

Jing

www.jingproject.com

Capture, annotate, and narrate your screen

what is it?

Jing is software that you can download and install on your computer to take pictures of your screen, record videos of your onscreen action, and share instantly. Once installed on your Mac or Windows-based PC, Jing enables you to not only take pictures of your screen (i.e., take screen shots) but it also enables you to annotate the pictures and then either upload to screencast.com or download and then share with others. If you prefer to record your onscreen action, Jing enables you to make short (less than 5 minute) videos which can be narrated to illustrate important concepts to others. Once complete, the videos also can be uploaded to screencast.com or downloaded and distributed as you see fit.

educational use?

Jing can be used educationally in a number of ways. First, faculty and/or students can record short presentations with Jing and then post them online to share with others. Jing can also be used to demonstrate complex and technical things. Jing can also be used as a way to provide audio/visual feedback to students on their work. And finally, Jing can be used to provide faculty, staff, and students technical help when needed.

pros & cons?

There are a number of benefits to using Jing. First, Jing is free. Second, Jing is available for Windows and Mac. Third, the ability to upload images and videos to screencast.com with a simple click of a mouse is something that none of its competitors currently offer. Despite all of its benefits, there are some drawbacks to Jing. First, videos are restricted to only 5 minutes in length. Second, Jing videos cannot be edited in Jing. Third, the free version only exports videos as swf files.

what's it cost?

There is a free and a pro version of Jing. The Pro version, which costs \$14.95 a year, offers users the ability to record in MPEG-4, upload straight to YouTube and remove the Jing logo from the beginning and end of videos.

alternatives?

Jing combines the basic functionality of a screen capture software like Snagit and screen recording software like Camtasia. Power-users, though, will quickly find that Jing alone is not enough to complete all projects. Tools like Snagit (<http://www.techsmith.com>), Camtasia (<http://www.techsmith.com>), or other notable alternatives like Captivate (<http://www.adobe.com/captivate/>) or CamStudio (<http://camstudio.org/>) will offer Power-users more functionality when Jing no longer meets their needs.

resources?

Jing Overview

http://video.techsmith.com/jing/latest/demo/jing_overview_video/jing_overview_video.html