

# GIMP 2.7.2 development release

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About an hour ago the developers have released a long-awaited new development release which is another step towards GIMP 2.8. GIMP 2.7.2 comes with all the changes that were made after GIMP 2.7.1 was released in June 2010. There's really a LOT of new stuff. The new release comprises layer groups (which were introduced after 2.7.1), an almost done text-on-canvas feature, the all-new brush engine and of course the new single window mode.

## CHANGES IN GIMP 2.7.2

### UI:

- > A lot of undeprecations due to GTK+ 2.22 and 2.24
- > Lots and lots of cairo porting, calls to `gdk_draw_*` are gone
- > Merge the cage transform tool from GSoC
- > Remove the old bitmap cursors completely and always use RGBA cursors also for compat cursors for old X servers
- > Add new `GimpCanvasItem` infrastructure with subclasses for everything that needs to be drawn on the canvas and port all tools to canvas items, this is a huge change that touches all tools and almost all display code, and which finally gets rid of XOR drawing altogether

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