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by: [Seth Rosenblatt](#) on April 09, 2010

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• Version:

15.13

• File size:

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• Date added:

February 16, 2012

• Price:

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If you've ever tried tracking down a process in Windows Task Manager, you know it's like looking for a needle in a haystack. Process Explorer makes the job a lot easier. This freeware utility displays running processes in an intuitive tree format that includes not only process names, but also program icons and other data, such as description, image, and processor time.

It also can identify the process for a given application window or look up a process name in Google--a handy way to spot spyware. The latest version, more than three years in the making, introduces several new features. You can now drill down into the multiple svchost processes and see what each one is controlling via mouse-over tooltip, learn which Internet Explorer 8 process controls which tab, and a new .NET assembly information tab under Properties for assistance in .NET troubleshooting.

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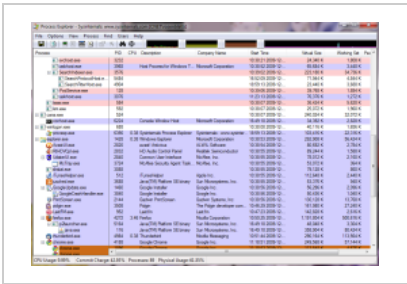
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Publisher's Description

From [Microsoft](#):

Process Explorer is an advanced process management utility that picks up where Task Manager leaves off. It will show you detailed information about a process including its icon, command-line, full image path, memory statistics, user account, security attributes, and more. When you zoom in on a particular process you can list the DLLs it has loaded or the operating system resource handles it has open. The top always shows a list of the currently active processes, including the names of their owning accounts, whereas the information displayed in the bottom window, which you can close, depends on the mode that Process Explorer is in if it is in handle mode you will see the handles that the process selected in the top window has opened, if Process Explorer is in DLL mode you will see the DLLs and memory-mapped files that the process has loaded.



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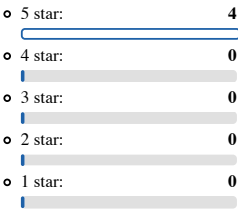
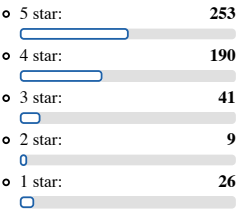
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"A must have!"

April 15, 2012 | By [weareonerace](#)  
Version: Process Explorer 15.13

Pros

Easy to use, adjustable appearance preferences, can easily track process and execute actions for any process

Cons

\*None.\*

Need to watch install location when unzipping (the file can be difficult to find later if you don't).

Summary

A must have replacement for (the useless) Windows Task Manager.

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### Pros

Nothing special to look at the GUI is a barebones heiracy of threads and programs running at any given time.

The pro's are:

The boot up time of the software is very fast allowing you to pre-empt and shut stuff down quick.

It's very light and can be running in the background.

It allows you to google search processes with one click.

It gives little icons next to identified processes.

### Cons

None. It's a great software.

### Summary

For anyone that has an interest in keeping their operating system running efficiently, this is a program which is going to help you do that.

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## "Still the best"

March 4, 2012 | By [dynodeanmccabe](#)

Version: Process Explorer 15.13

### Pros

Still the best Operation manager/viewer. Let's you know everytying about what's running on your system and behind the windows and walls. No home or business PC should be without this handy application. One of the most neccessary utilities out there. Been using it for years.

### Cons

None. It just does the job.

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## "One of the best!"

February 28, 2012 | By [cnetsteve2001](#)

Version: Process Explorer 15.13

### Pros

It shows you everything you want to know.

### Cons

It cant remember your process priority settings.

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