

Creating Videoclips

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Equipment needed:

- Graphics tablet with stylus (unless you can write neatly with your mouse)
- Microphone (unless silent videoclips are suitable)
- Screen capture software (SnagIt version 5)
- Paint software (MS Paint)

Create Videoclip:

1. Place microphone, graphics tablet, and stylus within reach
2. Open SnagIt
 - Select Video Capture
 - Input settings: Region, Include Cursor, Record Audio
 - Output settings: File
 - Hotkey (Options, Program Preferences): I use Ctrl-Alt-P
 - Caption (Filters, Annotations)
3. Open MS Paint (Programs, Accessories, Paint)
 - Select paintbrush icon, medium-sized dot
 - Prepare problem
4. Begin capture initialization
 - Use hotkey
 - Use stylus or mouse to select area of screen
 - Select "Start"
5. Do the problem (using stylus and microphone)
6. End capture
 - Use hotkey
 - Select "Stop"
 - Preview: select play icon
 - Select "Finish" to create the video file
 - Provide a filename and save

Create a Thumbnail Image (before closing MS Paint):

1. Select portion of image desired.
2. Move image to upper left corner by choosing "Copy", "New", "Paste".
3. Resize the background.
4. Select "Save As", type "gif".

Create a Thumbnail Image (from actual movie):

1. Open movie, pause at desired frame.
2. Open SnagIt, select Image Capture, Input from region, Output to file
3. Use hotkey to start capture, then select region.
4. Select "Save As", type "gif".