

Adobe & alternatives

Adobe offers a wide range of programs from web design tools, photo manipulation and vector creation, through to video/audio editing, mobile app development, print layout and animation software.

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How to get Adobe as a HKU student

Every user needs an online account for adobe, free to create.

With this you can login on various computers @ HKU see the studentportal for more info:

<https://studentportal.hku.nl/faciliteiten/ict/applicaties/adobe/>

To use Adobe on your own computer, you need a paid license, available through [surfspot](#), on a yearly basis.

Alternatives to Adobe

Not everyone is happy to work with Adobe or can afford it.

So here's a list of alternatives you could explore. Of course not all tools will replace the possibilities offered by Adobe completely but there are some decent things out there, even for free. Also remember; creating is always more about what you are making & communicating than the tool you used, right?

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Adobe updated the TOS to spy you edition

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Photography

● GIMP	Windows	Apple	Linux
■ Sumo Paint	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Affinity Photo	Windows	Apple	iOS
▲ Photoline	Windows	Apple	
■ Photopea	Windows	Apple	Linux
■ Paint.NET	Windows		
▲ Pixelmator Pro		Apple	iOS
▲ Photomator		Apple	iOS
▲ PaintShop Pro	Windows		
■ Pixlr	Windows	Apple	Linux
● Photodemon	Windows		

Painting

● Krita	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Clip studio paint	Windows	Apple	iOS
▲ Paint tool SAI	Windows	Apple	
▲ Procreate			iOS
▲ Artstudio Pro			iOS
■ IbisPaint	Windows		
■ AD Sketchbook			iOS
● Firealpaca	Windows	Apple	
■ Medibang			
▲ Paintstorm	Windows	Apple	iOS
● MyPaint	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Corel Painter	Windows	Apple	
▲ Rebelle	Windows	Apple	

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● Scribus	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Affinity Publisher	Windows	Apple	
▲ QuarkXPress	Windows	Apple	

Substance

Designer
■ Quixel Mixer
● Material Maker
Painter

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● RawTherapee
● Darktable
● DigiKam

Xd

● Penpot
● Draftools*
■ Figma

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● Inkscape	Windows	Apple	Linux
■ Boxy SVG	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Gravit Designer	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Affinity Designer	Windows	Apple	iOS
■ Linearity Curve		Apple	iOS
▲ Corel Draw	Windows	Apple	
▲ Xara Designer	Windows	Apple	

Live Trace

▲ Vector Magic	Windows	Apple	Linux
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▲ Cacani	Windows		
▲ TVPaint	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Toonboom	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Clip Studio EX	Windows	Apple	
▲ Moho	Windows	Apple	
● Blender	Windows	Apple	Linux
● Open Toonz	Windows	Apple	Linux
● Wick editor			
● Synfig			

Honorable mentions

● Krita	Windows	Apple	Linux
● Pencil 2D	Windows	Apple	Linux
● Firealpaca	Windows	Apple	

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● Audacity Tenacity	Windows	Apple	Linux
■ Ocenaudio	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ Davinci faintight	Windows	Apple	Linux
▲ iZotope RX	Windows	Apple	Linux
■ Cakewalk	Windows	Apple	Linux
● Ardour	Windows	Apple	Linux



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In browser alternatives

<https://pikimov.com/>

Affinity (stills)

<https://www.affinity.studio/>

Is now free! Check it out to combine the techniques of Photoshop, Illustrator & Indesign in 1 file.

https://www.affinity.studio/en_gb/help/getting-started/

https://www.youtube.com/embed/NNnKK_0-O8E

Da Vinci Resolve (video)

<https://www.blackmagicdesign.com/products/davinciresolve>

DaVinci Resolve is a decent free alternative to Adobe Premiere: combines editing, color correction, visual effects, motion graphics and audio post production all in one software tool. Its elegant, modern interface is fast to learn and easy for new users, yet powerful for professionals.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/SrJOE2pEp7A>

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/-Ynu9chzrkE>