

# Introduction to The GIMP

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The GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program) is an Open Source Graphic Editing Program. Although it's not as powerful as Adobe Photoshop, it has one very big advantage over Photoshop ? price. Photoshop CS5, the latest and greatest version, is retailing at \$500+ American Dollars whereas The GIMP is FREE

How easy The GIMP to use?

There are two main categories of ease of use. There are the easy to use programs that have simple buttons to execute tasks like sharpening or cropping a picture and then there are the Power User programs that are much harder to use but are capable of much better results.

The GIMP is solidly in the Power User camp. There is an investment of time to learn how to use it. With Adobe Photoshop there is also an investment in time ? plus your investment of MONEY.

The GIMP, for it's power, is fairly easy to use.

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