

Microsoft Power Toys

Introduction:

PowerToys is a set of free utilities developed by Microsoft to enhance the productivity and customisability of the Windows operating system.

It has a comprehensive list of utilities. Prior to using, each one must be enabled in the PowerToys app, (only enable the ones you need) and you use a combination of keys to invoke that feature when needed. The two I use most are Mouse Utilities, which has a mouse finder, and Text Extractor, which allows you to extract any text on the screen (including photos, PDFs, etc.) and paste it into a Word document.

Available Features / Utilities

General	File Locksmith	Power Rename
Advanced Paste	File Explorer add-ons	Power Toys Run
Always On Top	Hosts File Editor	Quick Accent
Awake	Image Resizer	Registry Preview
Colour Picker	Keyboard Manager	Screen Ruler
Command Palette	Light Switch	Shortcut Guide
Command Not Found	Mouse utilities	Text Extractor
Crop And Lock	Mouse Without	Workspaces
Environment	Borders	ZoomIt
Variables	New+	
Fancy Zones	Peek	

Download and access the Power Toys app to view and set up the utilities which you want.

How to Get PowerToys

PowerToys is available for free and can be downloaded directly from the Microsoft Store. Installation is straightforward, and the suite is regularly updated with new utilities and enhancements.

Summary

Microsoft PowerToys is a valuable toolkit for anyone looking to get more out of Windows. With its wide array of features, user-friendly interface, and community-driven development, PowerToys continues to empower users to customise and optimise their computing environment with ease.

Give it a try!