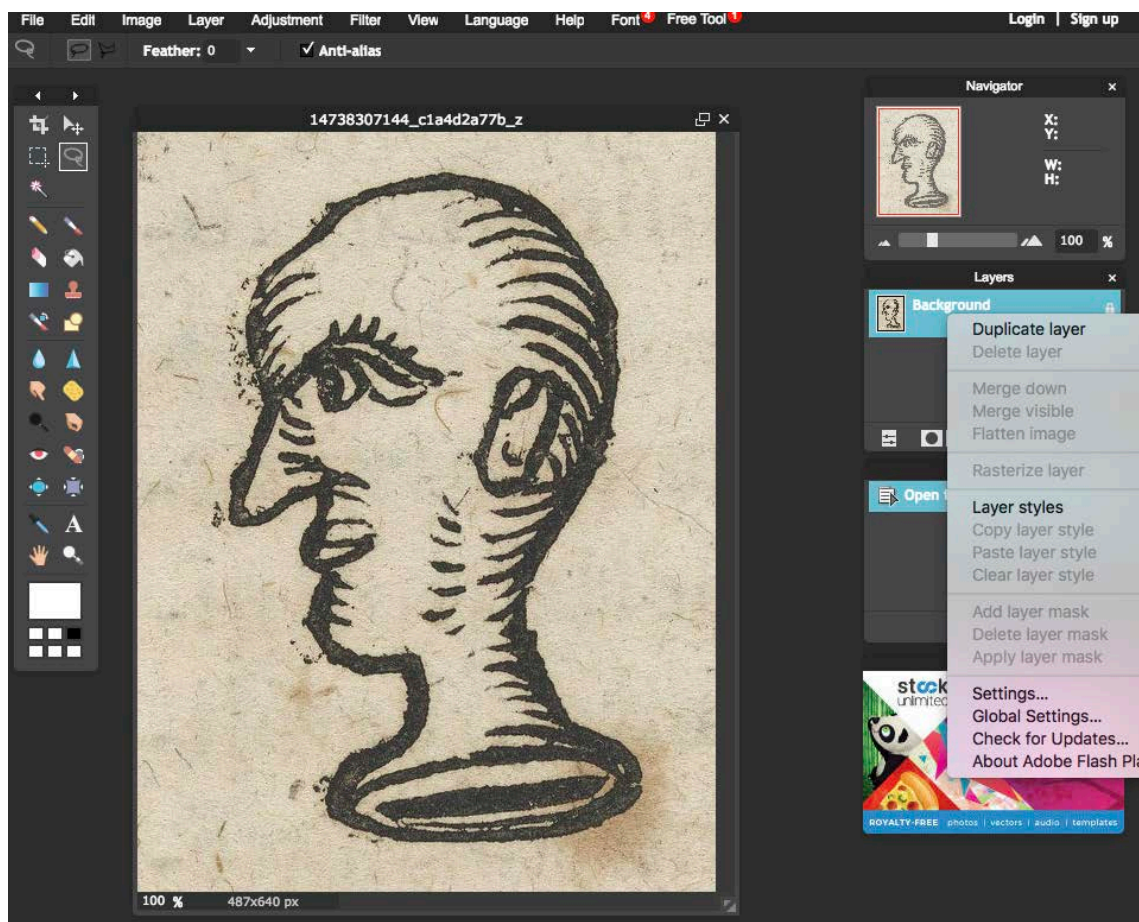


Playing with colours

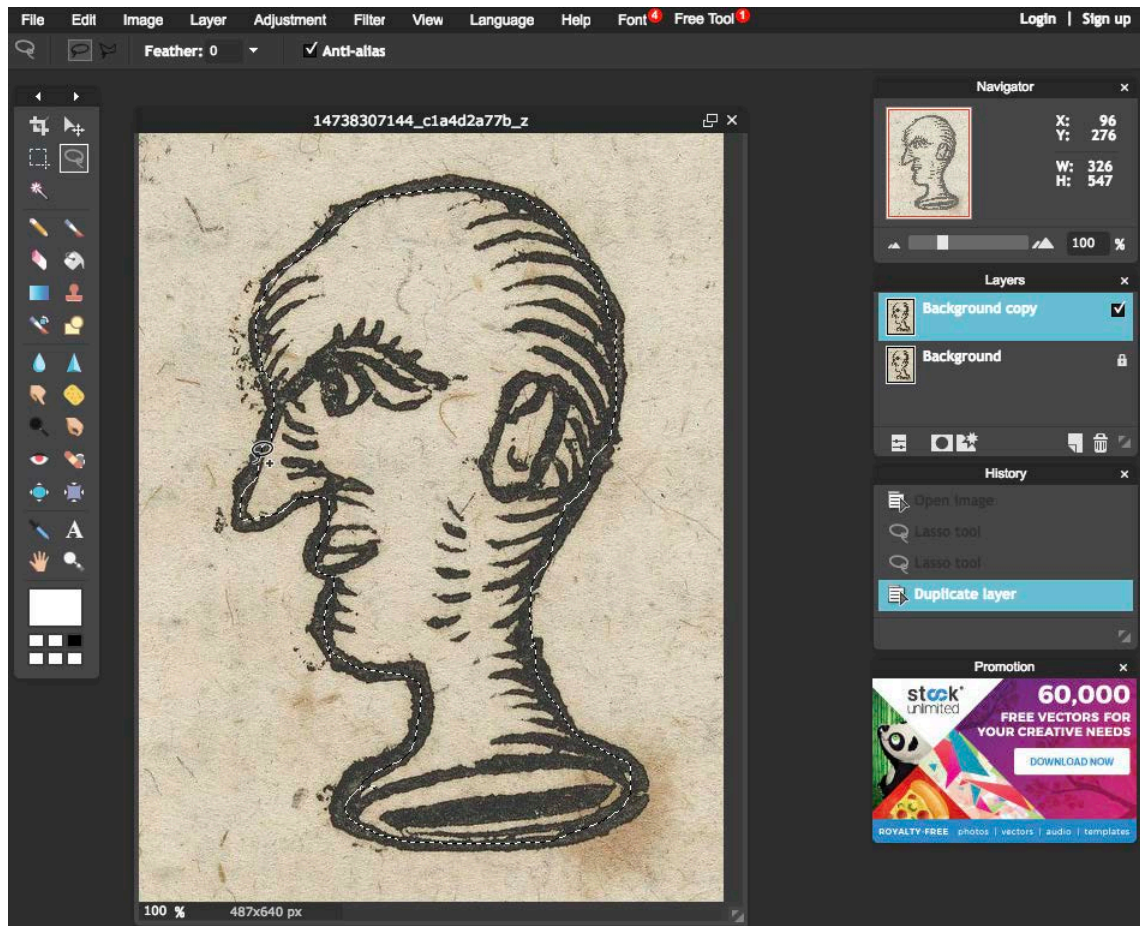
Gif It Up – A workshop on creating gifs run by [Open.Ed](http://www.open.ed.ac.uk/) at The University of Edinburgh

1. Go to the image 'De Subtilitate Libris XXI, 1664, p.251, detail' on Flickr (<http://edin.ac/2DOXdT7>) and download the Medium size file (487 x 640 pixels).
2. Go to Pixlr Express, the free image editor we'll be using today- <https://pixlr.com/editor/>.
3. Upload the image from your desktop and open it in Pixlr Express.
4. You will see your picture in the sidebar under layers. Duplicate the picture by right clicking on the image and selecting 'duplicate layer'.



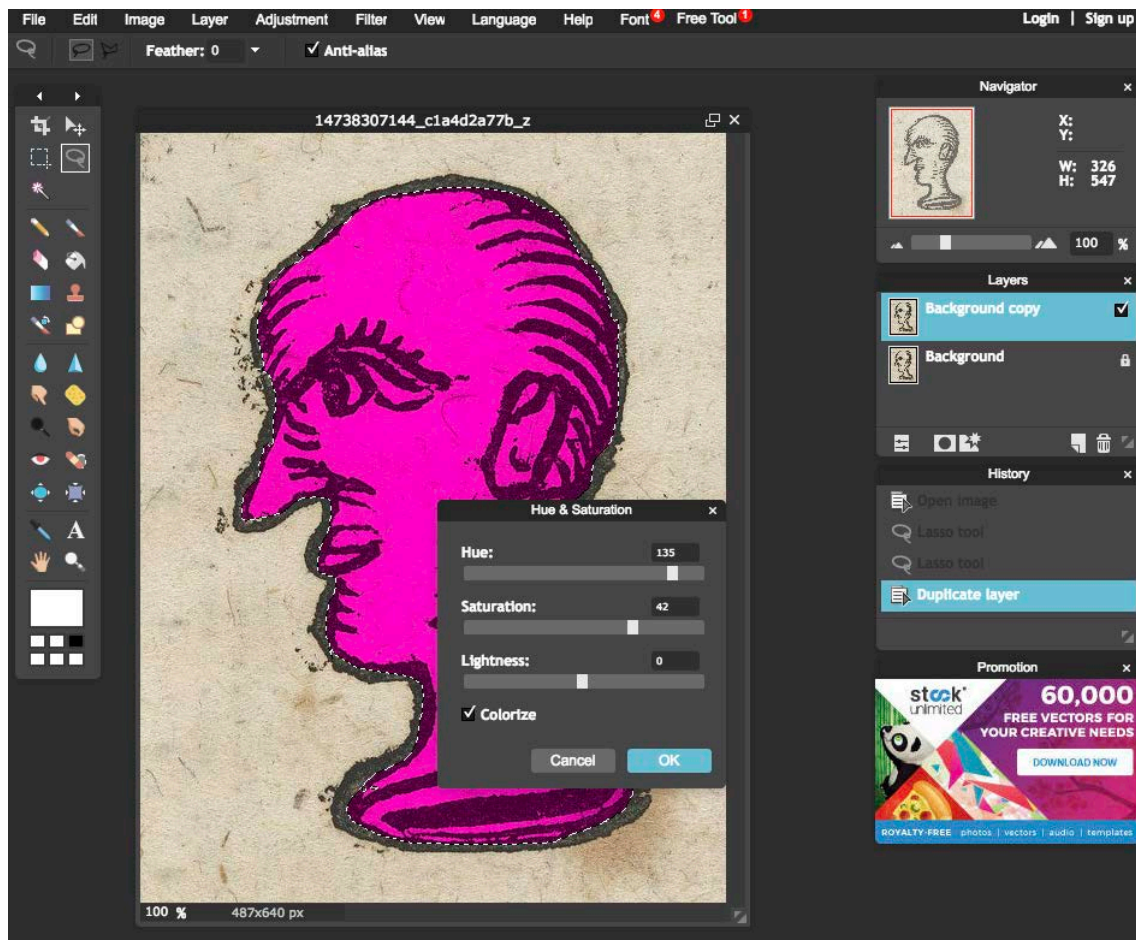
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5. In the toolbar on the left, click on the lasso tool and use this to trace around the black outline of the head. Don't let go of the tool until you've completed your outline. Your lines don't need to be super neat, but try to stay in the black outline if you can.



6. In the menu at the top of the editor click on 'Adjustment', then on 'Hue & Saturation'. Click the 'Colorize' box at the bottom of the box, then slide Hue, Saturation, or Lightness to select a colour.

Click on ok when you're happy.



7. Click on 'File' in the menu at the top of the Editor and Save your image to the desktop. Name it something recognisable such as Head2.

8. Repeat. In the menu at the top of the editor click on 'Adjustment', then on 'Hue & Saturation'. Click the 'Colorize' box at the bottom of the box, then slide Hue, Saturation, or Lightness to select another colour. Click on ok when you're happy, and again save the image to your desktop, e.g. Head3.

9. Create 4 different coloured heads in total, saving each as a numbered file to your desktop.

10. In your browser open up <https://ezgif.com/maker>

11. Click on 'Choose Files' and select your saved images from the desktop. Then click on 'Upload and make a GIF!'.

12. Play with options:

To set how quickly you want the gif to change from one image to next, increase or decrease the Delay.

To ensure that the gif will continue to loop, leave the Loop count empty. If you want it to stop after a certain number of loops, add that number into the box.

To add a crossfade effect from one image to another in your gif, select 'crossfade frames' and how long you want the delay to last.

When you're ready, click on 'Make a GIF!'.

Optimise

Check the file size of your gif. Twitter only accepts gifs up to 5MB. If your gif is too large you can optimise the gif to reduce the file size.



Click on the 'optimize' button in the tools tab.

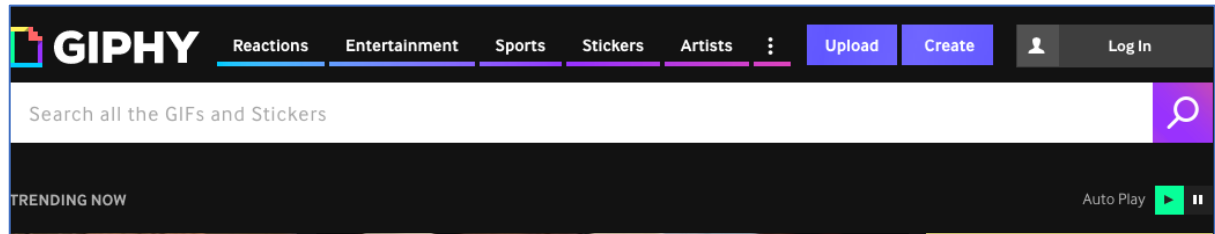
The tool will suggest an optimisation method and compression level. Further information about what these mean is provided at the bottom of the page.

Select your method and compression level, then optimise your gif.

Once done, save your gif so you can upload it to social media channels or share it with friends.

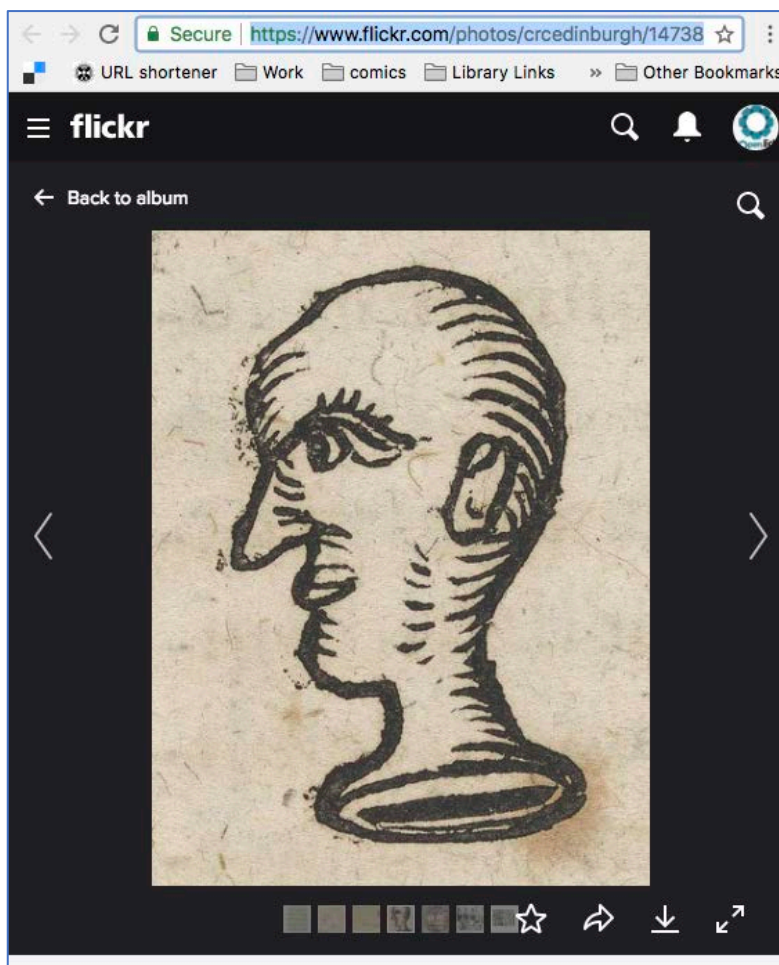
Share on Giphy

In another browser tab to go Giphy.com <https://giphy.com/>. You can choose to sign in with an account or not. Having an account can be useful for tracking the gifs you create.



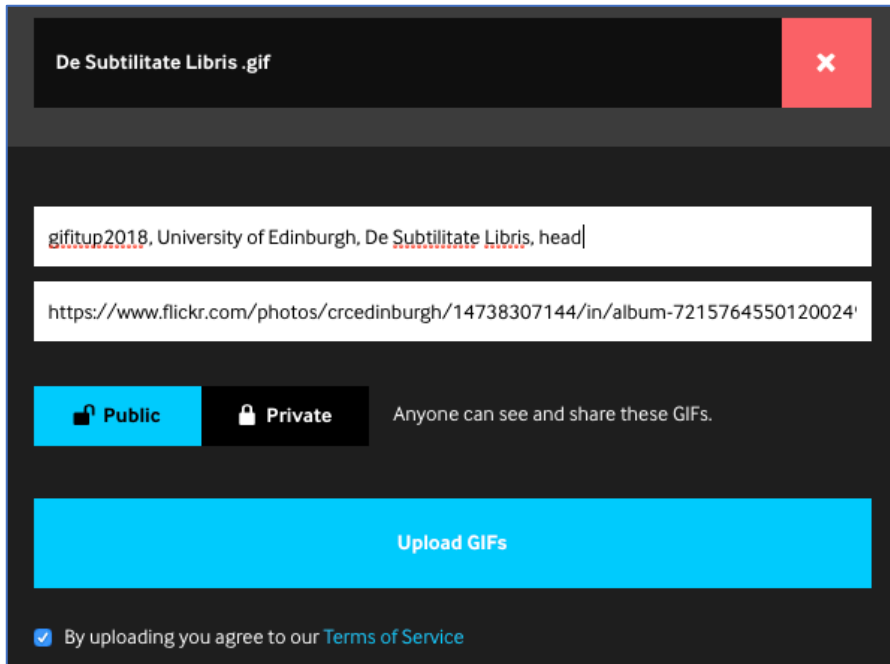
Click on 'Upload.

Giphy will then ask you to add some information. Go back to the browser tab with the original image and copy the url/web address at the top of the page, this is the Source URL.



Add the Source URL to the information on Giphy.

Then add the tag Gifitup2018, University of Edinburgh, and any additional tags you think would help someone find your gif, leaving a comma in between each tag.



De Subtillitate Libris .gif

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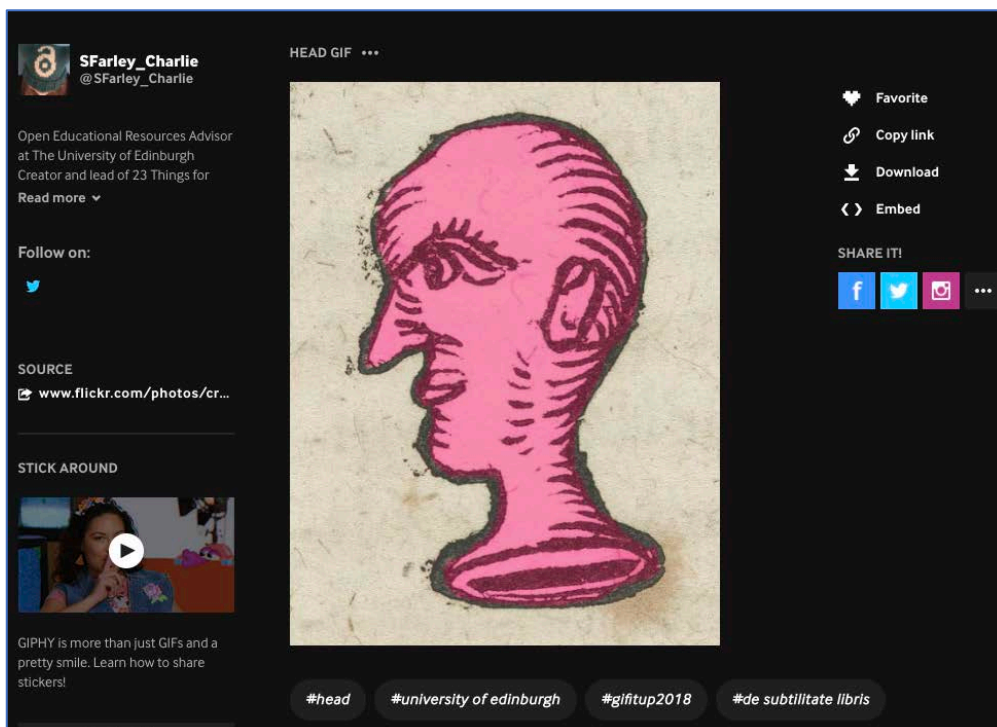
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Awesome! Now you should be able to see and share your new Gif!



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