Software tool for making line/technical drawings

Posted by mark76 - 24 Jan 2013 03:45

I am looking for a software tool to make simple technical drawings. I want to make just simple drawings, like the ones in this blog post or like the one Bluntcut made in this thread .

It doesn't have to be an advanced tool, but it should be able to handle curves and angled lines well. I find myself using Powerpoint and Visio for those tasks, but these tools aren't really up to that.

The most important thing is that the tool should be *user-friendly*. I'm sure Autocad can do what I want, but that has much too steep a learning curve. It'd be nice, too, if the tool were free.

Any suggestions?

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Re: Software tool for making line/technical drawings

Posted by Razoredge - 24 Jan 2013 08:21

Mark, I use Draftsight. Pretty much the same as Autocad but free. You can check it out here download.cnet.com/DraftSight/3000-18496_4-75445046.html

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Re: Software tool for making line/technical drawings

Posted by cbwx34 - 24 Jan 2013 08:41

I've been looking too... more for something online or cross platform.

Clay has mentioned Google Sketchup to me before... I think he does some work in it.

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Re: Software tool for making line/technical drawings

Posted by mark76 - 24 Jan 2013 14:19

Thanks! I will give them a try.

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Re: Software tool for making line/technical drawings

Posted by cbwx34 - 12 Feb 2013 13:13

Razoredge wrote:

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I started playing with this... it actually has potential. Works on Windows or Mac.

Best part... free!

Good tip... thanks!!!

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Re: Software tool for making line/technical drawings

Posted by mark76 - 12 Feb 2013 16:36

I tried Draftsight as well. But I am afraid I was scared by the interface. It obviously has lots of features, but I need only a few...

I'm now trying Adobe Illustrator. Definitely not free. But does seem pretty user-friendly, especially if you know Photoshop. And, apparently, if Gimp is the open-source alternative to Photoshop, Inkscape is the open-source alternative to Illustrator. (Nice site: www.alternativeto.net
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