CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer-implemented method, comprising:

displaying a target image in a display on a first computing device in a communication area displaying an instant messaging conversation between a first user using the first computing device and a second user using a second computing device, wherein the target image is received from the second computing device;

receiving an indication that the first user has initiated editing of the target image displayed within the communication area;

displaying, in the communication area, an edit control listing editing options for the target image displayed within the communication area;

receiving, at the first computing device, a user selection of a particular editing option selected from the editing options;

creating an edited target image by editing the target image displayed within the communication area using an edit operation associated with the particular editing option; and

providing the edited target image to the second computing device and updating the communication area to display the edited target image.

2. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising: providing the edited target image for preview by the first user on the first computing device; and receiving a user confirmation to proceed with sending the edited target image to the second computing device.

3. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the target image is a photo or an emoji.

4. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the editing options include at least one of inverse, blurring, deformation, and rotation.

5. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the communication area is a session window in a messaging application.

6. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the edit operation is a tap/click operation, a double-tap/click operation, or a touch and hold operation.

7. A non-transitory, computer-readable medium storing one or more instructions executable by a computer system to perform operations comprising: displaying a target image in a display on a first computing device in a communication area displaying an instant messaging conversation between a first user using the first computing device and a second user using a second computing device, wherein the target image is received from the second computing device; receiving an indication that the first user has initiated editing of the target image displayed within the communication area; displaying, in the communication area, an edit control listing editing options for the target image displayed within the communication area; receiving, at the first computing device, a user selection of a particular editing option selected from the editing options; creating an edited target image by editing the target image displayed within the communication area using an edit operation associated with the particular editing option; and providing the edited target image to the second computing device and updating the communication area to display the edited target image.

8. The non-transitory, computer-readable medium of claim 7, the operations further comprising: providing the edited target image for preview by the first user on the first computing device; and receiving a user confirmation to proceed with sending the edited target image to the second computing device.

9. The non-transitory, computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the target image is a photo or an emoji.

10. The non-transitory, computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the editing options include at least one of inverse, blurring, deformation, and rotation.

11. The non-transitory, computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the communication area is a session window in a messaging application.

12. The non-transitory, computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the edit operation is a tap/click operation, a double-tap/click operation, or a touch and hold operation.

13. A computer-implemented system, comprising: one or more computers; and one or more computer memory devices interoperably coupled with the one or more computers and having tangible, non-transitory, machine-readable media storing one or more instructions that, when executed by the one or more computers, perform one or more operations comprising: displaying a target image in a display on a first computing device in a communication area displaying an instant messaging conversation between a first user using the first computing device and a second user using a second computing device, wherein the target image is received from the second computing device; receiving an indication that the first user has initiated editing of the target image displayed within the communication area; displaying, in the communication area, an edit control listing editing options for the target image displayed within the communication area; receiving, at the first computing device, a user selection of a particular editing option selected from the editing options; creating an edited target image by editing the target image displayed within the communication area using an edit operation associated with the particular editing

option; and providing the edited target image to the second computing device and updating the communication area to display the edited target image.

14. The computer-implemented system of claim 13, the operations further comprising: providing the edited target image for preview by the first user on the first computing device; and receiving a user confirmation to proceed with sending the edited target image to the second computing device.

15. The computer-implemented system of claim 13, wherein the target image is a photo or an emoji.

16. The computer-implemented system of claim 13, wherein the editing options include at least one of inverse, blurring, deformation, and rotation.

17. The computer-implemented system of claim 13, wherein the communication area is a session window in a messaging application.