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CS3505

Existing Market Document

**GraphicsGale:**

* **Features:**
  + Main image editing in center
  + Layering
  + Opening multiple types of images
  + Saving as multiple image types
  + Undo
  + Redo
  + Copy/Paste
  + Grid Preferences(on/off or grid sizes)
  + Snap to grids
  + Onion Skin(view of previous transparent slide on current slide)
  + Selection tools (square, circle, lasso, mover)
  + Magic Wand
  + Color Selection(select everything that is of a specific color)
  + Drawing(Free, lines, curved lines, squares, filled squares, Text, etc.)
  + Filling
  + Color Replacer
  + Antialiasing
  + Transparencies in frames
  + Frames
  + Frame Modifications(Duplicate, order, deletion, properties, cut, copy, paste, etc.)
  + Layer compression and properties
  + Windows(Frame, Frames Preview, Color Palette, History, Layers, etc.)
  + Image effects and modifications
  + All frame modifications
  + Screen or window capture
  + Window selection
  + Help guide
* **Pros:**
  + Has a great way of viewing a larger part of the photo and a smaller portion at the same time. Works great for seeing what you are editing in a large and small scale.
  + Able to change order of layers and frames easily.
  + Can set up a grid to your liking.
  + Compression of certain layers(if certain you are finished with those layers) will save you confusion.
  + Being able to undo/redo/cut/copy/paste are very important for any editor.
  + When creating new projects, can select dimensions and color depth.
  + Easily switch between different project windows.
  + Simple but nice image modifiers.
* **Cons:**
  + Needs more depth in the help guide. Should explain with examples or just explain further.
  + Tooltips would be nice, a text hover by the cursor when hovering over certain things.
  + Would be nice to edit via the smaller image window.
  + Not very many options to each tool.
  + Layout is a little confusing at times.

Overall, this sprite editing tool is great. The best part about it is how smoothly you can deal with layers and frames. It is not so easy when it comes down to some certain tools in the editor though. They are not explained very well in the help guide so some tools are a little bit of trial and error(especially if you are new). This editor does what it should do, but it just needs to be a little bit more user friendly.