a library intranet:

URL: When using the library's public access computers, select OnLAW on the "Legal Research Databases" tab.
<http://buzz.ceb.ucop.edu/LawLibraries/saclaw.asp>
 A list of CEB titles available through OnLAW is available on CEB's web site:
<http://www.ceb.com/info/onlaw.asp#libraries>

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Image 3. A whole scrolled webpage captured onto one page:

