

Why GIMP 2.8 is not released yet

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Back in January 2010 I estimated the release date of GIMP 2.8 to December 2010. It is now February 2011 and there is still a lot of things left to do. In this post I will give my view of why this is.

The way I see it, there are three main reasons we have not been able to release GIMP 2.8 yet. I want to stress that I don't mean to put blame on anyone, I am just making observations. The reasons are:

1. Less time for GIMP development for key resources
2. Features are being developed on the main branch
3. A tendency among developers to repeatedly start working on new things

The first reason is not something you can do anything about in a project developed entirely on a volunteer basis. The work and family situation for people changes all the time. Sometimes there is time over for GIMP development, sometimes there isn't.

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