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Basic Photo Editing Tools

- Crop
- Resize
- Rotate
- Remove red-eye

Advanced Photo Editing Tools

- Layers
- Masks
- Filters
- Retouching
- Effects

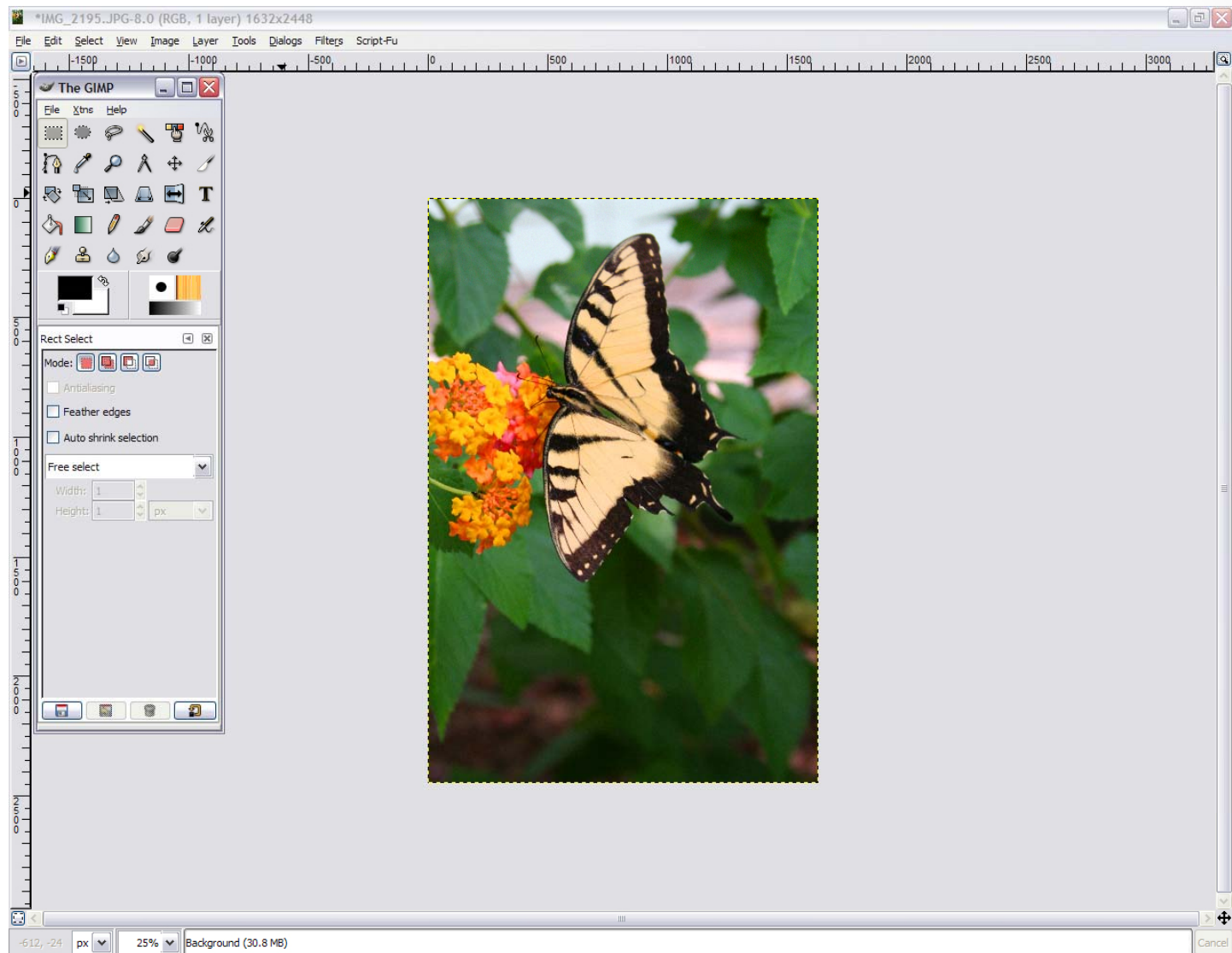
Free Software

- GIMP
- Picasa

GIMP

- GNU Image Manipulation Program
- Free open-source software
- Supported Platforms
 - Windows
 - Mac OS X
 - Linux / Sun OpenSolaris / FreeBSD
- Basic and professional-level photo editing tools

GIMP



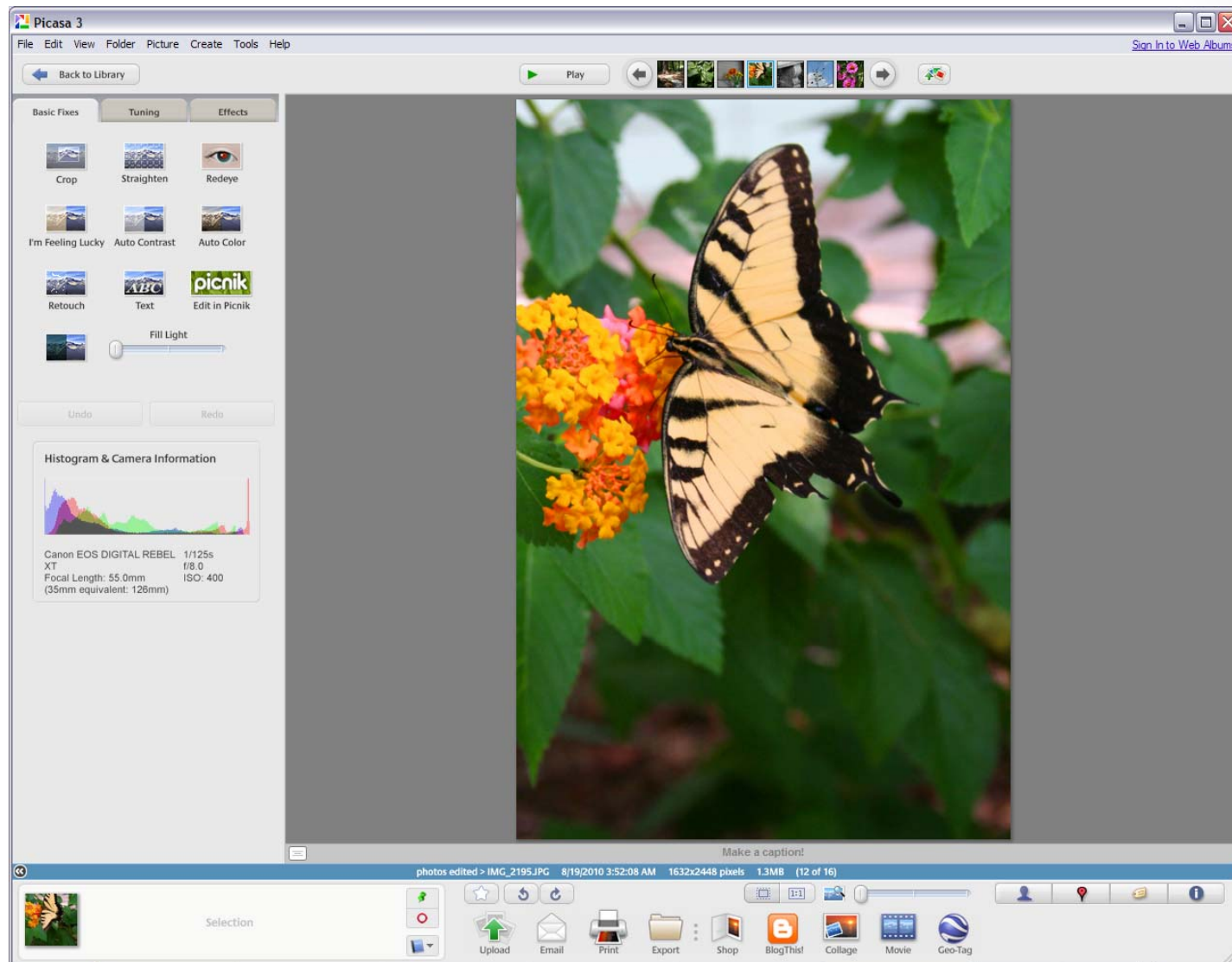
Picasa

- Free software from Google
- Photo manager, viewer, and image editor
- Supported Platforms
 - Windows
 - Mac OS X (Intel only)
 - Linux

Picasa

- Includes basic editing tools and
 - Special effects
 - Face recognition
 - Geotagging
 - Batch editing
- Upload to
 - Picasa Web Albums
 - Flickr
 - Blogger

Picasa



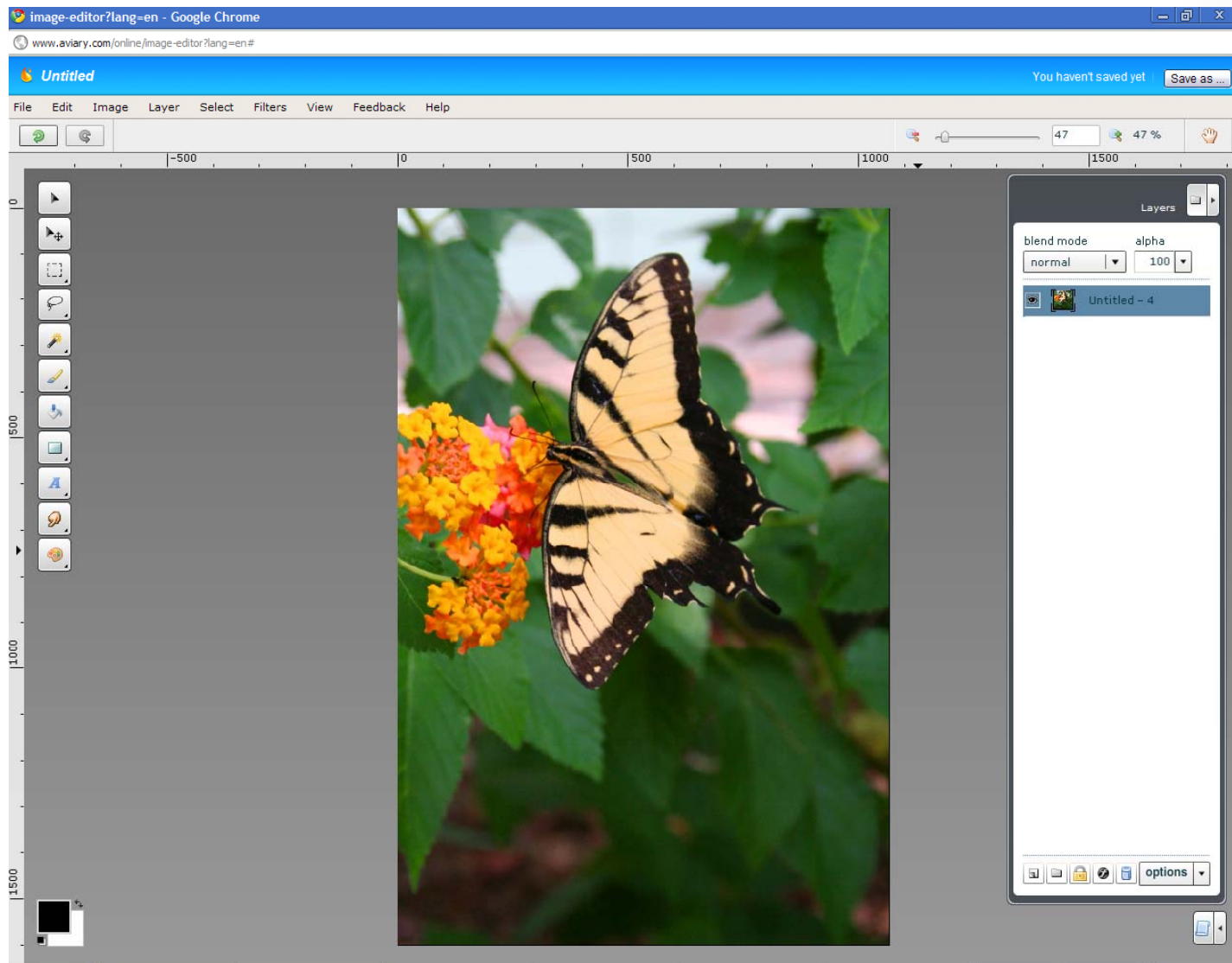
Free Web-based Photo Editors

- Aviary Phoenix
- Photoshop Express Editor
- Picnik

Aviary Phoenix

- Supported Platforms
 - Windows
 - Mac OS X
- System Requirements
 - Adobe Flash 9 or newer
- Free registration is required to save your work
- Includes tools for advanced photo editing
- Save to online photo-sharing sites like
 - Flickr
 - Facebook
 - Picasa

Aviary Phoenix



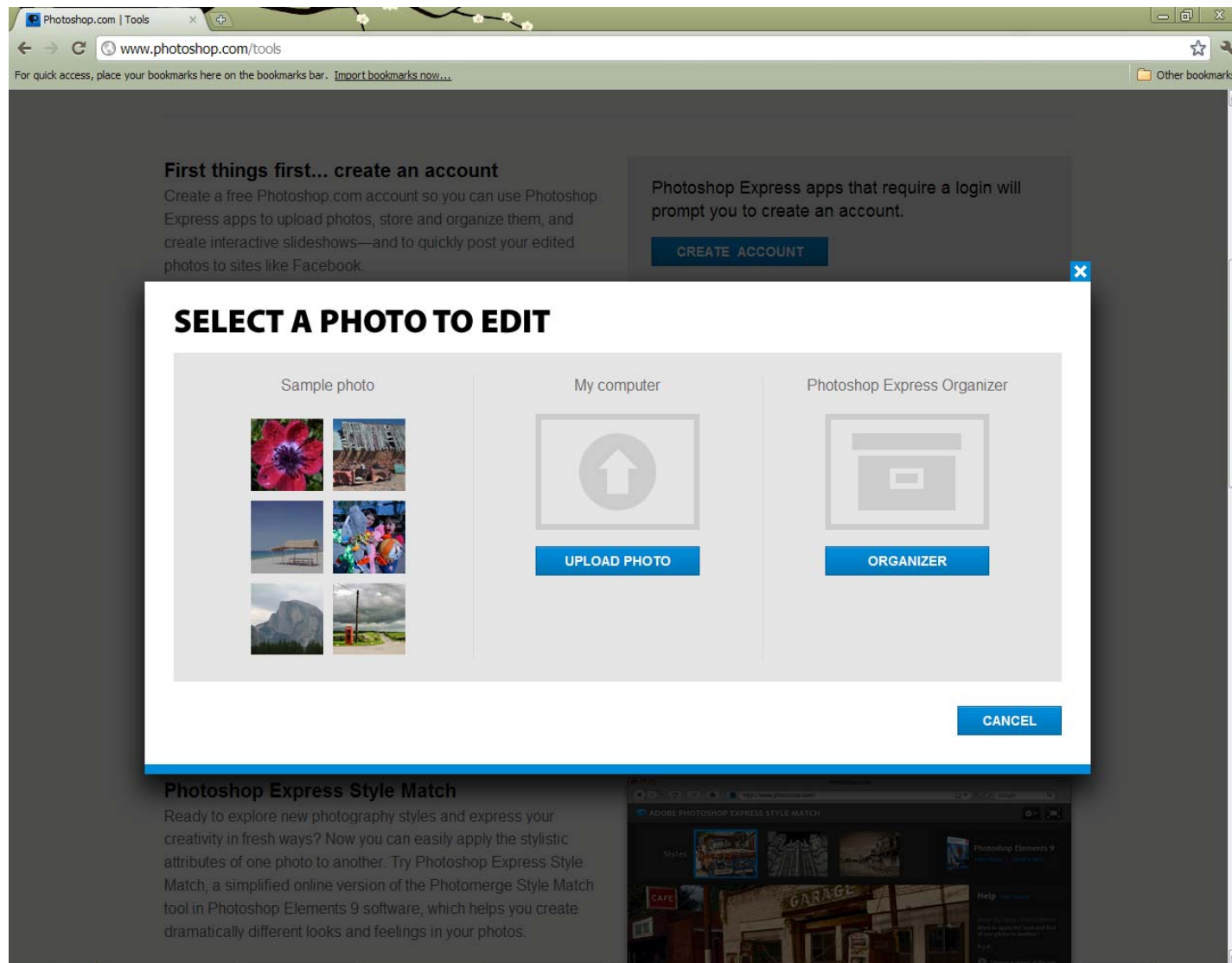
Photoshop Express Editor

- Free web-based photo editor from Adobe
- Supported Platforms
 - Windows
 - Mac OS X
- System Requirements
 - Google Chrome, Internet Explorer 7 or 8, Safari 3.5 or later, or Firefox 3.5 or later
 - Adobe Flash Player 10
 - 512 MB of RAM

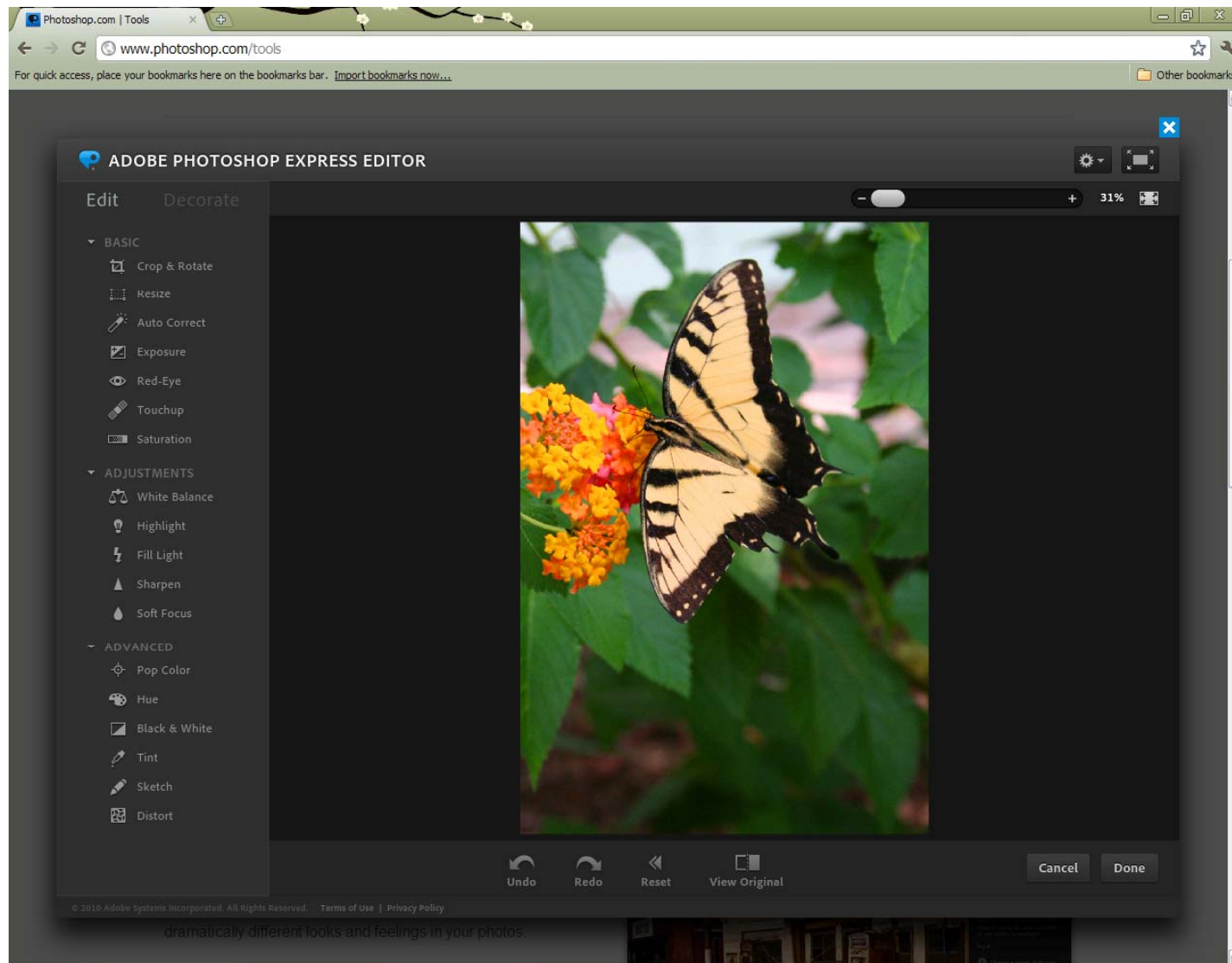
Photoshop Express Editor

- Not the closest web-based photo editor to Photoshop
- Easy way to edit and share your photos
- Upload to
 - Facebook
 - Flickr
 - Photobucket
 - Picasa
- Apps for iPad, iPhone, and social media sites like Photobucket and Facebook

Photoshop Express Editor



Photoshop Express Editor



Picnik

- Free web-based photo editor purchased by Google last March
- Supported Platforms
 - Windows
 - Mac OS X
 - Linux
- System Requirements
 - Google Chrome, Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, Firefox 2.0 or higher, or Safari 2 or higher
 - 512 MB of RAM

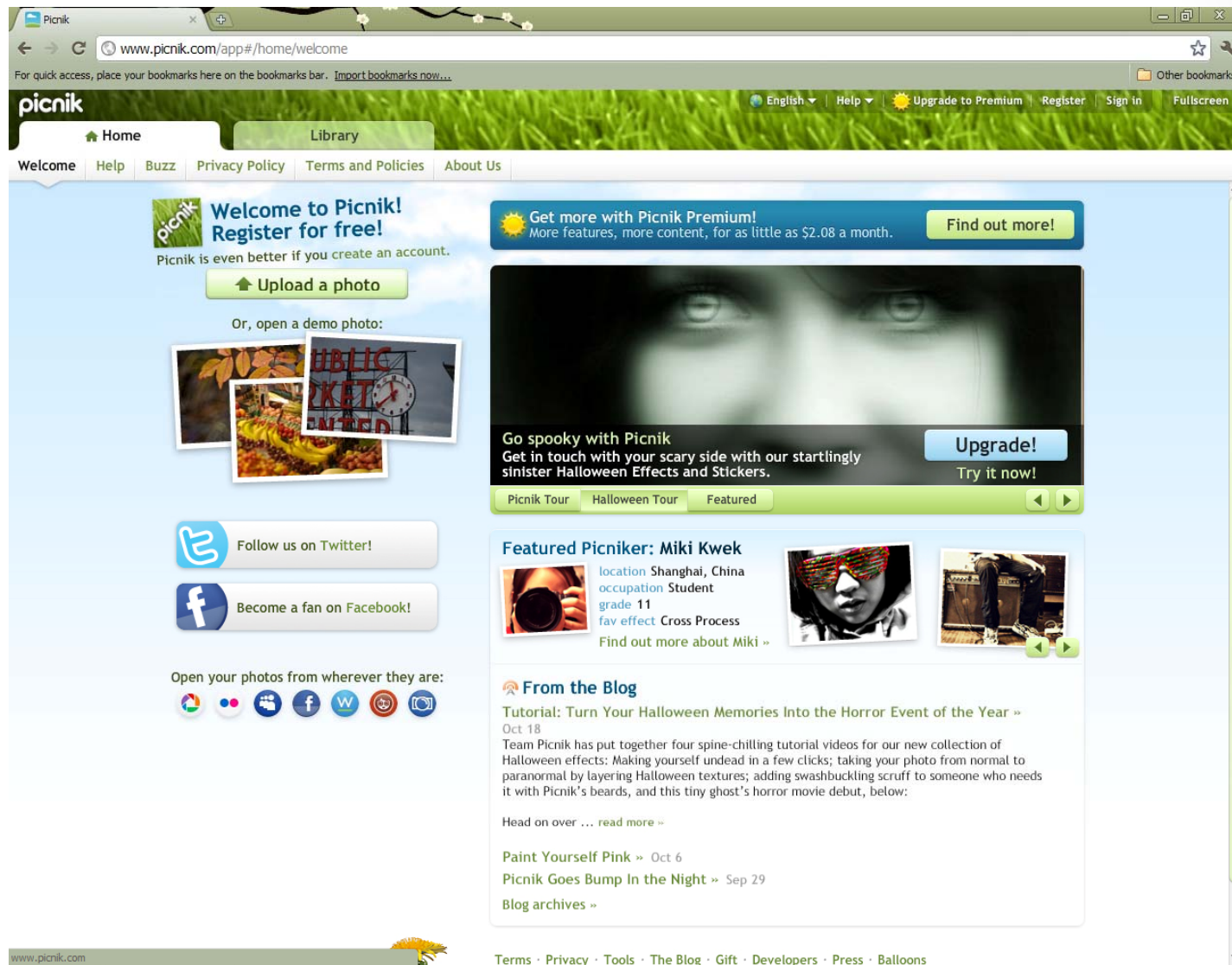
Picnik

- Advanced photo editing tools are available for a subscription fee
- Instructions are provided in pop-up windows for tools as you access them
- Connect directly through Picnik to edit and enhance photos in existing albums
- Edit photos in Picnik and send them directly to your albums

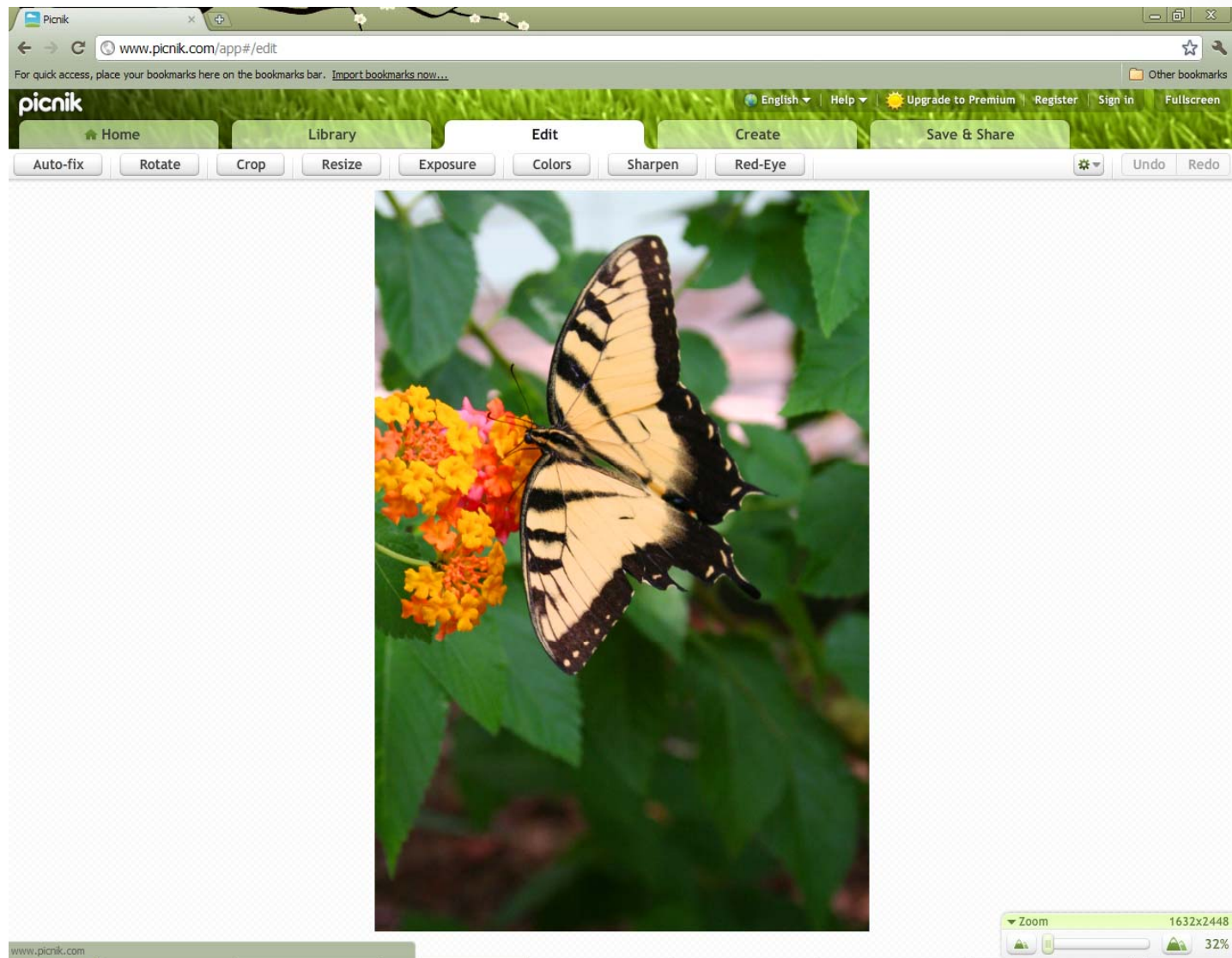
Picnik

- Picnik integrates with social networking and photo-sharing sites
 - Flickr
 - Facebook
 - MySpace
 - Photobucket
 - Picasa Web Albums

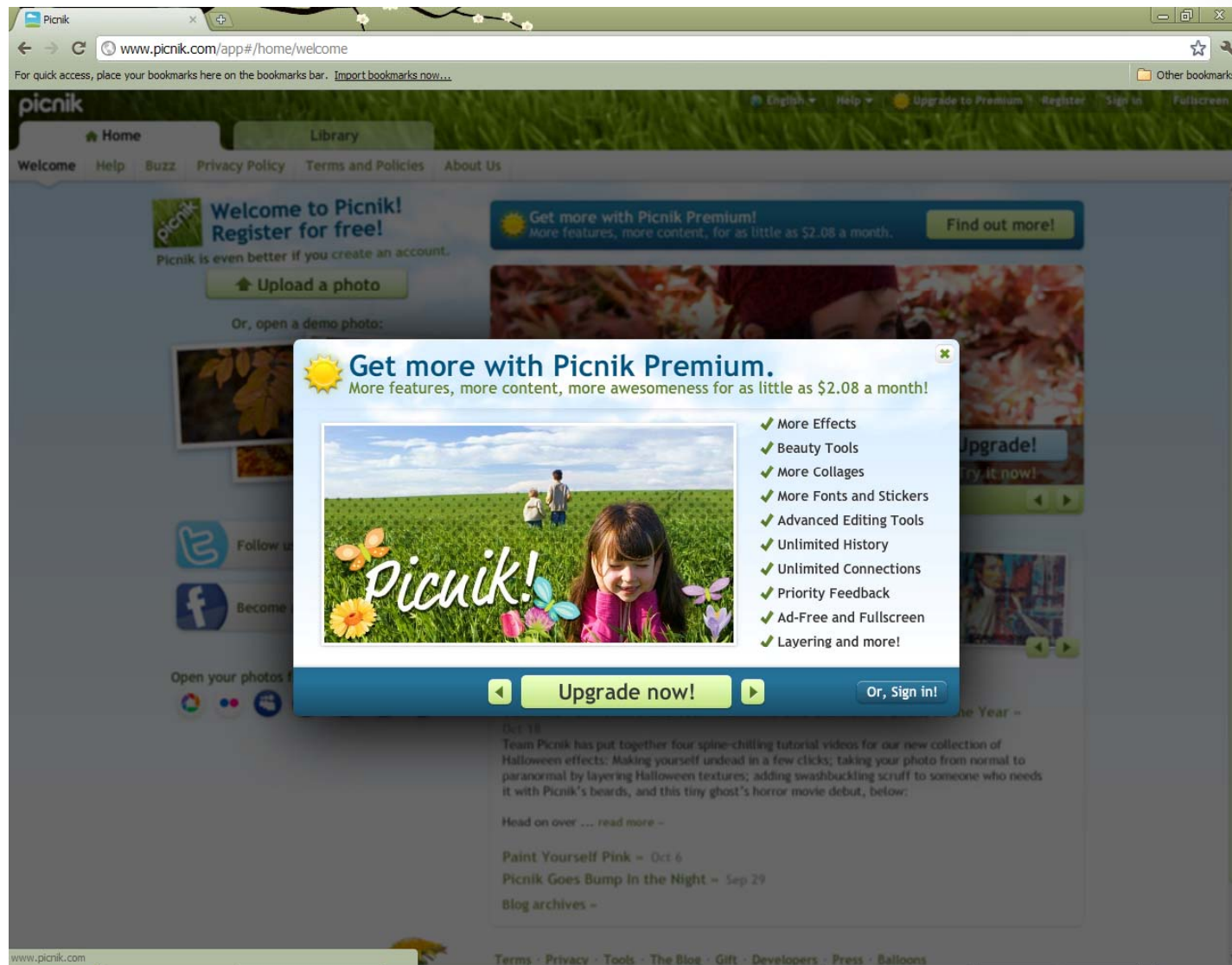
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Comparison

	Software Download	File Types Supported*				Basic Tools	Advanced Tools	Ease of Use
		jpeg	gif	tiff	png			
Aviary Phoenix	No	x	x		x	x	x	complex
GIMP	Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	very complex
Photoshop Express Editor	No	x				x	x	simple
Picasa	Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	simple
Picnik	No	x	x	x	x	x		simple

* Other file types may be supported. These file types were chosen because they are popular for image files.

Photo Editing Exercises

- Try the following exercises:
 - Photoshop Express Editor:
<http://www.photoshop.com/tools?wf=editor>
 - Rotate the image
 - Crop to a detail
 - Change the exposure
 - Change the saturation
 - Add text (under Decorate)
 - Picnik: <http://www.picnik.com/app#/home/welcome>
 - Rotate the image
 - Crop to a detail
 - Change the contrast (under Exposure)
 - Change the saturation (under Colors)
 - Add text (Create tab, Add Text)

Links

- Software Downloads
 - GIMP: <http://www.gimp.org/downloads/>
 - Picasa: <http://picasa.google.com/>
- Web Editors
 - Aviary Phoenix: <http://www.aviary.com/online/image-editor?lang=en>
 - Photoshop Express Editor: <http://www.photoshop.com/tools?wf=editor>
 - Picnik: <http://www.picnik.com/app#/home/welcome>