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Xnip

The Insider's Guide

Mac screenshot tool with scrolling capture and annotation



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

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Xnip's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Xnip'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 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

Xnip is a Mac screenshot app that captures regions, windows and scrolling pages and opens each capture for markup straight away. It recognizes text on screen with an on-device engine and can pin images above other windows. The free version adds a watermark that paid options remove.

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

> **Free screenshots carry a watermark, and the listing shows two purchases with the same name at different prices.**
>
> From our report card of Xnip

1 **Best for Mac screenshots you mark up right away**

Xnip is a Mac screenshot app for regions, windows and scrolling pages, with markup and on-device text recognition.

2 **Paid plans start at $0.42 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $4.99 per year (Xnip Pro).

3 **There is a free plan**

Free download from the Mac App Store; screenshots carry a watermark that the paid options remove.

4 **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

5 **Scrolling capture**

Captures webpages, long chats, documents and code that extend past the screen into a single screenshot.

6 **Window capture**

Captures a window with its natural macOS shadow; holding Shift selects several windows to capture at once.

7 **Annotation on capture**

Markup, draw, pixelate, step-number and highlight tools open right after a capture, and the capture area can be resized while you work.

8 **A 2.4 GPA, above 35 of 186**

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

9 **Your call**

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

Xnip at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $4.99 per year (Xnip Pro)	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON macOS
MADE BY Xnip	CATEGORY Desktop Utilities
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for Mac screenshots you mark up right away

Xnip is a Mac screenshot app for regions, windows and scrolling pages, with markup and on-device text recognition. Free screenshots carry a watermark, and the listing shows two purchases with the same name at different prices.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Xnip

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Xnip Pro is $4.99 a year, below 60% of the cheapest quarter of this category's subscriptions. The no-watermark in-app purchase is $7.99 once.
Free plan and trial	C	Free to download, but every screenshot carries a watermark until you pay.
Features	C	Scrolling and window capture, annotation, text recognition and pinned images. It does the capture job fully, which is a smaller job than a recorder-and-editor suite.
Ease of use	B	No store rating is on record, but it is a program you install and start using with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	D	Mac only. The listing says macOS 13.5 or later and shows no Windows, phone or web version.

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 Xnip is for

- ✓ Fits if you take screenshots on a Mac and mark them up straight away
- ✓ Works for people who want text lifted out of an image on the device

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you want clean screenshots without paying, since the free version adds a watermark
- ✗ Skip it if you use Windows or a phone, as it runs only on Mac
- ✗ Too light for screen recording, which the listing does not mention
- ✗ Watch out: the same purchase name appears at $7.99 and $9.99 and the listing does not explain why
- ✗ Watch out: it needs macOS 13.5 or later

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Mac users who need scrolling screenshots of long pages
- ✓ Quick capture and markup from a single shortcut
- ✓ People who want OCR that runs on the Mac, not in the cloud

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Mac only; the App Store listing says it requires macOS 13.5 or later.
- ⓘ Free screenshots carry a watermark; removing it needs a paid in-app purchase.
- ⓘ The listing shows two purchases with the same name at $7.99 and $9.99 and does not explain the difference.

What it costs

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

$0.42

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

Xnip has a free plan. Paid plans start at $4.99 per year (Xnip Pro).

> **Free to download, but every screenshot carries a watermark until you pay.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

Screenshot capture and annotation; screenshots carry a watermark.

XNIP PRO YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION

$4.99

per year, auto-renewing

Removes the watermark and includes access to features in future updates.

NO WATERMARK & EDIT WINDOW

$7.99

one-time; a second purchase of that name shows $9.99

In-app purchase listed twice under one name at $7.99 and $9.99; the listing does not say how they differ.

The free plan

Free download from the Mac App Store; screenshots carry a watermark that the paid options remove.

Read from apps.apple.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: macOS

Mac screenshot tool with scrolling capture and annotation. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: works offline, screenshots.

> **Scrolling and window capture, annotation, text recognition and pinned images.**

From our grade for features

Scrolling capture

Captures webpages, long chats, documents and code that extend past the screen into a single screenshot.

Window capture

Captures a window with its natural macOS shadow; holding Shift selects several windows to capture at once.

Annotation on capture

Markup, draw, pixelate, step-number and highlight tools open right after a capture, and the capture area can be resized while you work.

Text recognition

Recognizes text anywhere on screen with an on-device engine; the vendor describes the app as fully offline.

Pinned images

Pins an image as an always-on-top floating window so a reference stays visible while you work in other apps.

Where it runs

macOS

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Xnip is made by Xnip.

Where it stands

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

35/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

Xnip's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 33.

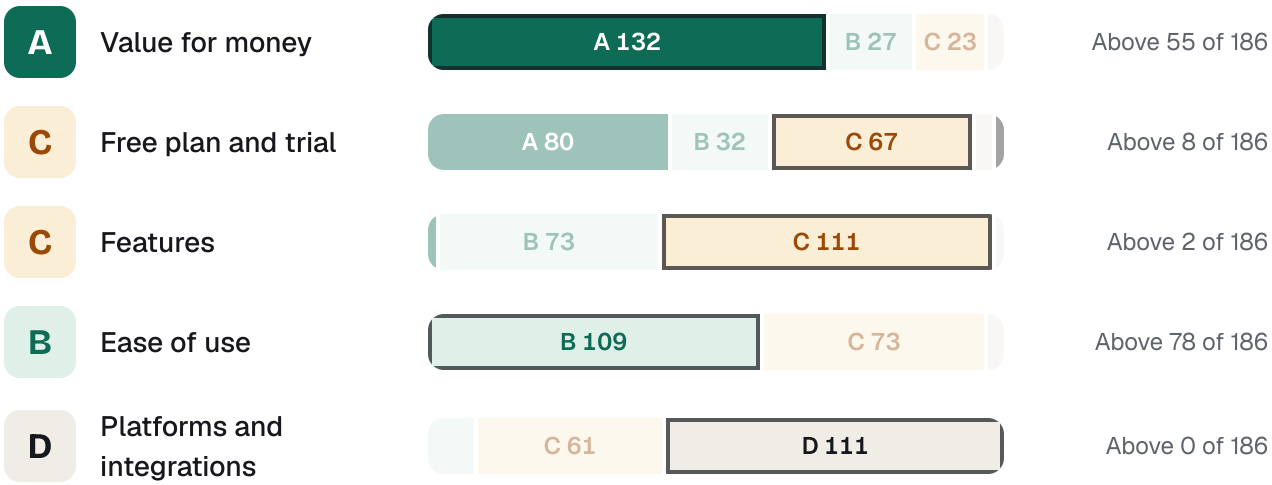
It stands best on value for money (A, above 55 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $0.42 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 2 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 23 tools score higher and cost less.

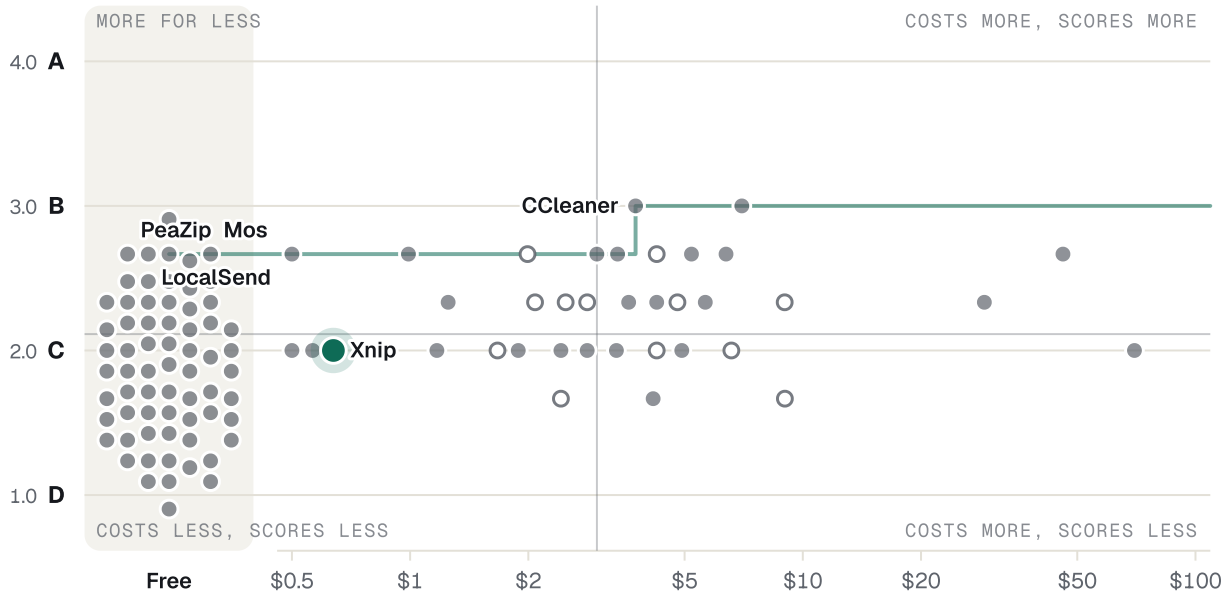
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. Xnip's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Xnip 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.

Your call

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

Xnip sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either. What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call. At $4.99 a year it costs less than the weekend it would take to replace, which is the argument for keeping it.

What you could not

- ✕ Capture tools hooked into the operating system.
- ✕ A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Xnip'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



Shottr, TextSniper, Snipaste, Lightshot and Flameshot

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

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Shottr

Free plan · from $12 one-time

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

- Shottr can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Xnip and Shottr compared in full

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TextSniper

Free trial · from $7.99 one-time

Mac menu bar tool that copies text from any part of the screen.

- Xnip has a free plan. TextSniper does not, though it has a free trial.
- TextSniper can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- Xnip also covers screenshots.

Xnip and TextSniper compared in full



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Snipaste

Free plan · from $8.99 one-time

Screenshot tool that pins images to the screen as floating windows.

- Only Snipaste lists Windows and Linux apps.
- Snipaste can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Xnip and Snipaste compared in full



3.0 GPA

Lightshot

Free

Screenshot tool for selecting an area and sharing a link.

- Only Lightshot lists a Windows app.
- Only Lightshot lists a browser extension.
- Lightshot also covers file sharing.

Xnip and Lightshot compared in full



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Flameshot

Free

Free, open-source screenshot tool with on-screen annotation.

- Only Flameshot lists Windows and Linux apps.
- Flameshot is open source, according to its own site.

Xnip and Flameshot compared in full

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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 Xnip free?

Xnip has a free plan. Free download from the Mac App Store; screenshots carry a watermark that the paid options remove.

How much does Xnip cost?

Xnip lists 3 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does Xnip work on?

Xnip is available on macOS.

Does Xnip have an Android app?

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

Does Xnip have an iPhone app?

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

Is Xnip open source?

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

Does Xnip 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.

Who makes Xnip?

Xnip is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Xnip?

The closest alternatives to Xnip in our directory are Shottr, TextSniper, Snipaste, Lightshot and Flameshot.

How does Xnip compare with other desktop utilities?

Xnip's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 33.

Is Xnip good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Xnip A for value for money. Its paid plans start at $0.42 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 2 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Xnip?

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

Where this guide comes from

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

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xnipapp.com/help/

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

Xnip, kept up to date

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

toolgpa.com/tools/xnip

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

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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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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