

The Structure of Portable Image File Format (PIF)

Note: The size of the File and Image header are fixed

Note: The presence of the Color Table is mandatory when Bits per Pixel ≤ 8, unless Image Type states RGB332, RGB16C or B/W

Note: The size of the Color Table Entries is always 3 Bytes. Extra padding is added at the end to keep the Table a multiple of 4 Bytes

Note: Pixel size depending on [Bits per Pixel] field. If Bits per Pixel is ≤ 4, multiple Pixels are grouped in one Byte but are not allowed to overlap the byte / 8-bit boundary.

Image Data PixelArray [x,y]							
Pixel[0,0]	Pixel[1,0]	Pixel[2,0]	Pixel[3,0]		Pixel[w-1,0]		
Pixel[0,1]	Pixel[1,1]	Pixel[2,1]	Pixel[3,1]		Pixel[w-1,1]		
Pixel[0,2]	Pixel[1,2]	Pixel[2,2]	Pixel[3,2]		Pixel[w-1,2]		
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Pixel[0,h-2]	Pixel[1,h-2]	Pixel[2,h-2]	Pixel[3,h-2]		Pixel[w-1,h-2]		
Pixel[0,h-1]	Pixel[1,h-1]	Pixel[2,h-1]	Pixel[3,h-1]		Pixel[w-1,h-1]		

Note: Little-Endian is used

Note: If multiple Pixels are packed within a Byte, handle Pixels from LSB to MSB

Note: Inofficial name of PIF: Pazzy's Image File

PIF File Header				
Signature:	ure: To identify a valid .PIF file. The signature is 〈PIL〉 as string, including null character: {'P','I','L','\0'}			
File Size:	Total size of the file, from the Signature to the last Pix	kel		
FileOffset to Pi	elArray: Offset to the start of the Pixel Array, to dire seek to the image data	ectly		

Image Information Header				
Image Type: Defines the Image Data Type together with Bits per Pixel Depending on the code, the image data might be indexed				
• 0x433C = RGB888	Uncompressed / -processed image data			
• 0xE5C5 = RGB565 • 0x1E53 = RGB332	16-bit image data with reduced color set 8-bit image data, further reduced colors			
• 0xB895 = RGB16C	16 color mode with fixed Windows/IBM Colors			
• 0x7DAA = B/W • 0xC091 = Indexed	Black and White color mode Indexed Colors according to the Color Table			
	e that each Pixel occupies. Bit size foran Indexed			
Image cannot go beyond 8 bits.				
Image Width: Width of the image in Pixel				
Image Height: Height of the image in Pixel				
	f the image in Bytes			
Color Table Size:	Index size (R+G+B) of the color table, only			
	used in Indexed mode, otherwise zero.			
	DDE, then RLE compression is used on the			
Image	Data. If 0x0000, no compression is applied.			

Color Table (semi-optional)

The color data in the table is always 24bit large RGB888. The amount of Indexes has to be same or less than the [Bits per Pixel] allow, otherwise the is invalid. If data refers to a higher index number than the Color Table holds, the image is invalid.

Image Data PixelArray

Raw (uncompressed) Pixel data should be processed as defined by the Image Type, read one by one.

If RLE compression is enabled, the data format looks as following:
A negative value defines that the next x-amount of Pixels are individual pixels. A positive value defines that the next Pixel repeats x-times. Zero is a illegal RLE value.

Example: RLE (-2) Pixel (4) Pixel (2) RLE (15) Pixel (7) First two Pixels are individual Pixels, the next Pixel to be drawn 15 times.

Note: Formula used to generate RGB16C mode: red = $255 \times [2/3 \times (\text{colorNumber \& 4})/4 + 1/3 \times (\text{colorNumber \& 8})/8]$ green = $255 \times [2/3 \times (\text{colorNumber \& 2})/2 + 1/3 \times (\text{colorNumber \& 8})/8]$ blue = $255 \times [2/3 \times (\text{colorNumber \& 1})/1 + 1/3 \times (\text{colorNumber \& 8})/8]$