

How To Take a Screenshot and Paste it into a Word Processing Program

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The steps for taking a screenshot vary depending on your operating system. Examples for taking screenshots using Windows® and Apple® operating systems are shown below.

Windows® Operating System

1. To make a copy of the active window, press **ALT+PRINT SCREEN**.
2. To copy the entire screen as it appears on your monitor, press **PRINT SCREEN**.
3. Open a word processing program and paste (Ctrl + V) the screenshot into the document.

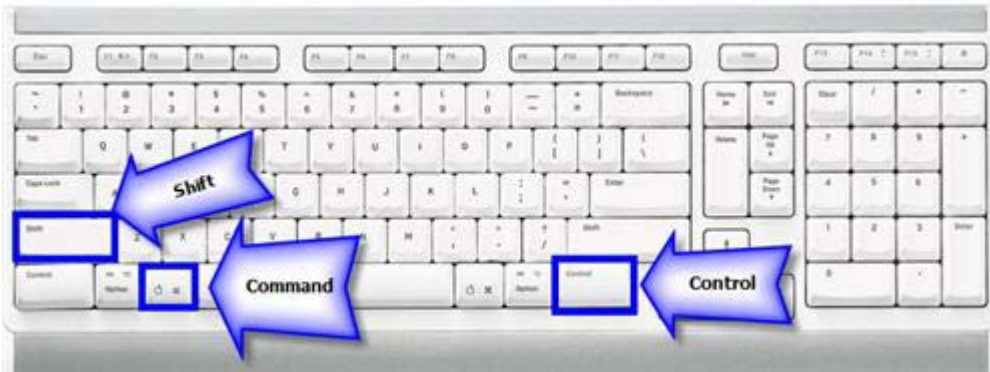


Apple® Operating System

There are several keyboard combinations that can be used to take screenshots using the Apple® operating system.

1. Perform one of the following keyboard shortcuts depending on the image that you would like to capture.
 - **Command-Shift-3**
Takes a screenshot of the screen and saves it as a file on the desktop
 - **Command-Shift-4, then select the area**
Takes a screenshot of an area and saves it as a file on the desktop
 - **Command-Shift-4, then space, then click a window**
Takes a screenshot of a window and saves it as a file on the desktop
 - **Command-Control-Shift-3**
Takes a screenshot of the screen and saves it to the clipboard
 - **Command-Control-Shift-4, then select an area**
Takes a screenshot of an area and saves it to the clipboard
 - **Command-Control-Shift-4, then space, then click a window**
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