How to create SUI?

Creating a simplified user interface (SUI) graphic is easier than you think. The best way is to begin with a screenshot and then transform it. To do this, you need screen capture and image editing software. I use Snagit in my daily work, as it has both of these functions. Additionally, it also has Auto Simplify feature that recognizes shapes and text and then automatically covers them with the themed elements.

- 1. Capture a screenshot of the user interface you want to turn into a SUI graphic and open it in the chosen editor.
- 2. Crop the screenshot to the dimensions of your desired output.
- 3. Cover up and remove visual noise like unrelated text, menus, buttons, or tool tips to reduce the complexity of the image and focus attention on the important parts.



Tip:

Use the color palette which works with your interface.

4. Save your file as a .png to be used in your documentation.



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It is also recommended to save your final image as a project file type. It allows you to reopen the project to edit and adjust the image later on. This makes updating your image easy so you won't need to recreate your SUI graphic every time.