

FireAlpaca	Andreas Bekker	Overall Rating = 5
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The Good	The Bad	The Bottomline
<p>Completely free; available for Mac and PC; starts up very fast; very 'light' program for your computer; it gives you hints on the lower panel bar depending on what tool you have selected, which is handy in a new program; the controls and icons are simple and recognizable, there are familiar commands (command Z for undo, draw straight lines by holding shift, command T for transform, etc); different options to save your file in (.mdp, .png, .jpeg, .bmp and .psd); easy to work with; feels a bit like Adobe Photoshop; no advertisement; available in 10 different languages; provides a 3D perspective.</p>	<p>I don't have a lot of bad things to say about it. If I'd have to name something, I would say it lacks the many options a program like Adobe Photoshop has (since it reminds me of Photoshop a lot). I would say it's the easier, more basic version of Photoshop, mainly meant for digital art/drawings. For that, it works more than fine.</p>	<p>It's a very useful, easy and helpful tool for designers, especially illustrators that are looking for free software. It could even run on older computers because it's so lightweight, and is very easy to understand. The options are limited but should provide more than enough possibilities for a designer/illustrator. I think it would be very easy to use in combination with a drawing tablet (Wacom).</p>

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Specifications

The official website of the tool is

<http://firealpaca.com>

The tool is made by

PGN Inc. The SOMO 803, 2-7-4
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You can find the official
documentation on:

n/a

Is there a user forum/ bug tracker/
issue tracker and if so where?

n/a

I reviewed version 1.8.4 /
2017/09/05 of the Software The
interface:

- what is it : application
- what is it for ? image processing,
writing, animation, other
- this tool functions : after download
and install
- this tool is available for : Windows
- this tool is : Free Beer
- does this tool have a paid version
available? no

Review

The user interface:

As I said before, it is very intuitive and easy to follow. It uses commands and tools that I think most designers/illustrators are already familiar with because of other programs like this (Adobe, Paint). Seems to be a perfect program to start designing with.

Tutorials / Instructions:

useful / helpful : 4

clear : 5

quick and easy to understand : 4

What notable things do other users say about this tool? (either good or bad!)

"stick with FireAlpaca, as it has most of what PS kind of has." - illuminatedflower "Trust me, it's a really good software, and it's compatible with Wacom and UO-Logic drivers too!" - aauditor "As I said before, working in Fire Alpaca is very intuitive for the art-program savvy and is rather quick to pick up on. It's definitely less intimidating than opening up Photoshop for the first time, and while I cannot speak for the "just like Sai" slogan that's been going around, I will say that for me, it feels like a souped-up tegaki board. Not that there is anything wrong with that, per say, just that it's a neat little free program, and will probably be a good alternative

for the budding digital artist who can't get a hold of Photoshop or Sai." - Moar Powah!

Testing the tool (learning by doing — trial and error) What would/could a designer use this tool for?

Illustrating/drawing, maybe to design posters/postcards/flyers/etc., a little bit of photo-editing/collaging. If you try real hard you could even do book designing in this application, but because of it's simplicity I would stick to illustrating.

Depending on what kind of free this tool is, how "free" is this tool really?

No advertising, no keeping track: seems completely free.

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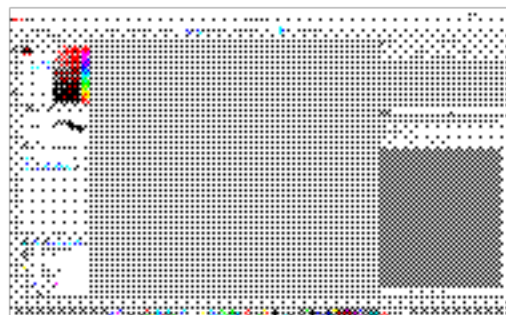
No additional comments.

As an official reviewer for the Great Free Graphic Software Review I confirm I have filled in the above review at the best of my abilities, with care, patience and without prior prejudice, so help me Tux.

Anne de Bekker, 11/09/2017

Images

Interface



Tasting the tool

