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Fraps

The Insider's Guide

Windows game recorder, frame-rate counter and screenshot tool



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Fraps's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Fraps'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 66 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade

Fraps is a Windows program for games that use DirectX or OpenGL. It shows a frame-rate counter, runs benchmarks, takes screenshots on a keypress and records game video with audio. The latest release listed on the site is version 3.5.99 from February 2013.

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

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> **You install it and press a hotkey to record, with nothing to connect.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for showing frame rates and capturing games on Windows**

Fraps is a Windows tool that shows a frame-rate counter, runs benchmarks and records game video, for a one-time $37.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $37, one-time.

3 **There is a free plan**

Free download of the unregistered version. The site says registering removes the recording-length limit and the watermark on movies.

4 **It runs on Windows**

Windows.

5 **Frame-rate counter**

Shows frames per second in a corner of the screen while a game runs.

6 **Custom benchmarks**

Measures the frame rate between any two points and can save the statistics to disk.

7 **Screenshots on a keypress**

One key takes a screenshot that is named and timestamped automatically.

8 **A 2.4 GPA, above 66 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**

Nothing Fraps does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 3 things listed below take a company.

Fraps at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $37, one-time	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows
MADE BY Beepa Pty Ltd	CATEGORY Screen Recording & Video
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for showing frame rates and capturing games on Windows

Fraps is a Windows tool that shows a frame-rate counter, runs benchmarks and records game video, for a one-time $37. The latest release on the site is

from February 2013, the free version limits recording length and adds a watermark, and it only supports DirectX and OpenGL games.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Fraps	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	$37 once, under three months of a typical $14 video subscription, and level with the $37 one-time middle.
Free plan and trial	C	A free download of the unregistered version, but the Buy page says recording length is limited and movies carry a watermark.
Features	C	Frame-rate counter, benchmarks, screenshots on a keypress and game capture up to 7680x4800. It does that job fully, but a narrow one, and only for DirectX and OpenGL games.
Ease of use	B	No store rating on record. You install it and press a hotkey to record, with nothing to connect.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows only, and the download page lists up to Windows 7. No Mac, Linux, phone or web version, and no integrations.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

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 Fraps is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a frame counter and benchmark for DirectX or OpenGL games
- ✓ Works for people who want a one-time purchase for game recording

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use a Mac or Linux, since it is Windows only
- ✗ Not for you if you play newer games that need other capture methods: it covers DirectX and OpenGL
- ✗ Tight if you stay free: the limited version adds a watermark and a recording cap
- ✗ Watch out: the latest release is 3.5.99 from February 26, 2013, and later Windows versions aren't named

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Gamers who want a simple FPS counter and capture tool on Windows
- ✓ Reviewers who benchmark frame rates between two points in a game

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Windows only; the download page lists Windows XP, 2003, Vista and Windows 7 and does not name later Windows versions.
- ⓘ The latest release on the site is 3.5.99, dated February 26, 2013.
- ⓘ It works with games that use DirectX or OpenGL.
- ⓘ The free version is limited; the Buy page says registration is needed for unlimited recording and movies without a watermark.

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What it costs

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

$37 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

Fraps has a free plan. Paid plans start at $37, one-time.

> **A free download of the unregistered version, but the Buy page says recording length is limited and movies carry a watermark.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE VERSION

$0

Unregistered download; the Buy page says registration is needed to record as long as you like and to get movies without a watermark.

REGISTERED

$37

one-time, paid through PayPal

Unlocked version with unlimited recording length, no watermark, screenshots saved as JPG, PNG or TGA, and free updates from the Members Area.

The free plan

Free download of the unregistered version. The site says registering removes the recording-length limit and the watermark on movies.

Read from fraps.com on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

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

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Place it runs: Windows

Windows game recorder, frame-rate counter and screenshot tool. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, screen recording, screenshots.

> **It does that job fully, but a narrow one, and only for DirectX and OpenGL games.**

From our grade for features

Frame-rate counter

Shows frames per second in a corner of the screen while a game runs.

Custom benchmarks

Measures the frame rate between any two points and can save the statistics to disk.

Screenshots on a keypress

One key takes a screenshot that is named and timestamped automatically.

Game video capture

Records audio and video at sizes up to 7680x4800 and custom frame rates from 1 to 120 frames per second.

Where it runs

Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Fraps is made by Beepa Pty Ltd.

Where it stands

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

66/133

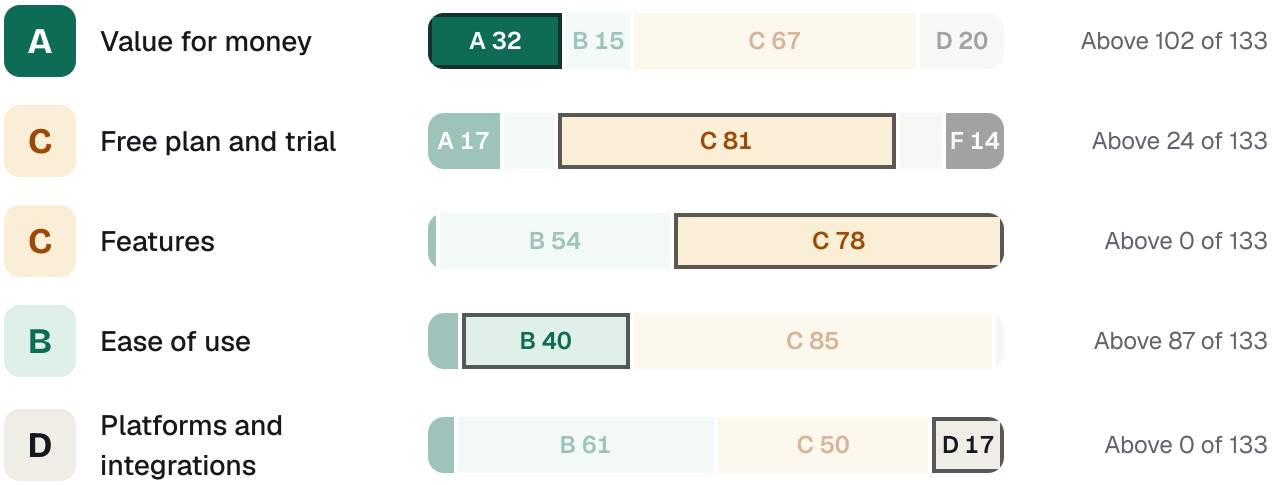
Other screen recording and video tools it is graded above

Fraps's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 66 of the 133 other screen recording and video tools we grade, and level with 22.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 102 of 133) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Each grade against the category

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



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

Nothing Fraps does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 3 things listed below take a company.

It costs $37, paid once.

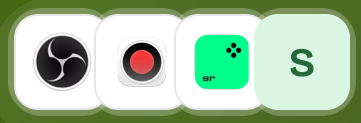
What you could not

- ✕ Recording the screen with its sound, and somewhere to keep the video.
- ✕ Capture tools hooked into the operating system.
- ✕ A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Fraps'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, Movavi Screen Recorder and ScreenRec

The 4 tools Fraps 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 macOS and Linux apps.
- Fraps can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- OBS Studio is open source, according to its own site.

Fraps 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.

- Only Bandicam lists a macOS app.
- Bandicam also covers transcription and video editing.

Fraps and Bandicam compared in full



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Movavi Screen Recorder

Free trial · from $19.99/mo

Desktop screen recorder with webcam overlay and scheduling.

- Fraps has a free plan. Movavi Screen Recorder does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Movavi Screen Recorder lists a macOS app.
- Movavi Screen Recorder also covers noise cancellation.

Fraps and Movavi Screen Recorder compared in full

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ScreenRec

Free plan · from $4.99/mo

Desktop screen recorder and screenshot tool with instant share links.

- Only ScreenRec lists macOS and Linux apps.
- Fraps can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- ScreenRec also covers transcription and dictation.

Fraps and ScreenRec 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 Fraps free?

Fraps has a free plan. Free download of the unregistered version.

How much does Fraps cost?

Fraps lists 2 plans. Free version: $0.

What platforms does Fraps work on?

Fraps is available on Windows.

Does Fraps have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Fraps is listed for Windows.

Does Fraps have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Fraps is listed for Windows.

Is Fraps open source?

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

Who makes Fraps?

Fraps is made by Beepa Pty Ltd.

What are the alternatives to Fraps?

The closest alternatives to Fraps in our directory are OBS Studio, Bandicam, Movavi Screen Recorder and ScreenRec.

How does Fraps compare with other screen recording and video tools?

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Could I make my own version of Fraps?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Fraps'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 Fraps'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 Beepa Pty Ltd. Prices change, so check fraps.com before you buy.

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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

Fraps, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/fraps

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

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

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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Zencastr Insider's Guide

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

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Open-source screen recorder with instant share links and an editor

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