

5 ways to take screenshots on Macbook, using shortcut keys, taking screenshots with mouse cursor

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To take a screenshot on Windows, you just need to use the **PrtSc** key . On Mac, we can use the photo capture key combination, but if we want to annotate the screenshot, we will use photo editing software .

In this article, TipsMake.com.com will guide you to take a screenshot of Macbook using keyboard shortcuts and the Zappy application, which has a built-in feature to write notes for screenshots. The application also has the option to record screen videos if you need. Let's follow the way to take a screenshot of Mac below.

1. Take a screenshot of Macbook using the keyboard

On macOS you can take a screenshot of your entire screen or just a certain part. The screenshot will then be automatically saved to your Mac's desktop.

1. **Shift + Command + 3** ? Take a screenshot of the entire screen.
2. **Shift + Command + 4** ? Capture selected screen area with mouse.
3. **Shift + Command + 5** ? Open the screen capture/video menu (with many options: capture window, capture full screen, record video.)
4. **Shift + Command + 6** ? Take a screenshot of the Touch Bar, if your Mac has one.

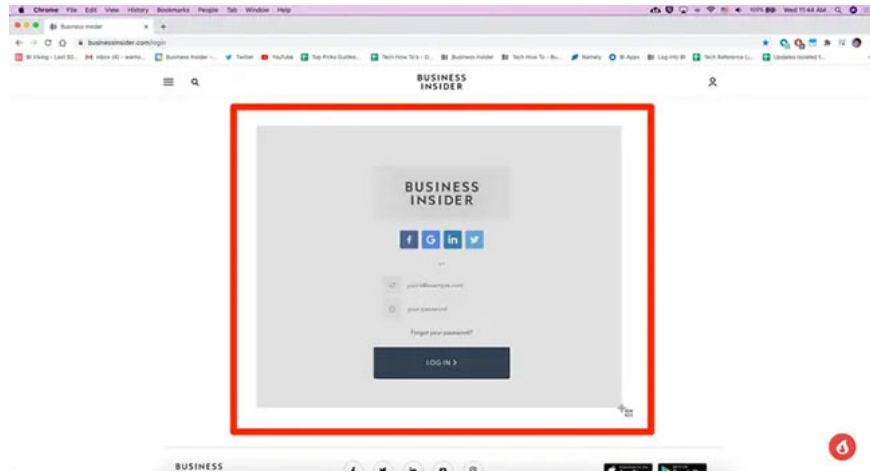
Shift + Command + 3: Take a screenshot of the entire screen

To capture your entire screen, press and hold **Shift + Command + 3** . If you're using multiple monitors, the command will capture and save a screenshot of every screen.

When you take a screenshot, you will see a small thumbnail preview in the bottom right corner of the screen, which you can click to edit the screenshot.

Shift + Command + 4: Capture a specific portion or window

To capture a specific part of your screen, press **Shift + Command + 4** . Your mouse pointer will turn into a crosshair. You can then click and drag this crosshair across any area of your screen. Release the mouse or trackpad button to capture the selected area, or press **Esc** to cancel.



That's not all you can do with this method. After pressing **Shift + Command + 4** , you can press other keys to unlock more options:

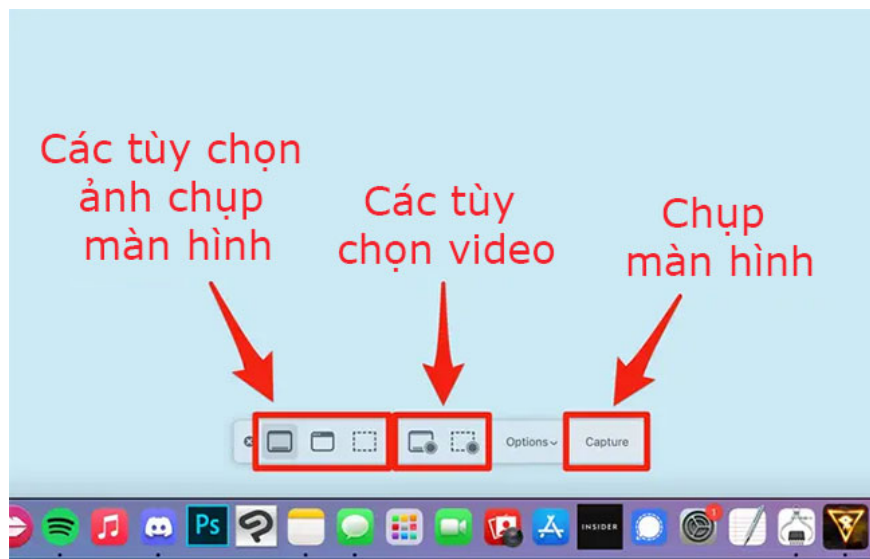
1. **Take a screenshot of a specific window** : Press **Shift + Command + 4** , then press the spacebar. The crosshairs will turn into a camera. Hover the camera cursor over the window you want to capture and click it. When the screenshot is saved, it will have a gray border around it.
2. **Lock shape and size** : After dragging the crosshair to create a highlighted area, press and hold the spacebar. This will lock the frame so it cannot be resized. You can then drag the frame anywhere on the screen. Just release the spacebar to take the screenshot.
3. **Adjust height and width** : After dragging the crosshairs to create the highlighted area, press and hold the **Shift key**. This allows you to adjust the height and width of the box. You can toggle between height and width by pressing the **Shift key**. Release the mouse button or trackpad to take a screenshot.

? Shift + ? Command + 5: Use the screenshot menu

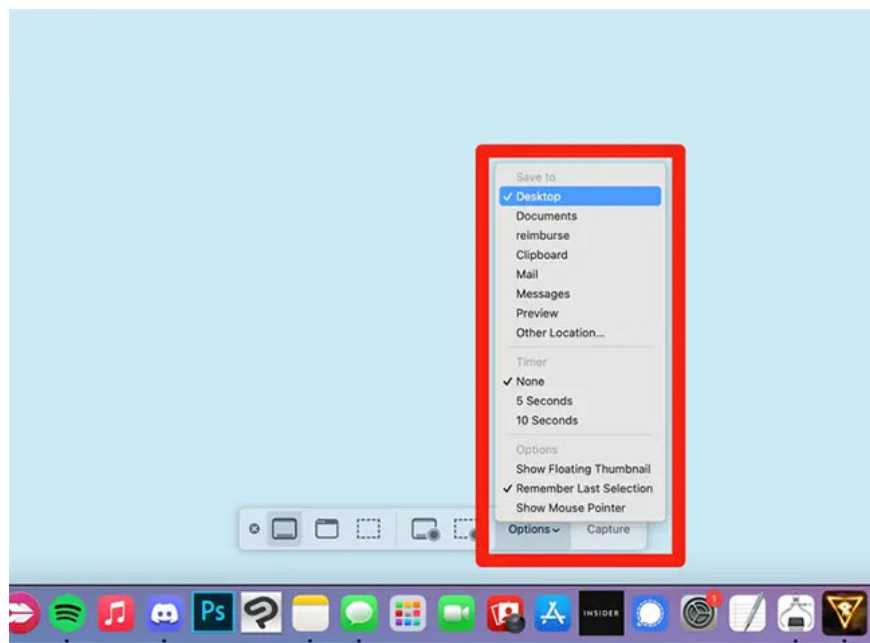
Current versions of macOS (Mojave, Catalina, Big Sur, and Monterey) come with the Screenshot app. To open it, press **Shift + Command + 5** . A small menu will appear at the bottom of the screen.

The three icons on the left allow you to take a screenshot of the entire screen, a specific window, or a highlighted portion. The next two icons on the right allow you to record a video of the entire screen or just a highlighted portion.

The Capture button on the far right will take a screenshot.

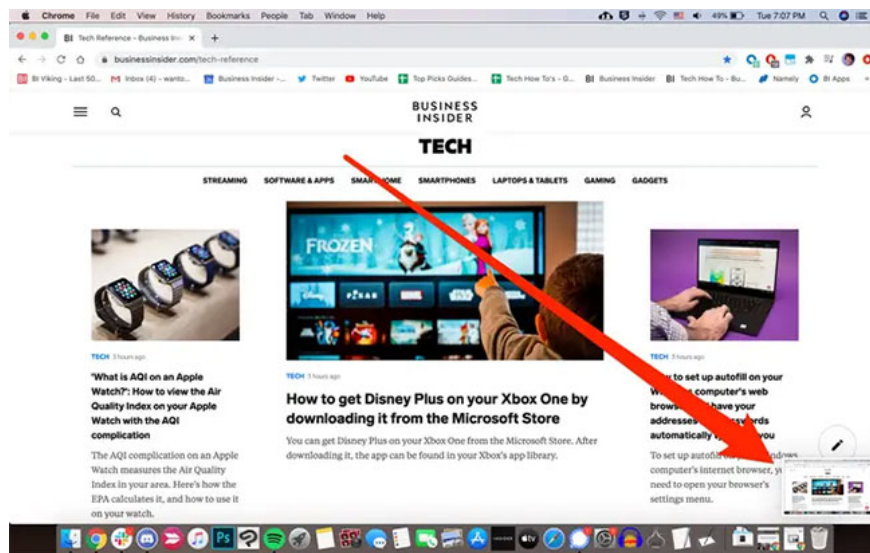


There is also a menu labeled **Options**. This menu allows you to choose where your screenshots are saved, how long you want between pressing **Capture** and taking the screenshot, and more.



Note in this menu is the **Show Floating Thumbnail** option , which is enabled by default. When this feature is enabled, after you take a screenshot, a small thumbnail will appear in the lower right corner of the screen. The screenshot will not be saved to your computer until this thumbnail disappears after a few seconds.

However, you can click on this thumbnail before it disappears to open the screenshot in a new window. In this window, you can draw or type on it, crop it, share it via your Apple ID account, or delete it.



? Shift + ? Command + 6: Capture Touch Bar on macOS

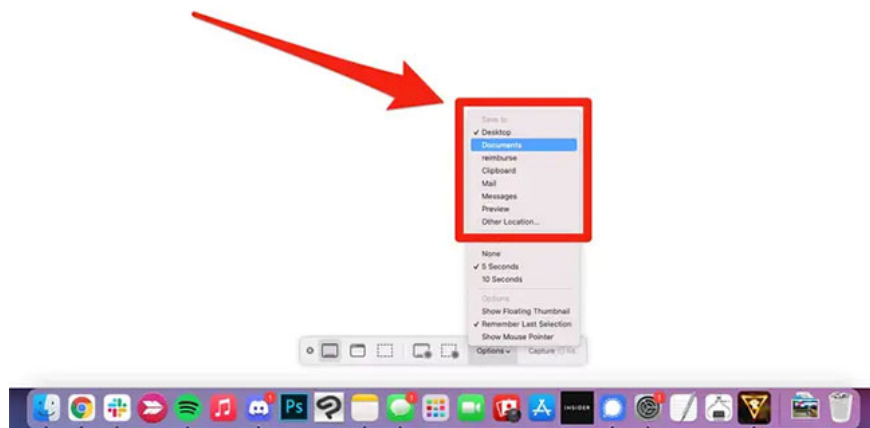
Please refer to detailed instructions in the article: [How to take a screenshot of the Touch Bar on Macbook](#) .

If the built-in screenshot features on macOS do not satisfy you, try using some macOS screenshot software .

Where to find Mac screenshots?

By default, the screenshot appears on your screen. It will automatically have the title "**Screen Shot**" , followed by the date and time you took it.

You can also change where your screenshots are saved. Press **Shift + Command + 5** to open the screenshot menu, then click **Options**. Use the menu that appears to select a new save location.



Quick Tip : If you hold down the **Control** key while taking a screenshot, it will copy the screenshot to the clipboard instead of saving it. You can paste the screenshot anywhere that allows you to insert images.

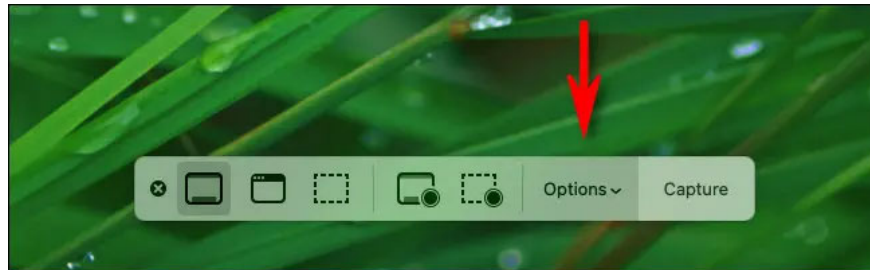
2. How to take a screenshot of your Mac that contains the mouse cursor

Normally when you take a screenshot on your Mac, the system's built-in screenshot tool automatically hides the mouse cursor from the final image by default. However, in some cases, you may need to take a photo that includes the mouse cursor to illustrate something in the photo.

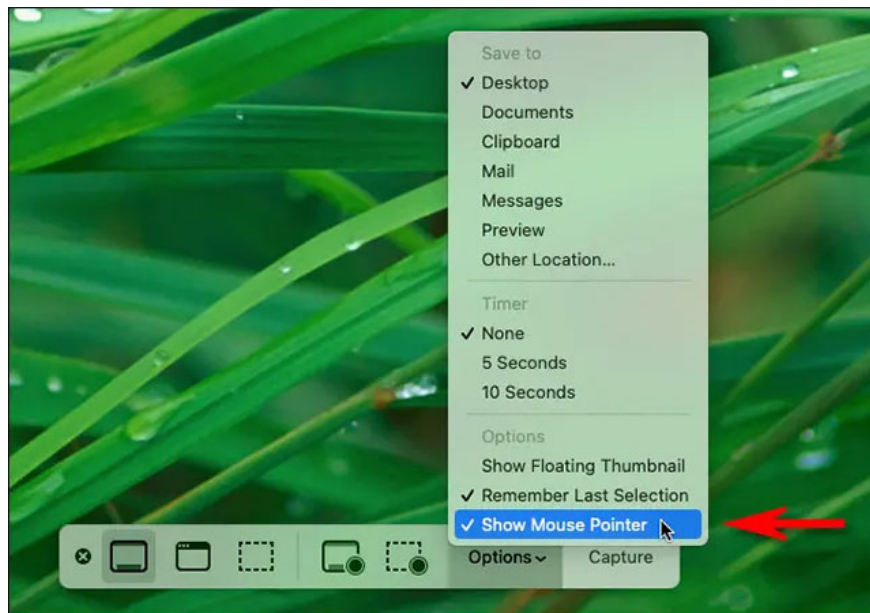
Luckily, you can easily enable this feature with a simple option. Here's how.

To record the mouse cursor in a screenshot, we'll need to change a setting in macOS's built-in Screenshot app.

First, press **Shift + Command + 5** on your keyboard, you will see a small toolbar appear on the screen. Click on **'Options'**.



In the Options menu that appears, check the box next to the **'Show Mouse Pointer'** option.



That's it. From now on, every time you take a screenshot with **Shift + Command + 3** or **Shift + Command + 4**, you'll see your mouse cursor appear in the final image.

In case you again want to hide the mouse pointer from the screenshot as default, just follow the same steps and uncheck the **'Show Mouse Pointer'** option.

3. Take a screenshot of your Mac using a third-party tool

If you want more features that aren't available in the built-in screenshot tools on your Mac, check out these useful screenshot apps for macOS for more cool mac screenshot features.

Above are 3 ways to take screenshots on Mac. If you just need to take a normal screenshot, the first way is the simplest. If you need more photo editing features after taking the photo, you should install additional software like method number 3.

See also:

1. How to turn on the camera on your Mac
2. How to display the date on the macOS menu bar

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