

# Circle Slide - Cloning, Layers, Masks, & Animation

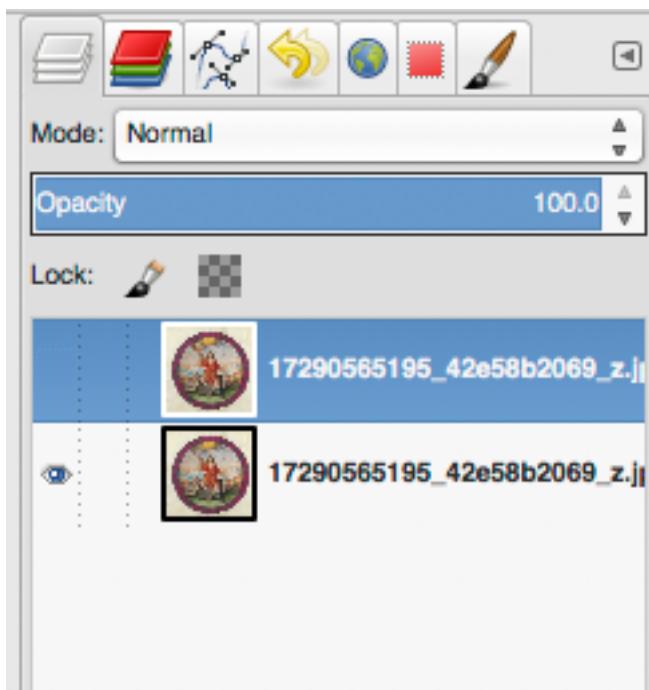
Gif It Up – A workshop on creating gifs run by [Open.Ed](#) at The University of Edinburgh

Before beginning this session you will need to import a brush I made earlier for the purpose of time saving. Go to dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vtw72yzm6dpanor/cirlce.gih?dl=0>

Download the .gih file. Then (for Windows) go to your Start button and search for ‘gimp’. Select the folder ‘.gimp-2.8’, then open the folder ‘brushes’. Drag and drop the .gih file into the brushes folder. Then close the folder. You will need to restart GIMP in order for the brush to be implemented.

1. Go to the CC BY licensed image ‘Album Amicorum’ on Luna (<https://edin.ac/2OyYrKJ>) and Export the Small image file size (up to 768 pixels).
2. Open the image up in GIMP.
3. Right click on the layer and create a duplicate.



4. Ensure that you click on the duplicated layer for your next editing.

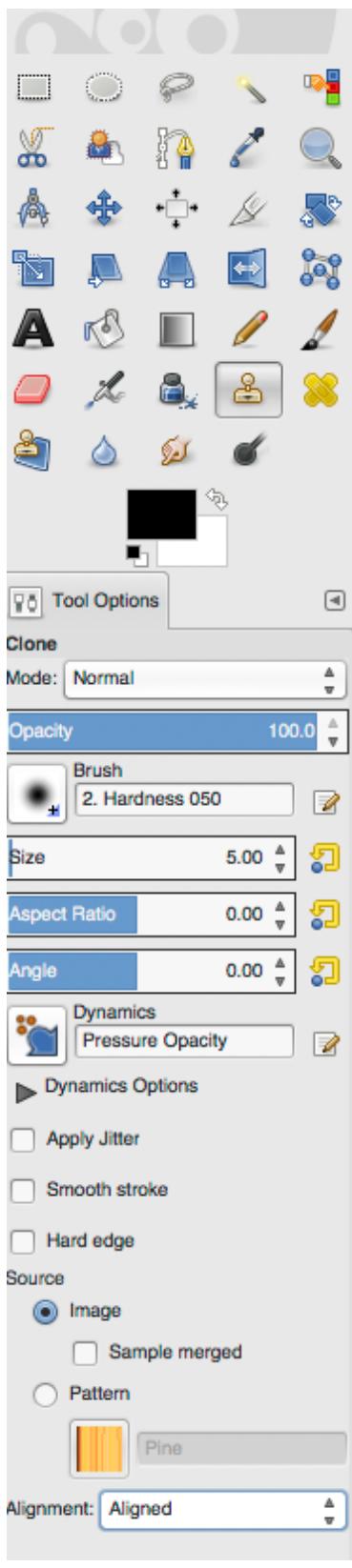
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5. Use the clone tool to erase the yellow circle from the image by filling in the background to match the painted sky. Experiment with the Alignment option at the bottom of the tool options by choosing an alignment, then hold the Control key and click on a part of the image to set the clone area. Then click and move your clone cursor to paint with the cloned selection.



Clone tool



6. Use the clone tool until you're happy with the repainted sky.

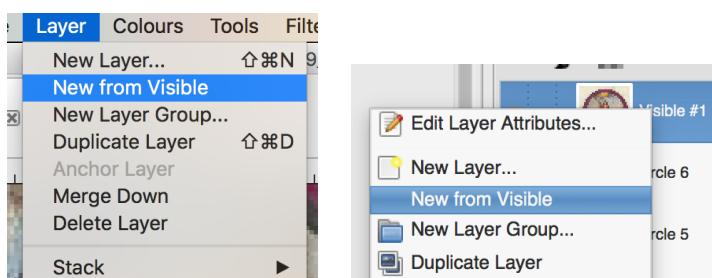


(Note: To learn more about the Clone tool, watch this video from Lynda.com <https://edin.ac/2y7hEZf> )

7. Double click on the name of the first layer and name this 'original circle'. Double click on the name of the second layer and name this 'no circle'. Then drag and drop the second layer so it sits below the first.



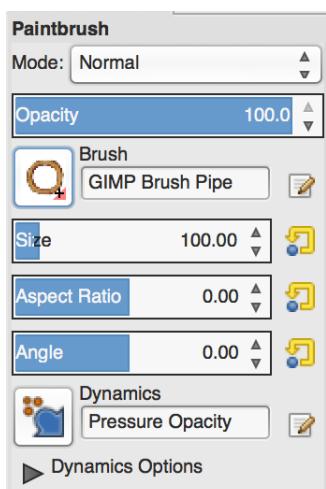
8. Ensure that you've clicked off the eyes to the left of your layers to ensure that no circles are visible, then create a new layer from visible. You can do this either by right clicking on your current layer, or going to the menu 'layers' and selecting this option.



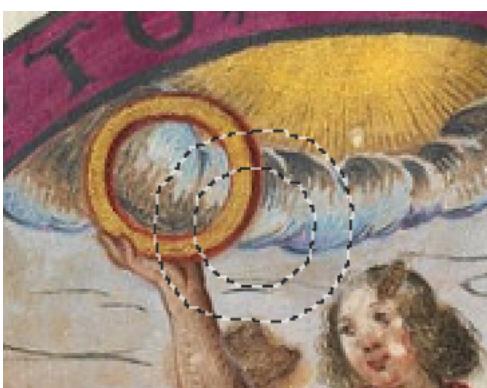
9. Double click on the name of the new layer and re-name it 'Circle 1'. Make sure the eye for 'original circle' is on, and that you have clicked on 'circle 1' as the active layer you want to edit.



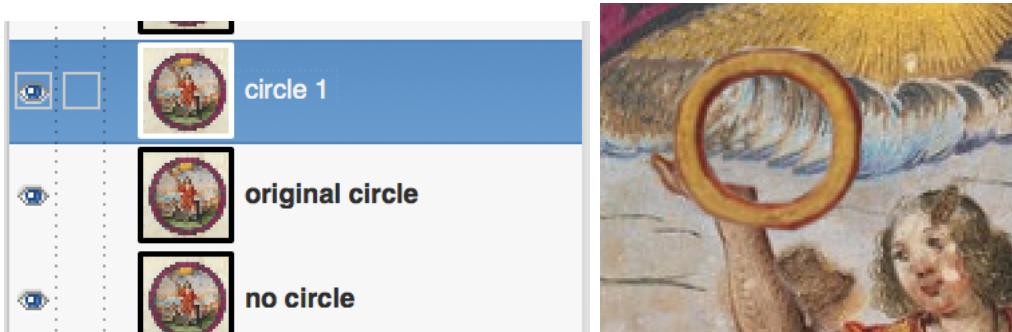
10. Select the Paintbrush tool, and click on the image of the brush in order to select the pre-made brush we imported earlier 'GIMP Brush Pipe'. Ensure that the size is set to 100.00.



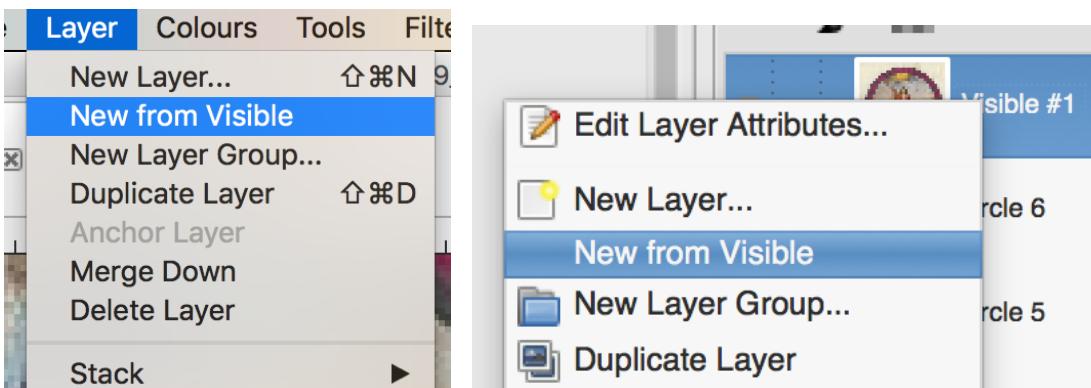
11. Hover the brush where you would like to place the circle on your layer, a dotted outline will help guide you. Click, hold, then unclick without moving to place your circle.



12. Click the eye on your active layer to see the placement of your circle. If you're unhappy with the positioning, use 'Control Z' to undo, then repeat the previous steps to re-place the circle.



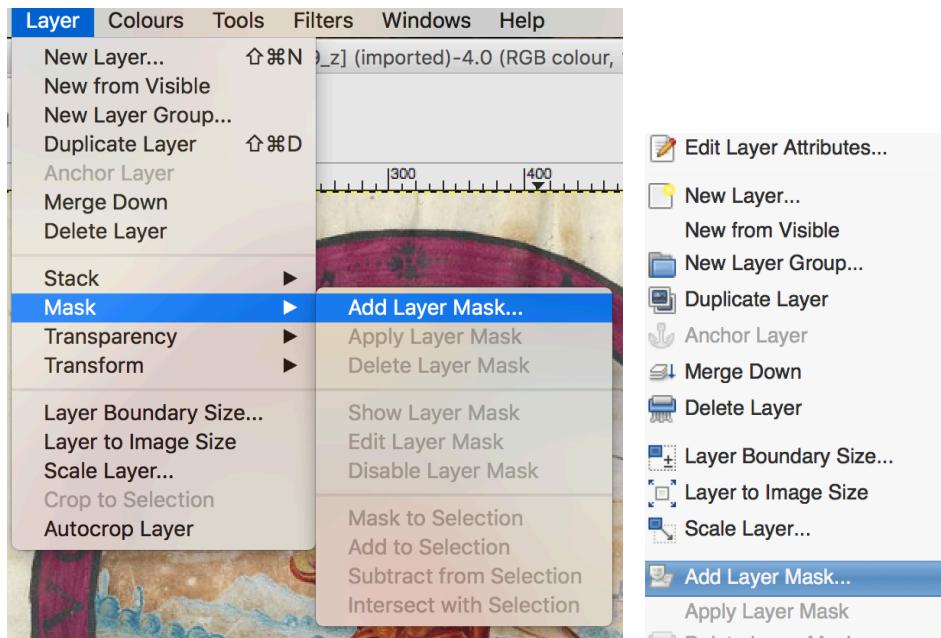
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14. When your circle reaches the end of the framed image, place it so part of the circle extends over the border.

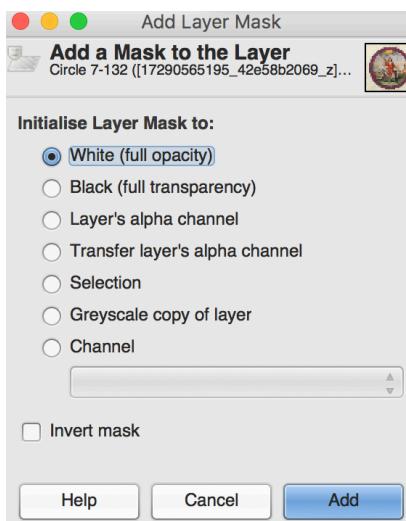


15. Create an additional layer without any circles and name this one 'Visible'. Then right click on the new layer or go to the Layer menu and create a 'Layer mask'.

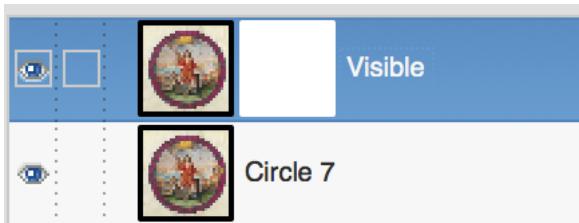


(Note: To learn more about Layer Masks, watch the following Lynda.com video tutorial: <https://edin.ac/2y9IZf7> )

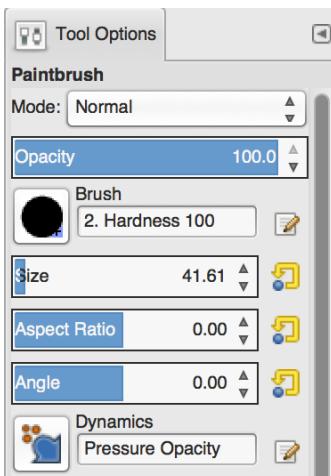
16. The Layer Mask toolbox has a number of options, for this mask we want to select the 'White (full opacity)' option, then click 'add'.



17. Ensure that you have the eyes clicked to show the top two layers, AND that you click into the white layer mask as the active editing layer.



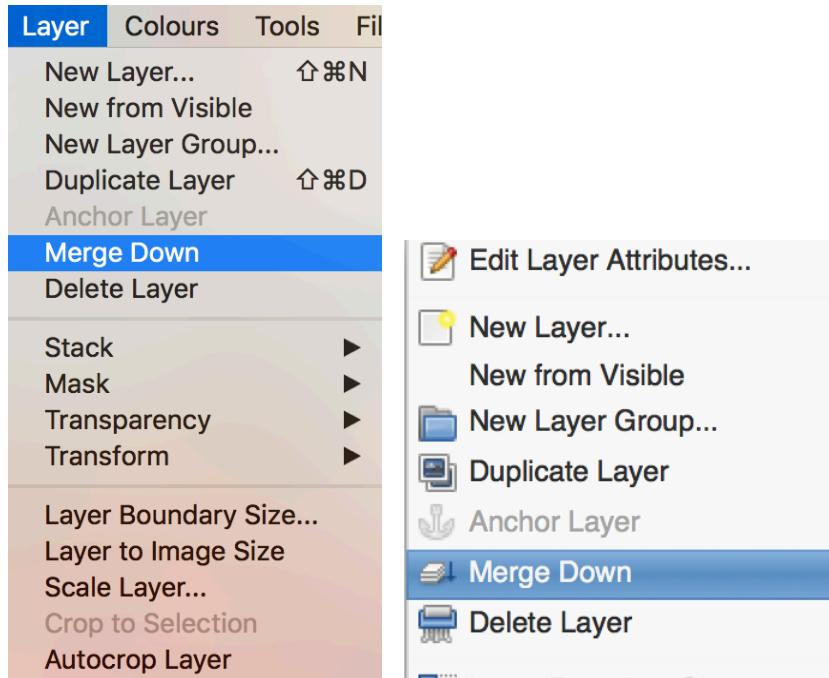
18. Use the brush tool, check that it is painting in black, use the 'Hardness 100' brush, and set the sizing somewhere around 40%.



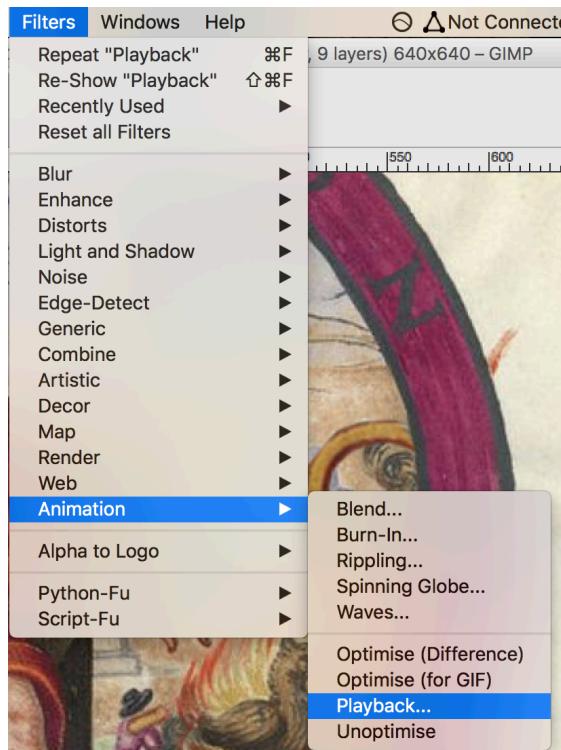
19. Then carefully paint the brush over the area to reveal the hidden circle, taking care not to extend beyond the border.



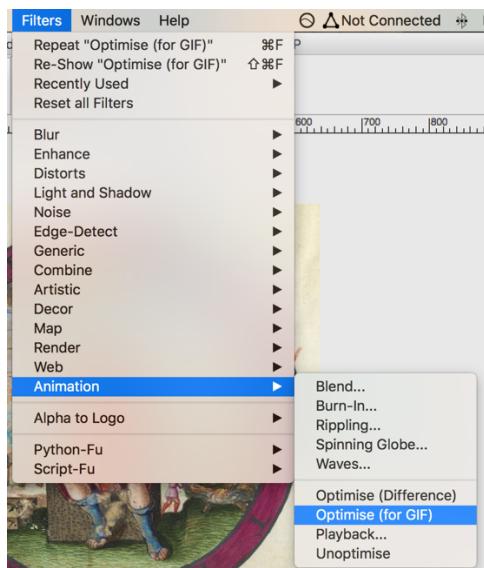
20. Click on the top layer, then right click and select, or go to the Layer menu, and 'Merge down' to combine the two layers.



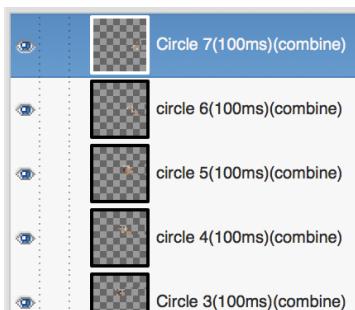
21. Let's see how it all looks! Click on the 'Filters'



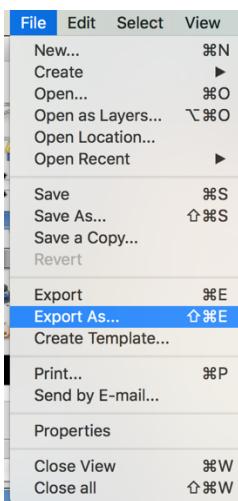
22. Now let's save your gif! Go back into the Filters menu and this time select 'Optimise (for GIF)'.



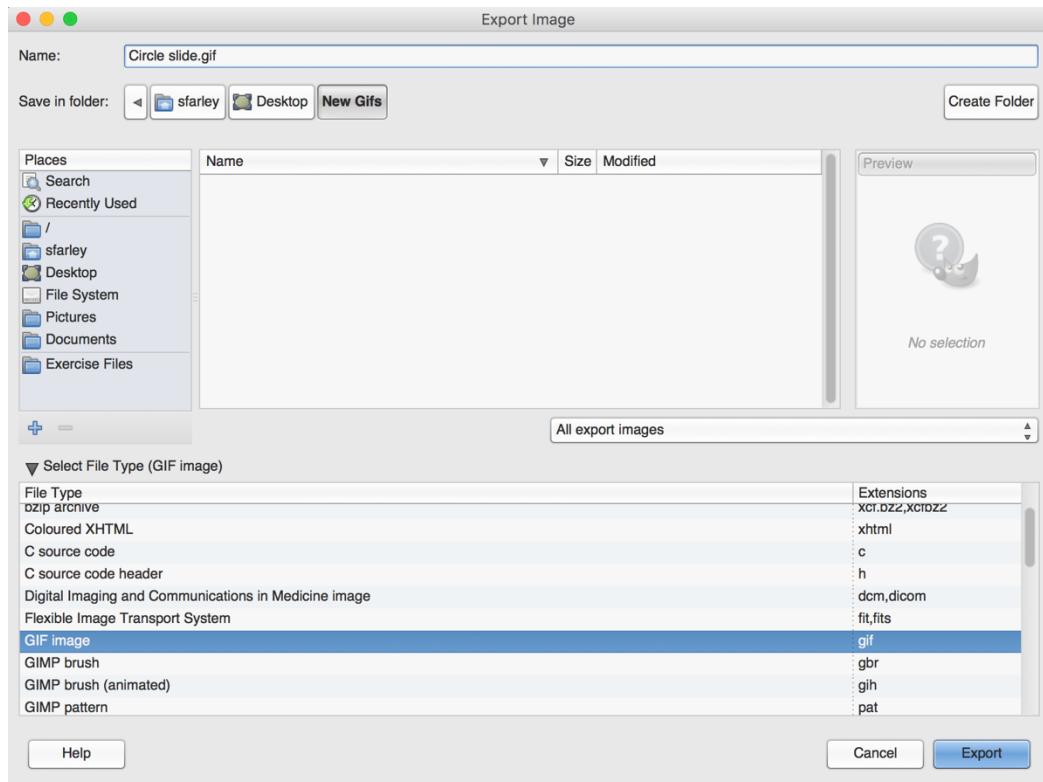
23. Your layers should now look something like this:



24. In order to create a gif we need to Export it rather than Save As. So go to File -> Export As...



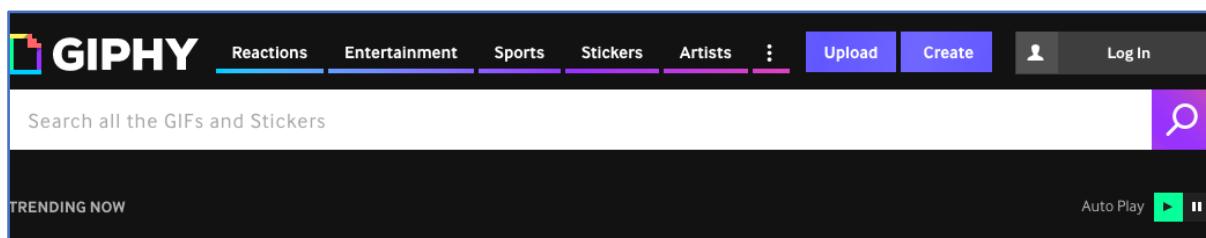
25. Click on ‘Select File Type’ towards the bottom of the window and select ‘Gif image’ as the type. Name your gif, making sure not to overwrite the ‘.gif’ at the end. And when ready, click on Export.



26. Success!!

## Share on Giphy

Open up your web browser and go to [Giphy.com](https://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.

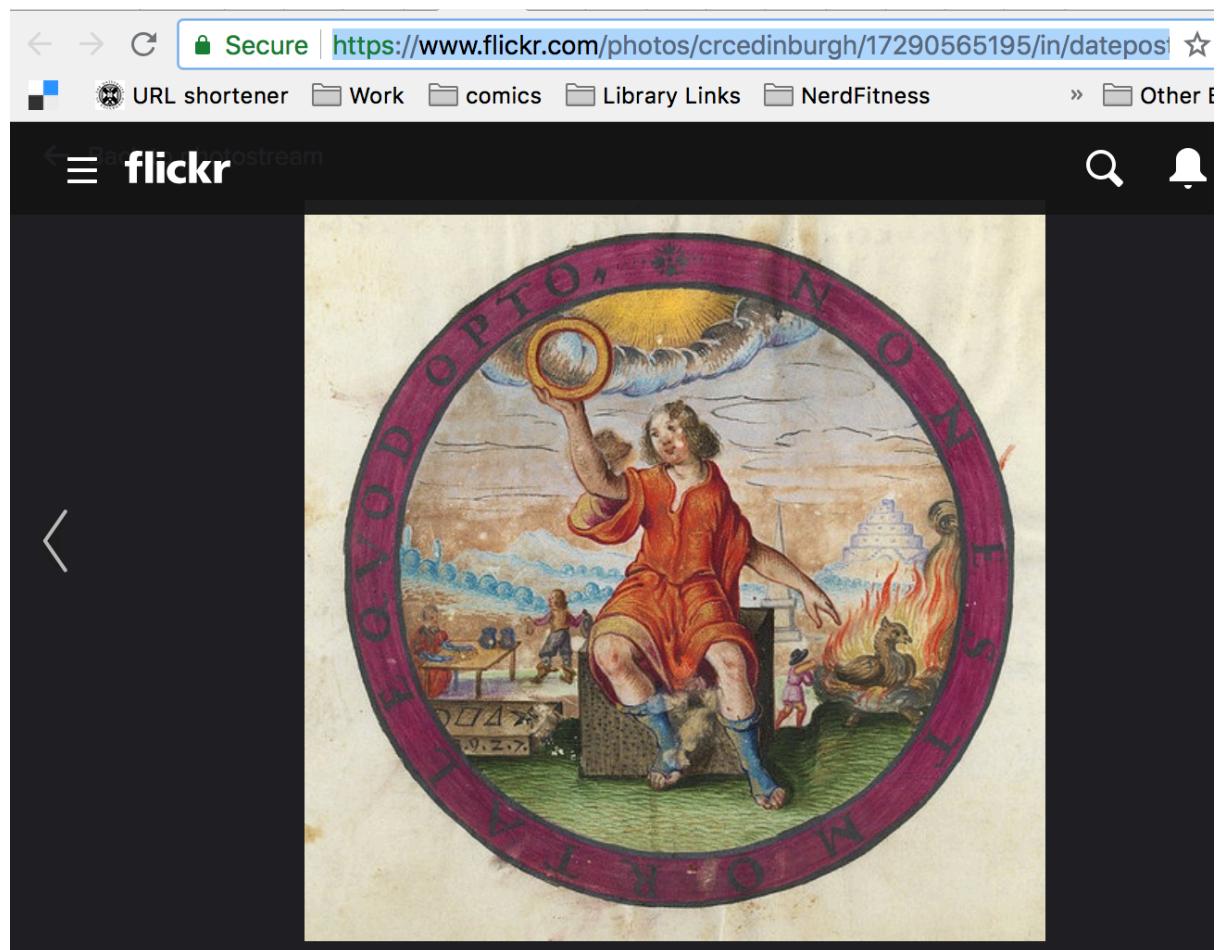


IF you would like to add additional filters, stickers, or effects click on ‘Create’. Make your additions, then ‘Continue to Upload’.

OR

IF you are happy with your gif the way it is, 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, University of Edinburgh, and any additional tags you think would help someone find your gif, leaving a comma in between each tag.

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

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