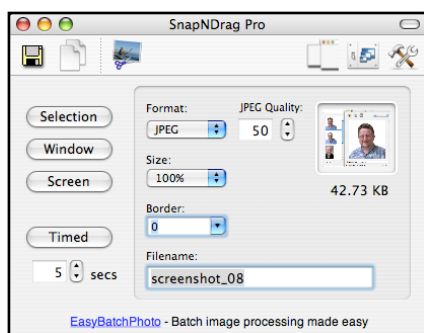# The South Bay Mug

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A personal view from Bob

Graphic Mini Apps

Often I want to do some simple image editing without hauling out the heavy artillery. That's where these lightweight utilities or mini-apps come in handy. They're mostly free, although a couple unlock additional capabilities for a few dollars. A bargain.

	Screen Capture	Multiple Images	Rename	Change Format	JPEG Quality	Crop	Constrain Crop	Rotate/Straighten	Draw Border	Change to Greyscale	Flip Image	Sharpen	Add Text	Balloons	Arrows	Drop Shadow	Boxes	Email Image	Send to Web	Watermark	Resize	Copy to Clipboard	Extra Features
SnapNDrag	x		x	x	x																x	x	
EasyCrop	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x							x			x	x	$12
ImageWell	x		x	x	x	x		x			x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	$15
Drag-N-Scale		x	x															x			x		

SnapNDrag: You can easily capture images from your screen by pressing Shift-Cmd-4 and dragging the area to capture. Often you want a bit more, like being able name the captured file and specify where it's saved. SnapNDrag does all this as well as let you specify the file format and quality. It supports JPEG, GIF, TIFF and PNG formats.

EasyCrop: I never met a photo I didn't want to straighten or crop. Get rid of trees, the person with their back to you or just to zoom in on the part you want. You can rotate the image and
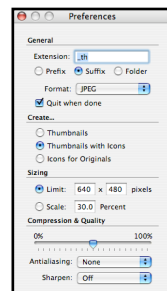
crop to fit any size. Re-title, change the format, convert to grayscale, flip vertically or horizontally or sharpen it. It even does screen captures. The full unlocked set of features costs only $12.

Drag-N-Scale is handy if you want to scale a lot of pictures from a photo collection. Drag the images, or folder into the left pane. Then select the final size from a pull-down menu, or better, just drag the lower right corner to the size you want. Rename and save individually or save the whole collection.
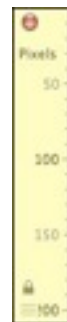
All these programs save the edited image to a specified location, but you can also simply drag the image into a desired application or folder. Very handy.

ThumbsUp (see right) is a simple drag-and-drop utility to quickly makes thumbnails from a folder of images

ImageWell is a jack-of-all-trades. It does many of the things of the previous programs, but also lets you add text, balloons and watermarks. It is more oriented to the web, letting you upload the image to you iDisk or server. Free, but unlock other features for $15.

Free Ruler (right) puts a pair of floating horizontal and vertical rulers on top of your image so you can measure. Select from pixels, inches, centimeters or picas.

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