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Answer

While there are many tools that will do this for a fee, the tools built into operating systems and browsers do a passable job for some people. We detail these tools below

Windows

- Magnifier
 - This tool will make essentially a small lens that will behave as a magnifying glass for anything on your screen. Depending on the version of Windows, the options are different. In Vista, only docked mode is available, which means that there is a small window that shows the contents of the lens with the appropriate zoom, while leaving the lens in normal mode. Windows 7 allows for a true magnifying glass mode called lens, as well as docked and fullscreen zoom. Shortcut is Windows Key and +
- Internet Explorer and Firefox
 - You can zoom in by using Ctrl and + or by View->Zoom

Macintosh OS X

- Zoom
 - Macintosh OS X has a Zoom feature built in to magnify the entire screen at once. It can be found in **System Preferences > Universal Access**.
- Safari
 - You can zoom in by using the Command key and + or **View > Zoom**

Other

Information about more tools that may be useful, such as portable magnifiers and large print keyboards as well as more full featured magnification software can be found at [ATIC Magnification Tools](#)