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# Graphics

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## Graphics

### 100. Artweaver 1.0

<http://www.artweaver.de>

Windows

This starter tool lets you digitally paint to your heart's content, without making a mess or paying through the nose.

### 101. Aviary.com

<http://aviary.com>

Web

Aviary isn't just a single graphics tool, it's a whole flock of tools for creating and editing images in the cloud. If you install a Firefox extension, Aviary can even do screen captures of [Web pages](#), which you can then quickly edit. Brand new to the site: a full-blown audio editor.

### 102. Blender

<http://www.blender.org>

Windows | Mac | Linux | Portable

Open-source tools for making animated movies that rival anything out of Hollywood [server farms](#)? Yes, it's possible with Blender—and a metric-ton of hard work and talent. If you lack the latter, you can still play with Blender's serious modeling, shading, animating, and rendering tools—even if it's just a 3D stick figure.

### 103. GIMP 2.6

<http://www.gimp.org>

Windows | Mac | Linux | Portable

The GNU Image Manipulation Program is the ultimate open-source alternative to Photoshop; in fact it can handle just about any professional image editing and creation tasks asked of it, at a price anyone can afford. There's a separate download site if you want GIMP 2.6 for Mac OS X.

• [Read PCMag's review of GIMP 2.4.7.](#)

### 104. FastStone Image Viewer 4.0

<http://www.faststone.org>

Windows

View, manage, and edit images in all the major formats with this intuitive freebie. It supports a photo import from the [hardware](#) of a number of digital camera manufacturers, has a great red-eye removal effect, and includes a number of extras.

### 105. Inkscape 0.47

<http://www.inkscape.org/>

Windows | Mac | Linux | Portable

There are lots of free bitmap editors and even 3D programs, but what about vector graphics? If you're looking for Adobe Illustrator or Corel Draw on the cheap, check out the open-source equivalent Inkscape, which uses the open Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) format for files. Check out some of the possibilities you can create with Inkscape in the [Open Clip Art Library](#).

### 106. Jing

<http://www.jingproject.com/>

Windows | Mac

You can do more than take a picture of your screen and annotate it with Jing. The utility will also [record video](#) of what happens on screen, and it integrates ways to share your captures via IM, e-mail, or blog. Everyone who downloads Jing gets a free account for instant sharing at sister-site Screencast.com with 2GB storage. Pay \$15 a year to go pro, and you can record video as MPEG-4

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