

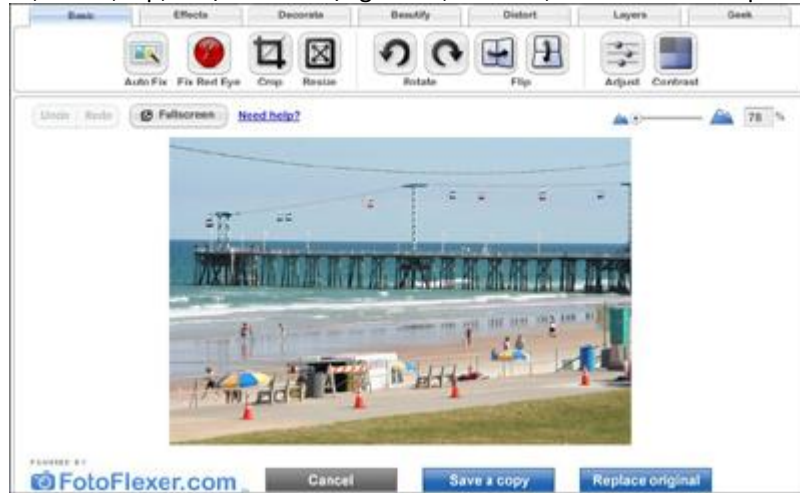
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http://www.mediabistro.com/10000words/7-essential-multimedia-tools-and-their_b376

Photo Editing	
Paid	Free
Photoshop	<p>Splashup</p> <p>Photoshop may be the industry leader when it comes to photo editing and graphic design, but Splashup, a free online tool, has many of the same capabilities at a much cheaper price. Splashup has lots of the tools you'd expect to find in Photoshop and has a similar layout, which is a bonus for those looking to get started right away.</p> <p>Requires free registration; Flash-based interface; resize; crop; layers; flip; sharpen; blur; color effects; special effects</p>  

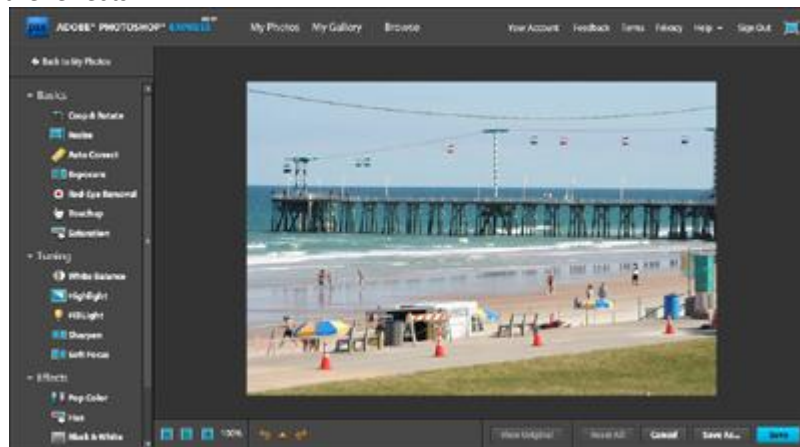
[Fotoflexer/Photobucket](#)

Crop; resize; rotate; flip; hue/saturation/lightness; contrast; various Photoshop-like effects



[Photoshop Express](#)

Requires free registration; 2 GB storage; crop; rotate; resize; auto correct; exposure correction; red-eye removal; retouching; saturation; white balance; sharpen; color correction; various other effects



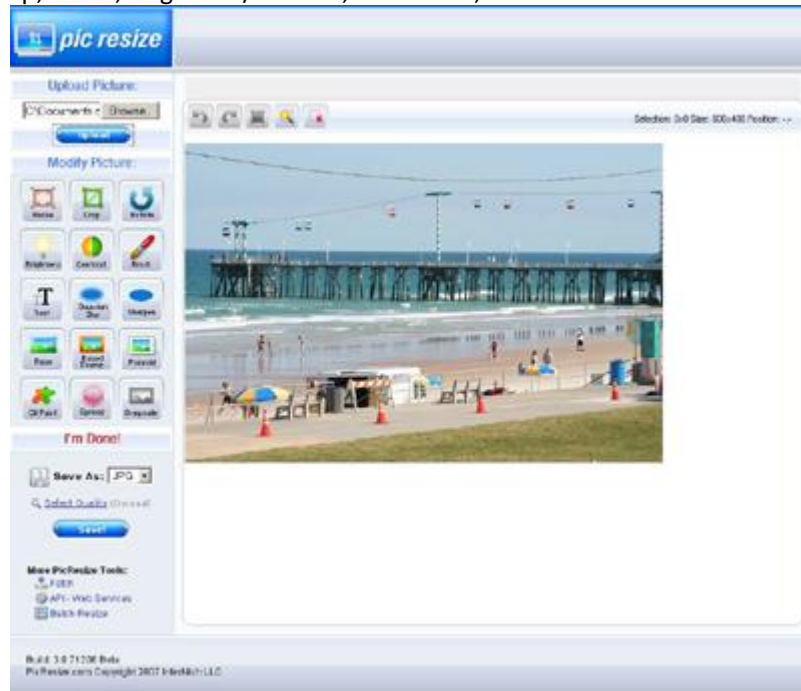
[Picnik](#)

“Auto-fix”; rotate; crop; resize; exposure correction; color correction; sharpen; red-eye correction



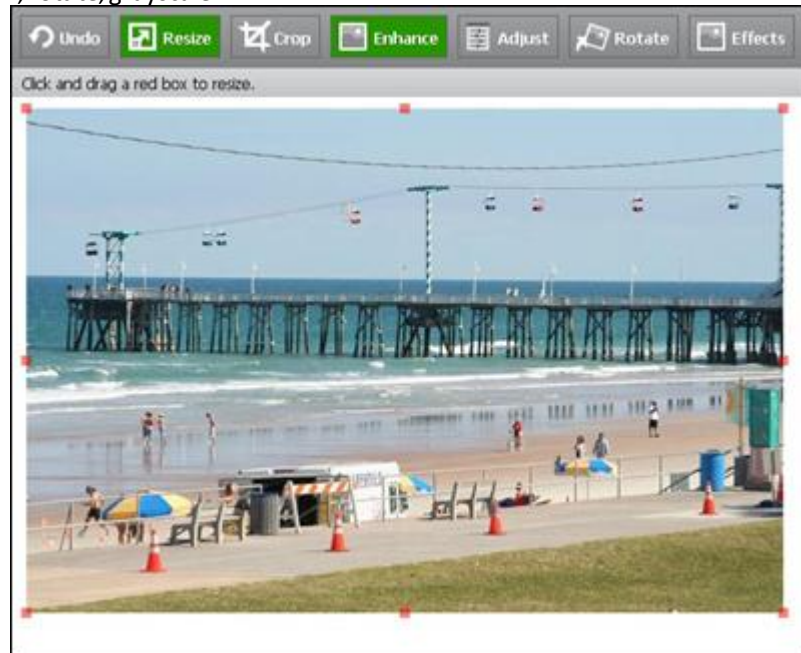
[Pic Resize](#)

Resize; crop; rotate; brightness/contrast; conversion; other effects

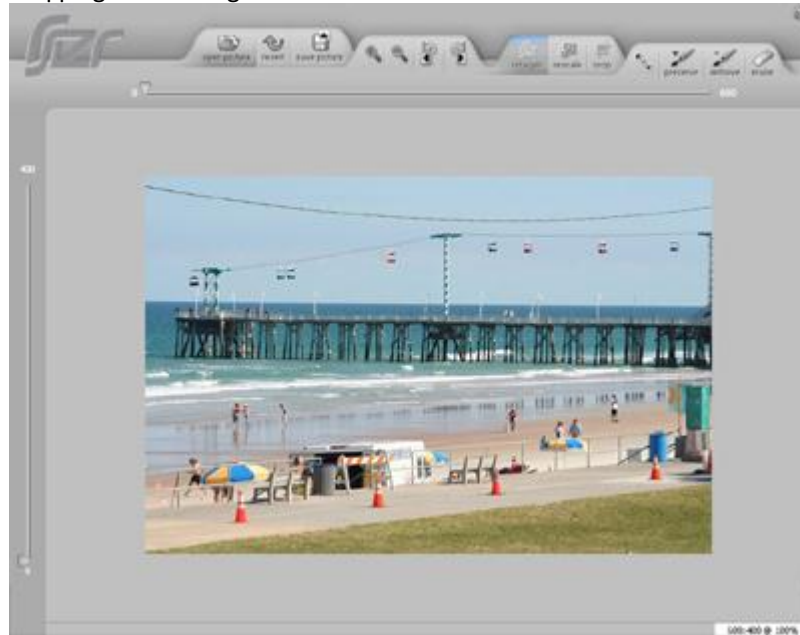


[SnipsHOT](#)

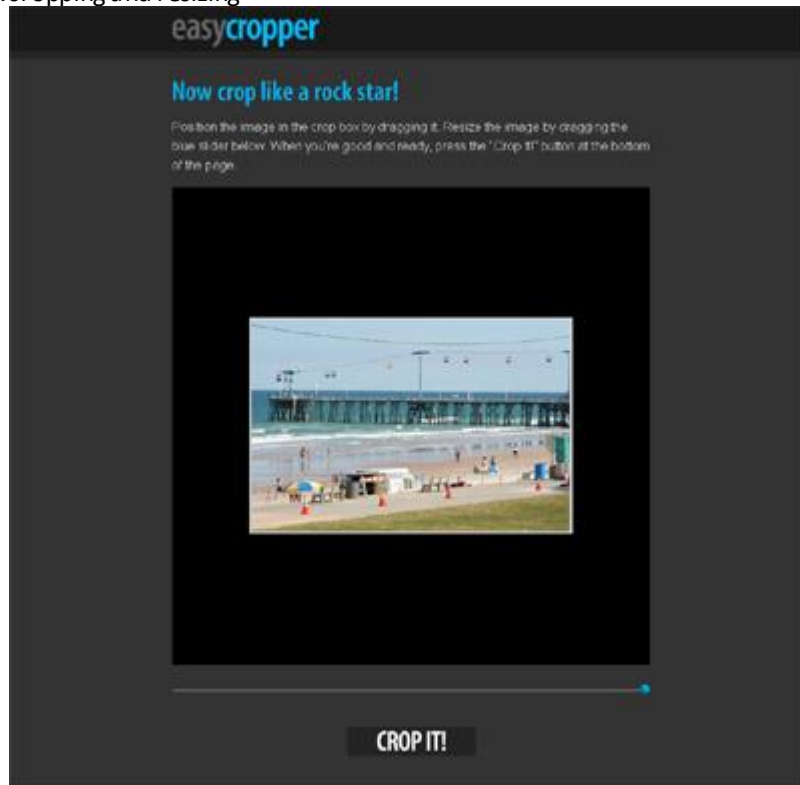
Resize; crop; enhancement features; exposure, contrast, saturation, hue and sharpness correction; rotate; grayscale



[rsizr](#)
For quick cropping and resizing



[EasyCropper](#)
For quick cropping and resizing



[Pixenate](#)

Enhancement features; crop; resize; rotate; color effects

The screenshot shows the Pixenate website interface. At the top left, the logo reads "PIXENATE photos made easy". Below it, there are three numbered steps: "1. Choose your image to edit.", "2. Edit your image with the following tools.", and "3. What would you like to do with this image?". The second step lists various editing tools with icons: undo, redo, crop, rotate, zoom, white, red eye, show fun effects, and a "flickr" logo. Below the tools are options to "Save to Disk" or "Upload to Flickr". At the bottom left, it says "Scoop Technologies Imaging software for the Web © 2005-2006. All rights reserved. Privacy Policy". On the right side, there is a testimonial: "We are very satisfied with Pixenate. Actually, I haven't so happy about a piece of software for a long time." with a link "Menu de Wit". Below the testimonial, there is a status bar showing "Selection: N/A Size: 601x400 Zoom: 100% Position: 275,302". The main image is a beach scene with a pier and people.

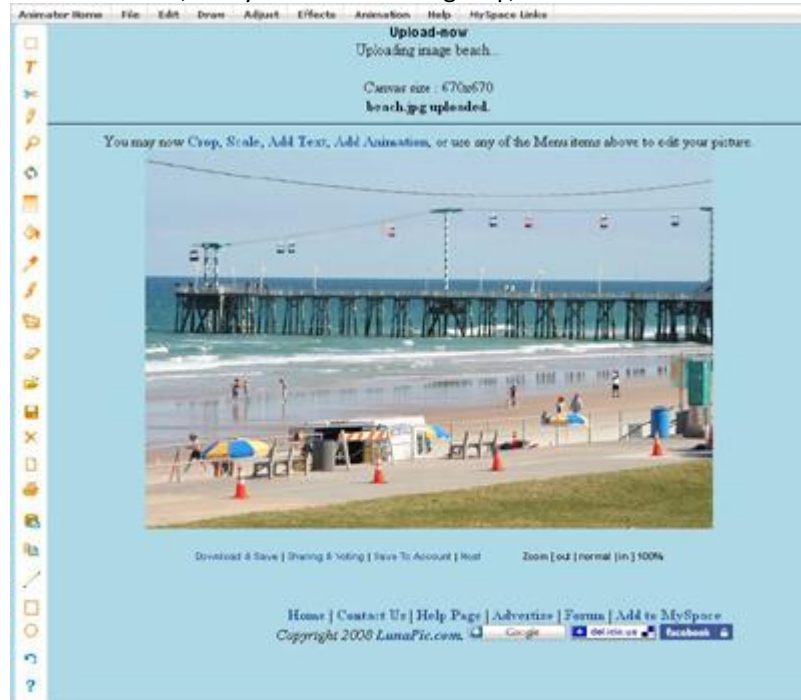
[FlauntR](#)

Requires free registration; resize; rotate; crop; various effects

The screenshot shows the FlauntR software interface. The main window displays a beach scene with a pier. On the right side, there is a vertical panel titled "Effects" with a scrollable list of filters: "None", "Grayscale", "Sepia", "Black", "White", "Red", "Green", "Blue", "Cyan", "Magenta", "Yellow", "Orange", "Brown", "Pink", "Purple", "Light", "Dark", "Invert", "Threshold", "Gaussian", "Blur", "Sharpen", "Edge", "Motion", "Motion Blur", "Motion Blur (Horizontal)", "Motion Blur (Vertical)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 2)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 3)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 4)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 5)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 6)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 7)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 8)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 9)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 10)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 11)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 12)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 13)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 14)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 15)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 16)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 17)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 18)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 19)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 20)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 21)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 22)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 23)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 24)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 25)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 26)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 27)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 28)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 29)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 30)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 31)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 32)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 33)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 34)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 35)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 36)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 37)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 38)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 39)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 40)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 41)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 42)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 43)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 44)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 45)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 46)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 47)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 48)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 49)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 50)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 51)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 52)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 53)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 54)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 55)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 56)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 57)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 58)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 59)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 60)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 61)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 62)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 63)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 64)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 65)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 66)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 67)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 68)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 69)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 70)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 71)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 72)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 73)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 74)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 75)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 76)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 77)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 78)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 79)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 80)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 81)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 82)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 83)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 84)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 85)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 86)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 87)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 88)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 89)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 90)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 91)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 92)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 93)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 94)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 95)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 96)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 97)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 98)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 99)", "Motion Blur (Diagonal 100)". The interface also includes a toolbar at the top with icons for file operations, editing, and viewing. The bottom of the window shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons.

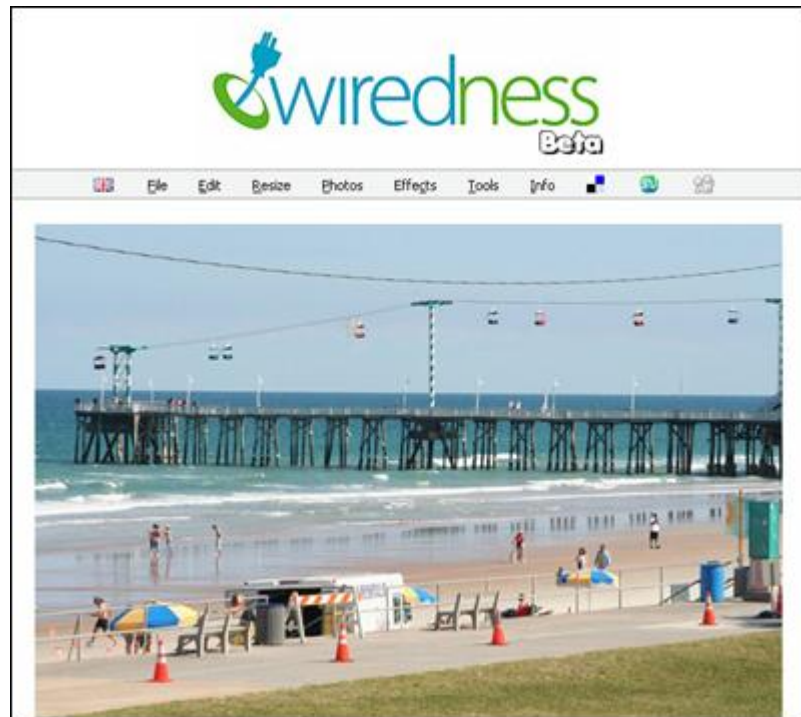
[LunaPic](#)

Similar to Microsoft Paint; many features including crop, scale and rotate



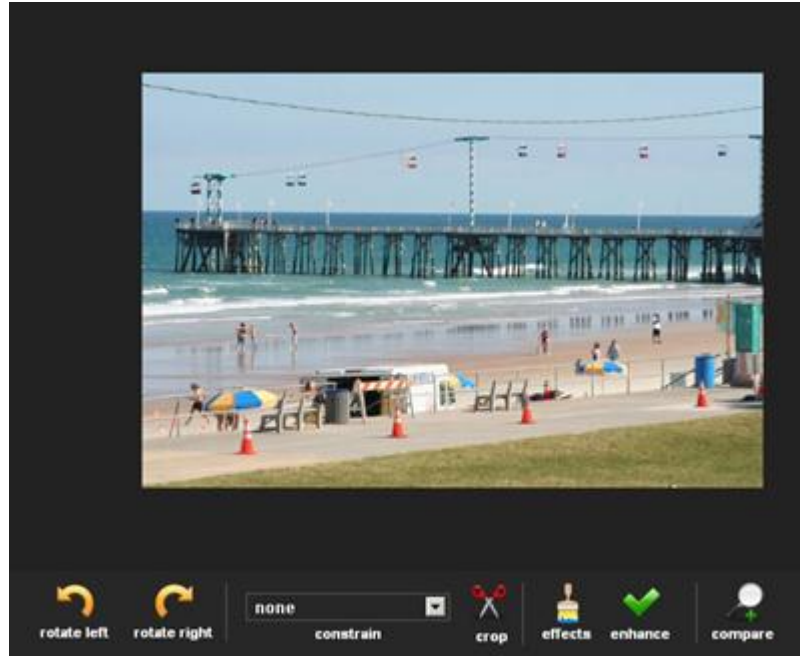
[Wiredness](#)

Resize; crop; exposure correction; rotate; flip; color effects; brightness/contrast; sharpen; blur



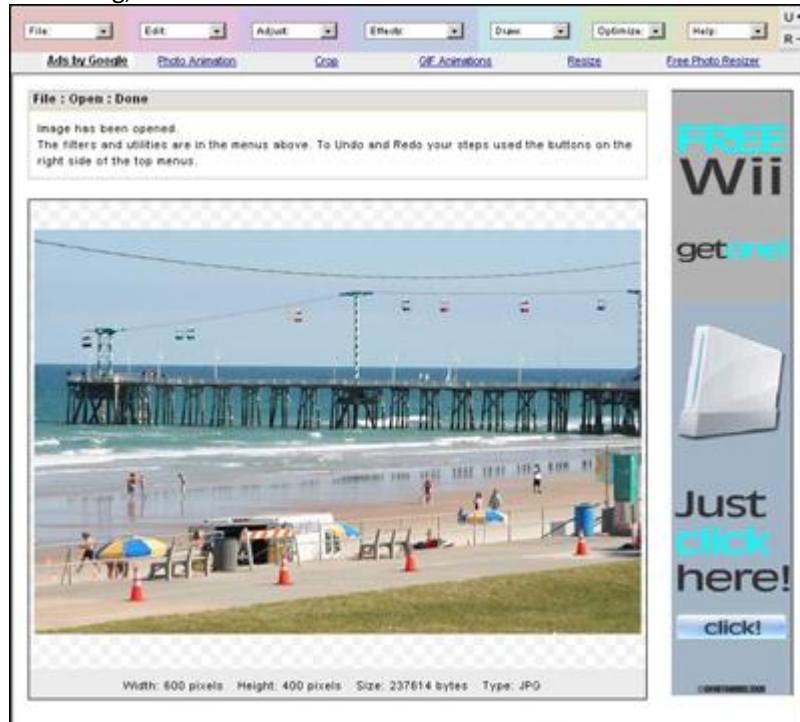
[72photos](#)

Requires free registration; 200 MB storage space; rotate; crop; effects including blur; picture enhancement



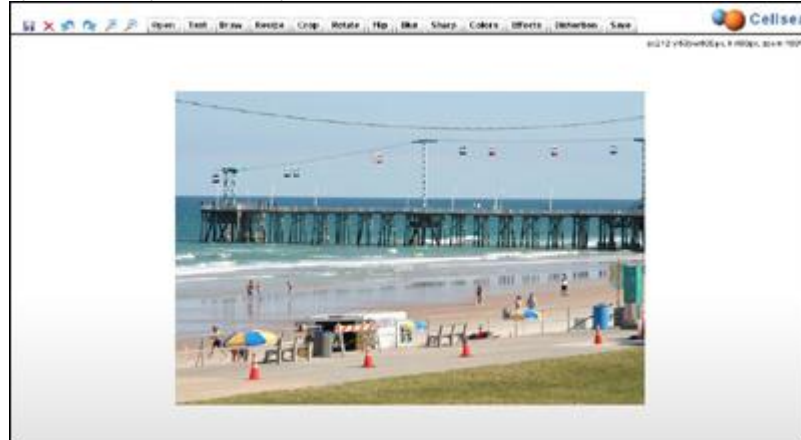
[myimager.com](#)

Resize; crop; rotate; flip; brightness/contrast, color adjustment; sharpen; blur; various effects; line drawing; border



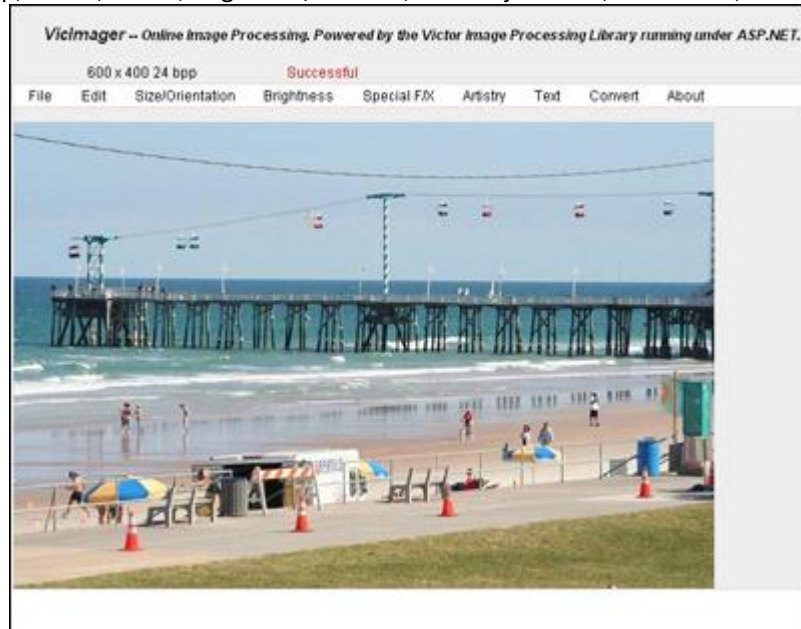
[Cellsea](#)

Resize; crop; rotate; flip; blur; sharpen; color effects; various effects



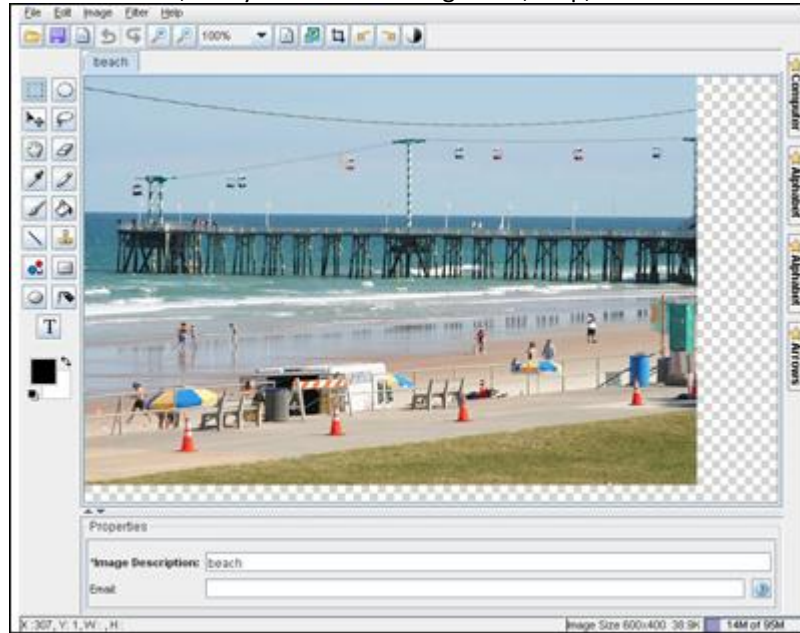
[Vicmager](#)

resize; flip; mirror; rotate; brightness/contrast, color adjustment; conversion; various effects



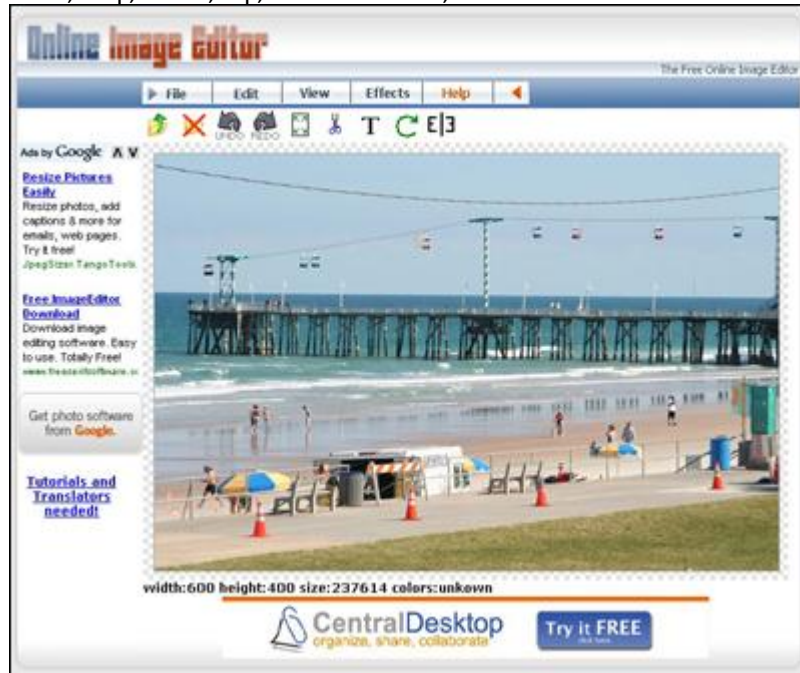
Onlinetool.com

Similar to Microsoft Paint; many features including resize, crop, and filters



[Online Image Editor](http://OnlineImageEditor.com)

File conversion; crop; rotate; flip; color correction; border



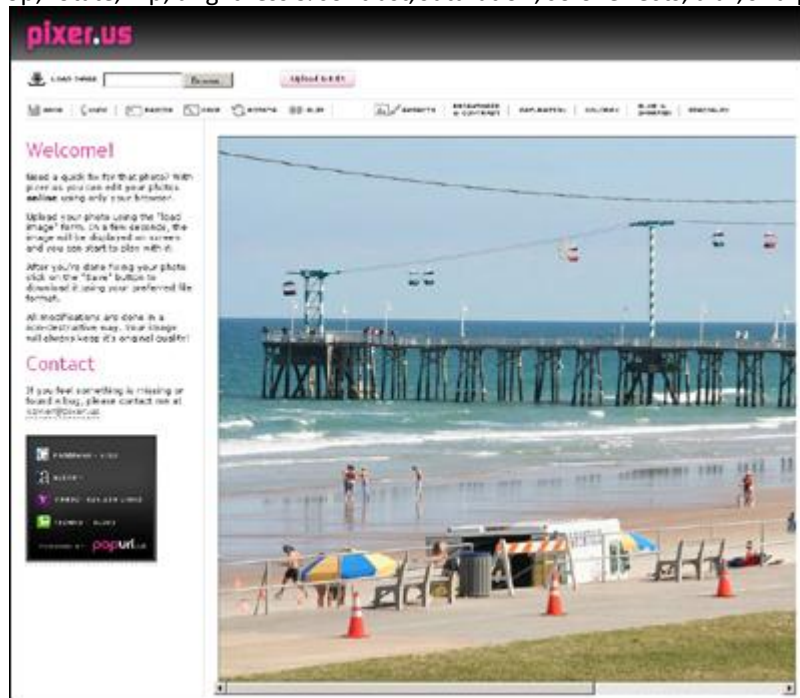
[Piccyfix](#)

Rotate; flip; crop; colorize/tint; brightness; contrast; various effects; border; resize



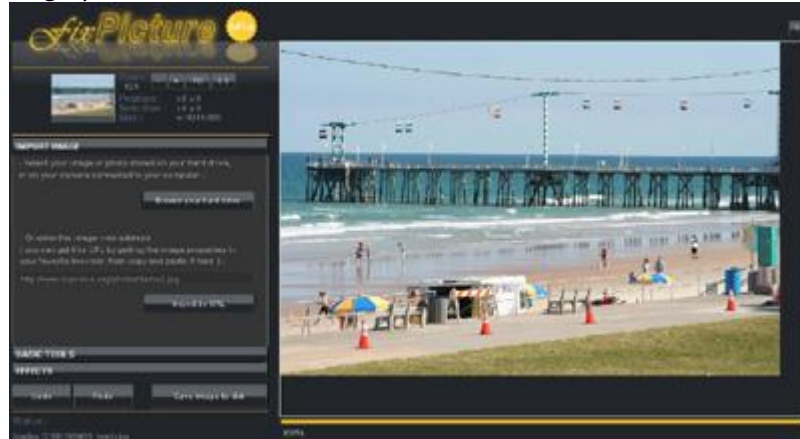
[pixer.us](#)

Resize; crop; rotate; flip; brightness & contrast; saturation; color effects; blur, sharpen



FixPicture.org

Resize; crop; rotate; mirror effect; adjust brightness, contrast; various effects including sharpen and grayscale



Web Design

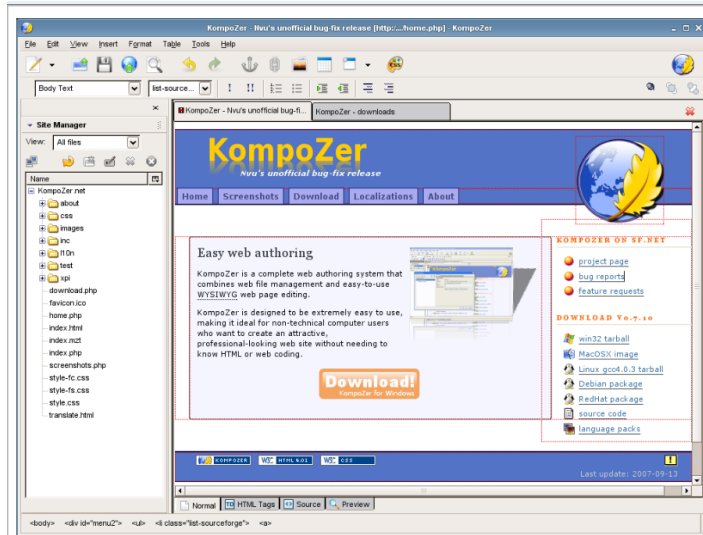
Paid

Dreamweaver

Free

KomboZer

Looking to create your next web site without paying big money for programs like Dreamweaver? KomboZer, a free web design program available for immediate download, is great for both novice web designers and professional webheads who need more advanced editing features.



Video

Paid

Final Cut,
Adobe Premiere

Free

[iMovie](#), [JayCut](#)

Many video editors, both novice and professional, use iMovie to create professional-looking videos and at an amateur price. The program is included on modern Macs as part of the iLife package and has the basic features editors need as well as a few advanced extras such as detachable audio and image stabilization. JayCut is an online video editor that lets registered users upload and edit their video for free. You can even add photos, audio and effects to your project. The final edited video can be shared on the web or downloaded directly to a computer.



Audio

Paid

ProTools
Adobe Audition

Free

[Audacity](#)

Audacity is free, open source [software](#) for recording and editing sounds. It allows you to record live audio, convert tapes and records into digital recordings or CDs, edit Ogg Vorbis, MP3, WAV or AIFF sound files. You also can cut, copy, splice or mix sounds together with Audacity. Built-in effects are given to remove static, hiss, hum or other constant background noises.



[Power Sound Editor](#)

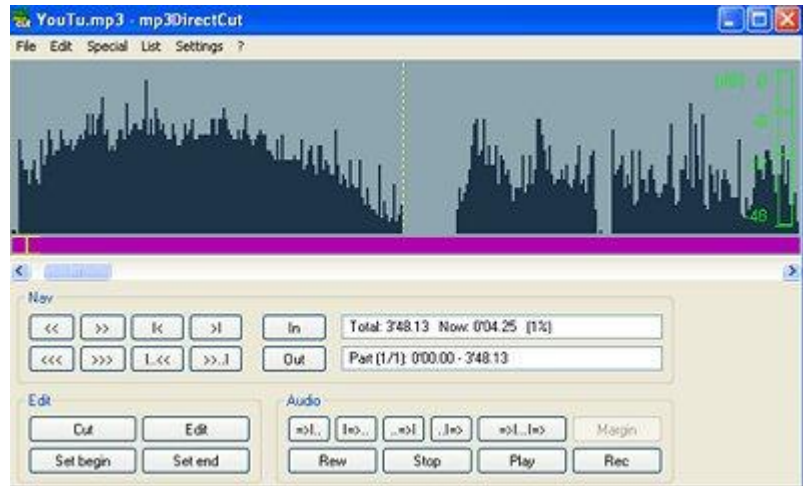
Power Sound Editor Free is a visual audio editing and recording software solution, which supports many advanced and powerful operations with a audio data.

You can use Power Sound Editor Free to record your own music, voice, or other audio files, edit it, mix it with other audio or musical parts, add effects like Reverb, Chorus, and Echo, and burn it on a CD, post it on the World Wide Web or e-mail it.



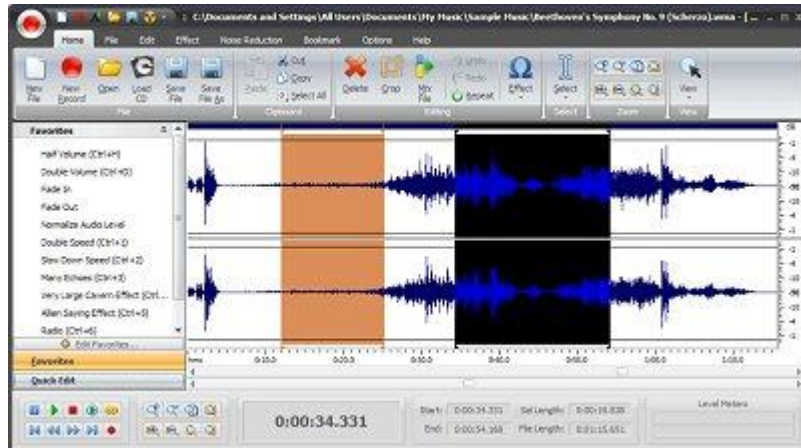
[mp3DirectCut](#)

mp3DirectCut is a fast and extensive audio editor and recorder for compressed mp3. You can directly cut, copy, paste or change the volume with no need to decompress your files for audio editing. Using Cue sheets, pause detection or Auto cue you can easily divide long files.



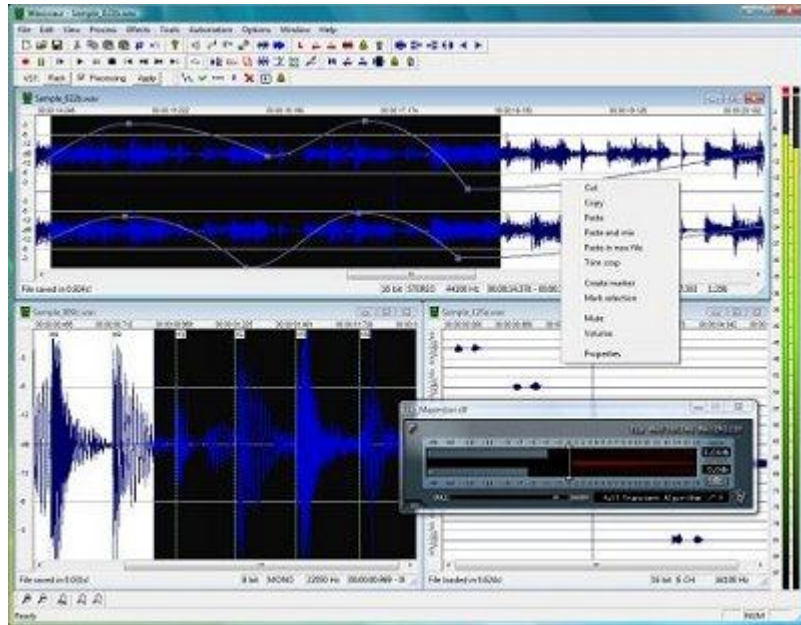
[Music Editor Free](#)

Music Editor Free (MEF) is a multi-award winning music editor software [tool](#). MEF helps you to record and edit music and sounds. It lets you make and edit music, voice and other audio recordings. When editing audio files you can cut, copy and paste parts of recordings and, if required, add effects like echo, amplification and noise reduction.



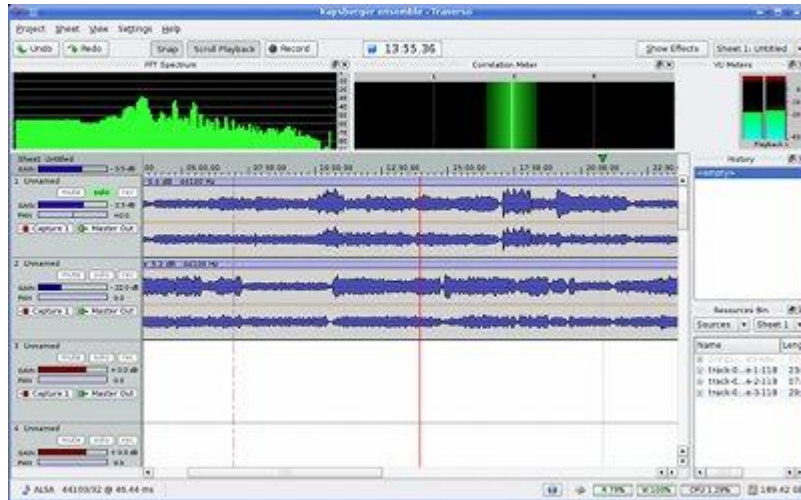
Wavosaur

Wavosaur is a free sound editor, audio editor, wav editor software for editing, processing and recording sounds, wav and mp3 files. Wavosaur has all the features to edit audio (cut, copy, paste, etc.) produce music loops, analyze, record, batch convert. Wavosaur supports VST plugins, ASIO driver, multichannel wav files, real time effect processing. The program has no installer and doesn't write in the registry. Use it as a free mp3 editor, for mastering, sound [design](#).



Traverso DAW

Traverso DAW is a GPL licensed, cross platform multitrack audio recording and editing suite, with an innovative and easy to master User Interface. It's suited for both the professional and home user, who needs a robust and solid DAW. Adding and removal of effects plugins, moving Audio Clips and creating new Tracks during playback are all perfectly safe, giving you instant feedback on your work!



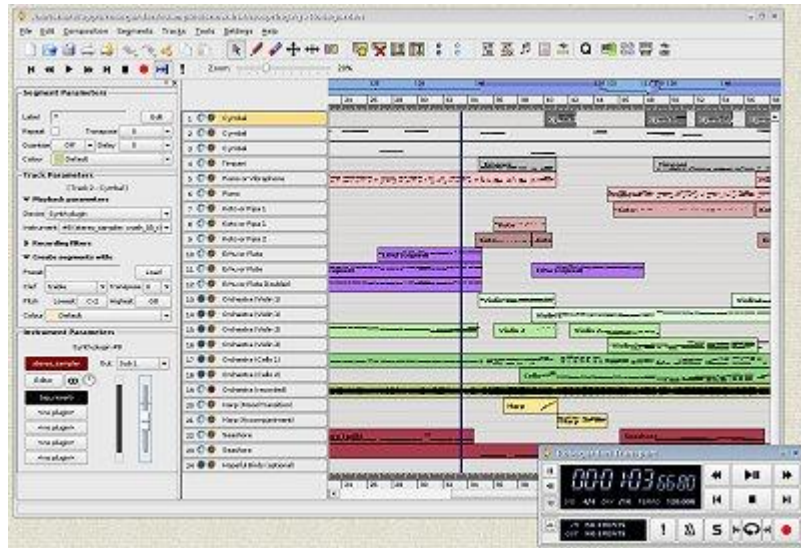
Ardour

Ardour is a digital audio workstation. You can use it to record, edit and mix multi-track audio. You can produce your own CDs, mix video soundtracks, or just experiment with new ideas about music and sound. Ardour capabilities include: multichannel recording, non-destructive editing with unlimited undo/redo, full automation support, a powerful mixer, unlimited tracks/busses/plugins, timecode synchronization, and hardware control from surfaces like the Mackie Control Universal. If you've been looking for a tool similar to ProTools, Nuendo, Pyramix, or Sequoia, you might have found it.



[Rosegarden](#)

Rosegarden is a well-rounded audio and MIDI sequencer, score editor, and general-purpose music composition and editing environment. Rosegarden is an easy-to-learn, attractive application that runs on Linux, ideal for composers, musicians, music students, and small studio or home recording environments.



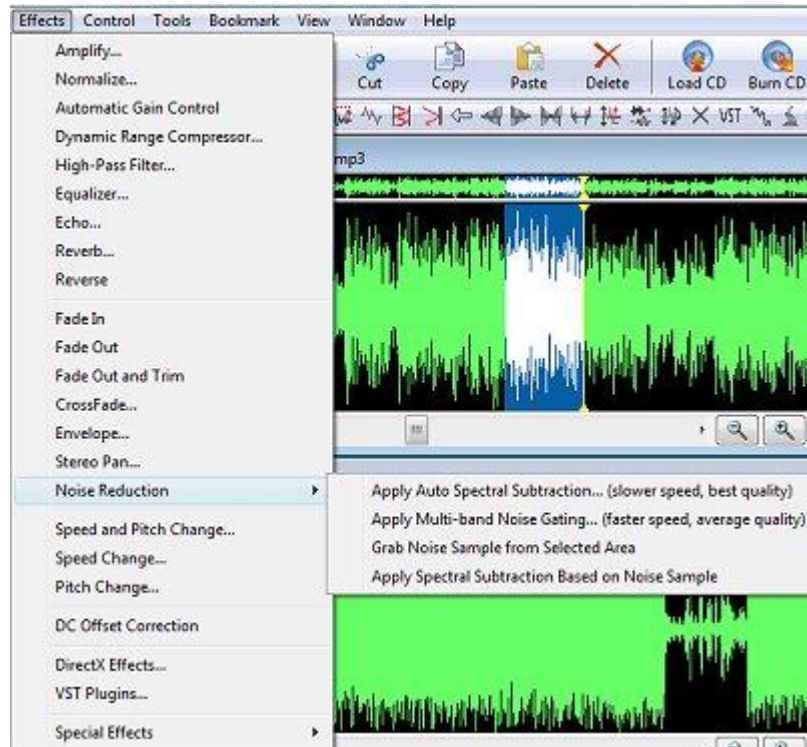
[Hydrogen](#)

Hydrogen is an advanced drum machine for GNU/Linux. Its main goal is to bring professional yet simple and intuitive pattern-based drum programming.



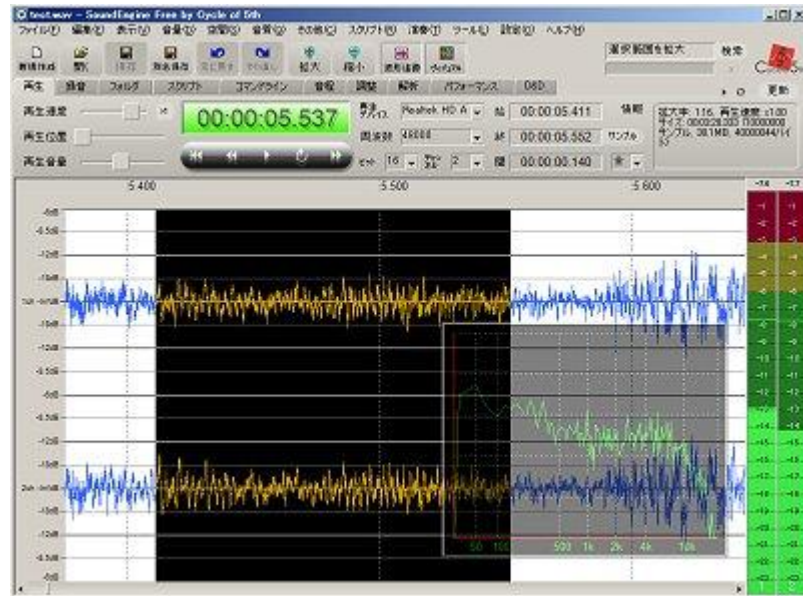
WavePad Sound Editor

WavePad Sound Editor lets you make and edit music, voice and other audio recordings. When editing audio files you can cut, copy and paste parts of recordings and, if required, add effects like echo, amplification and noise reduction. WavePad works as a wav editor or mp3 editor but it also supports a number of other file formats including vox, gsm, real audio, a u, aif, flac, ogg and more.



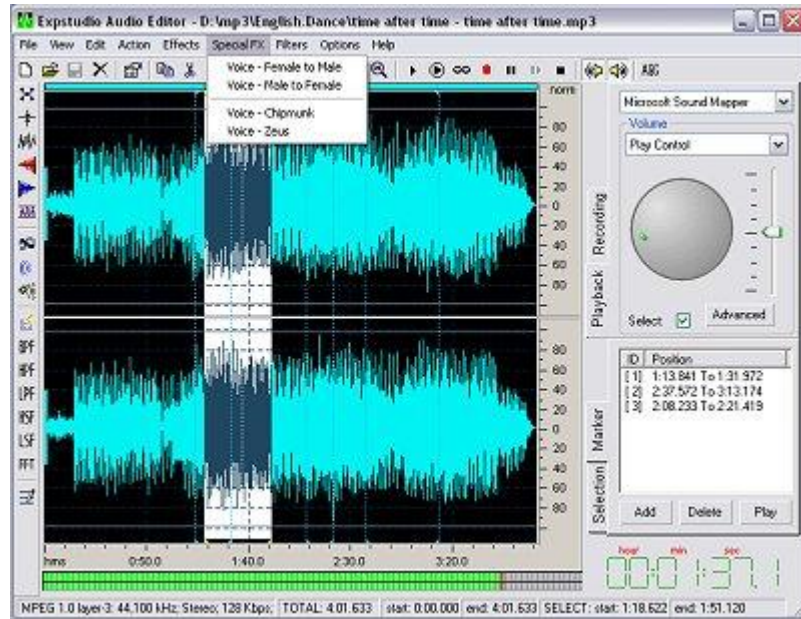
Sound Engine

SoundEngine is the best tool for personal use, because it enables you to easily edit a wave data while it has many functions required for a mastering process.



Expstudio Audio Editor

Expstudio Audio Editor is a visual music file editor that has many different options and a multiple functionality to edit your music files like editing text files. With a given audio data it can perform many different operations such as displaying a waveform image of an audio file, filtering, applying various audio effects, format conversion and more.



DJ Audio Editor

DJ Audio Editor is easy-to-use and well-organized audio application which allows you to perform various operations with audio data. You can create and edit audio files professionally, also displaying a waveform image of an audio file makes your work faster.



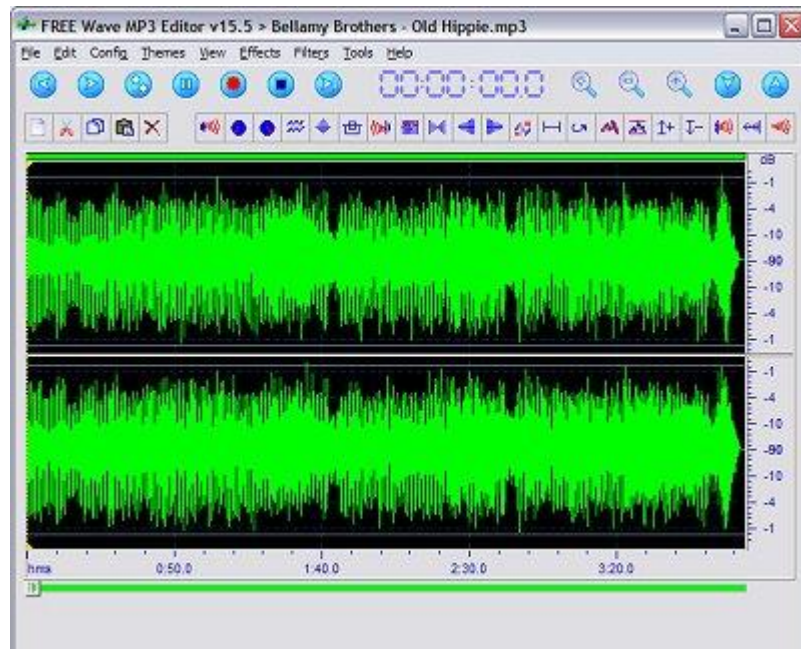
Eisenkraut

Eisenkraut is a cross-platform audio file editor. It requires Java 1.4+ and SuperCollider 3. It supports multi-channel and multi-mono files and floating-point encoding. An OSC scripting interface and experimental sonogramme functionality are provided.



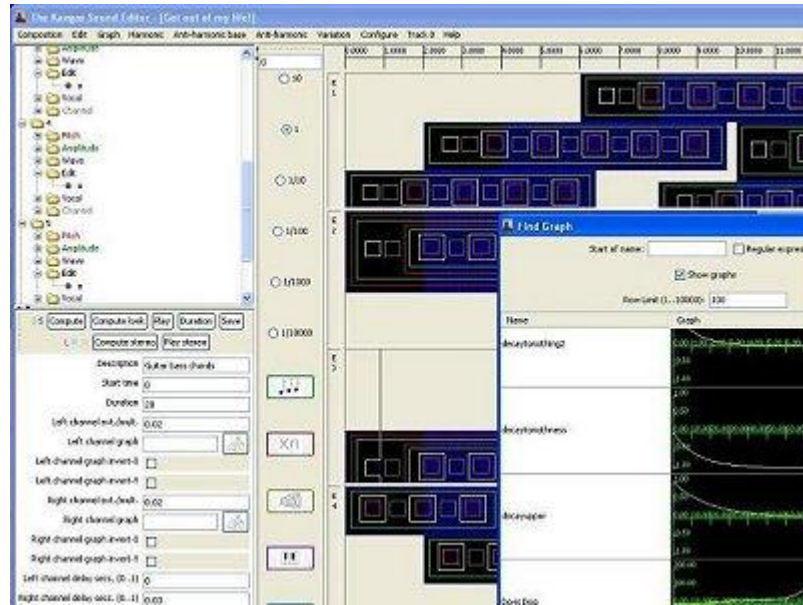
[FREE WAVE MP3 Editor](#)

Free Wave MP3 Editor is a sound editor program for Windows. This software lets you make and edit voice and other audio recordings. You can cut, copy and paste parts of recording and, if required, add effects like echo, amplification and noise reduction.



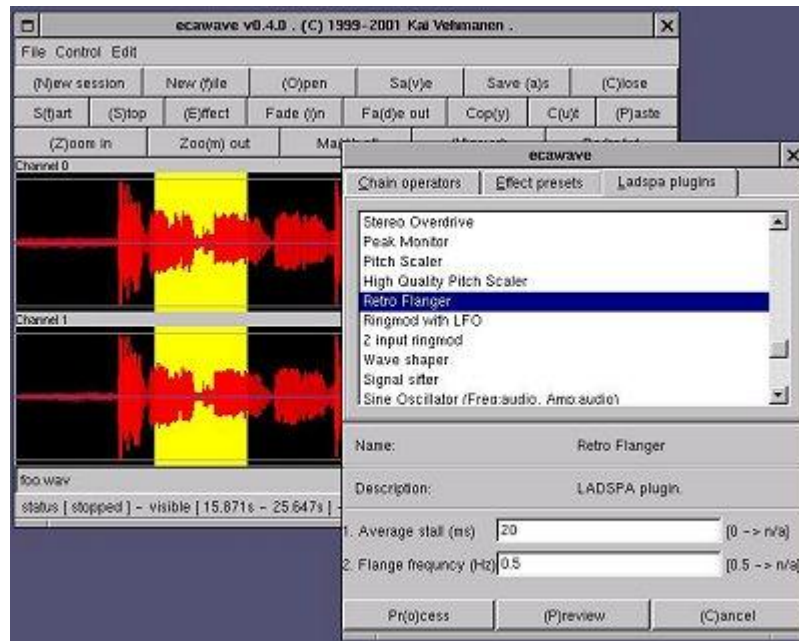
[Kangas Sound Editor](#)

Fun Kangaroo-themed program that allows the user to create music and sound effects. It uses a system of frequency ratios for pitch control, rather than conventional music notation and equal temperament. It allows instruments, both musical and percussion, to be created.



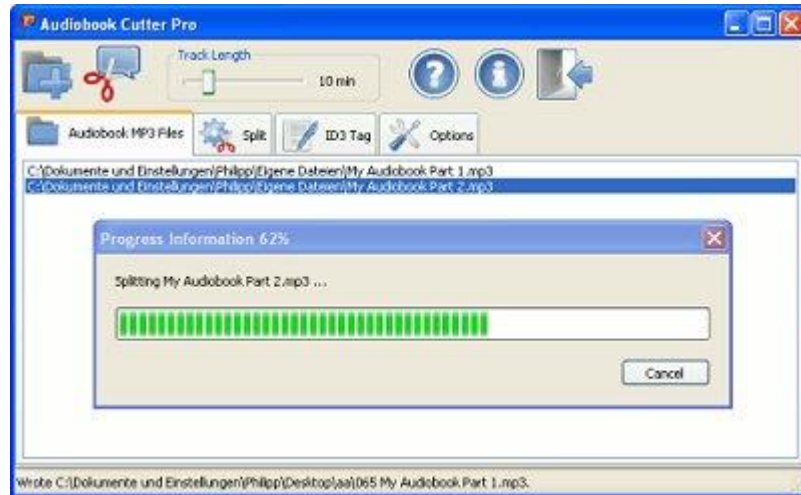
[Ecawave](#)

Ecawave is a simple graphical audio file editor. The user-interface is based on Qt libraries, while almost all audio functionality is taken directly from ecasound libraries. As eca wave is designed for editing large audio files, all processing is done direct-to-disk. Simple waveform caching is used to speed-up file operations. Eca wave supports all audio file formats and effect algorithms provided by ecasound libraries. This includes JACK, ALSA, OSS, aRts, over 20 file formats, over 30 effect types, LADSPA plugins and multi-operator effect presets.



[Audiobook Cutter](#)

Audiobook Cutter splits your MP3 audio books and podcasts in a fast and user friendly way. The split files can easily be used on mobile MP3 players because of their small-size. Their duration allows smooth navigation through the book. The split points are determined automatically based on silence detection.



[Jokosher](#)

Jokosher is a simple yet powerful multi-track studio. With it you can create and record music, podcasts and more, all from an integrated simple environment.



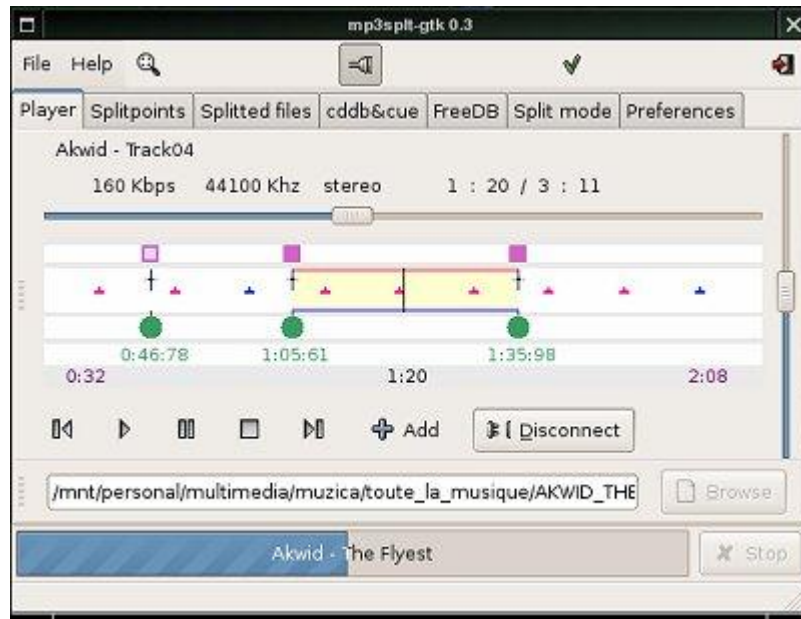
[LMMS](#)

LMMS is a free cross-platform alternative to commercial programs like FL Studio, which allow you to produce music with your computer. This includes the creation of melodies and beats, the synthesis and mixing of sounds, and arranging of samples. You can have fun with your MIDI-keyboard and much more; all in a user-friendly and modern interface.



[Mp3Splt](#)

Mp3Splt-project is a utility to split mp3 and ogg files selecting a begin and an end time position, *without decoding*. It's very useful to split large mp3/ogg to make smaller files or to split entire albums to obtain original tracks. If you want to split an album, you can select split points and filenames manually or you can get them automatically from Cddb (internet or a local file) or from .cue files. Supports also automatic silence split, that can be used also to adjust cddb/cue splitpoints. You can extract tracks from Mp3Wrap or AlbumWrap files in few seconds.



Qtractor

Qtractor is an Audio/MIDI multi-track sequencer application written in C++ with the Qt4 framework. Target platform is Linux, where the Jack Audio Connection Kit (JACK) for audio, and the Advanced Linux Sound Architecture (ALSA) for MIDI, are the main infrastructures to evolve as a fairly-featured Linux desktop audio workstation GUI, specially dedicated to the personal home-studio.



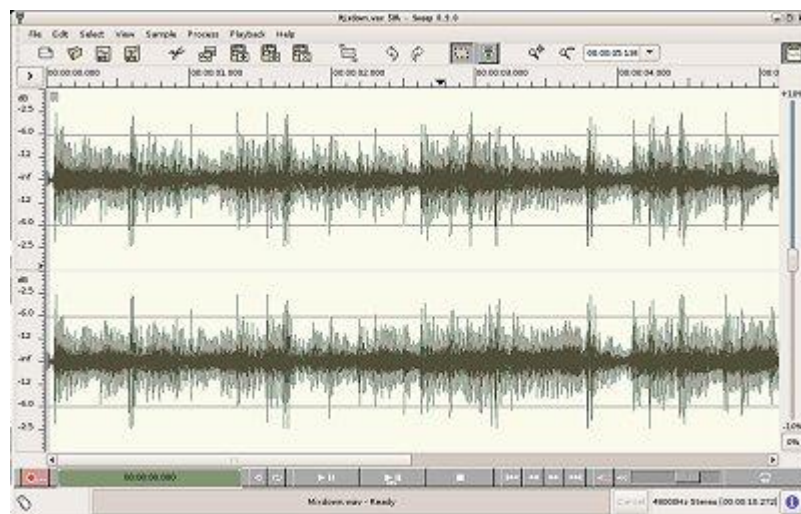
[ReZound](#)

ReZound aims to be a stable, open source, and graphical audio file editor primarily for.



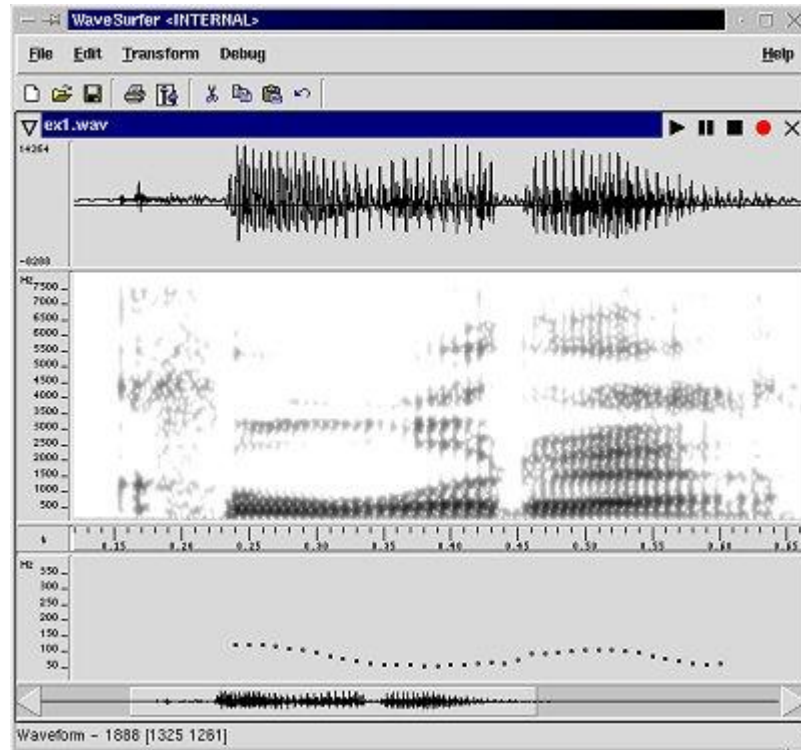
[Sweep](#)

Sweep is an audio editor and live playback tool for GNU/Linux, BSD and compatible systems. It supports many music and voice formats including WAV, AIFF, Ogg Vorbis, Speex and MP3, with multichannel editing and LADSPA effects plugins.



[Wavesurfer](#)

WaveSurfer is an Open Source tool for sound visualization and manipulation. It has been designed to suit both novice and advanced users. WaveSurfer has a simple and logical user interface that provides functionality in an intuitive way and which can be adapted to different tasks.



Slideshows

Paid

Soundslides

Free

[PhotoPeach](#)

Until recently there was no other slideshow tool that could compete upload Soundslides' flexibility and easy-to-use interface...until now. PhotoPeach lets users upload and order photos using a drag and drop interface, upload an MP3 audio file from a computer, add captions for individual photos and embed the final slideshow anywhere on the net. All this is familiar to anyone who has ever used Soundslides, but PhotoPeach offers all this and more for free, making it a strong substitute for Soundslides



Interactive Media

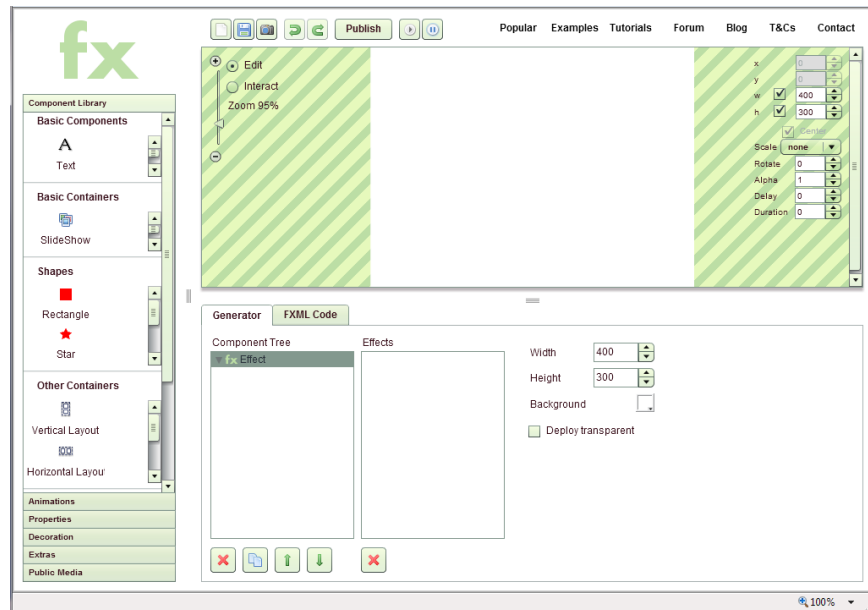
Paid

Free

Flash

[Effect Generator](#)

Effect Generator, a free online tool, lets anyone create common Flash elements such as sli deshows, graphics, and embedded videos. Once you've created your effect the generator emails a link where you can access the Flash file you created. The layout differs from Flash and takes some getting used to but is a great alternative, especially for those just starting to learn Flash.



Word Processing

Paid

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Free

[Google Docs](#)

Many of the programs and tools on this list are substitutions for existing program. With Google Docs, you'll never want to touch Microsoft Office again. The free online tool lets anyone with a Google account create documents, spreadsheets and presentations as well as share the document for collaborative editing or viewing. Google Docs is accessible from any computer with an internet connection or you can [work offline](#) or download your finished work directly to your computer. You can even upload your existing documents into Google Docs.

