

Using GIMP to create a text box for email addresses (and other text) in web pages

1. Before starting, find the background color and the text color of the web page in which you are going to put the text
2. Open Gimp
3. If you do not see the Toolbox, type ctrl-b (or Tools/Toolbox) – in the Toolbox, near the bottom is a black box (foreground color) and a white box (background color):
 - Click on black box, and choose your foreground color (that is, your text color)
 - Click on the white box, and choose your background color
 - Double-click the textbox, choose the font, size, color, alignment, and any other thing that you want – you can **save as preset**, but you do not have to (I am not sure how **save as preset** works)
4. Click File/New – use an image size that box is big enough (such as 640 pixels wide by 400 pixels tall) – then click OK – the box should have the correct background color
5. In the Toolbox, click the Text Tool (or click Tools/Text):
 - Anywhere in the big box, click and drag to make a text box that is big enough for your text
 - In the text box, type the text – you can change formatting (such as bold or size)
 - Click out – to remove the dashed border around the text:
 - Open the Layers dialog box by **clicking ctrl-L**
 - Show all layers by **clicking Background** – that removes the dashed border
 - Close the Layer dialog box
6. Crop the text
7. Do not save, but Export (using **File/Export**):
 - Select place
 - Select file type (often jpg)
 - Give a name including extension, such as filename.jpg (including extension)
 - Click Export, Export
 - Minimize, and make sure that you have Exported to place you wanted
 - Close **without saving**