



Installing and Configuring GIMP for use with Panther

- 1) First, obtain the GIMP package from osxgnu.org. I found it at:

<http://www.osxgnu.org/software/Xwin/Applications/gimp/>

It's 121Mb, so make sure that you have a high-speed connection to download it on.

- 2) Download and install the X11 package from the Apple Web site (I haven't checked but it appears that it is already included in the Panther distribution on the 3rd CD):

<http://www.apple.com/macosx/features/x11/download/>

It's 44Mb, so you'll need a fast connection for this as well.

- 3) Install the Fink software package. I found it at:

<http://fink.sourceforge.net/download/index.php>

It's 20Mb. This is necessary for the `init.sh` program (used in step 5 below) that launches Gimp (I imagine one could get it elsewhere with less effort, but Fink is useful for running other Linux apps as well as Gimp).

- 4) Install the GIMP package.
- 5) Launch X11 by double-clicking on the icon (find it in the Applications folder) and a terminal window (xterm) will appear on your desktop. In this window type:

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gimp
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at the prompt. If gimp launches, congratulations are in order - you have the basics working.

I wish I could credit whomever wrote this script properly. I found it somewhere in the Internet cloud and saved it for when I got the Gimp working.

- 6) Select “Save As->Application” and put it somewhere you’ll be able to find it (I put mine in Applications).
- 7) I then found a GIMP icon on the Web (I got it from a little applet called Gimp Control) and replaced the Applescript icon with it. Gimp Control was created by Alex Nicksay, and can be found at:

<http://www.nicksay.com/alex/software/GimpControl/>

It is intended for use with the Fink software package of Gimp, so I found it wasn’t as useful for me as it might have been, but it provided a nice Mac OS X icon.

- 8) Then I simply dragged the Gimp Applescript launcher to my dock, and voila! I can now launch Gimp and X11 by clicking on the icon in my Dock. Here is a clip of my desktop with the icons for X11 and the Gimp launcher added:

