

Jump Start Your own Manga!
Part 1 – First 5 Steps to Manga Creation

<i>5 Steps</i>	<i>Free Software List</i>
<p><i>1. Getting Ideas:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspiration can come from all aspects in life<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Manga / Comics◦ Friends◦ Dreams• Well made characters can help lead the story in certain directions by sticking with their personality type	<p><i>Windows Office Live with Skydrive</i> http://workspace.officelive.com/en-ca/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full online office suite• 25 GB free storage w/ Skydrive
<p><i>2. Characters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Realistic flaws makes your main characters more dynamic and believable• Keep the Antagonist in character	<p><i>Google Docs</i> http://docs.google.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full online office suite• Easy to collaborate with team members
<p><i>3. Setting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rules that govern the world the characters exist in• What technologies can be used or invented	<p><i>OpenOffice</i> http://www.openoffice.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open source alternative to the Microsoft office suite
<p><i>4. Script</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building a time line can help order thoughts and events• The more characters included in your series the longer and complex it will be• Do not throw away ideas. They can always be reused on another project	<p><i>Windows live Essentials</i> http://explore.live.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Included is a mail client, Calendar and contact manager.
<p><i>5. Thumbnails</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You do not need to be an artist to make thumbnails• These are only representations of what will be placed on the page	<p><i>Gimp (GNU Image Manipulation Program)</i> http://www.gimp.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photoshop open source alternative• Very powerful, and able to do most things Photoshop can <p><i>Sunbird</i> http://www.mozilla.org/projects/calendar/sunbird/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open source stand alone Calendar program <p><i>ThunderBird</i> http://www.mozillamessaging.com/en-US/thunderbird/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open source Mail and calendar client <p><i>Google Sketchup</i> http://sketchup.google.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to create 3D objects and background in grey scale• Easy way to create consistent background for each scene