

ScreenSteps Desktop

www.bluemangolearning.com/screensteps/desktop/

Create visual tutorials and guides in minute

what is it?

ScreenSteps is a new application that makes creating job aids with screenshots a breeze. ScreenSteps makes capturing screenshots easy by simply clicking a button and identifying what you can want to capture. Once a screenshot is captured, ScreenSteps automatically embeds the screenshot in a document in which you can then easily add text and/or annotations as well graphical elements (e.g., arrows) as you see fit. After you are done creating your “lesson,” you can quickly export it as a pdf or HTML file. ScreenSteps essentially takes the mystery out of creating job aids/tutorials.

educational use?

Faculty, especially those in technical disciplines, regularly have to create tutorials and job aids to provide other faculty, staff, or students directions on how to do a certain task. Whether it is how to login to a Course Management System (CMS) to check their grades or how to request a book through Inter-Library Loan, faculty regularly need to create step-by-step instructions on how to do something. ScreenSteps can help accomplish this faster and easier than any other tool on the market.

pros & cons?

The best thing about ScreenSteps is how easy it makes it to create a job aid. It also enables you to create a template that others can use to ensure that every job aid has the same look and feel. Finally, it enables users to export the job aids in multiple formats and its cross-platform (Win & Mac). Perhaps the only drawback to ScreenSteps is that it offers both a free, standard and a more feature-complete Pro version.

what's it cost?

The standard version currently costs \$39.95 and the pro version costs \$59.95

alternatives?

While there are a number of screen capturing applications out there (e.g., SnagIt), there currently are not any real alternatives to ScreenSteps.

resources?

ScreenSteps Demo

<http://www.viddler.com/explore/bluemango/videos/2/0.356>

Creating a Manual with ScreenSteps Pro

<http://www.viddler.com/explore/bluemango/videos/3/1.48>