Free Useful Windows Tools

To find, place on your taskbar and use these tools you can start with a search. A very useful MS tool is PAINT. Before we continue, the following is an example of searching for PAINT.



Some of these Tools (apps) can be opened (launched) by using shortcut keys. The following is a list of some tools you should consider using. The list will include shortcuts where available. Otherwise use the search tool shown above when a shortcut is not available.

- Paint
- Notepad
- Photos
- 3D Viewer
- Fresh Paint
- Command Prompt
- File Explorer
 Win + E
- Clipboard Win + V
- Magnifier
 Win + + or Win + -
- Snipping Tool
 Win + Shift + S
- Voice typing tool
 Win + H
- Whiteboard Win + Shift + W
- Xbox Game Bar Win + G

Microsoft Store App

And using the Windows Store App you can search for many other free apps either from Microsoft or other vendors. In the search box enter an application type.



Paint

Some uses:

- Copy some or all or part of the screen and paste into Paint, then print or cut and paste segments for documentation or to illustrate a question or point.
- Import an image or photo then crop, then either print or save as another photo.
- Overlay some text like "Thank You for the flowers" on a photo of flowers then email or print.
- Resize an image or photo. You can reduce the size of a photo for emailing when the email size limit would otherwise stop you.



NotePad

- Text editor or for composes some text to copy and paste into a text message
- Use to transform complex text into simple text IE linked text becomes just text
- Opens for viewing or printing TXT files.

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Photos

- Browse the photos on your device
- Useful timeline bar on the right side
- Manage a gallery of photos on the cloud including MS and Apple Clouds
- Backup, share and save to thumb drive



Clipboard

- Use to scroll back through your copies and paste again
- Save some copies into a "library"
- Browse group of emoji
- Browse group of symbols like paste the copyright symbol



Magnifier

- Popup tool controls size of screen
- Voice reads screen icon shortcut label when clicked



Snipping Tool

Using window shift s triggers a little window on top

Choose what type of screen copy you want. Once you let go of the click then go to PAINT and paste (${\sf ctrl}\,{\sf V}\,)$

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	Freeform	Draw a freeform shape around an object.
	Rectangle	Drag the cursor around an object to form a rectangle.
	Window	Select a window, such as a dialog box, that you want to capture.
	Full screen	Capture the entire screen.
	Video snip	Capture a video clip of a rectangular selection of any part of the screen you like.