

GIMP ACTIVITY-1

Basic Image Editing Operations

Objective

To learn and perform basic image editing operations in **GIMP** including:

- Changing the Size (Dimensions) of an Image (Scale)
- Changing the Size (Filesize) of a JPEG
- Crop an Image
- Rotate or Flip an Image

Lab Task–1: Changing the Size (Dimensions) of an Image (Scale)

Steps to Perform

1. Open **GIMP**.
2. Click on **File** → **Open**.
3. Select a JPEG image and click **Open**.
4. Go to **Image** → **Scale Image**.
5. In the *Scale Image* dialog box:
 - Enter new **Width** and **Height** values.
 - Ensure the **chain icon** is locked to maintain aspect ratio.
6. Set **Interpolation** to *Cubic* or *NoHalo* for better quality.
7. Click **Scale**.
8. Observe the change in image dimensions.

Lab Task–2: Changing the Size (File Size) of a JPEG Image

To reduce or increase the file size of an image by adjusting compression quality.

Steps to Perform

1. Open the image in **GIMP**.
2. Click **File** → **Export As**.
3. Choose a location and ensure the file format is **.jpg**.
4. Click **Export**.
5. In the *Export Image as JPEG* dialog:
 - Adjust the **Quality** slider (lower quality = smaller file size).
 - Enable **Show preview in image window** to see size changes.
6. Click **Export**.
7. Compare the original and exported file sizes.

Lab Task–3: Crop an Image

To remove unwanted areas from an image.

Steps to Perform

1. Open the image in **GIMP**.
2. Select the **Crop Tool** from the toolbox
(*Shortcut: Shift + C*).
3. Click and drag over the area you want to keep.
4. Adjust the selection by dragging the corners.
5. Press **Enter** or click inside the selection.
6. The unwanted portions of the image are removed.

Lab Task–4: Rotate or Flip an Image

To change the orientation of an image.

Steps to Perform

A. Rotate an Image

1. Open the image in **GIMP**.
2. Click **Image** → **Transform**.
3. Select one of the following:
 - Rotate 90° clockwise
 - Rotate 90° counter-clockwise
 - Rotate 180°

B. Flip an Image

1. Open the image in **GIMP**.
2. Click **Image** → **Transform**.
3. Select:
 - **Flip Horizontally** or
 - **Flip Vertically**