

Free Image Editing Software Comparison Chart

Function/Tool ▼	The Gimp v2.6	Paint.net v3.5.8 (Photoshop like)	Artweaver Free v1.0 (Photoshop like)	PhotoScape v3.5	Picasa V3.8	IrfanView v4.27
Zoom in/out	√	√	√	√	√	√
Crop tool	√	√	√	√	√	√ *
Straighten & Rotate tool	√	√	√	√	√	√
Flip H, V & Mirror	√	√	√	√	X	√
Sharpen filter	√	√	√	√	√ limited	√
Blur filter	√	√	√	X	X	?
Redeye tool	√	√	√	√	√	√
Image size adj.	√	√	√	√	√ limited	√ *
Canvas size adj.	√	√	√	X	X	X
Levels adjust	√	√	√	√	√	X?
Colour adjust	√	√	√	√	√	√
Curves adjust	√	√	√	√	√	X
Fill light	?	?	X	√	√	X
Undo/Redo	√	√	√	√	√	√ 1 step
Histogram	√	√ (in levels adjust)	√ (in levels adjust)	X	√	√
Move tool	√	√	√	X	X	X
Select tools (shape, wand & lasso)	√	√	√	X	X	√ no wand or lasso
Eraser tool	√	√	√	X	X	√
Brush tool	√	√	√	√	X	√
Brush size, colour & shape	√	√ no shape	√	√ no shape	X	√ limited shapes
Pencil tool	√	√		√	X	?
Clone tool	√	√	√	√	X	√
Burn and Dodge tools	√	√	√	X	X	X
Blur tool	√	X	√	X	X	X
Smudge tool	√	X	X	X	X	X
Paint Bucket tool	√	√	√	X	X	√
Gradient tool	√	√	√	X	X	X
Text (to image)	√	√	√	√	X	√
Draw Shapes (line, square etc)	√	√	X	√	X	√
Layers	√	√	√	X	X	X
Layer transform	√	√	√	X	X	X
Layer duplicate	√	√	√	X	X	X
Layer blending	√ 20	√ 14	√ 17	X	X	X
History list	√	√	√	X	X	X
Colour Select Palette	√	√	√	√	X	√ *
Black & white	√	√	√	√	√	√
Image browser			X	√	√	√
Rulers	√	√	X	X	X	X

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File formats supported (other than JPG)	Virtually everything.	.bmp .tif .png .tga .gif	.bmp .tif .png .psd .pcx .tga .gif	.bmp .png .gif	Virtually everything.	Virtually everything. (may need plugins)
Default file extension.	.xcf	.pdn	.awd	.jpg	.jpg	.jpg
Saves/opens layers in file type:	.psd, .xcf	.pdn	.awd	X	X	X
RAW file support	some	X	X	limited	√	√*
Photoshop & other plugins support	√ well supported	√	Up to PS V4	X	X	√*
Help file	Web based	X	√	√ web based videos!	X	√
Web site	www.gimp.org	Paint.net Home	Artweaver Home	www.Photoscape.org	http://picasa.google.com	Www.Irfanview.com
Web Help	√	√	X	√	√	X
Web forum	www.gimptalk.com	√	Artweaver forum	X	√	√
Web Albums	X	X	X	X	√	X
Comments:	Highly configurable. Lot's of support		Interface most like Photoshop. Highly configurable. Upgradable to full version approx. AU\$ 40	Many extra useful functions: Animated gif. Comic balloon. Mole remove. Print an album page. Batch editor.	Slideshow.	*Requires downloaded plugin. Slideshow. Never hit "Esc"! Designed by a committee!