SnapVideo Pro

User's Manual

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1 Introduction

1.1 Welcome

Welcome to **SnapVideoPro**, the truely easy to use screen capture software that brings your snapshots to life!

SnapVideoPro has been designed to be as easy to use as possible. With **SnapVideoPro**, taking snapshots of your desktop or any portion of it is now, indeed, a snap! While keeping simplicity in mind, we also tried to make **SnapVideoPro** as easy to use in building professional presentations for your documents as possible!

Therefore, now **SnapVideoPro** has the ability to apply photo retouching effects to your snapshot, to add text to it, to draw on it and much more! Not to mention that you can now save snapshots one by one by using the built-in auto-snapshot feature, and save your snapshots in several graphics formats, including JPG! You can now resize your snapshots using up to 7 built-in professional resizing filters!

Further more, **SnapVideoPro** includes a fully multi-document interface (MDI), that allows you to quickly switch between your snapshots and edit them as you like! And using the built-in XP-look alike, your visual experience will now become more pleasant and easy to work with!

Features include:

- ✔ Ability to capture any portion of the screen
- ✔ Work with multiple images at once
- ✔ Apply professional photo retouching effects to your snapshots
- ✔ Adding images and text to your snapshots
- ✔ Resizing snapshots using up to 7 advanced filters
- ✔ Configurable, system-wide hotkeys for most common actions
- ✔ Save snapshots to multiple image formats
- ✔ Capture a mouse-defined region of the desktop
- ✔ Capture desktop objects like menus, windows, listboxes, editfields, etc.
- ✔ Directly print snapshots
- ✔ Easily create slideshows by using the autocapture feature
- ✔ Autohide the program on capture
- ✔ Beep whenever capture starts and whenever finishes
- ✔ Undo last operation support
- ✔ Windows XP look-alike, even on non-XP systems
- ✔ Complete help manual

Would you like to see a few reasons why you should choose **SnapVideoPro** ? Click here

1.2　　What Is SnapVideoPro?

SnapVideoPro is a screen-capture software, capable of capturing your entire desktop, a portion of it or the active window of the desktop.

But there's more! **SnapVideoPro** can now open bitmap images and can save to JPG, BMP and TIFF formats, can apply several photo retouching effects to your image, can add text to it, can draw on it and more! Further more, **SnapVideoPro** can build slideshows for you from the snapshots you take, making it perfect for building desktop presentations!!

And that's not all! **SnapVideoPro** allows you to work with a virtually unlimited number of snapshots at once! Yes, that is true! You can now perform multiple snapshots in the same program, and all your documents will be easily accessible from the **SnapVideoPro** user interface!

1.3　　System Requirements

SnapVideoPro has the following minimum requirements:

■ Windows 98, ME, NT 4.0, 2000, XP Home Edition, XP Professional or later versions of these
■ 3 MB of free hard-disk space + swap file space

Important Note:

Although the program runs in Windows 95, this version is no longer officially supported.

1.4　　Why WiseSnap?

Here are a few reasons why you should choose **SnapVideoPro**:

Save time

Don't use complex, expensive graphics editing software for taking just a quick snapshot!!! **SnapVideoPro** offers many functions that will allow you to create a professional printout of your desktop!

Save money

Stop wasting money on software that does not do what you want or does it only partially! With **SnapVideoPro**, capturing and building a professional image is now easier than ever!

Concentrate on the important thing

Start efficiently organizing your work and don't worry about building professional snapshots any more! **SnapVideoPro** can now do this automatically for you!

Enhanced functionality

SnapVideoPro is so much more than just a screen capture software! You can now apply several photo retouching effects to your image, customize it as you wish by drawing on it, placing text on it, and much more!

Order your copy now

If this is what you have been looking for, you can now purchase a registration key for **SnapVideoPro**, become a registered user and benefit of all these great features in just a couple of days! Visit our website or contact us for additional details on purchasing registration keys.

Feedback is always welcome

We hope that you will enjoy using **SnapVideoPro**. We are permanently updating our software, therefore please let us know about any comments, suggestions or improvements you may have.

1.5   Contact

You may contact us at:

http://www.SnapVideoPro.com

2   Features

2.1   Overview

SnapVideoPro captures your desktop at anytime, from anywhere in Windows, by simply pressing the hotkey associated with it. This hotkey is permanently visible in the program's status bar, in the second panel.

SnapVideoPro's working area is visible immediatly after starting the program.
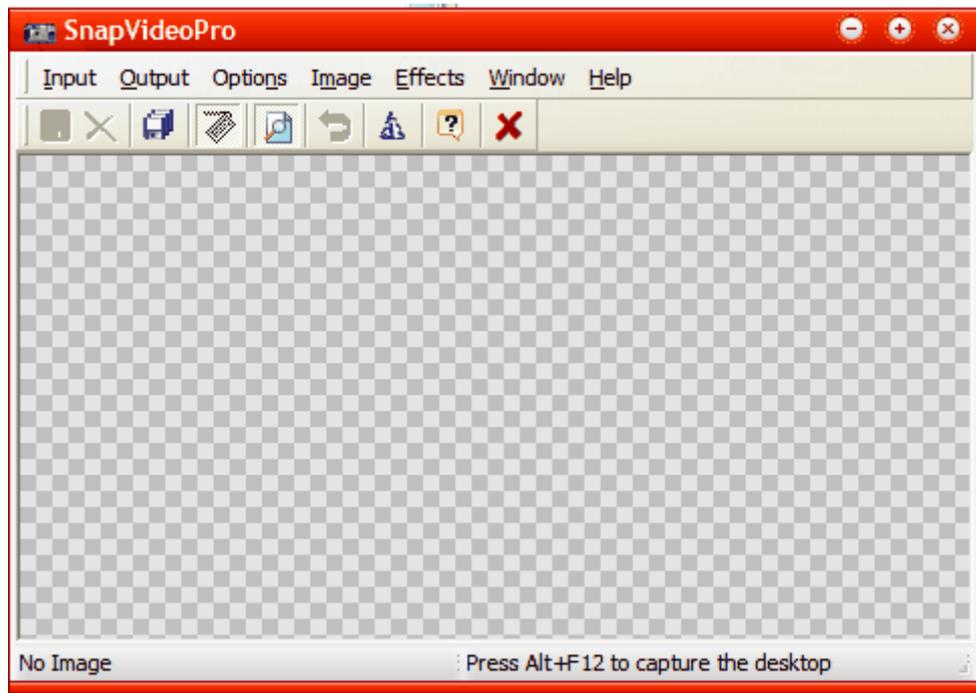
Notice that the status bar of the program has two panels:

The first panel tells you the current image size, in our case 483 x 311 pixels and its quality (24 bits per pixel in our case), as well as the size it takes in memory (the size can be calculated easily as width x height x bits per pixel).

The second panel tells you the hotkey you can use at any time to capture the currently selected item. In our case, this is Shift + Ctrl + P. Try pressing this combination now!

Hint:
The second status bar panel offers you a quick hint of all the functions **SnapVideoPro** provides. Try hovering the mouse over any button or menu and you will see a short description of that button's or menu's functionality in this panel!

2.2   Making Your First Snapshot

Let's start by making our first snapshot in Windows.

▸ Open **SnapVideoPro**, and also start another software program (can be a word processor such as Microsoft Word, or any other software program). Now let's try to capture the contents of this window inside **SnapVideoPro**.

▸ The first step is choosing our desired capture option. Go to the **File** menu and
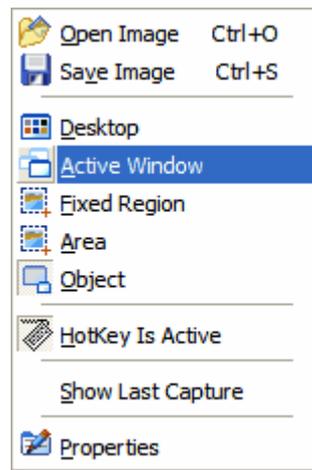
choose **Active Window** from the menu.

▶ Next, since this is the first time you use **SnapVideoPro**, the hotkey to capture the active window is Alt+F12. Therefore, go to the other software program (make it the active program in Windows, by choosing it in the taskbar or by pressing Alt+Tab until the program becomes visible). Now simply press Alt+F12.

▶ Wow! Yes, indeed, **SnapVideoPro** reacts to this keypress and offers you a preview of the snapshot! You may now accept this snapshot or cancel it. To accept the

capture, press the Accept button that appears in the preview window.

Once this button is pressed, you will see the first snapshot appears in **SnapVideoPro** in a new child window.

■ Congratulations! You are now ready to start using the advanced features of **SnapVideoPro**!

2.3   User Interface

The **SnapVideoPro** user interface is highly intuitive and easy to use.

The menus are explained below:

■ **Input**
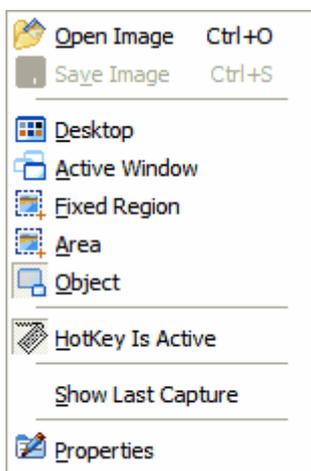
Use this menu to quickly open or save an image or snapshot (the first two options).

The next five options (*Desktop, Active Window, Fixed Region*, *Area* and *Object*) actually define the way your capture occurs. You can click any of these options to highlight it. Based on the configured option here, **SnapVideoPro** does your capture and saves it.

The *Hotkey Is Active* option specifies whether **SnapVideoPro** reacts when the user presses the capture hotkey (which is Alt+F12 by default).

Use the *Show Last Capture* command to show the last performed capture. This way you can quickly restore your previous capture, without having to complete it manually.

The *Properties* command opens the *Input Properties window* which is discussed in the next topic.

▪ **Output**

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┌─────────────────────────┐
│ 📄  File                 │
│ 🖨  Printer              │
│ 📋  Clipboard            │
│ 📁  Catalog              │
│ ───────────────────────  │
│ 🔍  Preview Window       │
│ ───────────────────────  │
│ 📝  Properties           │
└─────────────────────────┘
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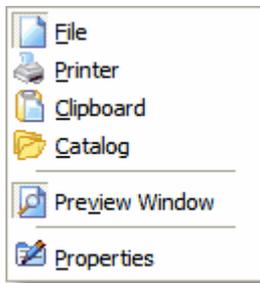
Use the *Output* menu to specify where you would like **SnapVideoPro** to save your snapshot. The default option is *File*, meaning each capture is saved to an image file.

The second option, *Printer*, tells **SnapVideoPro** to send the snapshot to the printer, directly. This means that each time you take a snapshot, it will be immediatly printed.

The *Clipboard* option, when selected, places the image on the clipboard. The *Catalog* option saves the image automatically to the catalog folder you define in the *Output Properties window* .

The *Preview Window* option can be enabled or disabled, permitting the user to enable or disable the preview window before taking a snapshot. Disabling the preview window makes **SnapVideoPro** immediatly acquire the snapshot, without further user confirmation.

Use the *Properties* command to access the *Output Properties window* .

▪ **Options**

This menu contains three options. The first opens the integrated slideshow builder . The second opens the *Program Preferences dialog box* , while the third saves all the settings as they are now (input and output options, as well as program preferences). These settings will be automatically loaded and applied the next time **SnapVideoPro** starts.

▪ **Image**

A Insert **T**ext...
 Edit **I**mage...
 Undo Last Operation   Ctrl+Z
 Resize   Shift+S
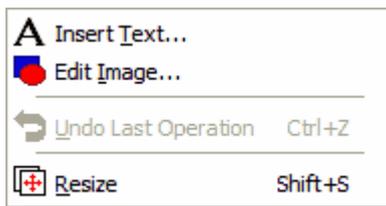
This menu allows a quick access to some of the program's advanced features, such as inserting text on an image or editing an image by hand .

You can also use this menu to undo the last operation performed or resize the snapshot. Choosing the *Resize* option will open the *Resize* dialog box, from where you can select how the image should be resized.

- **Effects**

 Adjust...   ▶
 Blur...   ▶
 Add **N**oise...   ▶
 Light...   ▶

 Antialias
 Fisheye
 Mosaic
 Twist

 Ti**l**e

 T**r**ace
 Emboss
 Solorize
 Posterize

 Grayscale
 Invert

This menu provides access to the advanced features of **SnapVideoPro**.

Using this menu, you will be able to quickly access a list of professional graphics filters that you can apply to your captured image. The are numerous effects available that will certainly improve your image retouching experience. Each effect is very easy to use: once you choose it, a window appears with the ability to customize that effect's options. In our example, it is the *Add Color Noise* effect. Notice the scrollbar is set to 64%, meaning this effect should be applied to 64% of the image's contents.

A quick preview is available in the small window. Once you are satisfied with the effect obtained, click the *Apply* button to apply the effect to the image. You may also click *Cancel* and this will not apply the effect.

📖 **Hint:**
If you discover you have applied an effect the wrong way (or you applied the wrong effect), you may always undo the last operation performed using the *Image -> Undo Last Operation* command.

▪ **Window**
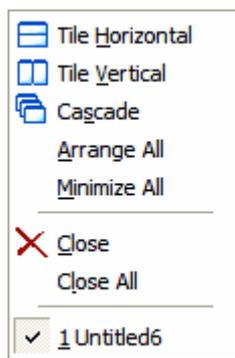
This window provides access to all the open child windows of **SnapVideoPro**. You will be able to tile the window horizontally or vertically, cascade them, arrange them all or minimize them all. You may also close the current window or all of them at once.

To switch between available snapshots, simply click on the window number (if visible) and that window will be brought in view.

- **Help**
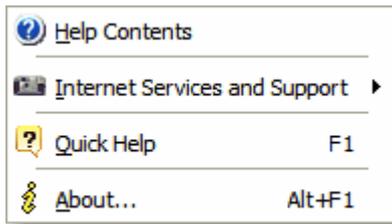
This menu allows you to access the program's help contents (opens this help manual), or to quickly find information about the program (how to quickly capture a window). You may also find program version and copyright information by pressing the *About* menu item.

2.4 Input Properties Dialog

The *Input Properties* dialog allows you to choose from several input options that are available in **SnapVideoPro**.

» General
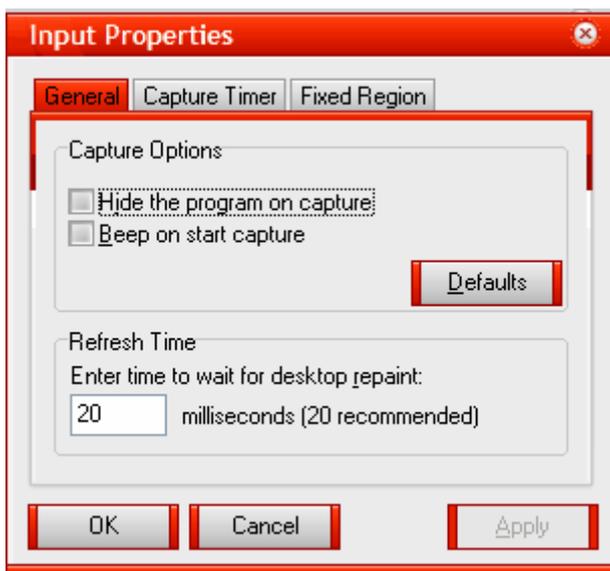
Hide SnapVideoPro on capture - Hides the program before performing any capture
Beep on start capture - The program beeps whenever the capture starts

Refresh Time - sets the default desktop refresh time (the default is 20 milliseconds - this is the recommended value for giving Windows the ability to successfully repaint the desktop before performing a capture).

» Capture Timer
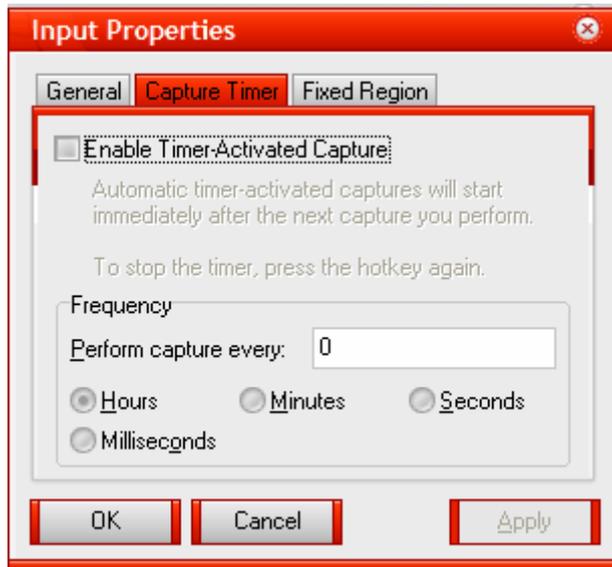
Enable Timer-Activated Capture - allows you to enable the advanced feature of **SnapVideoPro**, which allows you to quickly perform continous snapshots for building a slideshow or presentation. You can set the time bewteen the two consecutive snapshots by altering the *Perform capture every* text field.

≫ **Fixed Region**
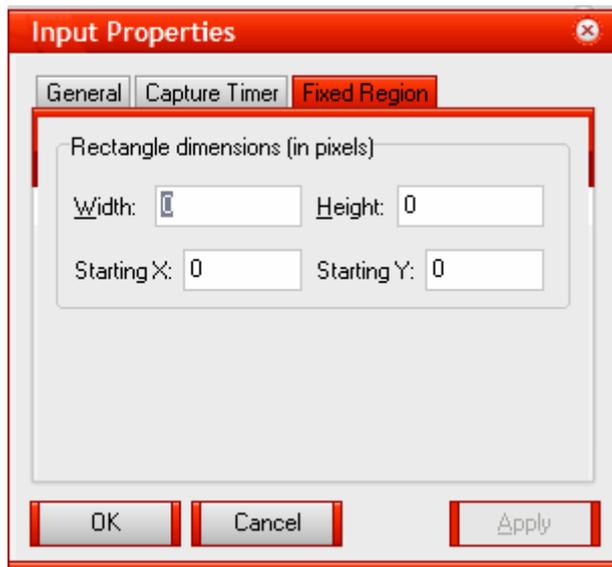
You may enter here the details (widht, height and starting coordinates) of a snapshot, when the program is set to capture a fixed region of the screen.

2.5   **Output Properties Dialog**

The *Output Properties* dialog box allows you to customize the way **SnapVideoPro** performs snapshots and saves them on your computer.

≫ **General**
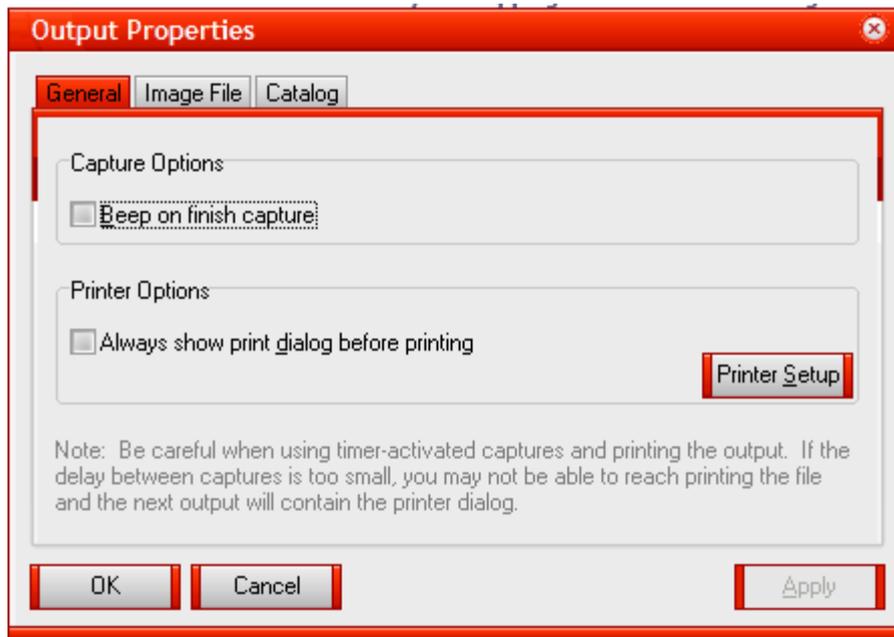
Beep on finish capture - this option can be used in conjuction with the *Beep on start capture* option found in the *Input Properties dialog box* . If checked, the program will beep whenever a capture is finished.

Always show print dialog before printing - if you set the program to send the snapshot to the printer, you can choose whether you would like to permanently display the print dialog screen before choosing to print your document.

Image File
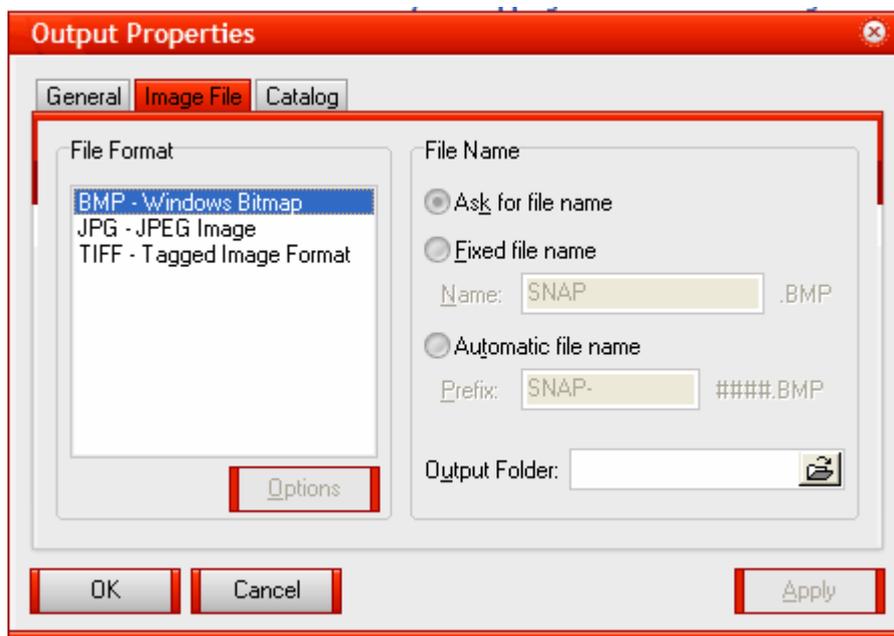
In here you can specify the file format the program should use to save the file to disk. Each file format may have additional options accessible through the *Options* button and which apply to that image file format only.

You can also choose to prompt the user for a filename before performing a capture,

to use a fixed name for capturing, or to automatically assign the snapshot a filename.

» **Catalog**
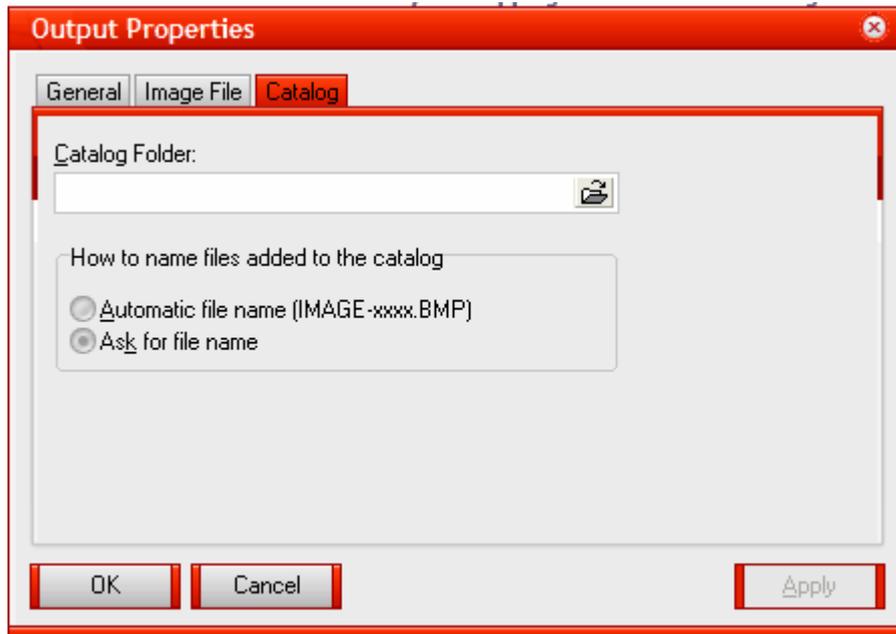
The catalog feature **SnapVideoPro** provides is an advanced feature of the software that allows you to quickly save all files to the catalog folder (when choosing to do so in the *Output* menu), using an automatic filename or prompting the user for one.

2.6   Program Preferences Dialog

The *Program Preferences* dialog box allows you to specify the hotkeys for capturing the screen, for hiding and unhiding the program, and for repeating the last capture the program performs.

» **Hotkeys**
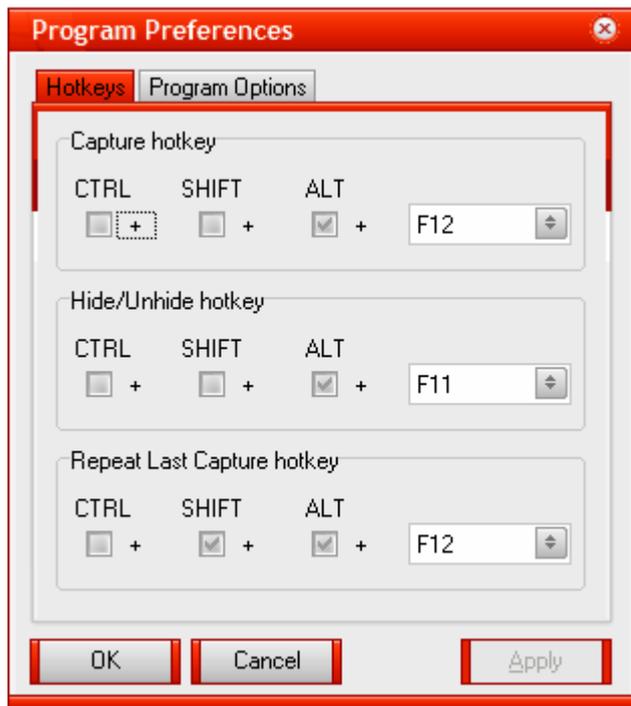
You must use different hotkeys for the three actions the program supports.

» Program Options
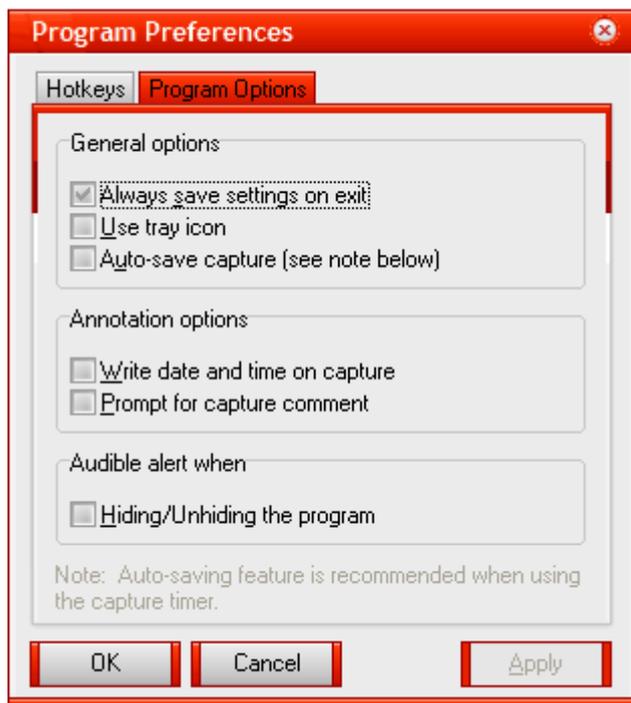
Always save settings on exit - automatically saves the settings when the program exits
Use tray icon - when the program is minimized, a tray icon may be used to keep the program visible.
Auto-save capture - immediatly saves a capture after it has been performed

Write date and time on capture - writes the current date and time on the capture

performed
Prompt for capture comment - prompts for a comment to be inserted on the snapshot

Audible alert when hiding/unhiding SnapVideoPro - beeps whenever you hide/unhide the program

2.7   How To Insert Text On An Image

If you did your first snapshot and you would like to know how to easily insert text on it, you've come to the perfect place!

To quickly insert a text on the currently selected image, just choose the *Insert Text* option from the *Image* menu. You will get to this dialog:
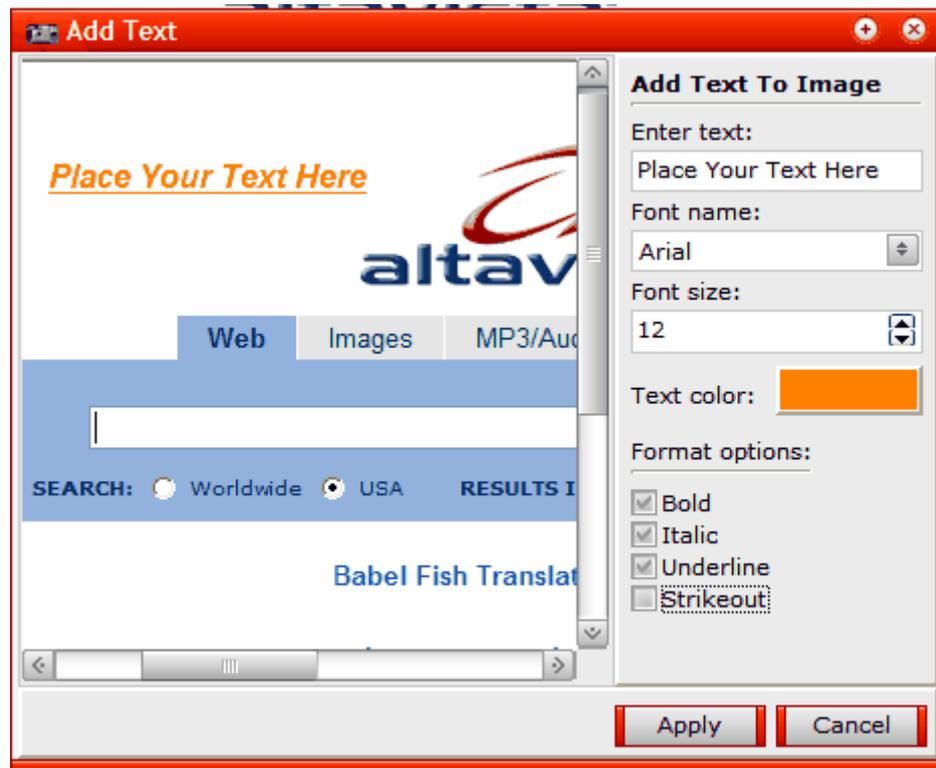
In here you can enter the text to be shown, choose a different font to use for the text or specify format options (bold, italic, underline or strikeout). The text color can also be set.

You can also move the text on the image! Click and hold the left mouse button on the text and drag the text anywhere you like.

Once you are ready placing the text, press the *Apply* button to apply changes.

2.8   How To Draw On An Image

If you have a snapshot that you would like to completely customize by drawing your custom text on it, you can use the advanced features that **SnapVideoPro** provides. Choose *Edit Image* from the *Image* menu in the main program. You will see this

window:
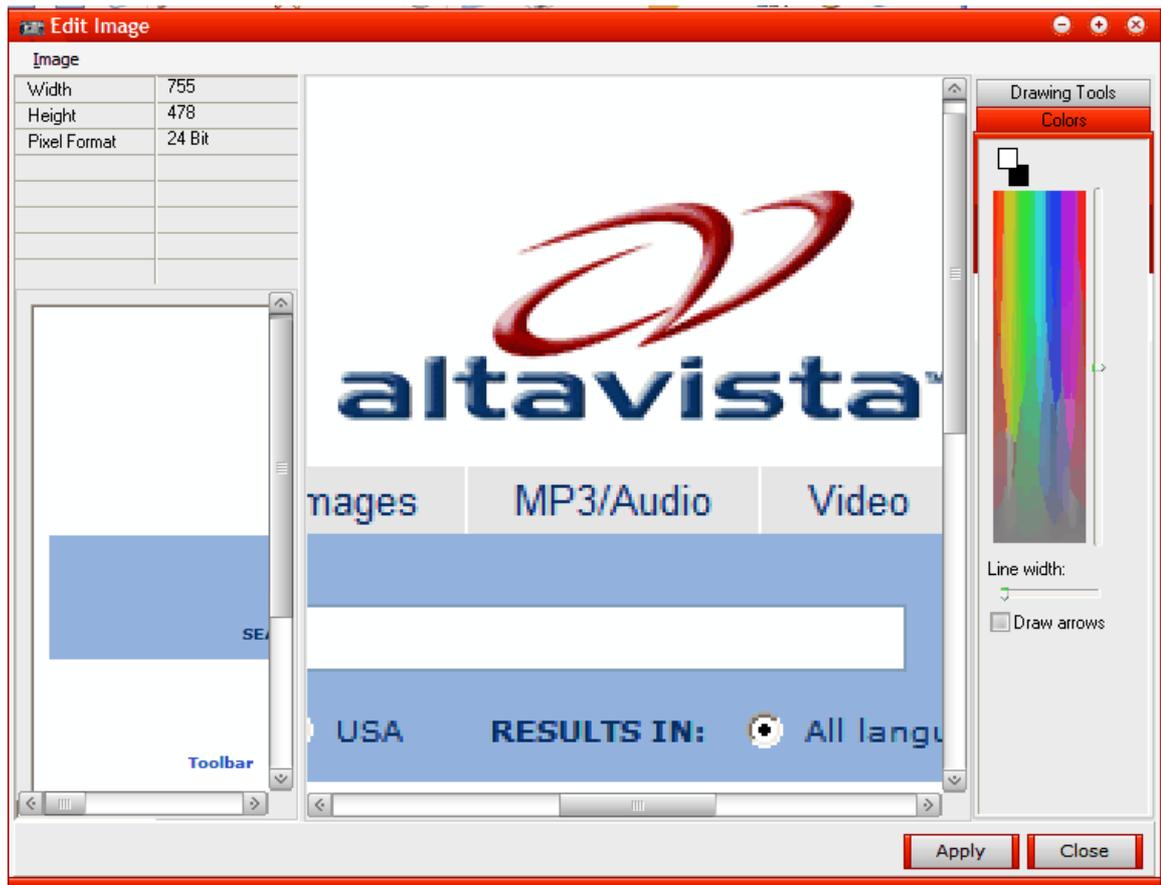
In here you have various editing tools that you may use to customize your snapshot.

These are available in the *Drawing Tools* tab. Simply hover the mouse over any button to see a brief description of that button's functionality and click it to select that drawing tool in the window.

For instance, to draw a quick line on the snapshot, you click the *Line* button. Next, move the move on the picture and start drawing the line! It's as simple as that!

Hint:
You can check the *Draw arrows* checkbox to draw arrows instead of lines.

You can choose the line width and color from the *Colours* tab. Just choose a color from those available in the current palette and start drawing. You can also edit the width and the height of the image from the properties tab on the left.

Each time you change the pixel format of the image (e.g. you switch from 24 bit to 8 bit), you will notice that the color palette automatically adjusts itself to match the new palette.

2.9   How To Build A Slideshow

SnapVideoPro now offers the advanced ability of building a slideshow for your captures. You can use the integrated AVI builder to build your customized slideshows, fast and easy.
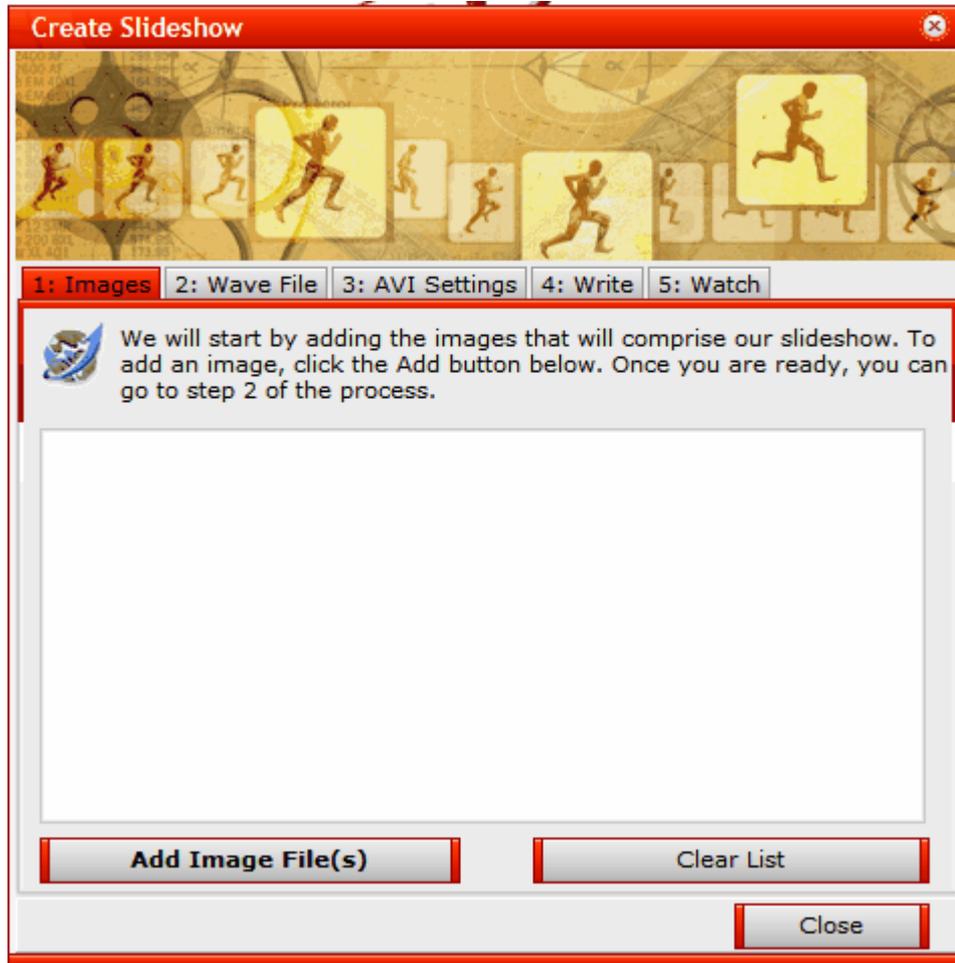
This feature will allow you to add images to your image list and later compile them in one single AVI file, compressed or not.

There are five easy steps to take. The first is adding your images.

Second, you can add a wavefile for the AVI file. You may use this to build your slideshow with additional voice information.

The third step is the one that allows you to choose what type of renderer you use for building the AVI file. You can set the delay between the frames, the width and the height of the AVI and whether to automatically stretch or not images that do not have the size that you have set.

The fourth step is to choose an output filename and press the Write button. This will write the AVI slideshow to your file.

The fifth and final step is testing your slideshow. Pressing the appropiate button will open a Media Player window that will allow you to view the way your slideshow looks.

3   Troubleshooting

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📘 The program tells me one or more hotkeys is unavailable. What should I do?

If you receive this message, it seems another program that is running on your system that has already reserved the hotkey. Try opening the *Program Preferences dialog box* and choosing another hotkey for that specific item.

📘 The program tells me there is insufficient memory whenever I try to apply a certain effect. What is wrong?

To work with extensive graphics, you will need to have a large amount of RAM. The recommended size is 256MB for working with multiple open documents at once.

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