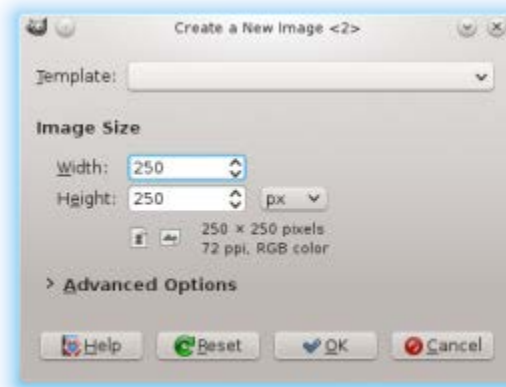


# MAKING ANIMATED GIF WITH GIMP

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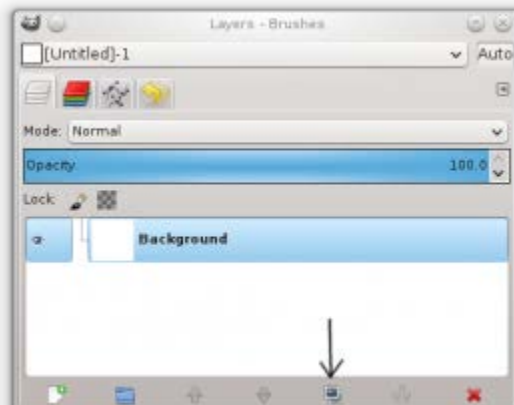
Launch GIMP. If you don't have it – download it from their site. It is free and multiplatform (works like a charm in both Windows and Linux environment).

**Step 1.** Decide what size your GIF animation will be. Then go to “File -> New” and enter your desired size as Width and Height.



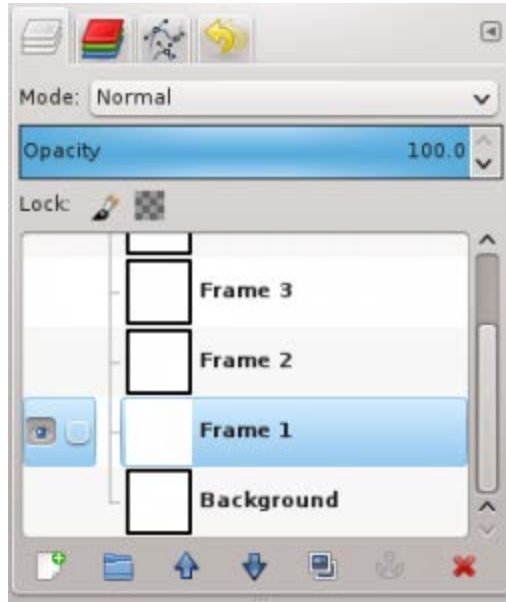
*Choose GIF size.*

**Step 2.** Decide how many frames should your GIF animation be, then go to Layers window and duplicate the “Background” layer as many times as the frame count you choose.



*Duplicate background Layer.*

**Step 3.** Hide the ones, that are not currently needed by clicking on the “eye icon” beside the layer, choose the one on the bottom and name it “Frame 1” (**Click on the layer and press “F2” to change name**)

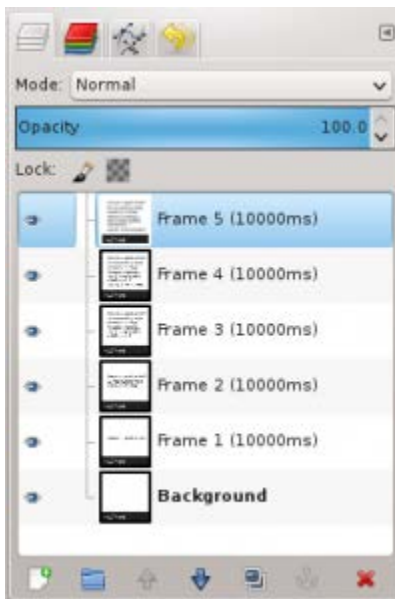


*Select frame, disable the visibility of the others.*

**Step 4.** Draw your frame or paste the prepared picture on the white space and then merge it on the layer. Repeat for all frames.

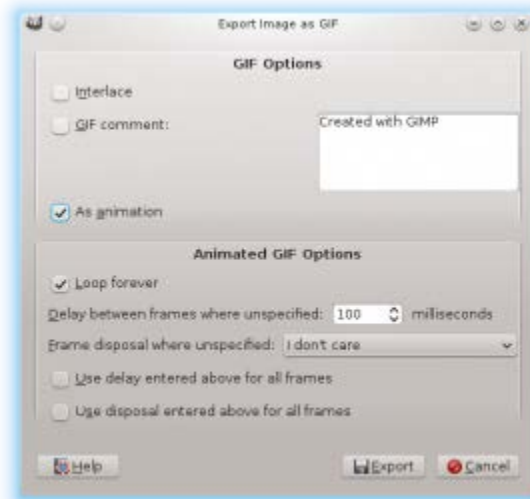
**Step 5.** Go to “**Filters -> Animation -> Playback**” and have a look at what you’ve done so far as a sequence. Edit or fix frames if you don’t like the smoothness. Tweak until satisfied.

**Step 6.** Add the delay of each frame in **milliseconds** by editing frame name, like in step 3. **1000 milliseconds** equals 1 second. Use Playback again as in the previous step, until the timing suits you.



*Add desirable timing for each frame.*

**Step 7.** Use “**File -> Export**” choose file name and use “.gif” as extension. Choose file type from the drop-down menu below to “**GIF**” as well. Be sure to check the checkbox for “**Animation**” and “**Loop indefinitely**” if you want it to cycle indefinitely.



*Check those 2 checkboxes.*

**Step 8.** You are quite done. Open your newly created file with any browser capable of showing GIF animations.

Source : <http://www.m0rd0r.eu/category/linux/>