

# How to Add Animation to Your Gmail Profile Photo (GIF)

Create an animated version of your logo using Jitter, export as a GIF, and upload it to your Google Account profile photo.

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## What you need

- Your logo file (recommended: PNG with transparent background).
- Two logo variations (for example: normal logo + highlighted/zoomed/rotated version).
- A Jitter account (free account works for basic exports).
- Access to the Google Account that you want to update.

## Step-by-step (Jitter to Gmail)

- 1 **Open Jitter:** Go to jitter.video (or Jitter.com), sign up / log in, then click **New File**.
- 2 **Choose Animate:** Inside the editor, click **Animate** to start an animation project.
- 3 **Add your two logo versions:** Import your logo variation #1 and #2 (drag-and-drop or upload). Place them on the canvas and align them properly.
- 4 **Create the animation:** Select your logo layer(s) and click **Animation**. Add a simple transition between variation #1 → #2 (examples: scale up, rotate, fade, bounce).
- 5 **Preview and adjust timing:** Play the animation. Keep it short and clean (around 1-2 seconds) so it loops smoothly.
- 6 **Export as GIF:** Click **Export** and choose **GIF**. Download the exported file to your device.
- 7 **Open your Google Account settings:** Go to Gmail, click your profile picture (top-right), then click **Manage your Google Account**.
- 8 **Edit your profile photo:** Click the profile photo, choose **Change / Edit**, then upload the exported GIF.
- 9 **Save:** Confirm and save changes. Your updated profile photo will sync across Google services.

## Best practices (so it looks premium)

- Use a square canvas (1:1). Export size 400x400 or higher for sharpness.
- Keep the animation subtle: small scale/rotate + easing looks more professional than heavy effects.
- Make sure the logo stays centered and readable at small size.
- If your logo has text, avoid tiny fonts - Gmail shows profile photos very small in many places.

## Troubleshooting

- **GIF uploads but doesn't animate:** Some Google surfaces show only a static frame of GIFs. Try a different first frame (make frame #1 your best-looking logo).
- **File size too large:** Reduce duration, reduce dimensions, or lower export quality in Jitter.
- **Logo looks blurry:** Export at higher resolution (e.g., 800x800) and keep edges clean (use PNG source).
- **Profile photo not updating everywhere:** It can take a little time to sync across Google services. Sign out/sign in or refresh after a while.

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**Quick reminder:** You are updating your **Google Account profile photo**. Gmail uses the same photo across most Google products.

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