

# Gimp

[www.gimp.org](http://www.gimp.org)

*Manipulate images for free*

## **what is it?**

Gimp is an open source, free image manipulation program. Its primary purpose is to retouch and edit images. Gimp can also be used to create basic animated images and offers many of the same features as higher end software such as Photoshop.

## **educational use?**

Since Gimp can be run on multi-platforms, faculty, students, and staff can utilize this as a teaching, learning, or research tool. Gimp gives you all the benefits of an easy to use editing tool you can use to jazz up an image for a class project, a course banner for an online course, or simply your favorite family photo, but also offers more advanced editing features.

## **pros & cons?**

This very powerful tool gives you all the benefits and features of a full-packaged editing software for free. From adding multiple layers, visual effects, palette selection, this tool has become quite a popular tool even among professional users.

## **what's it cost?**

Free to use.

## **alternatives?**

A notable competitor of Gimp would be Adobe Photoshop due to its increase functionality.

## **resources?**

User Manual

<http://www.gimp.org/docs/>

Tutorials

<http://www.gimp.org/tutorials/>