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# Getting started with GIMP

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GIMP ? GNU Image Manipulation Program ? has long been recognised as the premier Free Software package of its type. If you want to do serious work with photographs and you don?t want to pay anything (or you like your software free and open) GIMP is the first place to come.

Now on version 2.8, GIMP?s been around since 1996, having started as a college project. You can tell it?s free ? no marketing department, regardless of how much white powder they?d enjoyed, would ever have thought that was a good name, but the humorous acronym stuck.

GIMP works across a range of platforms: Linux, Windows, Mac OS X, OpenSolaris and FreeBSD. You can download it from [www.gimp.org](http://www.gimp.org) or install it directly from the software repository on your Linux distro.

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