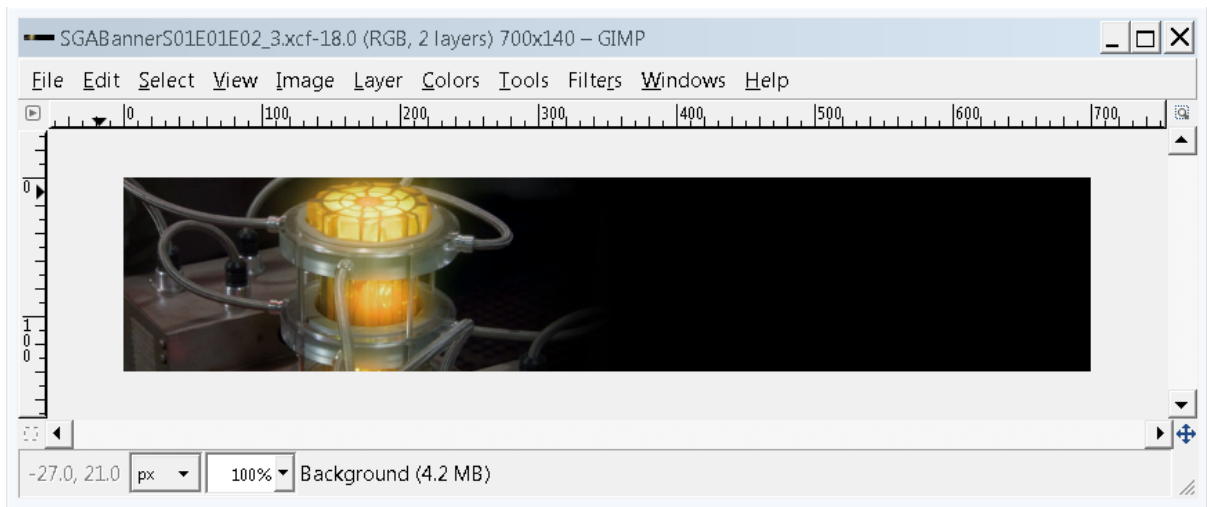


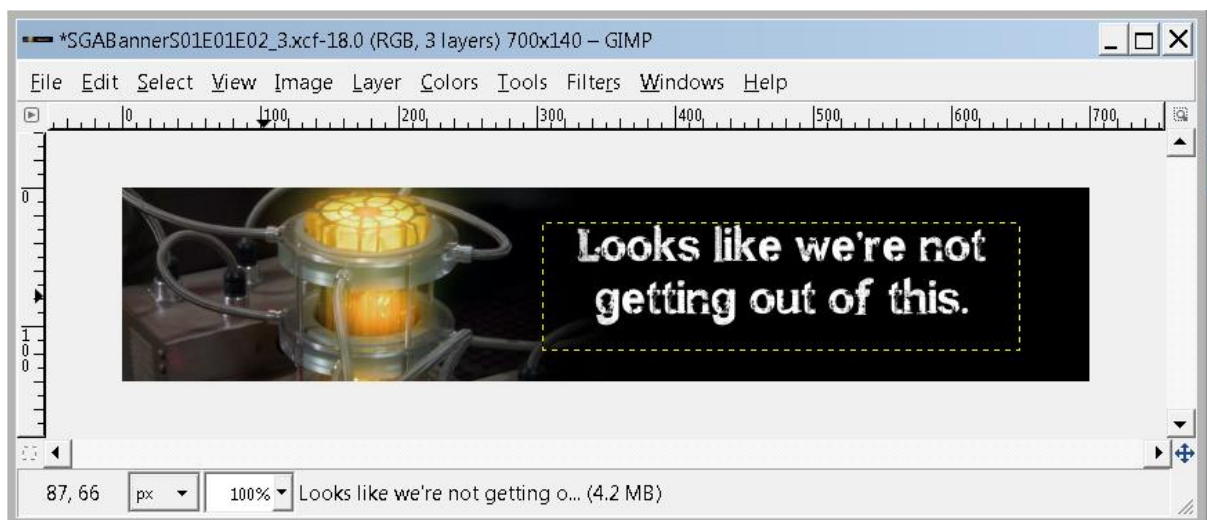
GIMP 2 Instructions: colouring your text with the gradient tool

Start with a background already prepared ... I'm using this image from Rising, blended with a solid black background layer:



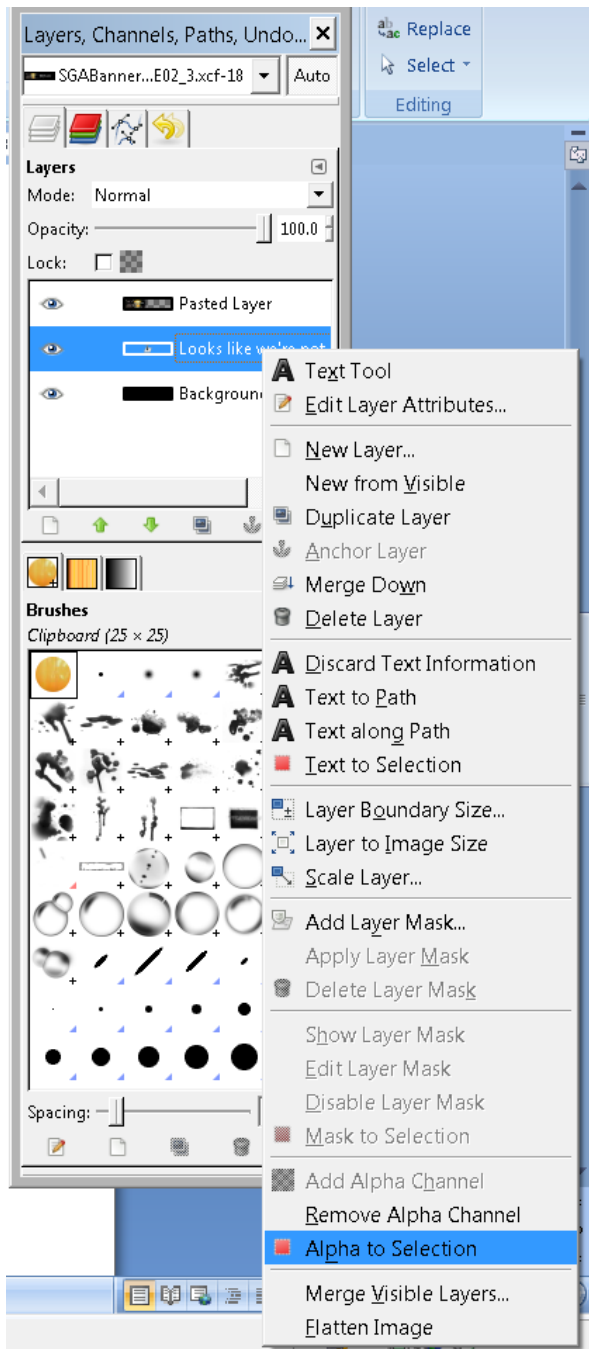
Step 1: Add your text

You must choose the size and font you that will be in the final signature here. Colour doesn't matter!

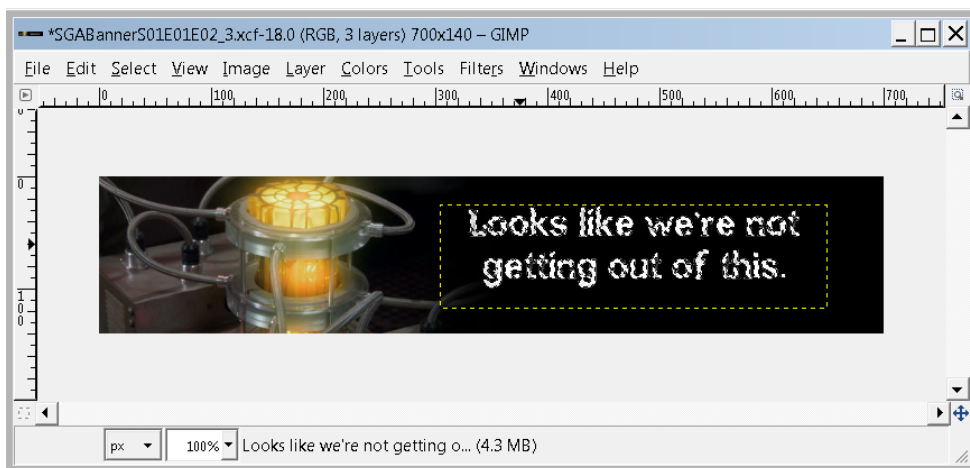


Step 2: Selecting your text:

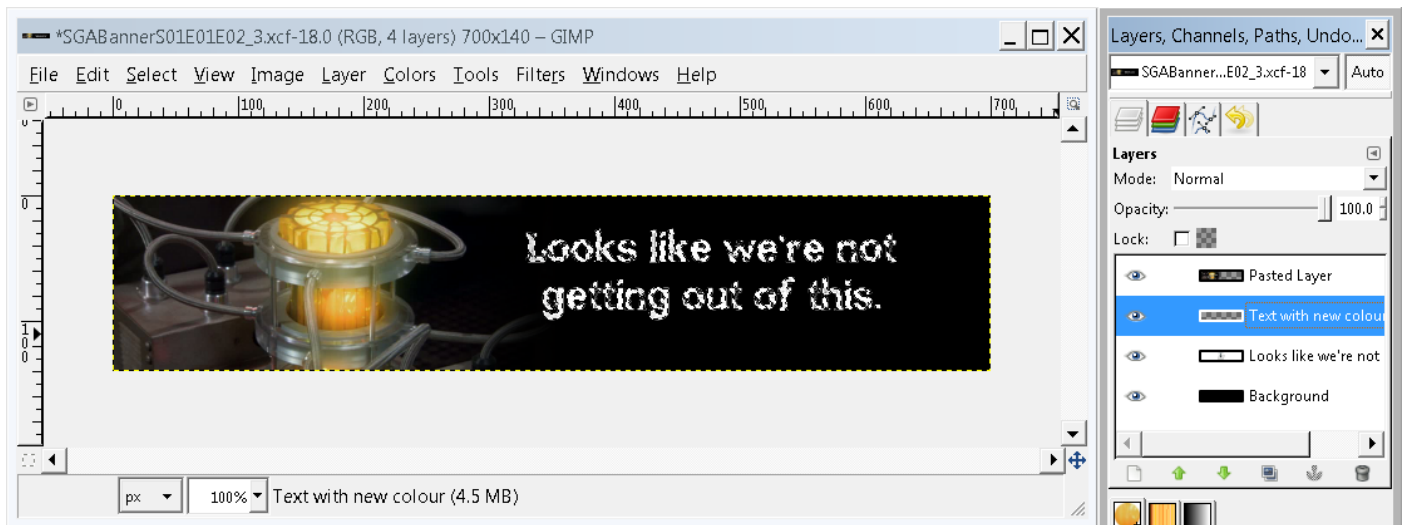
In the layers box, right click on your text layer and choose **Alpha to Selection**.



Your text will look like this, with the edges 'moving' because they are now selected.

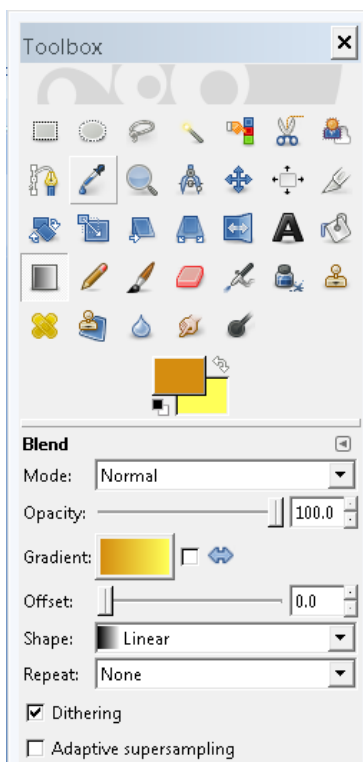


Create a new layer from the Layer menu; I called mine 'Text with new colour' – this new layer will contain the selection only. (Hint: If you don't want to keep the original text layer, you can skip creating a new layer and do the next step on your text layer).

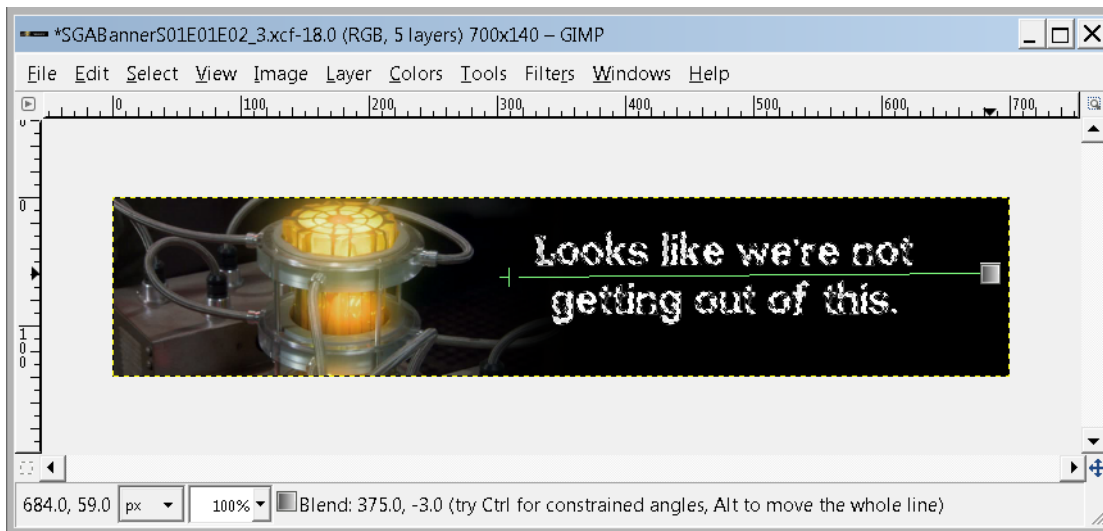


Step 3:

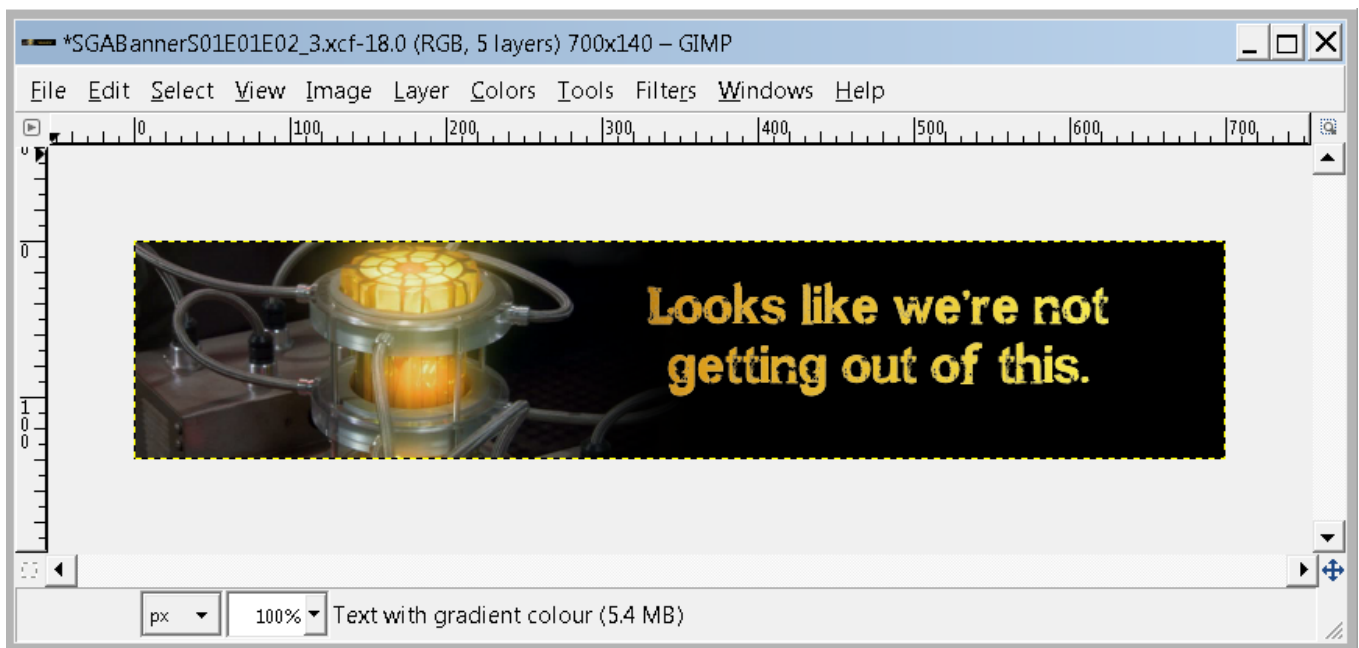
Click on the gradient tool in the Toolbox. Choose a foreground and background colour. I have chosen orange and yellow to match the ZPM colours.



Click and drag the gradient tool across your text:



You'll have to **Select None** from the Select menu to dismiss the selection so you can see if you like the result. This is what I got:



If you don't like it the you can Undo (Ctrl-Z twice so you undo Select None and the Gradient Tool steps). Try dragging diagonally, dragging a shorter line, dragging a longer line, or changing your fore or background colours etc. until you get a result that you like.

And that's it! I'm sure there are lots of variations of this you could try – hopefully I've given you some ideas.