

What is Open Source?

Open source refers to software whose source code is freely available to read, redistribute, and modify. Firefox, Webkit, Android, and Wordpress are all open source. More than just source code, open source means you can be part of a community that shapes the future of the open source projects you care about.

Why Should I Care?

The open flow of information, easy exchange of ideas, projects that span continents and decades, and software you own: all of these things are open source. Open source projects encourage contributors, embrace those with diverse interests, and provide tons of information complete with access to the experts who create it.

How Does It Help Me?

By using these tools and participating in the community you'll have access to leading-edge technology, experts in various fields, an international forum, openly-licensed assets, and like-minded friends from around the world! If you are starting out in your career you can work with established experts from all over. If you're an expert, you can work directly with the authors of your tools to add features, fix problems, and make them better. Oh, we almost forgot to mention, this stuff is free!

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Exploring Open Source

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

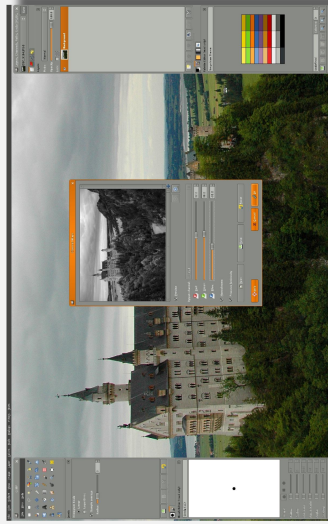
Edition



PHOTO
MANIPULATION



GIMP



Works on:

Linux Mac Windows

GIMP is an acronym that stands for 'GNU Image Manipulation Program.' Gimp can be used as a simple paint program, an expert quality photo retouching program, an online batch processing system, a mass production image renderer, an image format converter, and a general pixel-based manipulation tool. It is designed to be augmented with plug-ins and extensions to do just about anything. GIMP is your pixel-pushing plaything.

Learn More...

<http://www.gimp.org/>

<http://gimp-tutorials.net/>

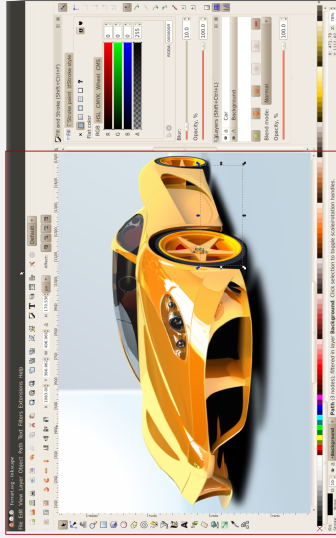
<http://www.ghuj.com/>



VECTOR
DRAWING



Inkscape



Works on:

Linux Mac Windows

An Open Source vector graphics editor whose native format is the web standard SVG (although it supports many other formats). Inkscape has many advanced SVG features (markers, clones, alpha blending, etc.) and great care is taken in designing a streamlined interface by its developers. It is very easy to edit nodes, perform complex path operations, trace bitmaps and more. You can even automate image creation using python.

Learn More...

<http://www.inkscape.org/>

<http://wiki.inkscape.org/>

<http://inkscape.tutorials.wordpress.com/>



DESKTOP
PUBLISHING



Scribus



Works on:

Linux Mac Windows

Scribus is a desktop publishing and page layout program with a combination of press-ready output and new approaches to page design. Underneath a modern and user-friendly interface, Scribus supports professional publishing features, such as color separations, CMYK and Spot Color support, ICC color management, and versatile PDF creation.

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