Downloading and Installing the Screencast-O-Matic Free Desktop App

Overview

Screencast-O-Matic is an easy to use recorder for on-screen activity. It allows the user to record the screen only, record using camera attached to the PC, or record the screen and capture the presenter as well. The time and editing limitations associated with the free version of the application that make it most suitable for short demonstrations and video presentations that are pre-scripted.

Intended Audience

This document is targeted at users who need to produce short recorded demonstrations and video presentations and do not require a full featured application. Users need to have the ability to use a browser and download an application. They must also have the necessary rights to install the application on the target computer.

Purpose

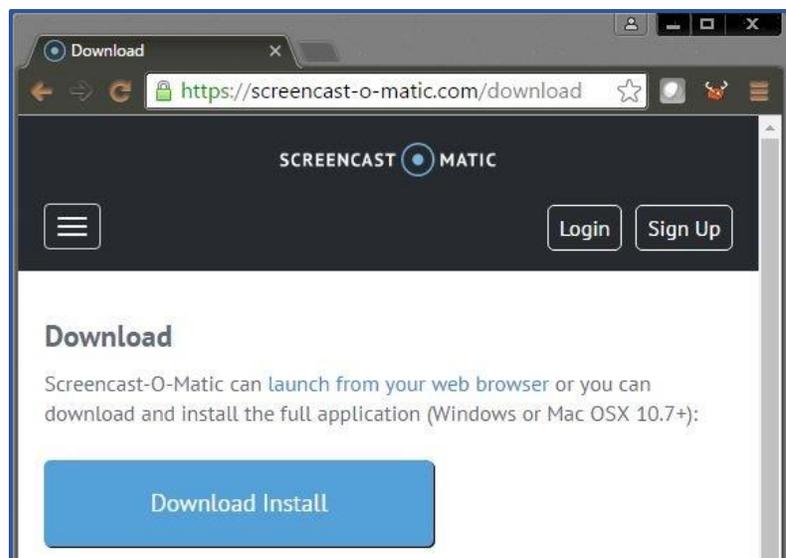At the end of this article you will be able to locate, download, install, and open the free version of the Screencast-O-Matic desktop application.
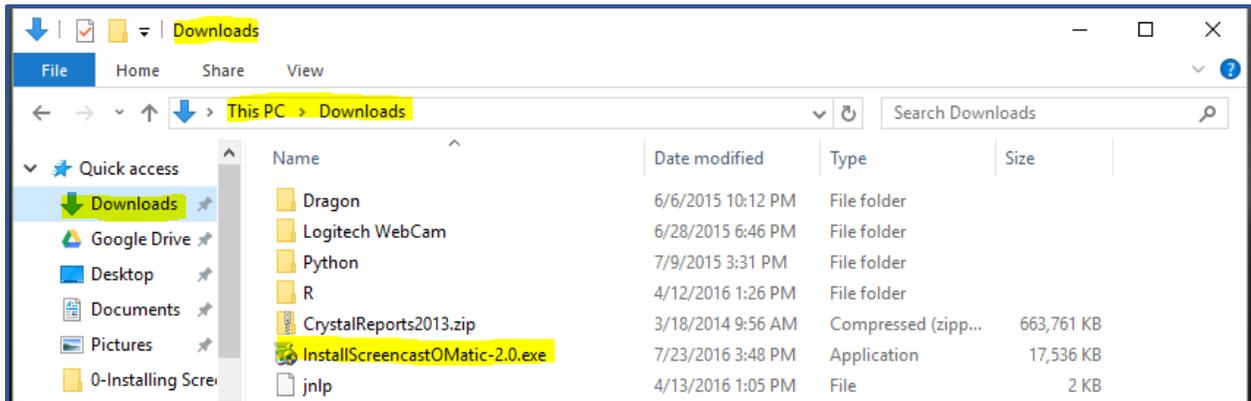
Prerequisites

To accomplish the steps in this article, set aside approximately 15 minutes. You will need a computer running a current Windows or Mac operating system. You will need access to the Internet to download the application. You will need the necessary permissions on your computer to install the application.
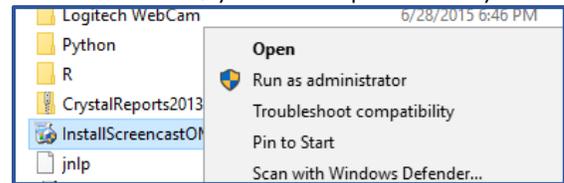
How-To

1. Open a browser on your computer and navigate to https://screencast-o-matic.com/download.
2. Click the **Download Install** button.
3. Depending on the settings on your browser, you will see either the Save As dialog box open prompting you to choose a location for the download or the download will begin immediately to the default location on your computer; this will most likely be the Downloads folder.

4. When the download is complete, you can close the browser.

5. Navigate to the location in which you saved the download. In this example the file is saved in the Downloads folder.
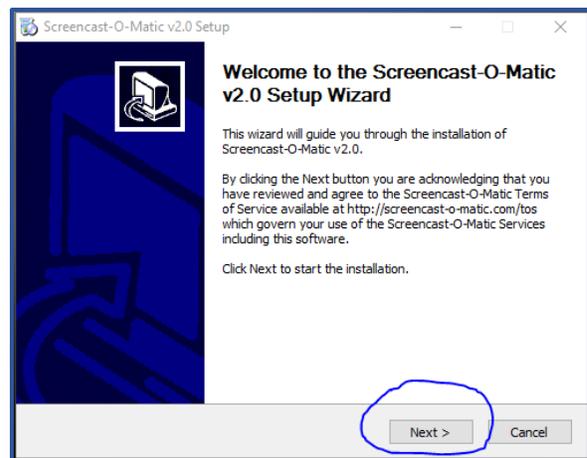

6. Double-click the file named InstallScreencastOMatic-x.x.exe (x.x indicate the version number. These can be different as the application is updated. You will want to install at least version 2.0). This PC is set to show the file extensions; your computer may not have the same settings. Look for the file name and Application as the Type.
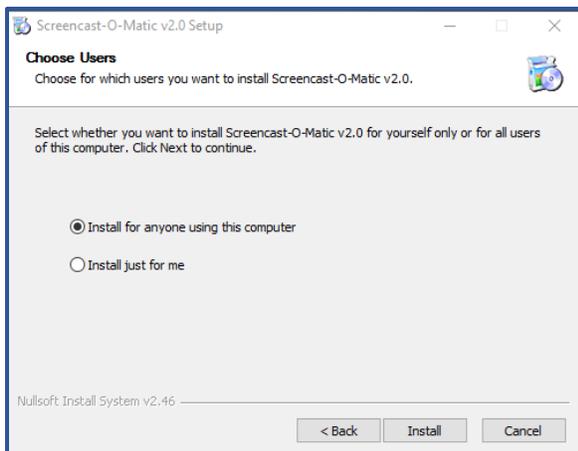

Problems? If you do not have the rights to install the application, you can right-click the exe file and select **Run as administrator**. The installation will proceed or you will be prompted to enter the administrator password before continuing.

7. If the User Account Control dialog box opens, you will need to click **Yes** to continue with the installation.
8. The first screen in the Screencast-O-Matic setup wizard will appear. You will need to click **Next** to start the installation.

The Choose Users screen should appear next. You can decide if all user accounts on
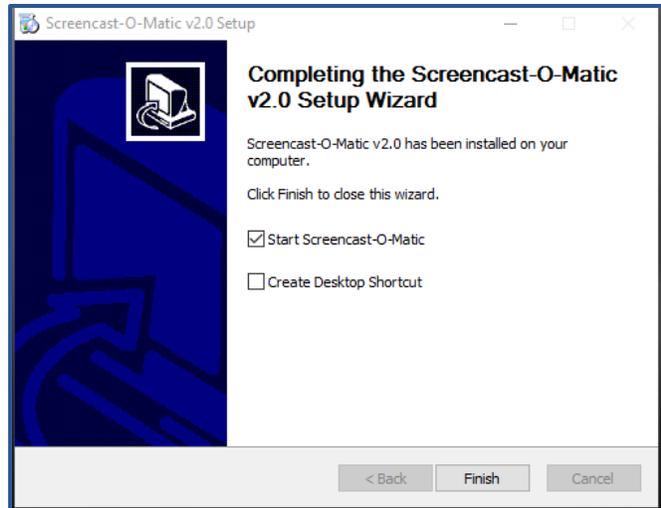

the target PC will have access to the application or just the current user account. In this document the default selection of *Install for anyone using this computer* is chosen.

9. Click **Install** to continue with the installation of Screencast-o-Matic.

The last screen will open indicating that the installation is nearly complete. The option to Start Screencast-O-Matic is checked. You will decide if you will create a desktop shortcut at this point. A shortcut can always be deleted or added later.
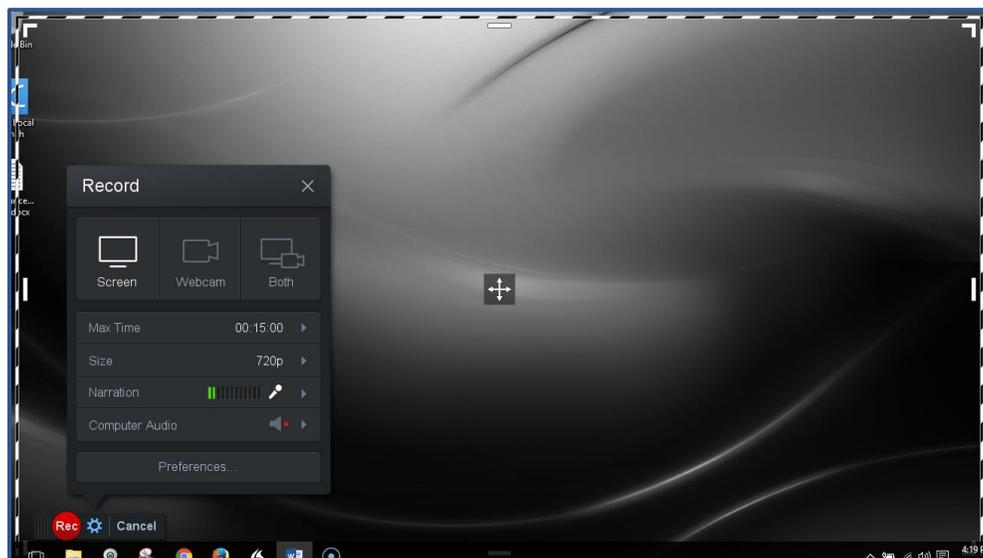

10. Click **Finish** to complete the installation.

A window might appear indicating that the application is being updated before running for the first time.

11. A window will open giving several selections for starting Screencast-O-Matic. This document is written for the free version of the application. Click **FREE Recorder** to launch the application.
12. The application will open and present you with a screen similar to the one shown here. Your desktop and desktop icons will differ from those shown in the example.

13. To close the application, click **Cancel** in the bottom left corner.

You have now successfully downloaded and installed the Screencast-O-Matic desktop application.

References

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