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## CNET Editors' review

by: **Seth Rosenblatt** [<http://www.cnet.com/profile/srosenblatt/>] on November 08, 2008

This image viewer and editor is a longtime favorite among our staff, and with good reason. IrfanView is simple, fast, and free for individual use. Upon installation, the app attempts to install two Google programs, but you can opt out.

The program lets you open and edit images, as well as multiple media formats. You can cut and crop images, apply batch conversions, add, sharpen, or blur effects, create panoramas, and change color modes easily. The program continues to add support for an array of file formats and has plug-in support for most image, video, and sound formats, including MP3, AVI, audio CD, and WMA. The interface is far from fancy but should be easy enough for most users to figure out. An IrfanView Thumbnails shortcut on the desktop offers an Explorer-like file tree that quickly displays all images in a particular folder. The latest version includes a basic drawing palette made accessible by hitting F12. It contains simple Erase, Draw, Fill, Rotate, Draw an Arrow, and Color Picker commands, perfect for grabbing screenshots and highlighting image specifics.

IrfanView does what it does well. It's not going to replace a major paint program, but why use a meat cleaver to cut a stick of butter?

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IrfanView is a fast and compact image viewer/converter. It is trying to be simple for beginners and powerful for professionals. It supports file formats and features. Features include: multi-language support, Thumbnail option, Painting, slideshow, toolbar skins, fast directory browsing, batch conversion/editing, multipage editing, file search, change color depth, scanning, cut/crop, IPTC edit, capturing, lossless JPG operations, effects, ICC support, EXE/SCR creating, many hotkeys, command line options and plugins.

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Version: IrfanView 4.30

### Pros

bad + comlicated interface ,small program but integrates just about everywhere on you're computer, makes CPU usage to go to 100% ...

### Cons

it is full of worms (i think so)

### Summary

IRFAN VIEW is a program made by idiot !!!

PHOTOSCAPE and FASTSTONE IMAGE VIEWER are simple and the best lightweight photo programs.

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October 29, 2011 | By [exmeaguy](#) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/exmeaguy>]

Version: IrfanView 4.30

### Pros

Easy to use. Just works.

### Cons

Nothing so far.

### Summary

Good product.

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Version: IrfanView 4.30

### Pros

Quick and easy.

### Cons

Not any cons.

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## "Still the best quick viewer/basic editor out there!"

October 27, 2011 | By [Chamberlin1](http://download.cnet.com/community/Chamberlin1) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/Chamberlin1>]

Version: IrfanView 4.30

### Pros

Fast picture viewing, low memory requirements, versatile

### Cons

Limited editing

### Summary

The best all-around must have photo program for the PC. Install it on all of your friends and family's computers and give them a quick tutorial...they'll love you for it.

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## "Wouldn't want to be without it !"

October 26, 2011 | By [William M Carey](http://download.cnet.com/community/William+M+Carey) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/William+M+Carey>]

Version: IrfanView 4.30

### Pros

Best freeware I've used

### Cons

None so far !

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## "Been using this great viewer/editor for a decade plus"

October 25, 2011 | By [brendthess](http://download.cnet.com/community/brendthess) [<http://download.cnet.com/community/brendthess>]

Version: IrfanView 4.30

### Pros

Versatile, fast, easy to use (if a bit geeky) and does nearly everything I need it to.

### Cons

It's not Photoshop, GIMP, or a general editor

### Summary

Having IrfanView is a lot like getting a really good Swiss Army Knife... for free. It may not be the absolutely perfect tool for what you want to do, but it will do the job competently. It'll handle lots of different jobs (especially display of a HUGE number of different file formats) with little fuss and bother.

I often use it for resizing batches of images for web posting, since it is easy to use; viewing random directories of images; and slideshows, but there are a lot of other uses. If you need a basic file viewer, this is perfect. If you need it for minor editing and image cleanup, this is very good. If you need to be able to paint or draw, use another tool - this isn't designed for that.

One more thing - the app fits in under 2MB of space, and can be run from a memory stick, making it useful for your travelling toolkit.

Highly recommended - for more than a decade now.

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Version: IrfanView 4.30

## Pros

Too many... Lots of functionalities that you would expect in one tool. Conversion, resize, crop, color filter, adding effects, flip, rotate and many many more.

## Cons

Resize is not as good as a professional tool like Photoshop / Coredraw

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"Very usable and friendly. Super fast, very capable!"

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Version: IrfanView 4.30

## Pros

Simple, loads of menu items, works with many file types, boots up super fast on my Win XP sp3 laptop. It's my image viewer, simple editor of choice for most everyday use.

## Cons

None at this time.

## Summary

Love it, love it, love it! Great job making a wonderful product.

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## "A superb image viewer for Windows"

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Version: IrfanView 4.30

### Pros

Comprehensive feature set. Great thumbnail capability. Handles almost all known image file types.

### Cons

Options can be intimidating for the newbie.

### Summary

Good image app. and it's free. Send the author a donation, it's worth it.

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## "Simple, low memory, effective"

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Version: IrfanView 4.30

### Pros

Low memory demands; loads quickly; handles most image types; allows rudimentary editing

### Cons

No easy way to copy a selection from one image and add it to another

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