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The Good	The Bad	The Bottomline
<p>It's a clear and simple application for testing Ikea products within a rendering of one's home, or a rendering that closely resembles. A profile is recommended, but not required to use the software. Templates include options like "room shape and size" to allow users to match the layout of their own home.</p>	<p>Installation for an internet plug-in is required. The internet-based program is quite slow in terms of response time. I tried using the app in both chrome and safari, both times it froze. It is possible to make print-outs, but in order to email or save the file you need an account. Files that are "saved" are saved to the Ikea server, "Your design has now been saved and it will remain on our server for 365 days. You can open your saved design from the FILE menu in the planner, or bring your user name and password to an IKEA store and open it there." Similarly, files that are emailed are sent from the application itself.</p>	<p>The tool is most useful for those planning to buy Ikea products for their home. The application is extremely slow in terms of responsiveness. The application could also be used to get a very limited introduction to 3D rendering. The limitations on access to the software including the downloading files and editing of the program makes it's functionality quite limited.</p>

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Specifications

The official website of the tool is

<https://goo.gl/DgdUMw>

The tool is made by

Ikea, specifically who unknown

You can find the official documentation on:

Installation guide, instruction guide, software license agreement: <https://goo.gl/TB37FS>

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

<https://inspiredkitchendesign.com/glitches-ikea-home-planner-kitchens/>

I reviewed version n/a of the Software The interface:

- what is it : application, online tool
- what is it for ?other
- this tool functions : both
- this tool is available for : Windows
- this tool is : Free Beer
- does this tool have a paid version available? no

Review

The user interface:

The user interface: Room layout is organized by types of rooms. Ikea products to their place within the room are organized by room type as well ex. bathroom, dining, etc. Icons for saving and adding notes are clear.

Tutorials / Instructions:

useful / helpful : 5

clear : 5

quick and easy to understand : 5

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

"Switching from 2D to 3D is effortless and the renderings are smooth. However, there are far better applications on the Internet if you're not looking to shop for your kitchen or dining room needs at IKEA." <http://blinklist.com/reviews/ikea-home-planner> "Online kitchen planners such as the IKEA 3D Planner are marketing devices more than they are true design tools." <https://www.thespruce.com/ikea-home-planner-review-1822425>

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

If a designer was working on project about Ikea (perhaps on their marketing methods) this application could be helpful for creating visuals. The software attempts to make the rendering "realistic" in that planes don't wrongly intersect. A designer could play around creating an unrealistic perhaps surrealist rendering for a new kind of Ikea catalog.

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

The application is free, but extremely limited in its usability (files cannot be downloaded, the app has to be used in a browser, the renderings are only of Ikea products)

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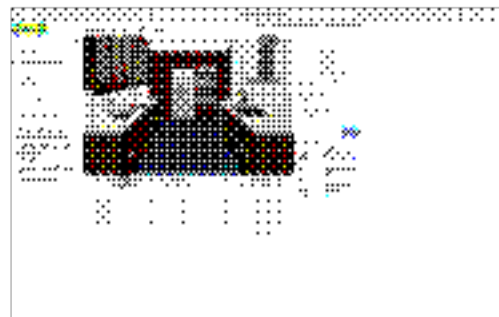
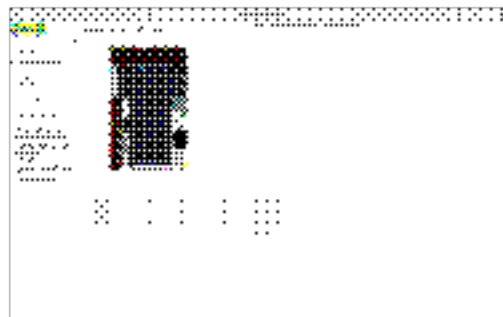
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As an official reviewer for the Great Free Graphic Software Review I confirm I have filled in the above review at the best of my abilities, with care, patience and without prior prejudice, so help me Tux.

Katharine Winnett, 17/09/2017

Images

Interface



Testing the tool

