

GIF format

Byte Order: Little-endian

GIF Header

Offset	Length	Contents
0	3 bytes	"GIF"
3	3 bytes	"87a" or "89a"
6	2 bytes	<Logical Screen Width>
8	2 bytes	<Logical Screen Height>
10	1 byte	bit 0: Global Color Table Flag (GCTF) bit 1..3: Color Resolution bit 4: Sort Flag to Global Color Table bit 5..7: Size of Global Color Table: $2^{(1+n)}$
11	1 byte	<Background Color Index>
12	1 byte	<Pixel Aspect Ratio>
13	? bytes	<Global Color Table(0..255 x 3 bytes) if GCTF is one>
	? bytes	< Blocks >
	1 bytes	<Trailer> (0x3b)

Image Block

Offset	Length	Contents
0	1 byte	Image Separator (0x2c)
1	2 bytes	Image Left Position
3	2 bytes	Image Top Position
5	2 bytes	Image Width
7	2 bytes	Image Height
8	1 byte	bit 0: Local Color Table Flag (LCTF) bit 1: Interlace Flag bit 2: Sort Flag bit 2..3: Reserved bit 4..7: Size of Local Color Table: $2^{(1+n)}$
	? bytes	Local Color Table(0..255 x 3 bytes) if LCTF is one
	1 byte	LZW Minimum Code Size
[// Blocks		
	1 byte	Block Size (s)
	(s)bytes	Image Data
]*		
	1 byte	Block Terminator(0x00)

Graphic Control Extension Block

Offset	Length	Contents
0	1 byte	Extension Introducer (0x21)
1	1 byte	Graphic Control Label (0xf9)
2	1 byte	Block Size (0x04)
3	1 byte	bit 0..2: Reserved bit 3..5: Disposal Method bit 6: User Input Flag bit 7: Transparent Color Flag
4	2 bytes	Delay Time (1/100ths of a second)
6	1 byte	Transparent Color Index
7	1 byte	Block Terminator(0x00)

Comment Extension Block

Offset	Length	Contents
0	1 byte	Extension Introducer (0x21)
1	1 byte	Comment Label (0xfe)
[
	1 byte	Block Size (s)
	(s)bytes	Comment Data
]*		
	1 byte	Block Terminator(0x00)

Plain Text Extension Block

Offset	Length	Contents
0	1 byte	Extension Introducer (0x21)
1	1 byte	Plain Text Label (0x01)
2	1 byte	Block Size (0x0c)
3	2 bytes	Text Grid Left Position
5	2 bytes	Text Grid Top Position
7	2 bytes	Text Grid Width
9	2 bytes	Text Grid Height
10	1 byte	Character Cell Width(
11	1 byte	Character Cell Height
12	1 byte	Text Foreground Color Index(
13	1 byte	Text Background Color Index(
[
	1 byte	Block Size (s)
	(s)bytes	Plain Text Data
]*		
	1 byte	Block Terminator(0x00)

Application Extension Block

Offset	Length	Contents
0	1 byte	Extension Introducer (0x21)
1	1 byte	Application Label (0xff)
2	1 byte	Block Size (0x0b)
3	8 bytes	Application Identifire
[
	1 byte	Block Size (s)
	(s)bytes	Application Data
]*		
	1 byte	Block Terminator(0x00)

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