

Gadwind is not a Gadfly

How do you like that catchy title? Actually it has a meaning. **Gadwin PrintScreen** is a software that gives you great flexibility in capturing what you want on the screen. A Gadfly is, well, here is a definition

very nicely supplied by Random House Dictionary on my computer. **Gadwind PrintScreen** is a free software that allows you to capture any part of the screen *that you want*. It is simple. It is free (I like that). It is easy to work with. (I like that too.) It does not bug you with demands, requests or asks you to be a programmer. (I like that.) I worked it over and if I can understand it then you will too. Here, let me tell you about it. "But first....!"

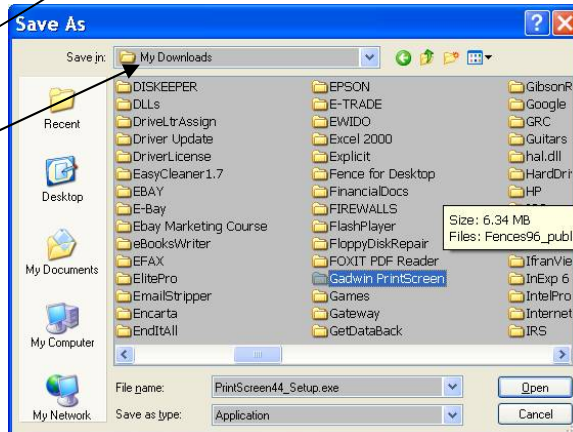
2. a person who persistently annoys or provokes others with criticism, schemes, ideas, demands, requests, etc.
 [1585-95; GAD² + FLY²]

This is my first Gadwin Print Screen captured

How do you get it?

Go to gadwin.com/ to download it. And while you are there note the three other free programs. I expect to look at them soon and perhaps write about them. You may not need them. When downloading follow the procedure Jim gave you. Here's how. When you get the download screen click on **Save**.

Direct the download file to your **My Downloads** folder which you should have created by now. I also show here my download folder which is not in **My Documents**. I put it directly on my Local "C" drive.



Gadwin makes my work easier

You have no idea what I go through to try to get a newsletter out with all the images I want to capture, in instructional type of articles.

I've been using the Windows Print Screen function, copying the image to an image file and then editing the image there with arrows, text boxes, etc. It is time consuming.

Software similar to Gadwin's **Print Screen** is most likely used in putting out Instructional Books. With this tool in hand I can get much more efficient in putting out my newsletters.

What I am thinking of is to limit the newsletter strictly to the 4 pages as you have seen in the past to keep the cost down. But, in addition, I can write the detailed part of stuff I find in a separate article (practically) without little or no size limits and post it on our website.

Who knows, we might assemble quite a catalog of instructional material on our website which any of us can generate any time. Perhaps it can augment what many of you learn in the classes.

Feel free to feedback to me if you think this might be helpful. After all, we are Friends helping Friends. Yes?

Editor:

I met with Jim, the President and a rep of a company who offered to do the printing of the CCMV newsletter at a good price. So far it looks like we will have a paper version of our newsletter to distribute, starting with this issue.

A personal note: I was hit with the flu or at least a very similar thing which stopped my activities for several days. I was going to write about IrfanView in this issue which is a clever picture program.

Instead I decided to give you a review of two most interesting free software. Gadwin Print Screen is one of them and the other is Desktop Fences (sort of a Beta version) which is free until August.



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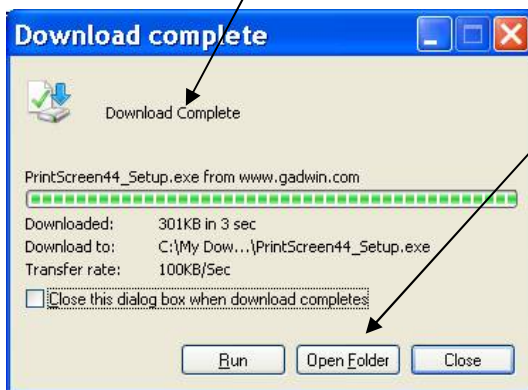
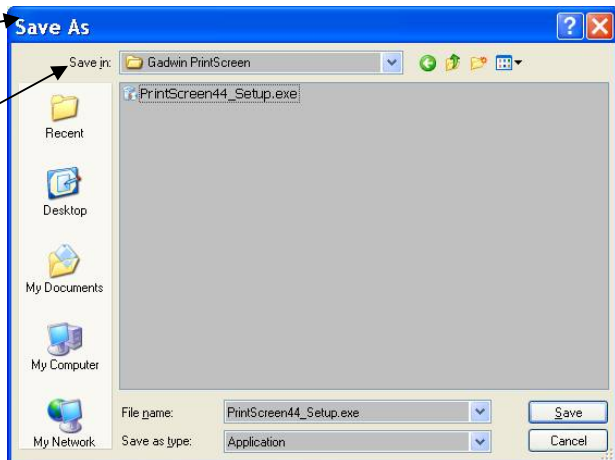
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When I click on the **Save** button the **Save As** window opens and the **Gadwin PrintScreen** folder goes into the **Save in** box. (In this picture note that the Gadwin installation file is already there, of course, because I installed the software some time ago.)

However, if it was not already there, the **Download complete** window, below here will

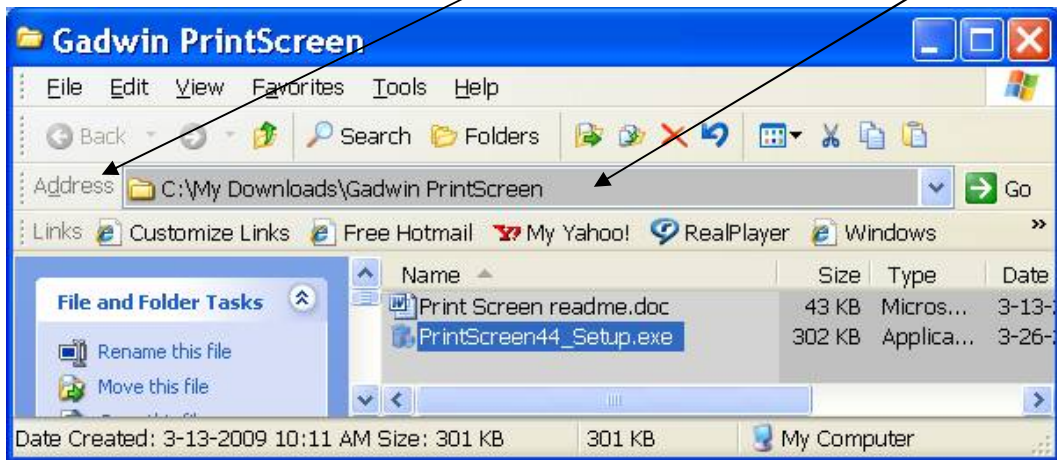


indicate that the download is complete. After you click on **Open Folder**, the folder containing the downloaded installation file will open making it available to you..

So, as Jim said many times, install the file from the **My Downloads** folder. For your information, here is my **Gadwin PrintScreen** folder inside of **My**

Downloads folder and it contains the installation file.

I want you to particularly note that in the **Address** box you can see the **path** telling you the exact location of the **Gadwin PrintScreen** folder. The **path**



reads: **C:\My Downloads\Gadwin PrintScreen**. You must understand how the hierarchy of files and folders works in the PC. Also, note that in the folder where the downloaded installation file is located, I also put the accompanying **Readme** file or an explanatory instructional file that I write, to accompany the installation file. The name of the installation file is often cryptic, in that you can't always tell what software it is. Days or weeks or months later you will be thankful that you will not be asking yourself, "Now what the hell is this file?" It helps you keep track of the new versions as they arrive. I deliberately included this detailed download instruction for you to learn from. Now let's go on.



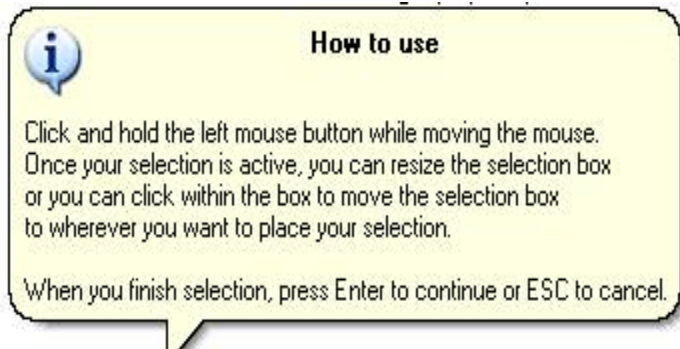
How to use Gadwin PrintScreen

In Windows when you press **PrtScr** on the keyboard, you are copying the screen to the clipboard. When you hold down **Alt** and then press **PrtScr** you are copying the screen's *active window* to the clipboard. (That's the magic place on the hard disc.)

There will be a Gadwin shortcut on the desktop. Click on it and note the default settings. Don't bother with them for now. You can experiment later. For this writing I want to show you how to use Gadwin. This is going to be an unusual instruction. "Suivez moi." That's French, for "Follow me."


Note the first paragraph of this column beginning with the topic title. I am going to copy the paragraph using Gadwin PrintScreen.

(1.) Click on **PrtScr** (Print Screen) on the keyboard. Wait one second. This message pops up:



It is like a message balloon and it points to where your mouse cursor was when you pressed **PrtScr**. (The first time you do this, hold the mouse still so that you can read it because it will disappear by itself in about 10 seconds. Once you are familiar with the procedure then you can go on.)

(2.) Say that balloon disappeared.

The mouse arrow changes to these two symbols and will stay together 

Here is where the fun begins. When you move the mouse the symbols move too. *In fact, you can't do anything now except use the mouse for copying. You can't click on anything else with the mouse except one thing. I'll get to that shortly.*


I used the Character Map to get the mouse symbols. You'd be amazed at the symbols you can find there. Then I had to reshape them and resize them to the approximate size they appear on my screen. To capture the **Gadwin PrintScreen** balloon message I had to sneak up on it with **PrtScr** function in Windows and paste it in MS Paint where I cropped the screen image you see here. Sally McMasters is proud of me.

(3.) Now I am going to copy the paragraph to the left here and paste it here using Gadwin.

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In Windows when you press **PrtScr** or you are copying the screen to the clipboard you hold down **Alt** and then press **PrtScr** copying the screen's active window.

Just because I like being a smart ass once in a while, I just copied part of the paragraph to show that Gadwin is quite versatile. I don't have to copy whole lines or whole text boxes. I copy just what I want.

(4.) Oops! I left out a step and it is an important one. Actually, I wanted to put the copied paragraph part in proximity to the original so that you can see that I am not pulling the cotton over your eyes.

See this thingy-dingy  part of the mouse symbol? To duplicate my copying of the paragraph part, move it (the thingy dingy) to the upper left of the word "**How**" in the paragraph. Hey, this is a practice session, so go ahead and goof up.

That is (by definition!) the upper left corner of the box that will enclose the part you want to copy. Move the mouse toward the right and down to create a box that encloses the text much like I did above. Got it?

(5.) Now right click. And bingo you get a full screen with your selection right in the middle. I said the fun begins here. This is the **Gadwin PrintScreen** capture window.

I'll have you know that in writing something like this it is easy to make mistakes. Nothing stays put. Anytime I insert or delete text the symbols or pasted objects stay put and then I have to relocate them. It is embarrassing when a line arrow pointing to something gets relocated and points to something else. With every breath I click on File and Save. I don't take no chances. Nada, Niente, Rien.

My proof reader asked me if I could use Gadwin to make a copy of Sally McMasters for for my readers.
"No," I said, "much as I love my readers, she has a © on her anatomy."
"Oh?" she was very inquisitive, "where?"
"Trust me," I said, "she has a copyright on her anatomy."



Along the right side of the Gadwin screenshot are some options available to you to deal with the captured screenshot. While you are in the Gadwin screenshot window zoom to 200% and note that the copied box enlarges. Now you can paste it into the window you are working with. I copied the treasurer's box and pasted it into my text here.

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While you are in the Gadwin screenshot window click on **Change Destination**. In the new window notice that you can save the clipping (give it a file name) and you can direct it to a printer or an email. Along the left of the Destination window there are more options which are similar to what you will find when you create text boxes.

For example, let's emphasize the captured screen with grayscale. With 90% brightness and 10% contrast. But you probably really don't need these more sophisticated functions. I do use them in creating newsletters.

Here is a function that all of you can use. Copying from a financial web page to put in an email or to print or to a file. Here is the capture of part of a financial investments page:

FIRST EAGLE GLOBAL A	SGGVA
FIRST EAGLE OVERSEAS A	SGOVX
OAKMARK EQUITY & INCOME FUND	OAKBX
PERMANENT PORTFOLIO FUND	PRPFX
TDAM US GOVERNMENT PORT CLASS	ZTOB1
TRIQUINT SEMICONDUCTOR.COM	TQNT
UPSTREAM BIOSCIENCES INC.COM	UPBS

You don't have to download to an Excel file. You capture just what you want and no more and put it where you want.

I copied this from Drudgereport.com. In this clip Brown hears Merkel of Germany blast his spending. I used the procedure I described in this article. It is powerful.



SABOTAGE: Blow for Gordon Brown as his spending blueprint leaks...

Wherever you are on the webpage just click on **PrtScr**. Drag the new cursor symbol around just what you want to capture. The image goes to the Gadwin's Screenshot window. You don't have to even look at that window. After you have captured the desired screenshot, click **Enter** then point to where you want the screen shot and click **Paste**. Even if you are as old as I am you can understand that.

I have not illustrated how to use Gadwin in an email. I don't have enough room left to detail it. In general, what you need to do is essentially what I described here. You already know how to capture a screen and paste it anywhere including an email. However, an email that is loaded with forwarding headers is an ideal target for using **Gadwin PrintScreen**. (Go to next column.)

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Contributions	183.50
Interest	3.14
Shareware/Freeware	25.00
Textbooks	100.00
Tuition & Books	865.00
Total Income	1176.64
Expenses (\$)	
Church Usage	375.00
Newsletter Exp.	12.00
Insurance	650.00
Text Book Purchase	369.04
Total Expenses	1406.04
Income Less Expenses	-229.40

Assume that you received an email with a good joke in it forwarded 100 times with a lot of >'s in it. Use Gadwin to enclose only the joke in a box. After it is captured, minus all the junk in the email, it is now in the clipboard, that magic place.

Open a new virgin email and paste the text in the body of the email. Address it and add your own stuff to the email. Then send it on its way. The recipient will think that you created the joke all by yourself, you cheat!

My proofreader insisted that if I can capture pictures like Brown on the left I surely must be able to capture Sally, notwithstanding the copyright. So I rented and went to her apartment. Here she is:



She refused to allow the copyright symbol to be shown. So I had to crop it out. Sigh!

Lord Kelvin (1824-1907) was quite a guy. He was a scientist, physicist, engineer. He is credited with inventing the first computer. Wonder what it looked like? Just ask me. I was there.