

Paint.Net

Paint.NET is free image and [photo editing software](#) for computers that run Windows. It [features](#) an intuitive and innovative user interface with support for layers, unlimited undo, special effects, and a wide variety of useful and powerful tools. An active and growing [online community](#) provides friendly help, [tutorials](#), and [plugins](#). It supports layers, unlimited undo, special effects, and a wide variety of useful and powerful tools.

It started development as an undergraduate college senior design project mentored by Microsoft, and is currently being maintained by some of the alumni that originally worked on it. Originally intended as a free replacement for the Microsoft Paint software that comes with Windows, it has grown into a powerful yet simple image and photo editor tool. It has been compared to other digital photo editing software packages such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Corel® Paint Shop Pro®, Microsoft Photo Editor, and The GIMP.

This might be described as “Paint on steroids”. It’s amazing what this small free program can do, and just might be the best tool for simple image editing tasks.

System Requirements

Minimum System

- Windows 7 (*recommended*),
or Windows XP SP2,
or Windows Vista,
or Windows Server (2003 SP1 or newer)
- [.NET Framework 3.5 SP1](#) (*free download from Microsoft*)
- 512 MB of RAM
- 1024 x 768 screen resolution
- 200+ MB hard drive space
- *Optional:* 64-bit mode requires a 64-bit CPU and a 64-bit edition of Windows

Please note that Paint.NET uses your hard drive to store temporary files related to undo/redo history. Because of this, actual disk space requirements will depend on the type of actions you perform on an image, and on the size of the image.