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Snipaste

The Insider's Guide

Screenshot tool that pins images to the screen as floating windows



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from Snipaste's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Snipaste's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Snipaste'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 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

Snipaste is a snipping tool for Windows, macOS and Linux that can also pin a screenshot, or clipboard text, colors or images, back onto the screen as a floating window. Snipaste 2 is free for personal use; business use needs a one-time PRO license, which also unlocks features added after the 1.x line.

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

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> **Install and press a hotkey, with nothing to set up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for pinning screenshots to the screen**

Snipaste snips the screen and pins screenshots, text or colors as floating windows.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $8.99 one-time, 1 device.

3 **There is a free plan**

Snipaste 2 is free for personal use only, with bug-fix updates and the core snipping, pinning and annotation tools.

4 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Windows, macOS and Linux.

5 **Snip with UI detection**

Capture a region with automatic detection of windows and interface elements, pixel-level control, a color picker and multi-screen support.

6 **Pin as floating windows**

Paste a screenshot, clipboard text, HTML, color info or an image file as a floating window you can zoom, rotate, flip and make translucent.

7 **Annotation tools**

Free includes rectangles, ellipses, arrows, pencil, marker, text, mosaic, blur and eraser; PRO adds counters, magnify and re-editing.

8 **A 3.0 GPA, above 154 of 186**

That is against the other desktop utilities we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

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

Snipaste at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $8.99 one-time, 1 device	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS, Windows, Linux
MADE BY Snipaste	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for pinning screenshots to the screen

Snipaste snips the screen and pins screenshots, text or colors as floating windows. But Snipaste 2 is free for personal use only, new features arrive in

PRO, and a licence doesn't cover a future major version.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Snipaste

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free for personal use, and PRO is $8.99 one-time for one device, far under a year of this category's typical subscription.
Free plan and trial	B	The core snipping, pinning and annotation tools are free for personal use. Business use needs PRO or the older 1.x line.
Features	B	Snipping with UI detection, pinning, annotation and a portable build. Nothing in the listing is missing from the job, though some capture extras are PRO.
Ease of use	B	Install and press a hotkey, with nothing to set up. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows, macOS and Linux, computers only. No phone or web version.

Grade point average — Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

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 Snipaste is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to pin a screenshot beside your work while you type
- ✓ Works for personal use on Windows, Mac or Linux

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if it is for business use, as that needs a PRO licence
- ✗ Watch out: new features arrive only in PRO, and 1.x stays at version 1.16.2
- ✗ Watch out: a licence doesn't cover new major versions, and the vendor only promises a discount for a future 3.0
- ✗ Tight if you want to use it on several machines: 3 devices is $19.99 and the Microsoft Store licence is a separate purchase

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers and designers who pin reference images beside their work
- ✓ Keyboard-driven screenshot capture on Windows, Mac or Linux
- ✓ Personal users, who can stay on the free version

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Free for personal use only; business use needs a Snipaste 2 PRO license or the older 1.x line.
- ⓘ Snipaste 1.x stays at version 1.16.2, and new features arrive only in PRO.
- ⓘ A license does not cover new major versions; the vendor promises a discount for a future 3.0.
- ⓘ The Windows-only Microsoft Store license and the desktop license are separate purchases.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

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

$8.99 one-time

To start. There is a free plan too

Snipaste has a free plan. Paid plans start at $8.99 one-time, 1 device.

> **The core snipping, pinning and annotation tools are free for personal use.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Personal use only. Includes region capture, window detection, pinned image windows and basic annotation.

PRO, 1 DEVICE

$8.99

one-time, 1 device (Windows, Mac or Linux)

Business use allowed, plus the PRO features such as text extraction, super-snip and more annotation tools.

PRO, 3 DEVICES

$19.99

one-time, up to 3 devices (Windows, Mac or Linux)

Same PRO license for three devices; includes minor-version updates, with a discount promised for a future version 3.

PRO, MICROSOFT STORE

$19.99

one-time, up to 10 Windows 10 or 11 devices

Tied to your Microsoft account. It is a separate license from the desktop version and not interchangeable with it.

The free plan

Snipaste 2 is free for personal use only, with bug-fix updates and the core snipping, pinning and annotation tools.

Read from snipaste.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

20% off the second license type

Buyers of the desktop or the Microsoft Store license can email a receipt for 20% off the other version.

Stated on docs.snipaste.com

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, Windows and Linux

Screenshot tool that pins images to the screen as floating windows. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, one-time purchase, keyboard-first, screenshots.

> **Snipping with UI detection, pinning, annotation and a portable build.**

From our grade for features

Snip with UI detection

Capture a region with automatic detection of windows and interface elements, pixel-level control, a color picker and multi-screen support.

Pin as floating windows

Paste a screenshot, clipboard text, HTML, color info or an image file as a floating window you can zoom, rotate, flip and make translucent.

Annotation tools

Free includes rectangles, ellipses, arrows, pencil, marker, text, mosaic, blur and eraser; PRO adds counters, magnify and re-editing.

PRO capture extras

PRO adds text extraction, QR and barcode decoding, super-snip with no hotkey, fixed-ratio capture and rounded-corner screenshots.

Portable and customizable

Portable builds run without installing, with theme color, tray icon and hotkey settings; PRO adds more hotkey bindings.

Where it runs

macOS Windows Linux

What it works with

Listary

Snipaste is made by Snipaste.

Where it stands

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

154/186

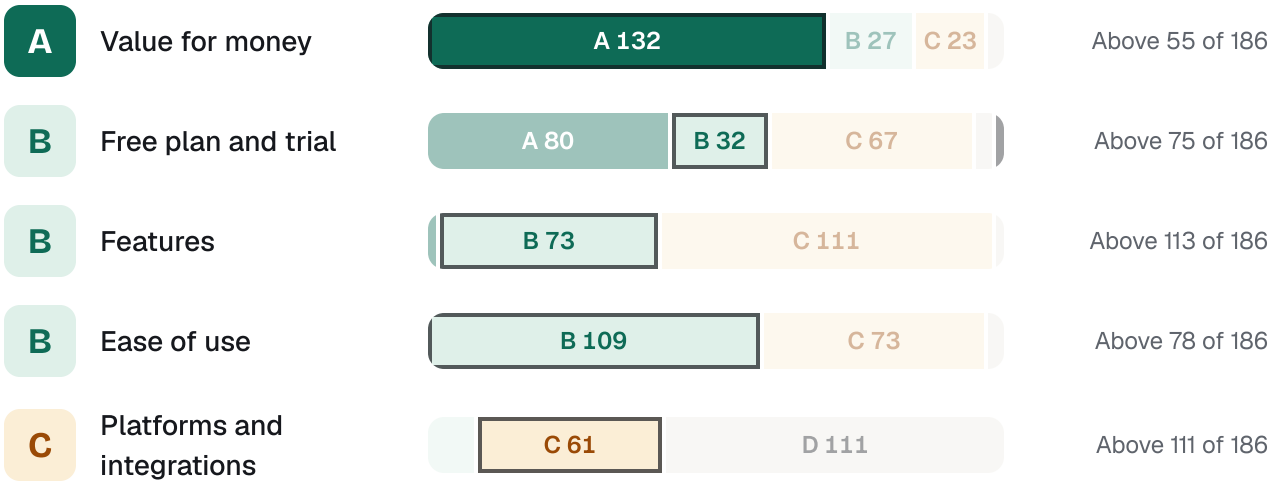
Other desktop utilities it is graded above

Snipaste's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 27.

It stands best on value for money (A, above 55 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (C, above 111).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. Snipaste'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 Snipaste does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 3 things listed below take a company.

It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 154 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade. It costs $8.99, paid once.

What you could not

- ✕ Capture tools hooked into the operating system.
- ✕ Apps for macOS, Windows and Linux that stay in step with each other.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Snipaste'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



PicPick, ShareX, Greenshot, Shottr and Lightshot

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

PicPick

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Free plan · from $30/yr

Windows screen capture, image editor and design tools in one app.

- Only Snipaste lists macOS and Linux apps.
- Snipaste can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- PicPick also covers screen recording and file sharing.

Snipaste and PicPick compared in full

ShareX

2.6 GPA

Free

Free, open-source screenshot and screen recording for Windows.

- Only Snipaste lists macOS and Linux apps.
- Snipaste can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- ShareX is open source, according to its own site.

Snipaste and ShareX compared in full



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Greenshot

Free plan · from $1.99 one-time

Free, open-source screenshot tool for Windows with an editor.

- Only Snipaste lists a Linux app.
- Snipaste can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Greenshot is open source, according to its own site.

Snipaste and Greenshot compared in full



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Shottr

Free plan · from $12 one-time

Small Mac screenshot tool with annotation, OCR and a ruler.

- Only Snipaste lists Windows and Linux apps.

Snipaste and Shottr compared in full



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Lightshot

Free

Screenshot tool for selecting an area and sharing a link.

- Only Snipaste lists a Linux app.
- Only Lightshot lists a browser extension.
- Snipaste can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Snipaste and Lightshot 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 Snipaste free?

Snipaste has a free plan. Snipaste 2 is free for personal use only, with bug-fix updates and the core snipping, pinning and annotation tools.

How much does Snipaste cost?

Snipaste lists 4 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does Snipaste work on?

Snipaste is available on Windows, macOS and Linux.

Does Snipaste offer any discounts?

Snipaste publicly lists the following: 20% off the second license type.

Does Snipaste have an Android app?

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

Does Snipaste have an iPhone app?

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

Is Snipaste open source?

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

Does Snipaste work offline?

Yes, according to its own site. What works without a connection differs by plan and platform, so check the vendor's page for the detail.

What does Snipaste integrate with?

Snipaste's listing names Listary. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Snipaste?

Snipaste is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Snipaste?

The closest alternatives to Snipaste in our directory are PicPick, ShareX, Greenshot, Shottr and Lightshot.

How does Snipaste compare with other desktop utilities?

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Could I make my own version of Snipaste?

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

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Snipaste'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 Snipaste'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 Snipaste. Prices change, so check snipaste.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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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

Snipaste, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/snipaste

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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Desktop Utilities Insider's Guide

Every one of the 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

Just Color Picker Insider's Guide

Free portable color picker and editor for Windows and macOS

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LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

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Mos Insider's Guide

Free Mac menu bar utility for smooth mouse wheel scrolling

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