

3 Quick Ways to Take Screenshots in Windows 8

Taking screenshots in Windows 8 is an important task when working, studying, or sharing information. Besides traditional keyboard shortcuts, Windows 8 also supports tools like Paint and Snipping Tool, making it easy to capture and edit screenshots.

Windows 8 supports various methods for capturing screenshots, from keyboard shortcuts to advanced editing tools like Paint or Snipping Tool. This article will guide you on how to use each method effectively.

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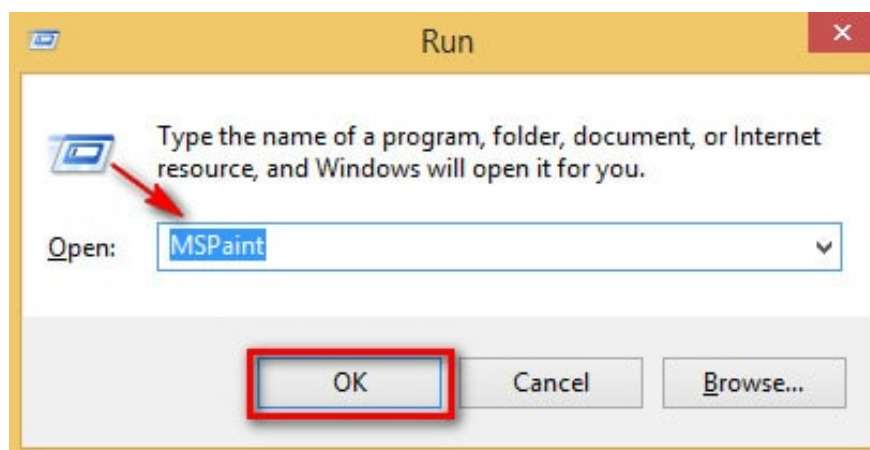
1. Take photos using keyboard shortcuts.

We press the **Win + PrtSc (Print Screen)** key combination . The image will be saved to **C:UsersPicturesScreenshots** with the *.PNG extension.

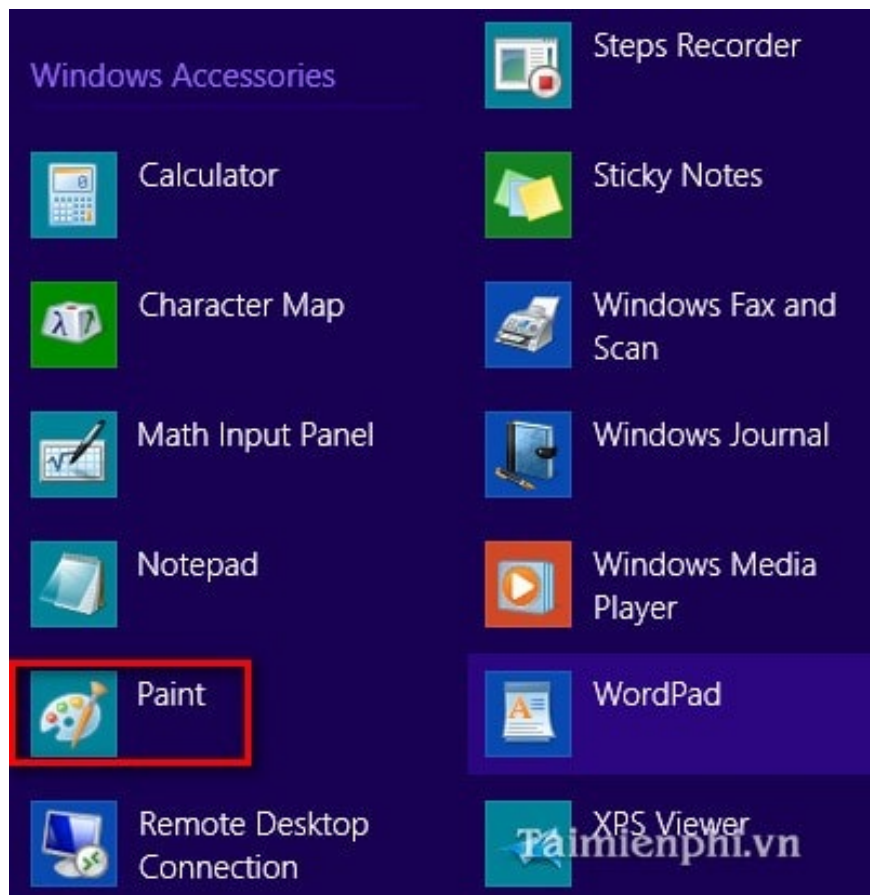
2. Paint Tool

- Open the Paint tool:

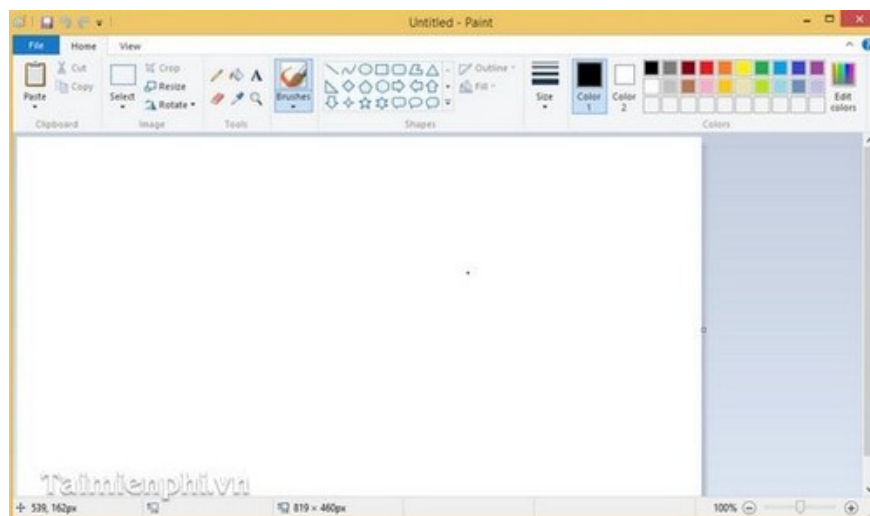
+ The Paint tool is built into Windows 8, with convenient photo capture and photo editing features. To open Paint, we just need to press ' **Window + R** ', type ' **Mspaint** ' (1) , and select **OK** (2) .



Alternatively, go to Apps, find the Paint app, and left-click on the **Paint** icon .



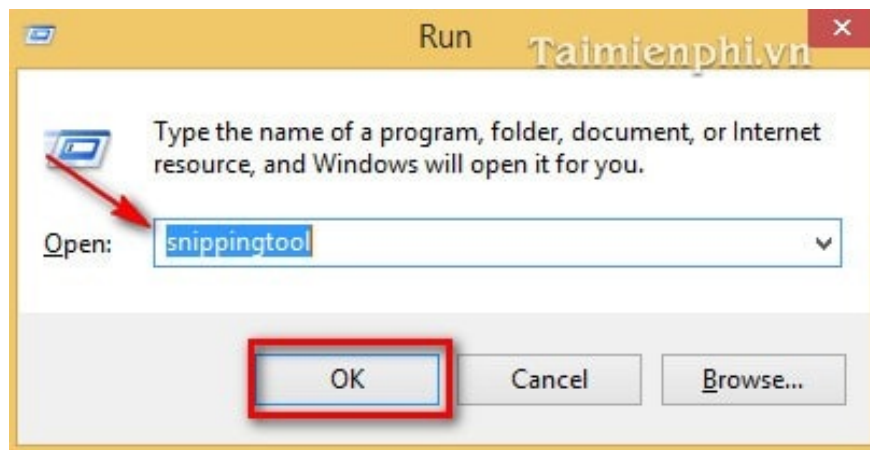
- Press **PrtSc (Print Screen)** on your keyboard, then open Paint. Press '**Ctrl + V**' to copy the screenshot into Paint. From there, you can save the image files as PNG, JPG, BMP, GIF, or TIF files.



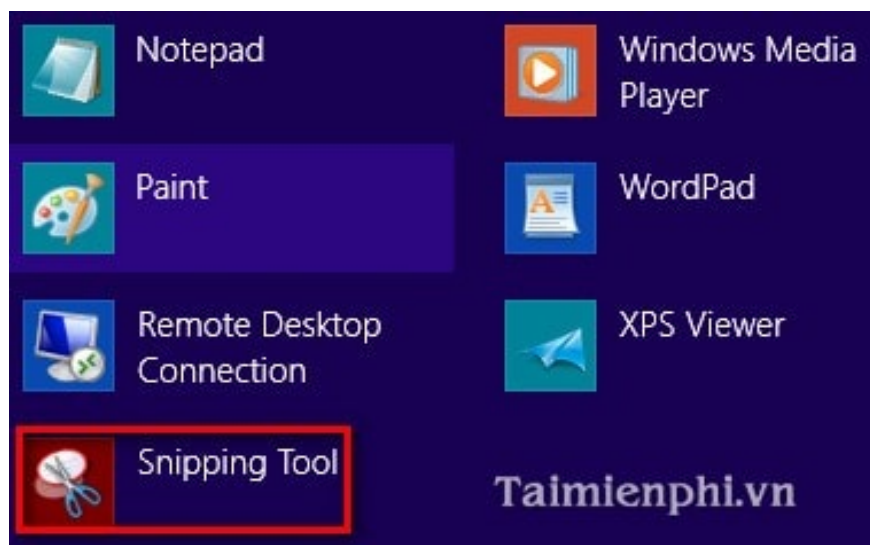
Paint is a useful tool with basic and very convenient image editing features.

3. Snippingtool

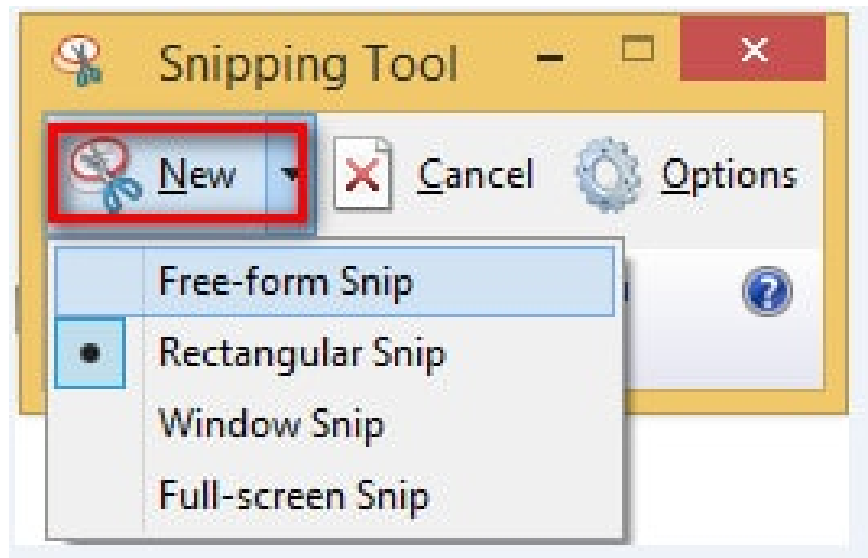
The Snippingtool is built into Windows 8, with features for taking and editing photos simply. To open Snippingtool, we just need to press **Window + R**, type '**Snippingtool**' (1), and select **OK** (2).



Alternatively, go to Apps, find the Snippingtool section, and left-click on the Snippingtool icon .



With functions such as **Free-form Snip** (select shape with freehand strokes), **Rectangular Snip** (select shape in a rectangular or square shape), **Window Snip** (select the window area), and **Full-screen Snip** (select the entire shape).



The file formats that Snippingtool can write to are GIF, JPG, PNG, and HTML.

Of the three tools above, each has its own strengths. Paint is stronger in editing than Snippingtool, Snippingtool offers more options for capturing images than Paint, and keyboard shortcuts are faster, etc. Therefore, based on these characteristics, choose the tool that best suits your work.

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