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Jan 24th, 2005. Toon Boom Studio, the complete cartoon animation application for aspiring artists and schools, features powerful drawing tools, time-saving lip sync tools, and innovative 3D camera and scene planning tools. Toon Boom Studio puts powerful creative tools in your hands and increases your productivity so that you can focus on what counts - your story, your characters and your vision. With optimized output to Macromedia Flash and QuickTime, you can easily output your animations to the web, video, wireless and beyond.

If you're a Macromedia Flash user, and are into animation/cartooning, you simply NEED this program. For those of you who haven't yet heard of Toon Boom Studio (TBS), it is a program that allows you to easily create 2D animations that can be used for the Web or Broadcast. Toon Boom Animation has the following to say:

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The latest version of Toon Boom Studio boasts over 20 new features, on top of their already impressive feature list. For a complete list of features, refer to: [Toon Boom Studio v2.5 Key Features](#).

I have to say, what I liked most about the software was that it was fairly straight forward to use and create animations in. No doubt I've just scratched the surface of what is possible, but I love the ability to sketch using my Wacom tablet and draw, ink or paint and have the software detect the pressure which I'm drawing at and modify the line widths accordingly.

If you're new to animation, Toon Boom Studio includes with a few example files that you can experiment with and deconstruct to see how to make a nice layered animation. Users experienced with Flash will likely have few problems using the interface and getting started right away, but new animators not familiar with timelines may have a slightly steeper learning curve.

The combination of Toon Boom Studio and a Wacom tablet can't be beat! If you aren't ready for Toon Boom Studio, Toon Boom will be shipping a new version of Toon Boom Studio Express 2.5 for a fraction of the cost of the full Studio suite. For a complete feature comparison, head over to the Toon Boom Studio Express page: [Toon Boom Studio Express: Feature Comparison](#)

The best thing about Toon Boom Studio is that Toon Boom Animation offers many tools to users free of charge (ie: Toon Boom Studio Importer for Flash MX, Clip art, Templates and a variety of tutorials). The only real downside is that they force you to register with their website before you can access any content (including downloading the trial version of the software). The software is extremely affordable (both the Pro and Express versions) especially considering how versatile it is and how far you can push it. Another benefit is that the software doesn't have excessively high system requirements (although it'll help). If you're a PC user, you'll need at least a Pentium III 800Mhz w/ 256MB RAM, and Mac OS X users need a slightly newer system, although it does work on some G3 models (but I can't imagine it'd be very speedy). Mac users require at least a Power Mac G4 (G5 recommended), Mac OS X 10.3 (Panther) and 256MB RAM (512MB recommended).

If you're serious about animation, go check out the [Toon Boom site](#) and check out the latest [trial version](#).

Rating: 4.5/5

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