In-Class Exercise 03 FAQ

Q: I can't find my file(s) after I've saved them out.

Before you save, be sure to choose the Desktop or another obvious location where they will be easier to find. Sometimes the default location is deep within the bowels of your operating system, making them difficult to track down.

If you have already saved your files out and are having trouble finding them, try performing a search on your computer's file directory.

Windows File Search:
http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/find-file-folder#1TC=windows-7

Mac File Search:
http://support.apple.com/kb/PH10593

Q: The PNG file that I've exported from Inkscape is blank.

Be sure that all of your objects in Inkscape are on the drawing canvas. Objects outside the canvas will not appear in an exported file.
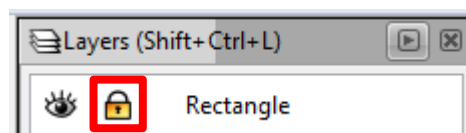
Q: I can't click and drag an object in Inkscape.

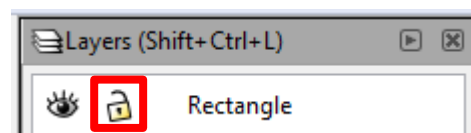Be sure you've selected the Arrow tool first.

Q: I can't select or make edits to a layer in Inkscape.

Be sure you didn't accidentally lock a layer. Look for the padlock icon next to the layer name. If it's locked, click it once to unlock it.

Locked   **Unlocked**

Q: My object is on the wrong layer in Inkscape. How do I move it to the right layer?

1. Select the object using the Arrow tool.
2. Cut the object.
3. Select the right layer in the Layers window.
4. Paste the object.
5. Hide your layer and make sure the object disappears. If it does not, go back to Step 1. If it does, unhide your layer.

Q: I accidentally filled my Bezier curve with a color. Is that okay?

Yes. Any coloring you apply to your Bezier curve is optional.

Q: Is my GIMP image big/small enough?

So long as it's larger than an icon and smaller than a desktop wallpaper, you're fine.

Q: I keep making mistakes with my Free Select Tool trace in GIMP. How do I undo it?

Press the **Backspace** key repeatedly.

Q: I get an error message about losing content when I try to close Inkscape.

Ignore it. Since the last thing you did in Inkscape was save as a PNG, Inkscape is warning you that you will lose the vector image information in your original SVG. However, assuming you saved your SVG at least once *after* you completed Step 20, then all of your content will be in your SVG file.

Q: How do I know if my files were submitted to D2L successfully?
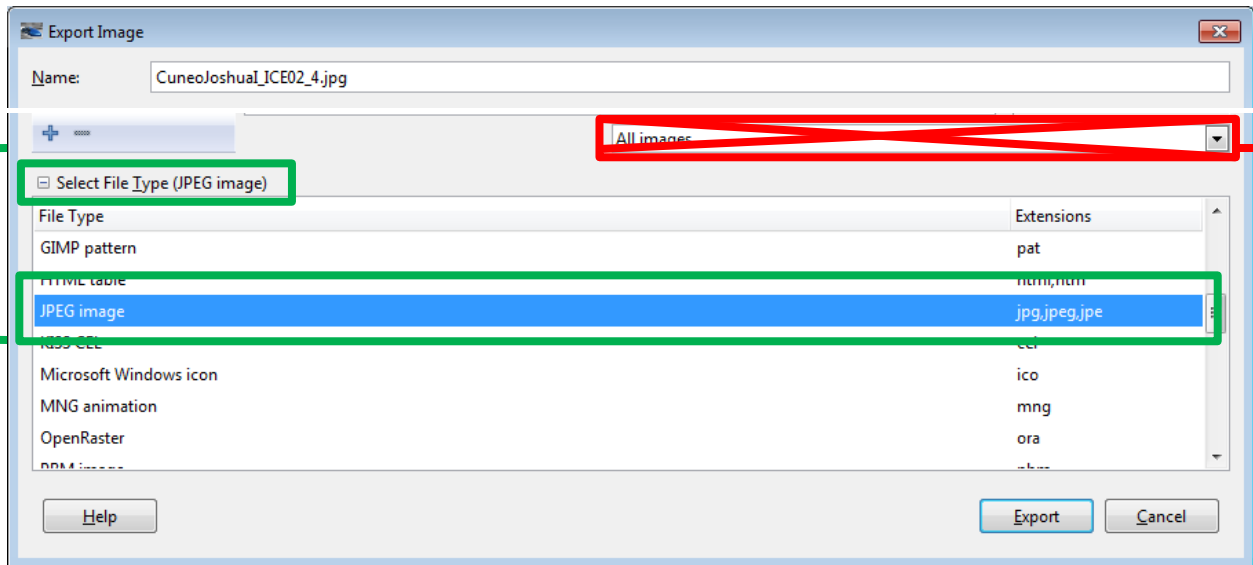
You should receive an e-mail confirmation in your GGC e-mail account. If not, try uploading and submitting your files again.

Q: How do I know if I exported my files to the right type?

You can check file type information by right-clicking the file icon and going to Properties (Windows) or Get Info (Mac).

Q: The extension of my imported GIMP images is incorrect.

Be sure you expand and choose the **Select File Type** menu when exporting. The "All Images" pull-down menu will NOT change your extension for you.

YES

NO