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Debut Video Capture

The Insider's Guide

Screen, webcam and device video recorder from NCH Software

Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among screen recording and video tools, read from Debut Video Capture's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Debut Video Capture's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Debut Video Capture's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 89 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade

Debut Video Capture, from NCH Software, records video from the screen, a webcam, a network IP camera or an external capture device. It adds captions, timestamps, a webcam overlay, scheduled recording and basic trimming. A free edition is offered for non-commercial use, with paid Home and Pro licenses.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Debut Video Capture**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **Business use needs a paid edition, and its only built-in editing is trimming.**
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> From our report card of Debut Video Capture

1 **Best for free personal screen and webcam capture**

Debut Video Capture records the screen, webcam and other devices, and it is free for non-commercial use.

2 **Paid plans start at $5 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $60 per year for the Home edition.

3 **There is a free plan**

Free version for non-commercial use only, with no signup required.

4 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Windows and macOS.

5 **Screen, window and region capture**

Records the whole screen, one window or a selected portion, and supports recording across several monitors.

6 **Webcam and device sources**

Captures from a webcam, a network IP camera or a video input device such as a VHS recorder.

7 **Overlay and captions**

Records the screen and webcam together, with text captions, timestamps, a logo watermark and keystroke display.

8 **A 2.6 GPA, above 89 of 133**

That is against the other screen recording and video tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

To replace Debut Video Capture you would be making a video editor. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Debut Video Capture at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $60 per year for the Home edition	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows
MADE BY NCH Software	CATEGORY Screen Recording & Video
OUR GRADE 2.6 GPA, good	

The report card

Best for free personal screen and webcam capture

Debut Video Capture records the screen, webcam and other devices, and it is free for non-commercial use. Business use needs a paid edition, and its only built-in editing is trimming.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Debut Video Capture

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	B	Home is $60 a year and Pro $70, about $5 a month, inside the category's $8.33 cheaper quarter.
Free plan and trial	B	The free version needs no signup and has no time limit listed, but it is for non-commercial use only.
Features	C	Screen, window and region capture, webcam and device sources, overlays, captions, scheduling and uploads. Trimming is the only editing built in.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record, but it is a program you install and start recording with, with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows and Mac only, which is a program for computers alone.

Grade point average Good, out of 4.0 **2.6**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Debut Video Capture is for

- ✓ Fits if you record at home and want a free recorder
- ✓ Works for people who want webcam and device capture in one program

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you record for a business, as the free version is non-commercial and business use needs Pro
- ✗ Watch out: fuller editing is a separate NCH product, VideoPad
- ✗ Watch out: support is a paid choice at checkout, at $33 for email and $99 for priority phone
- ✗ Watch out: the store shows a sale until Nov 15, 2026, and the prices here are the normal ones
- ✗ Skip it if you want a phone app, as only Windows and Mac are listed

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Capturing from webcams, IP cameras or VHS and other video inputs
- ✓ Home users who want a free recorder for personal projects
- ✓ Recording scheduled meetings or streams unattended

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The free version is for non-commercial use only; business use needs the Pro edition.
- ⓘ The store shows a limited-time sale until Nov 15, 2026; the figures here are the normal prices.
- ⓘ Support is a paid choice at checkout: email support is $33 and priority phone support $99, or manuals and forums for $0.
- ⓘ Trimming is the only editing built in; fuller editing is a separate NCH product, VideoPad.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$5

A month to start, paid by the year.
There is a free plan too

Debut Video Capture has a free plan. Paid plans start at $60 per year for the Home edition.

> **The free version needs no signup and has no time limit listed, but it is for non-commercial use only.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Free download for non-commercial use only; the vendor says to buy a license for commercial use.

HOME EDITION ANNUAL PLAN

$60

per year, for non-business use

Unlimited use, licensed for non-business use. Showing $39.95 until Nov 15, 2026.

PRO EDITION ANNUAL PLAN

$70

per year

Fully featured single-installation license. Showing $49.99 until Nov 15, 2026.

PRO EDITION QUARTERLY PLAN

$11.64

per quarter, billed every 3 months

Full Pro edition with all upgrades; the store shows it as $3.88 a month.

The free plan

Free version for non-commercial use only, with no signup required.

Read from secure.nch.com.au on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

About 30% off until Nov 15, 2026

The store shows Pro at $49.99 and Home at $39.95 a year for orders placed on or before November 15, 2026.

Stated on secure.nch.com.au

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: macOS and Windows

Screen, webcam and device video recorder from NCH Software. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: screen recording, video editing.

> **Screen, window and region capture, webcam and device sources, overlays, captions, scheduling and uploads.**
>
> From our grade for features

Screen, window and region capture

Records the whole screen, one window or a selected portion, and supports recording across several monitors.

Webcam and device sources

Captures from a webcam, a network IP camera or a video input device such as a VHS recorder.

Overlay and captions

Records the screen and webcam together, with text captions, timestamps, a logo watermark and keystroke display.

Scheduled recording

Starts and stops a capture at set times, once, daily or weekly, so online meetings can be recorded unattended.

Output formats and upload

Saves AVI, WMV, FLV, MPG, MP4, MOV and more, and can upload to YouTube, Vimeo or Flickr.

Where it runs

macOS

Windows

What it works with

VideoPad

Express Burn

YouTube

Vimeo

Flickr

Debut Video Capture is made by NCH Software.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

89/133

Other screen recording and video tools it is graded above

Debut Video Capture's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 89 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 14.

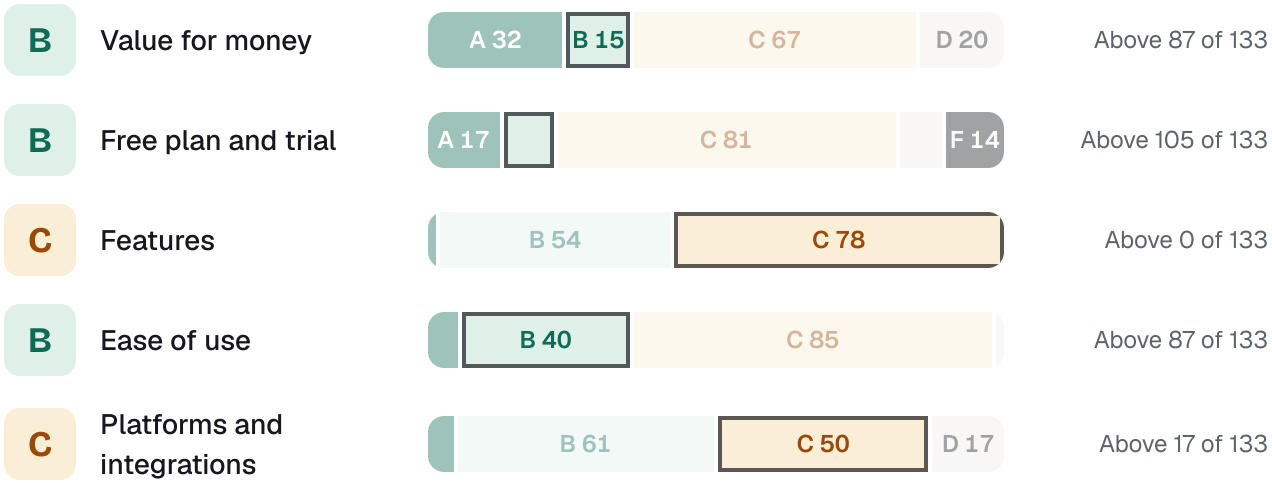
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 105 of 133) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $5 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $12.25 for the category: 17 of the 88 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 9 tools score higher and cost less.

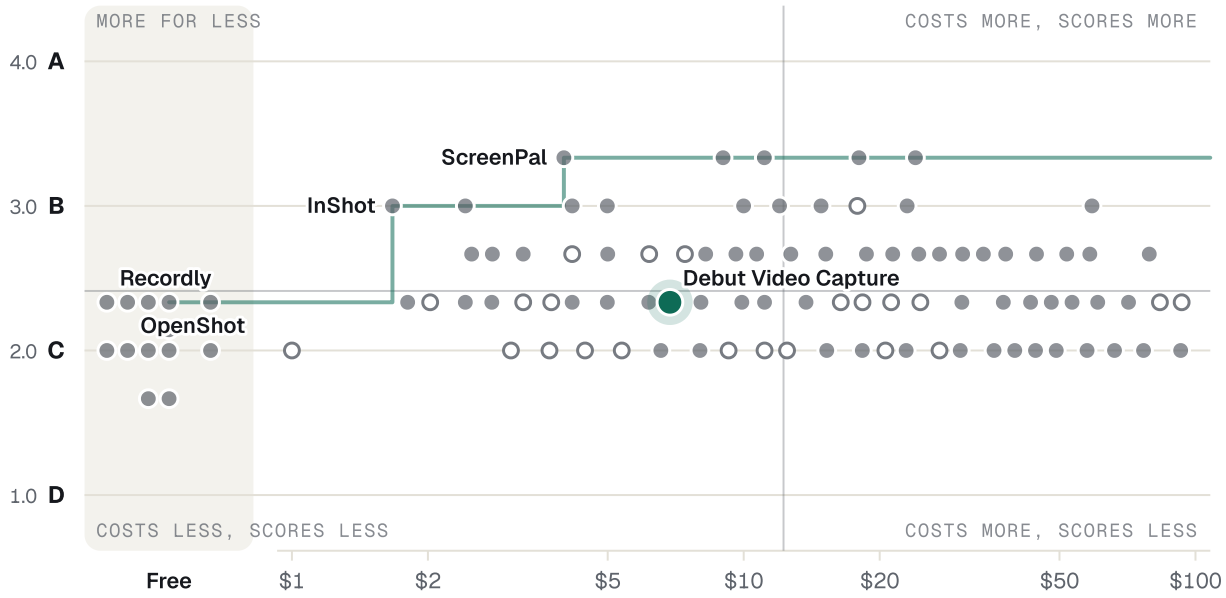
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Debut Video Capture's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 102 screen recording and video tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Debut Video Capture is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace Debut Video Capture you would be making a video editor. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 2.6 is higher than 89 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade. It costs $60 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ A video editor.
- ✕ Recording the screen with its sound, and somewhere to keep the video.
- ✕ A real app for macOS and Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

- ✕ It plugs into other products, VideoPad, Express Burn and YouTube among them.

What this rests on. Debut Video Capture's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



OBS Studio, Bandicam, Icecream Screen Recorder, Movavi Screen Recorder and ScreenPal

The 5 tools Debut Video Capture is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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OBS Studio

Free

Free, open-source software for video recording and live streaming.

- Only OBS Studio lists a Linux app.
- OBS Studio is open source, according to its own site.
- Debut Video Capture also covers video editing.

Debut Video Capture and OBS Studio compared in full

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Bandicam

Free plan · from $33.26/yr

Screen, game and webcam recorder for Windows, with a Mac edition.

- Bandicam can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Bandicam also covers transcription and screenshots.

Debut Video Capture and Bandicam compared in full

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Icecream Screen Recorder

Free plan · from $29.95/yr

Free screen recorder for Windows with a paid Pro license.

- Only Icecream Screen Recorder lists an Android app.
- Icecream Screen Recorder can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Icecream Screen Recorder also covers screenshots.

Debut Video Capture and Icecream Screen Recorder compared in full

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Movavi Screen Recorder

Free trial · from $19.99/mo

Desktop screen recorder with webcam overlay and scheduling.

- Debut Video Capture has a free plan. Movavi Screen Recorder does not, though it has a free trial.
- Movavi Screen Recorder can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Debut Video Capture also covers video editing.

Debut Video Capture and Movavi Screen Recorder compared in full

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ScreenPal

Free plan · from $4/mo

Screen recorder, video editor and video hosting in one low-cost suite.

- Only ScreenPal lists a web app.
- Only ScreenPal lists iOS and Android apps.
- Only ScreenPal lists a browser extension.

Debut Video Capture and ScreenPal compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Debut Video Capture free?

Debut Video Capture has a free plan. Free version for non-commercial use only, with no signup required.

How much does Debut Video Capture cost?

Debut Video Capture lists 4 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does Debut Video Capture work on?

Debut Video Capture is available on Windows and macOS.

Does Debut Video Capture offer any discounts?

Debut Video Capture publicly lists the following: About 30% off until Nov 15, 2026.

Does Debut Video Capture have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Debut Video Capture is listed for Windows and macOS.

Does Debut Video Capture have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Debut Video Capture is listed for Windows and macOS.

Is Debut Video Capture open source?

Debut Video Capture is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does Debut Video Capture integrate with?

Debut Video Capture's listing names VideoPad, Express Burn, YouTube, Vimeo and Flickr.

Who makes Debut Video Capture?

Debut Video Capture is made by NCH Software.

What are the alternatives to Debut Video Capture?

The closest alternatives to Debut Video Capture in our directory are OBS Studio, Bandicam, Icecream Screen Recorder, Movavi Screen Recorder and ScreenPal.

How does Debut Video Capture compare with other screen recording and video tools?

Debut Video Capture's GPA of 2.6 is higher than 89 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 14.

Is Debut Video Capture good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Debut Video Capture B for value for money. Its paid plans start at $5 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $12.25 for the category: 17 of the 88 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Debut Video Capture?

To replace Debut Video Capture you would be making a video editor. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Debut Video Capture's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Debut Video Capture's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by NCH Software. Prices change, so check nchsoftware.com before you buy.

secure.nch.com.au/register/debut.html

nchsoftware.com/capture/

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Debut Video Capture, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

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How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Every one of the 134 screen recording and video tools we grade, compared

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Video editing, color, effects and audio post-production in one app

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Free podcast recording, chat-based editing and hosting in one app

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