

XBox 360 - How to Take Screenshots

You need to take a *screencap* of something on your **Xbox360** - or any gaming console for that matter. It's actually not too hard as long as you have the right software. Because the **Xbox 360** doesn't have a built in screenshot feature, the only way to do so is through video capture software.

Not only will this *tutorial* show you how to take screenshots of your **Xbox360**, it'll inadvertently show you how to capture video as well.



Instructions

In order to get the **screenshots**, you're going to need some video capture hardware. If you're familiar with the inside of a computer, get a graphics card with composite (**RCA...the yellow one**) or **HDMI** inputs.

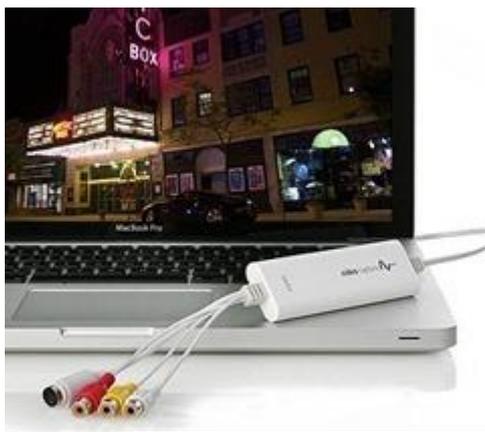


Check the ports on your computer - you may already have one installed! If all that sounds too complicated for you, get an external USB video capture device. Windows users may want something from **Hauppauge**, while **Mac** users could get a device from [Elgato](#) like **eyeTV**.

Whatever you get, make sure it has **HDMI (for high def)** or composite (**if you only want standard res screenshots**).

Once you've got your device, install it on your computer.

If it's a **physical card**, open your computer and install the drivers. If it's an external **USB device**, simply install the software and plug it in.



Hook your **Xbox360** directly to the device. This will send the signal from the **Xbox360** straight to your computer - bypassing your **TV** entirely. Once the cables are connected, power on the **360** and see if you get a signal. You should be able to use the software to view your Xbox's output right on the monitor.



Use the recording feature to capture video. While you may be able to use the print screen key (or **command+shift 3** on a **Mac**) to get a quick screenshot, that's usually pretty difficult. Unlike a movie, you can't just pause or rewind a game. Well, maybe **Braid** or **Prince of Persia** but not most games. Anyways, you know what I mean...the game is happening live! If you record a quick video including what you want to capture, you'll find it's much easier to find the exact shot you want in the video.

You can then pause it, get the screenshot, and delete the video all together.



Tips & Warnings

This is admittedly a lot of work just to take **screenshots**, but it's the only way. If this is too much for you, consider taking photos of your screen! It isn't perfect, but it's certainly much cheaper.