

Unleashing Aurora GT

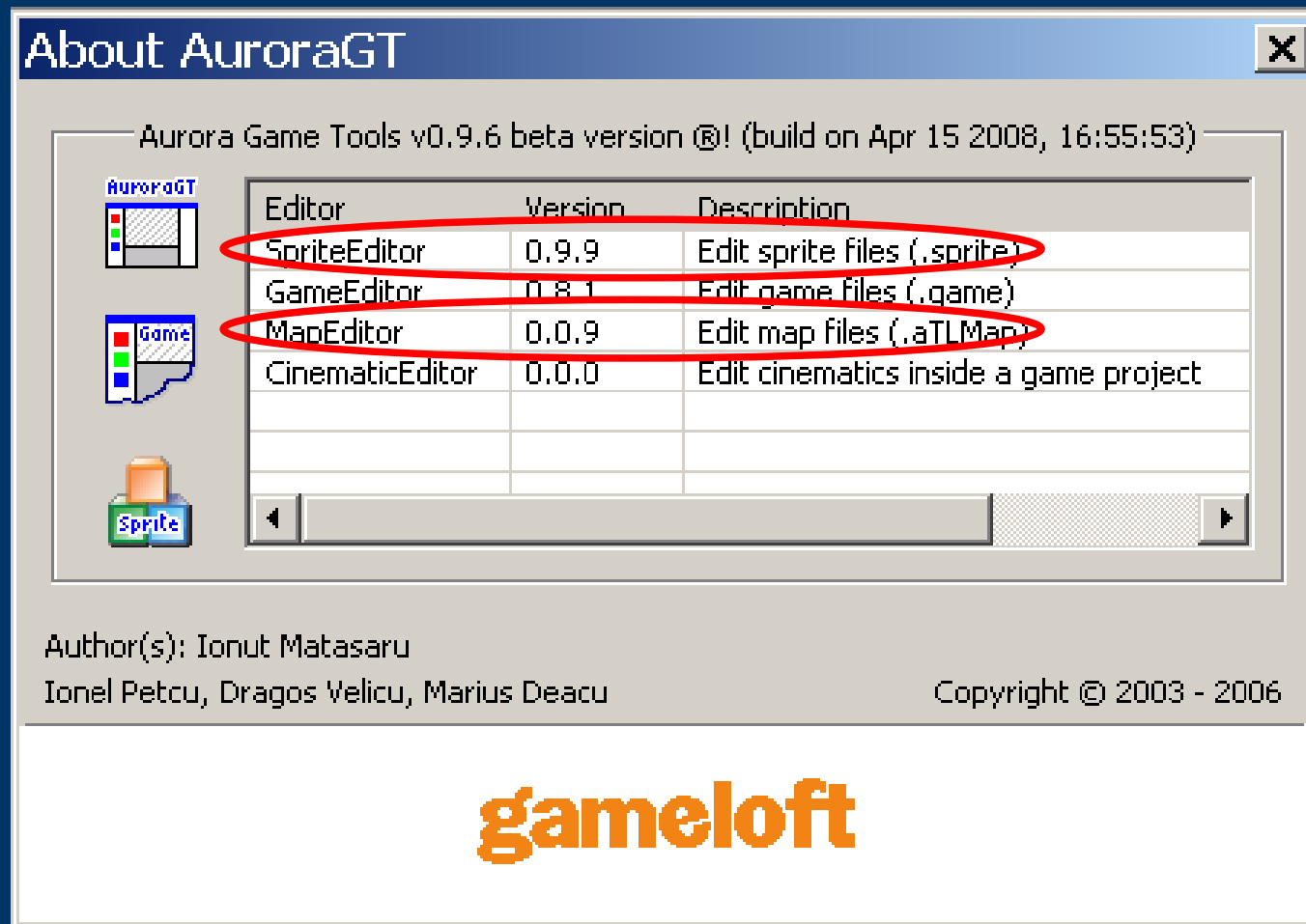
03: Optimizing and Exporting



Version

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Reference Version¹



¹ <https://terminus.mdc.gameloft.org/vc/tools/AuroraGT> (r1093)

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AuroraGT

- **AuroraGT** (Aurora Game Tools)
 - Is:
 - A sprite editor
 - A game designing tool
 - It has 3 main different versions:
 - Normal (AuroraGT.exe)
 - Home-Edition (AuroraGT_HE.exe)
 - Unicode-Edition (AuroraGT_unicode.exe)
 - The extensions of its files are:
 - Sprites: *.sprite
 - Games: *.game
 - Maps: *.aTlMap

Sprite

Optimization

- You may want to:
 - Generate modules splitting images
 - Rearrange modules in the image
 - Resize the images / modules
 - Remove duplicated/invalid stuff
 - Sort objects by name
- Go to....
 - Tools -> Optimization...

Sprite

Optimization – Generating modules splitting an image

Sprite Optimization

☒ Generate modules by splitting each image in tiles

Note: All current modules, frames and animations will be deleted!
New modules will be generated.

Size of each tile:

Width: 16
Height: 16

Max columns/rows (0 = no limit):
Columns: 0
Rows: 0

Generate:
☒ Only modules
☐ Font
☐ Tiledset

☐ Keep sprite modules/frames/anim

☐ Rearrange modules (each image)

Note: Frames and animations remains unmodified.
New images are generated in memory. You need to save them!

☒ Horizontally
☐ Vertically
☐ Minimal area
☐ Based on master frames (frame 0 -> master frame for image 0, frame 1 -> ... image 1, ...)
☐ Insert all modules into one single image

Space between modules
SX: 0
SY: 0

Border around image
BX: 0
BY: 0

Grid cell size (0 = variable)
CX: 0
CY: 0

Maximum image size
MX: 0
MY: 0

☐ Fixed Size

Misc

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☐ Reuse modules (check for identical modules using transformations)

Sort

Images
☐ by name

Modules
☐ by name

Frames
☐ by name

FModules
☐ TL order

Animations
☐ by name

CleanUp Section

☐ Mark/unmark unused modules
☐ Mark/unmark unused frames
☐ use mmmappings
☐ Delete all marked

Delete

Images
☐ duplicates
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Animations
☐ duplicates
☐ invalide

☐ empty (w=h=0)

☐ Adjustment: $new_value = ((old_value + add) * mul) / div$

Note: Selected x, y, w, h, ox, oy, etc. for all Modules/Frames/etc.
will be adjusted according to Add/Frames/FModules to values...

Add: 0
Multiply: 1
Divide: 1

Modules

☒ x
☒ w
☒ y
☒ h

☒ rx
☒ rw
☒ ox

☒ rv
☒ oy
☒ rh

Anims/AFrames

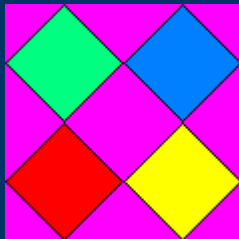
☒ ox
☒ oy

OK

Cancel

Optimization – Generating modules splitting an image

ORIGINAL IMAGE

[illegible]

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Size of each tile: Max columns/rows (0 = no limit): Generate:

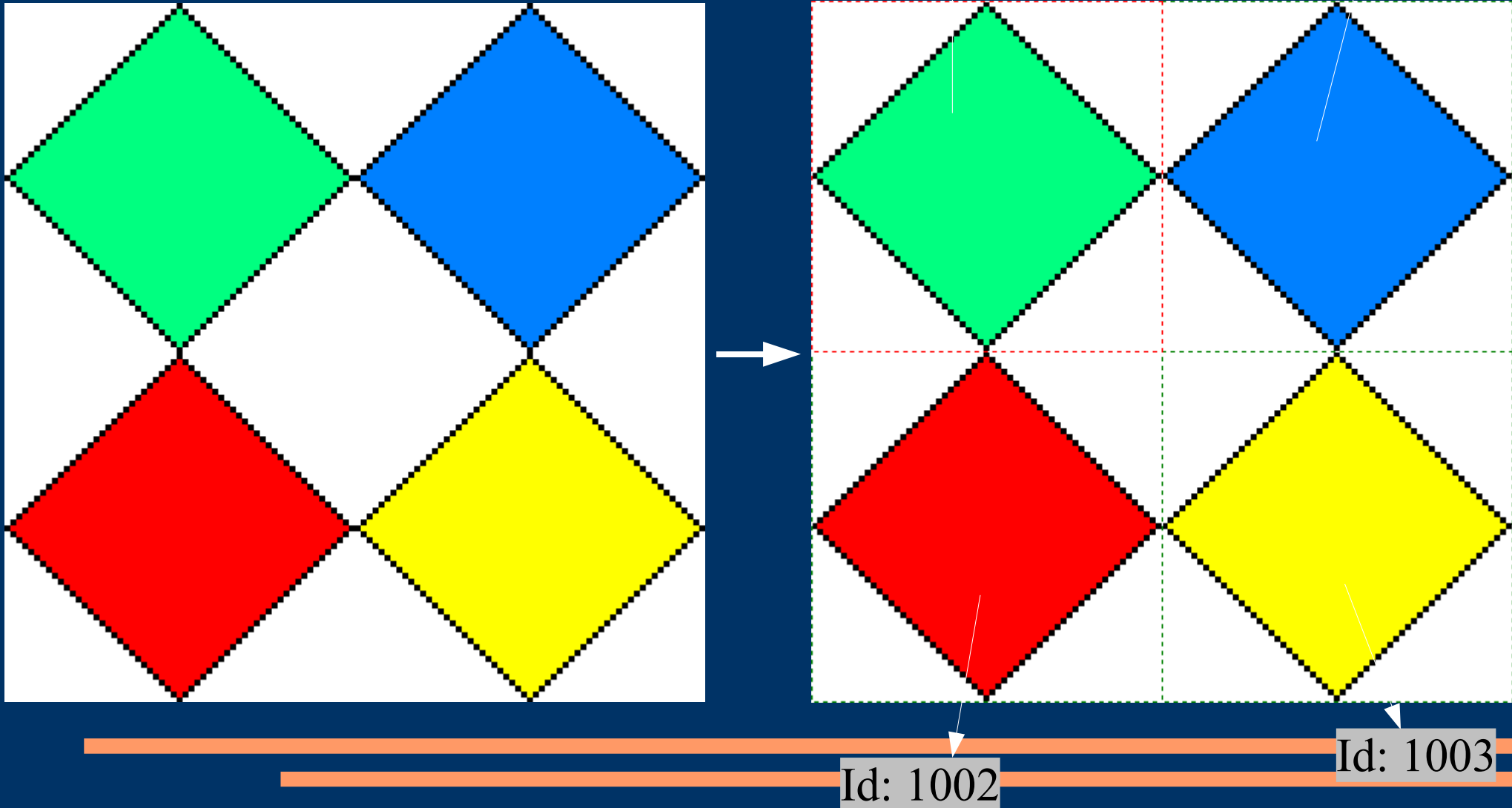
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Width: <input type="text" value="59"/> | Columns: <input type="text" value="2"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Only modules |
| Height: <input type="text" value="59"/> | Rows: <input type="text" value="2"/> | <input type="radio"/> Font |
| | | <input type="radio"/> Tileset |

☐ Keep sprite modules/frames/anim

[illegible]

Sprite

Optimization – Generating modules splitting an image



Sprite

Optimization – Rearrange modules

Sprite Optimization

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New modules will be generated.

Size of each tile:
Width: 16
Height: 16

Max columns/rows (0 = no limit):
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Generate:
☒ Only modules
☐ Font
☐ Tileset

☐ Keep sprite modules/frames/anim

☒ Rearrange modules (each image)

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☒ Horizontally
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☐ Minimal area
☐ Based on master frames (frame 0 -> master frame for image 0, frame 1 -> ... image 1, ...)
☐ Insert all modules into one single image

Space between modules
SX: 0
SY: 0

Border around image
BX: 0
BY: 0

Grid cell size (0 = variable)
CX: 0
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Maximum image size
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MY: 0

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Animations

☐ duplicates
☐ invalide

☐ empty (w=h=0)

☐ Adjustment: $\text{new_value} = ((\text{old_value} + \text{add}) * \text{mul}) / \text{div}$

Note: Selected x, y, w, h, ox, oy, etc. for all Modules/Frames/etc.
will be adjusted according to Add/Frames/FModules to values...

Add: 0
Multiply: 1
Divide: 1

Modules

☒ x
☒ w
☒ y
☒ h

☒ rx
☒ rw
☒ ox

☒ rv
☒ oy
☒ rh

Anims/AFrames

☒ ox
☒ oy

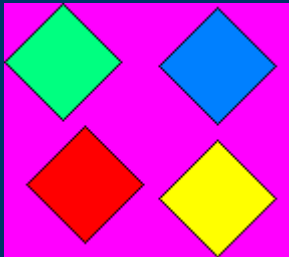
OK

Cancel

Sprite

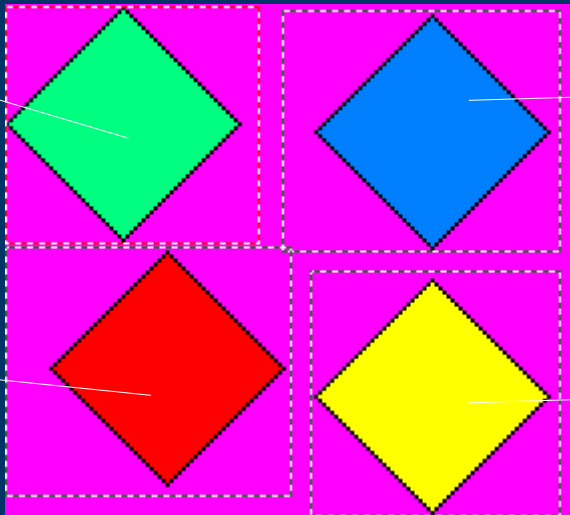
Optimization – Rearrange modules

ORIGINAL IMAGE



| Modules | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-------|-------|----|----|-------|--------|------|
| <div>Insert Clone Delete Up Down Top Bottom</div> | | | | | | | | |
| Index | ID | Type | Image | X | Y | Width | Height | Desc |
| 0 | 1000 | IMAGE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 59 | |
| 1 | 1001 | IMAGE | 0 | 69 | 1 | 69 | 60 | |
| 2 | 1002 | IMAGE | 0 | 0 | 60 | 71 | 62 | |
| 3 | 1003 | IMAGE | 0 | 76 | 66 | 62 | 61 | |
| new... | | | | | | | | |

Id: 1000



Id: 1001

Id: 1002

Id: 1003

Sprite

Optimization – Rearrange modules – Horizontally

☒ Rearrange modules (each image)

Note: Frames and animations remains unmodified.
New images are generated in memory. You need to save them!

☒ Horizontally

☐ Vertically

☐ Minimal area

☐ Based on master frames (frame 0 -> master frame for image 0, frame 1 -> ... image 1, ...)

☐ Insert all modules into one single image

Space between modules
SX: 0

Border around image
BX: 0

Grid cell size (0 = variable)
CX: 0

Maximum image size
MX: 0

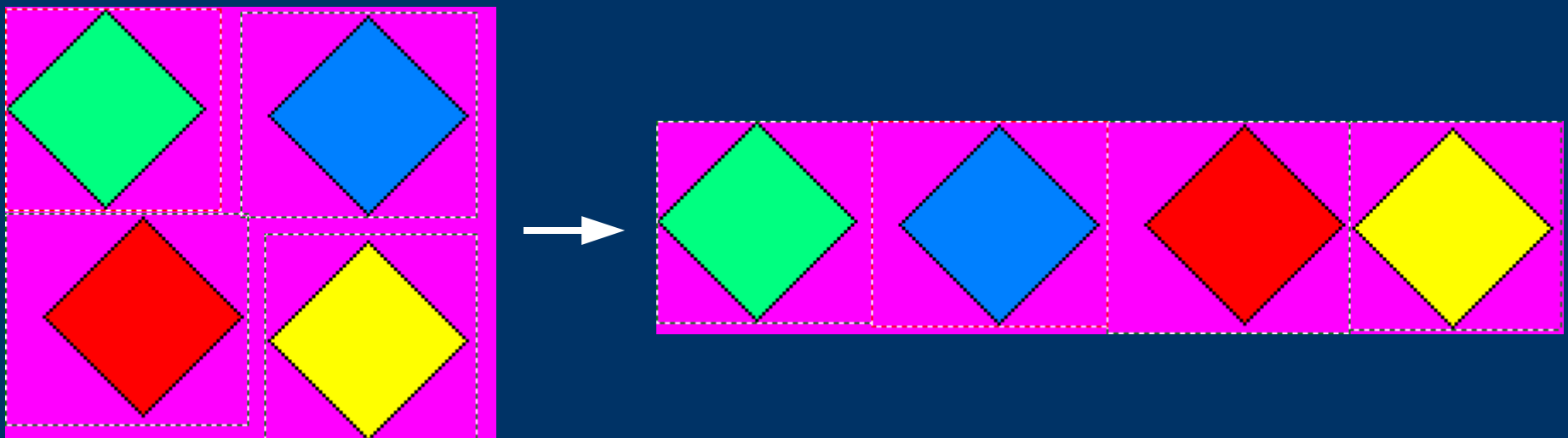
SY: 0

BY: 0

CY: 0

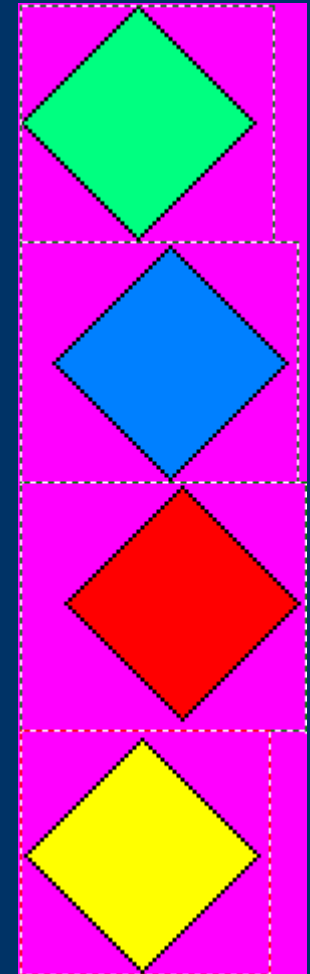
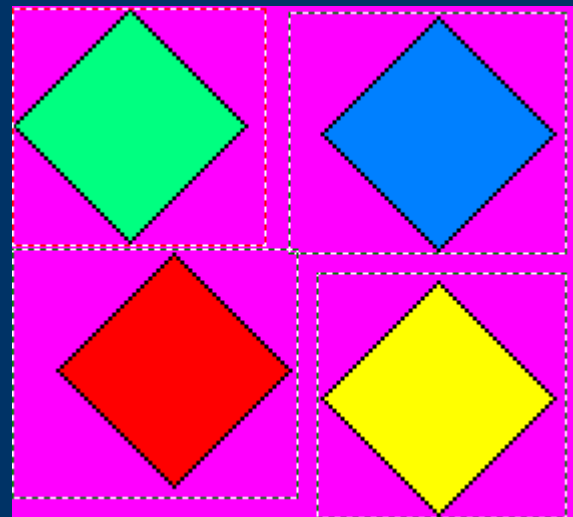
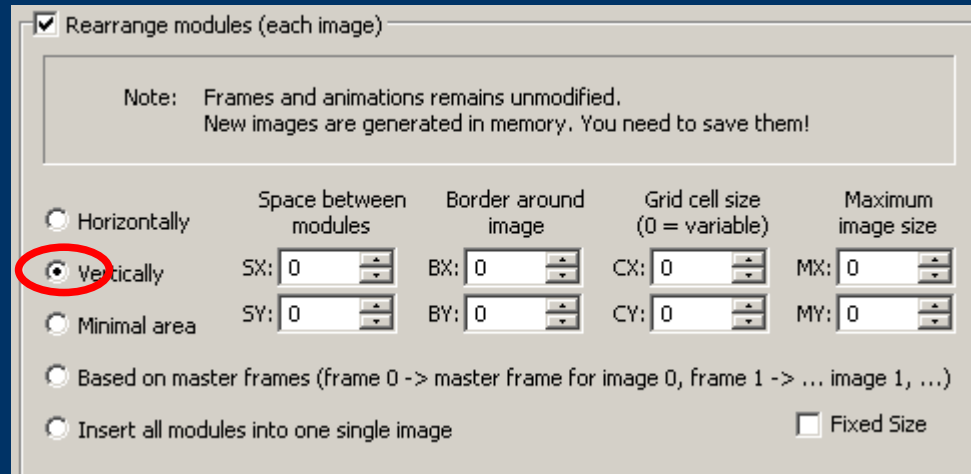
MY: 0

☐ Fixed Size



Sprite

Optimization – Rearrange modules – Vertically



Sprite

Optimization – Rearrange modules – Minimal area



☒ Rearrange modules (each image)

Note: Frames and animations remains unmodified.
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| | Space between modules | Border around image | Grid cell size (0 = variable) | Maximum image size |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Horizontally | SX: 0 | BX: 0 | CX: 0 | MX: 128 |
| <input type="radio"/> Vertically | SY: 0 | BY: 0 | CY: 0 | MY: -1 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Minimal area | | | | |
| <input type="radio"/> Based on master frames (frame 0 -> master frame for image 0, frame 1 -> ... image 1, ...) | | | | |
| <input type="radio"/> Insert all modules into one single image | | | | |



Sprite

Optimization – MISC

Sprite Optimization

☐ Generate modules by splitting each image in tiles

Note: All current modules, frames and animations will be deleted!
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Size of each tile:
Width: 16
Height: 16

Max columns/rows (0 = no limit):
Columns: 0
Rows: 0

Generate:
☒ Only modules
☐ Font
☐ Tileset

☐ Keep sprite modules/frames/anim

☐ Rearrange modules (each image)

Note: Frames and animations remains unmodified.
New images are generated in memory. You need to save them!

☒ Horizontally
☐ Vertically
☐ Minimal area
☐ Based on master frames (frame 0 -> master frame for image 0, frame 1 -> ... image 1, ...)
☐ Insert all modules into one single image

Space between modules
SX: 0
SY: 0

Border around image
BX: 0
BY: 0

Grid cell size (0 = variable)
CX: 0
CY: 0

Maximum image size
MX: 0
MY: 0

☐ Fixed Size

Misc

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CleanUp Section

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Modules

☒ x
☒ w

☒ y
☒ h

☒ rx
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☒ ox

☒ rv
☒ oy
☒ rh

Anims/AFrames

☒ ox
☒ oy

OK

Cancel

Sprite Optimization – MISC

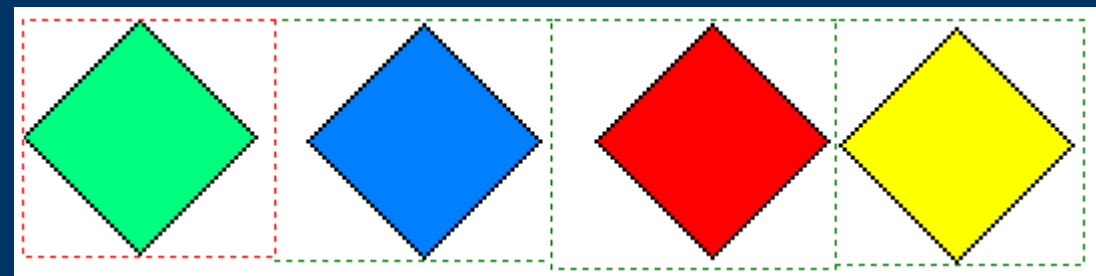
Misc

- ☒ Best Fit (for each module, reduce rectangle for the best fit of the opaque pixels)
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Modules

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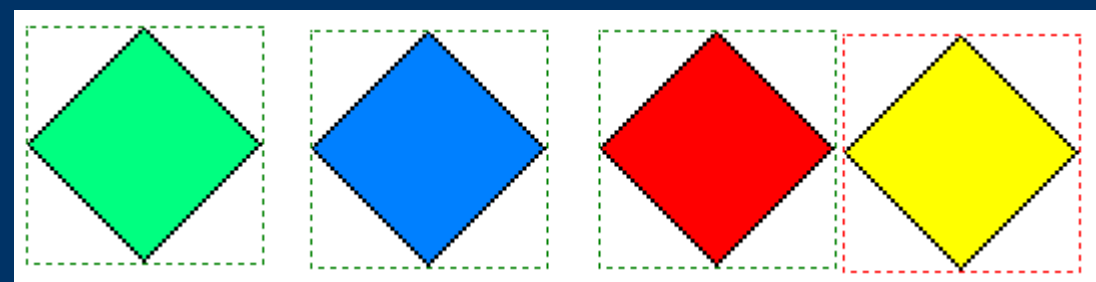
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| new... | | | | | | | | |



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| 2 | 1002 | IMAGE | 0 | 143 | 1 | 59 | 59 | |
| 3 | 1003 | IMAGE | 0 | 204 | 2 | 59 | 59 | |
| new... | | | | | | | | |



Sprite

Optimization – Adjustment

Sprite Optimization

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Size of each tile:
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Height: 16

Max columns/rows (0 = no limit):
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Rows: 0

Generate:
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Space between modules
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Border around image
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BY: 0

Grid cell size (0 = variable)
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Maximum image size
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MY: 0

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Animations
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☐ empty (w=h=0)

☒ Adjustment: $\text{new_value} = ((\text{old_value} + \text{add}) * \text{mul}) / \text{div}$

Note: Selected x, y, w, h, ox, oy, etc. for all Modules/Frames/etc.
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Add: 0
Multiply: 1
Divide: 1

Modules

☒ x
☒ w

☒ y
☒ h

☒ rx
☒ rw
☒ ox

☒ rv
☒ ry
☒ rh

Anims/AFrames

☒ ox
☒ oy

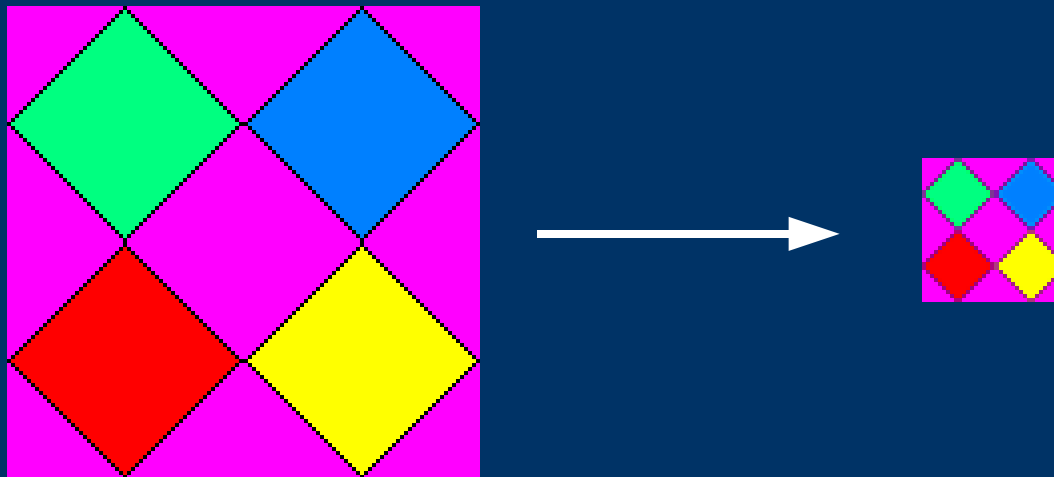
OK

Cancel

Sprite

Optimization – Adjustment

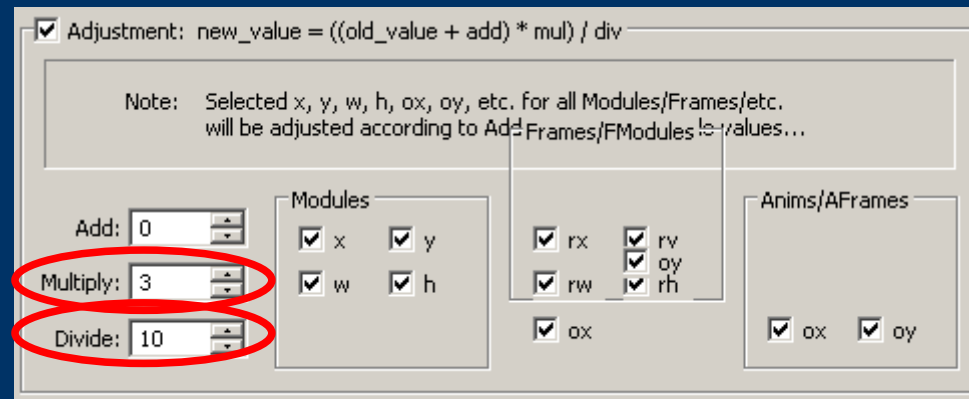
- Imagine that we need to reduce 30% an image:



Sprite

Optimization – Adjustment

- We use the adjustment tool, and since is 30% (3/10) we multiply by 3 and divide by 10:



| Modules | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-------|-------|----|----|-------|--------|------|
| Insert Clone Delete Up Down Top Bottom | | | | | | | | |
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| 0 | 1000 | IMAGE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 59 | |
| 1 | 1001 | IMAGE | 0 | 59 | 0 | 59 | 59 | |
| 2 | 1002 | IMAGE | 0 | 0 | 59 | 59 | 59 | |
| 3 | 1003 | IMAGE | 0 | 59 | 59 | 59 | 59 | |
| new... | | | | | | | | |



| Modules | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-------|-------|----|----|-------|--------|--------|
| Insert Clone Delete Up Down Top Bottom | | | | | | | | |
| Index | ID | Type | Image | X | Y | Width | Height | Desc |
| 0 | 1000 | IMAGE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17 | GREEN |
| 1 | 1004 | IMAGE | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 17 | BLUE |
| 2 | 1005 | IMAGE | 0 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | YELLOW |
| 3 | 1006 | IMAGE | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 17 | RED |
| new... | | | | | | | | |

NOTE: obviously you need to resize the image with a graphic tool and then re-load it at the SpriteEditor

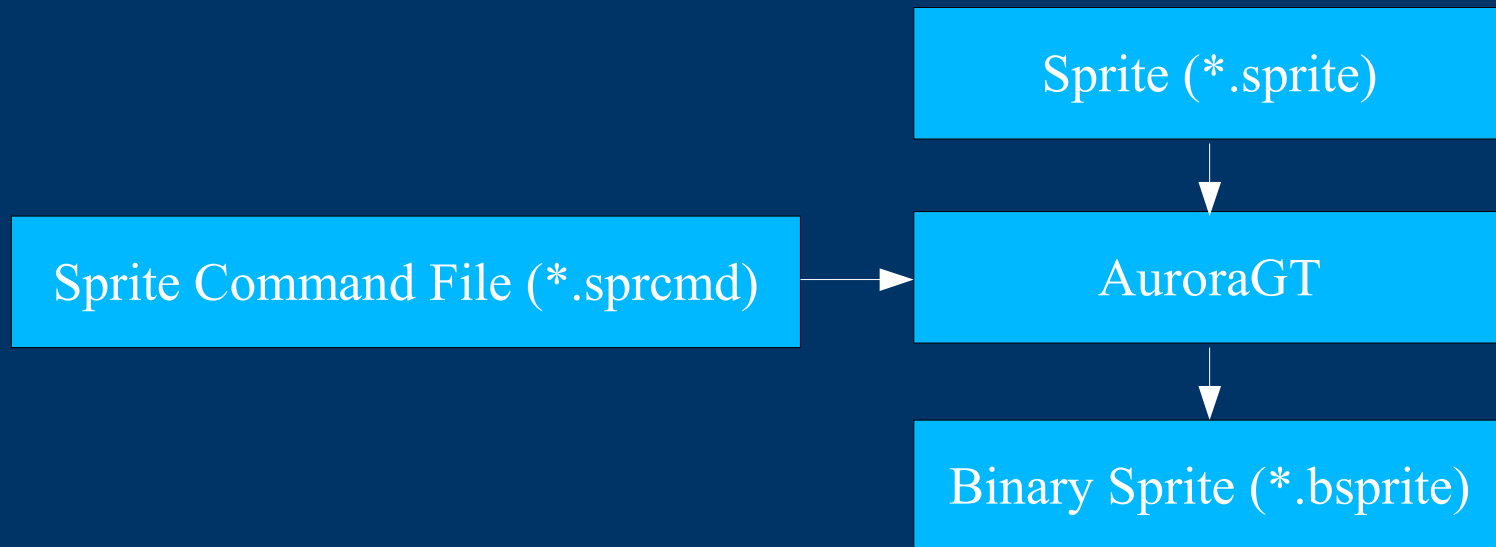
Exporting a Sprite

- What can you export from a Sprite
 - 1) Binary Sprite
 - A packed sprite (`*.bsprite` files) that may have the image data in it decoded then by the `ASprite` class
 - 2) Images
 - Save the images from each module, frame or animation
 - 3) Module Mappings
 - Save 1 or more modules (`*.mmp` files)
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Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite

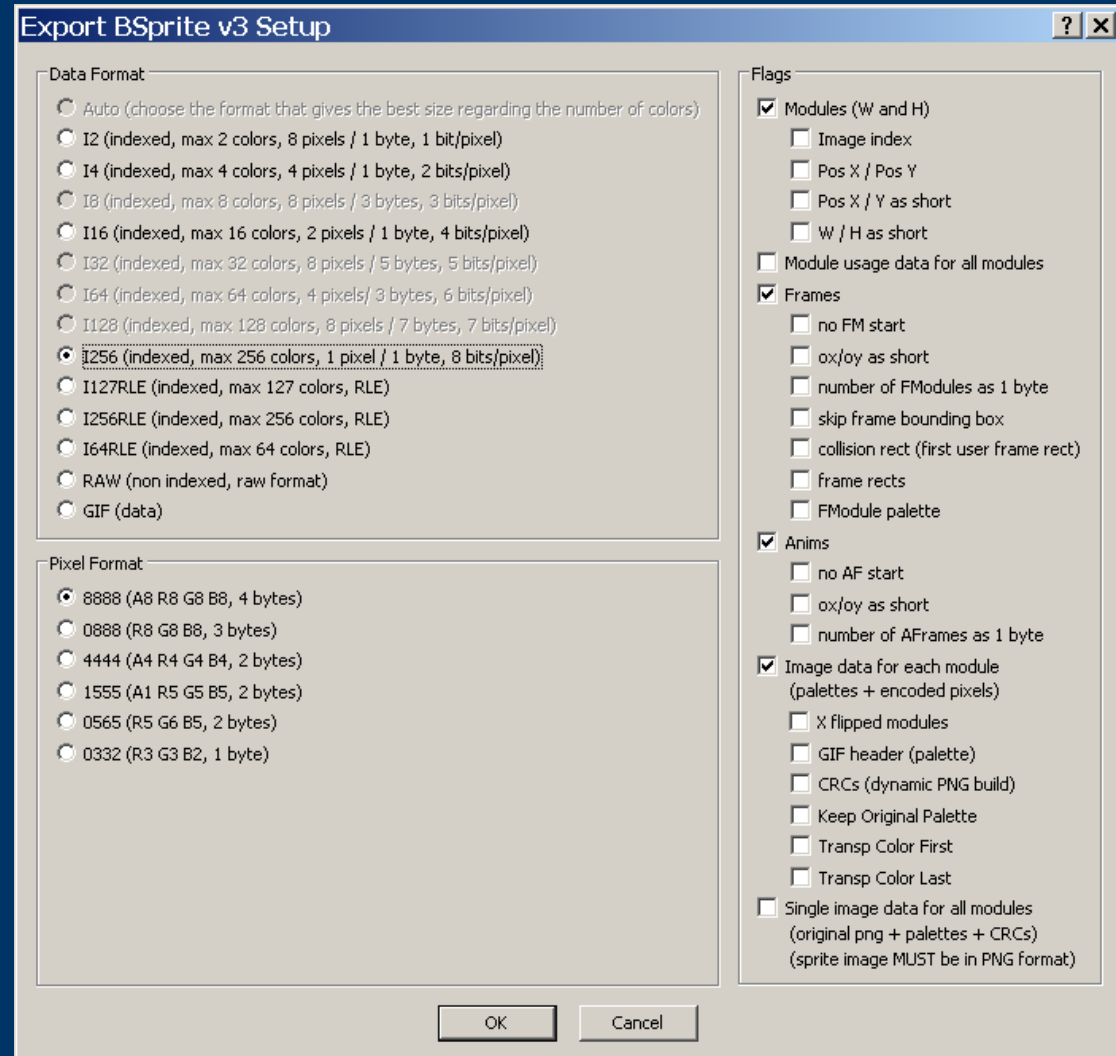
- You have 2 options for exporting a binary sprite:
 - GUI: File -> Export -> Bsprite...
 - Script: Through a SPRCMD file



Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite

- Through the GUI



Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite

- Through a script
 - The file must have extension (".sprcmd") and must be specified between quotation marks
 - Use: AuroraGT.exe "file.sprcmd"
 - You can use C++ comment style (//, /* ... */) to comment lines in the script file
 - You can specify one or more images that:
 - can be indexed or not *
 - can be a bmp truecolor (24bpp and 32 bpp)
 - cannot be compressed

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – sprcmd file

- It's specified in:
 - %AURORAGT%/doc/AuroraDocProgrammers/sprmcmd.txt
- You have 45 commands. The most common are:
 - SetGlobalBSpriteFlags(flags)
 - Load("path\in_file.sprite")
 - SetPaletteColor(image, palette, color_index, mask, color)
 - SetPalette(image, palette, { 0xAARRGGBB ... })
 - LoadPalette(image, palette, "file.act" or "IMAGE")
 - ExportBSpriteEx("path\out_file.bsprite", flags, encode, pixelformat)

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – sprcmd file

- For example,

```
Setglobalbspriteflags(BS_MODULES | BS_FRAMES
                      | BS_ANIMS | BS_MODULE_IMAGES)

Load("golfer.sprite")
    LoadPalette(0, 0, "golfer_gold.act")    // DEFAULT
    LoadPalette(0, 1, "golfer_red.act")     // T.WOOD
    ExportBSpriteEx("golfer.bsprite", GLOBAL, I64RLE, _8888)
    ExportBSpriteEx("golfer_4444.bsprite", GLOBAL, I64RLE, _4444)

Load("fonts/fontM.sprite")
    LoadPalette(0, 0, "IMAGE")
    LoadPalette(0, 1, "fontM_yellow.act")
    SetPalette(0, 2, {0x00000000 0xFF0000FF 0xFF000000})
    ExportBSpriteEx("fontM.bsprite", GLOBAL, I16, _8888)
    ExportBSpriteEx("fontM_4444.bsprite", GLOBAL, I16, _4444)
```

export.sprcmd

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – sprcmd file

- Notice that you can set the flags GLOBAL by using the function Setglobalbspriteflags

```
Setglobalbspriteflags(BS_MODULES | BS_FRAMES  
                      | BS_ANIMS | BS_MODULE_IMAGES)  
  
Load("golfer.sprite")  
    LoadPalette(0, 0, "golfer_gold.act")    // DEFAULT  
    LoadPalette(0, 1, "golfer_red.act")     // T.WOOD  
    ExportBSpriteEx("golfer.bsprite", GLOBAL, I64RLE, _8888)  
    ExportBSpriteEx("golfer_4444.bsprite", GLOBAL, I64RLE, _4444)  
  
Load("fonts/fontM.sprite")  
    LoadPalette(0, 0, "IMAGE")  
    LoadPalette(0, 1, "fontM_yellow.act")  
    SetPalette(0, 2, {0x00000000 0xFF0000FF 0xFF000000})  
    ExportBSpriteEx("fontM.bsprite", GLOBAL, I16, _8888)  
    ExportBSpriteEx("fontM_4444.bsprite", GLOBAL, I16, _4444)
```

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – sprcmd file

FLAGS

| FLAG | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------------------|---|
| BS_AF_OFF_SHORT | export af offsets as shorts |
| BS_ANIMS | export animations |
| BS_FM_FREE_ROTATE_SCALE | export also the freerotate/scale parameters for frame modules |
| BS_FM_OFF_SHORT | export fm offsets as shorts |
| BS_FM_PALETTE | export palette used by the module |
| BS_FRAME_COLL_RC | export frame collision rect |
| BS_FRAME_RECTS | export frame rects |
| BS_FRAMES | export frames |
| BS_GIF_HEADER | export gif header instead of palette |
| BS_IMAGE_SIZE_INT | export the image size as int |
| BS_KEEP_PAL | keep original palette (do not optimize colors) |
| BS_MD_5_BYTES | export non MD_IMAGE modules (MD_RECT, MD_FILL_RECT) encoded on 1 + 4 bytes (type + color) |
| BS_MODULE_IMAGES | export palettes and images |
| BS_MODULE_IMAGES_FX | export encoded images for each module (flipped horizontally) |
| BS_MODULE_IMAGES_TC_BMP | export RGB for each pixel loaded from a true color Bmp for each module (works with _0888, _8888 and RAW); |
| BS_MODULE_IMAGES_USED | export encoded images for each module (used combination Fx/Fy/Rot) |
| BS_MODULES | export modules |
| BS_MODULES_IMG | export image index for each module |
| BS_MODULES_USAGE | export for each module which transformations are used in the sprite |
| BS_MODULES_WH_SHORT | export Width/Height for each module as short |
| BS_MODULES_XY | export PosX/PosY for each module |
| BS_MODULES_XY_SHORT | export PosX/PosY for each module as short |
| BS_MULTIPLE_IMAGES | export sprite that contain multiple images with palette for each image |
| BS_NAF_1_BYTE | export naf as byte |
| BS_NFM_1_BYTE | export nfm as byte |
| BS_NO_AF_START | do not export start of AFrames |
| BS_NO_FM_START | do not export start of FModules |
| BS_OPTIMIZE | optimize export (works with BS_SINGLE_IMAGE) |
| BS_PNG_CRC | export PNG additional info (CRCs) for each module |
| BS_SINGLE_IMAGE | Export sprite PNG + (PLTE+CRC) + (tRNS+CRC) |
| BS_SKIP_FRAME_RC | do not export frame rect |
| BS_TRANSP_FIRST | move transparency as the first color(s) |
| BS_TRANSP_LAST | move transparency as the last color(s) |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – sprcmd file

- You may use some of these alias:

| VALUE | EQUIVALENT TO... |
|-------------------|---|
| BS_DEFAULT_DOJA | BS_MODULES BS_FRAMES BS_ANIMS |
| BS_DEFAULT_MIDP2 | BS_MODULES BS_FRAMES BS_ANIMS BS_MODULE_IMAGES |
| BS_DEFAULT_NOKIA | BS_DEFAULT_MIDP2 |
| BS_DEFAULT_MIDP1 | BS_MODULES BS_MODULES_XY BS_FRAMES BS_ANIMS |
| BS_DEFAULT_MIDP1b | BS_MODULES BS_FRAMES BS_ANIMS BS_MODULE_IMAGES BS_PNG_CRC |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Pixel format

- Pixel/Color Format
 - Specify each color of the palette

| Name | Define | No. Bytes | Bits per Color | | | | OBS |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|-----|-------|------|---------------------------------|
| | | | Alpha | Red | Green | Blue | |
| (ignore) | USE_ORIGINAL_PAL_8888 | n/a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| _8888 | USE_PIXEL_FORMAT_8888 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | |
| _F888 | | 4 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | No alpha |
| _0888 | | 3 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 8 | |
| _4444 | USE_PIXEL_FORMAT_4444 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| _F444 | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | No alpha |
| _1555 | USE_PIXEL_FORMAT_1555 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| _F555 | | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 5 | No alpha |
| _0565 | USE_PIXEL_FORMAT_0565 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 5 | |
| _0332 | | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | |
| NULL | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | if BS_MODULE_IMAGES is not used |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Data format

- Data format
 - I2
 - I4
 - I16
 - I256
 - I64RLE
 - I127RLE
 - I256RLE
 - RAW
 - GIF

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Data format

- *In*
 - *I* indicates that is indexed
 - *n* refers to the number of colors
 - RLE refers to “*Run-length encoding*”
 - It's a way to compress data
 - AAABCCDDDDDDDD -> 3A1B2C6D
 - RAW
 - Export RGB values for each pixel instead of a palette index -> not indexed
 - GIF
 - Encodes GIF data for DOJA
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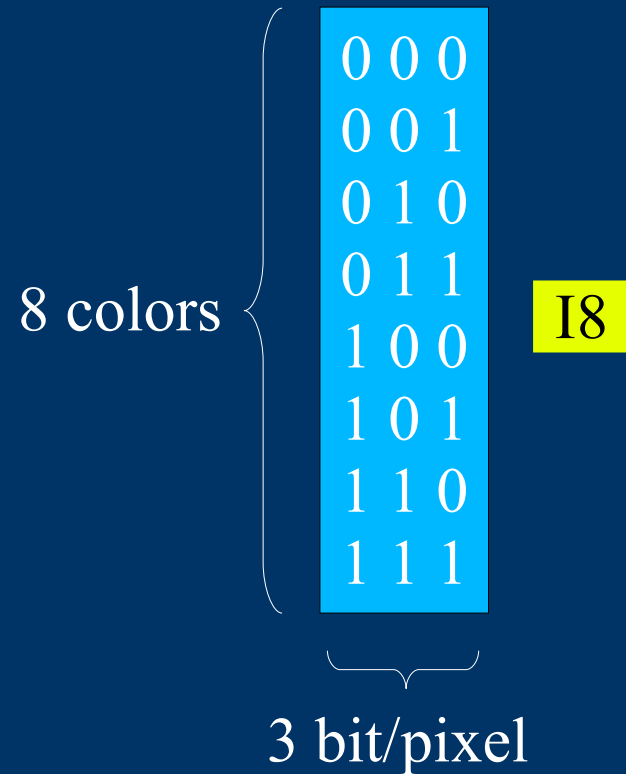
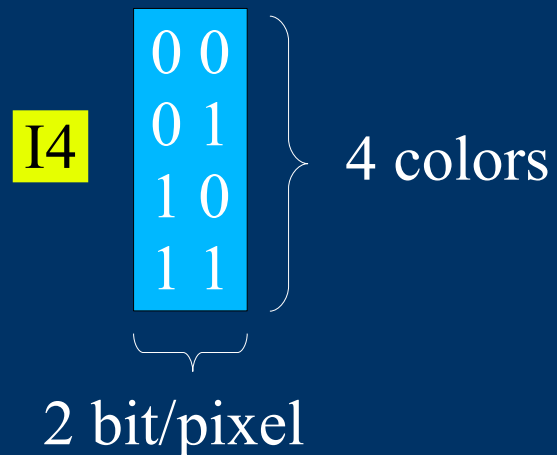
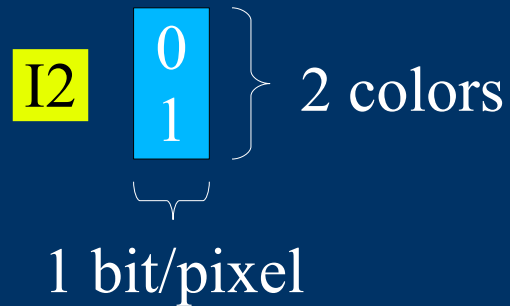
Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Data format

| | |
|---------|---|
| I2 | maximum 2 colors (indexed), packed data 8 pixels / 1 byte (1 bit /pixel) |
| I4 | maximum 4 colors (indexed), packed data 4 pixels / 1 byte (2 bits/pixel) |
| I8 | maximum 8 colors (indexed), packed data 8 pixels / 3 bytes (3 bits/pixel) |
| I16 | maximum 16 colors (indexed), packed data 2 pixels / 1 byte (4 bits/pixel) |
| I32 | maximum 32 colors (indexed), packed data 8 pixels / 5 bytes (5 bits/pixel) |
| I64 | maximum 64 colors (indexed), packed data 4 pixels / 3 bytes (6 bits/pixel) |
| I128 | maximum 128 colors (indexed), packed data 8 pixels / 7 bytes (7 bits/pixel) |
| I256 | maximum 256 colors (indexed), raw data 1 pixel / 1 byte (8 bits/pixel) |
| I64RLE | maximum 64 colors (indexed), compressed data (RLE) |
| I127RLE | maximum 127 colors (indexed), compressed data (RLE) |
| I256RLE | maximum 256 colors (indexed), compressed data (RLE) |
| RAW | non indexed, raw format |
| GIF | encode gif data for DOJA |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Data format



Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example

- Let's say that you have this image:



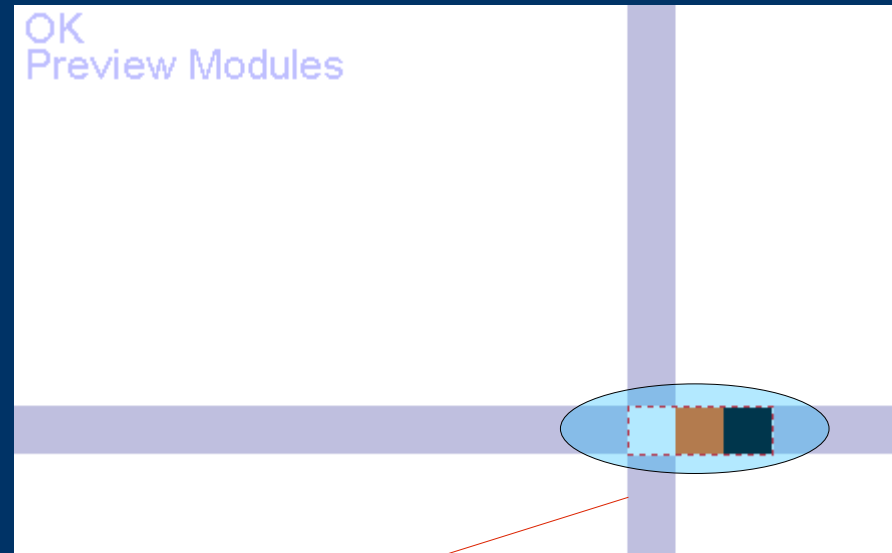
BITMAP
3 colors
3x1 pixels



Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example

- We create a module with the following characteristics:
 - Type: Image
 - Width: 3
 - Height: 1
 - X pos: 0
 - Y pos: 0



| Index | ID | Type | Image | X | Y | Width | Height | Desc |
|-------|------|-------|-------|---|---|-------|--------|------|
| 0 | 1001 | IMAGE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example

- So, we generate the *bsprite* by using:
 - I4 Data Format
 - 1555 Pixel Format
 - Flags:
 - Modules (W and H)
 - Image data for each module

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example

- 1555 (A1 R5 G5 B5, 2 bytes)
 - Because the image was created using true color (24 bits, 8888) the red color may differ a little: aurora takes an approximation to do it
- I4
 - To specify which color we use. Since we use only 3 colors, it makes sense to use this data format. (I2 will produce an error)

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example

- Modules (W and H) & Image data for each module
 - The flags are set at the beginning. This helps the *ASprite* class to know how the *bsprite* file should be parsed
 - The image data is attached at the end

Flags

- ☒ Modules (W and H)
 - ☐ Image index
 - ☒ Pos X / Pos Y
 - ☐ Pos X / Y as short
 - ☐ W / H as short
- ☐ Module usage data for all modules
- ☐ Frames
 - ☐ no FM start
 - ☐ ox/oy as short
 - ☐ number of FModules as 1 byte
 - ☐ skip frame bounding box
 - ☐ collision rect (first user frame rect)
 - ☐ frame rects
 - ☐ FModule palette
- ☐ Anims
 - ☐ no AF start
 - ☐ ox/oy as short
 - ☐ number of AFrames as 1 byte
- ☒ Image data for each module (palettes + encoded pixels)
 - ☐ X flipped modules
 - ☐ GIF header (palette)
 - ☐ CRCs (dynamic PNG build)
 - ☐ Keep Original Palette
 - ☐ Transp Color First
 - ☐ Transp Color Last
- ☐ Single image data for all modules (original png + palettes + CRCs) (sprite image MUST be in PNG format)

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example

- `bsprite_v5.txt` specifies the bsprite's chunks
 - The file is located at
`%AURORAGT%/doc/AuroraDocProgrammers/`
 - One important difference between v5 and v4 (`bsprite_v4.txt`) is that v4 add 4 bytes more in the header to specify extraflags (i.e. `BS_FM_FREE_ROTATE_SCALE`)

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example

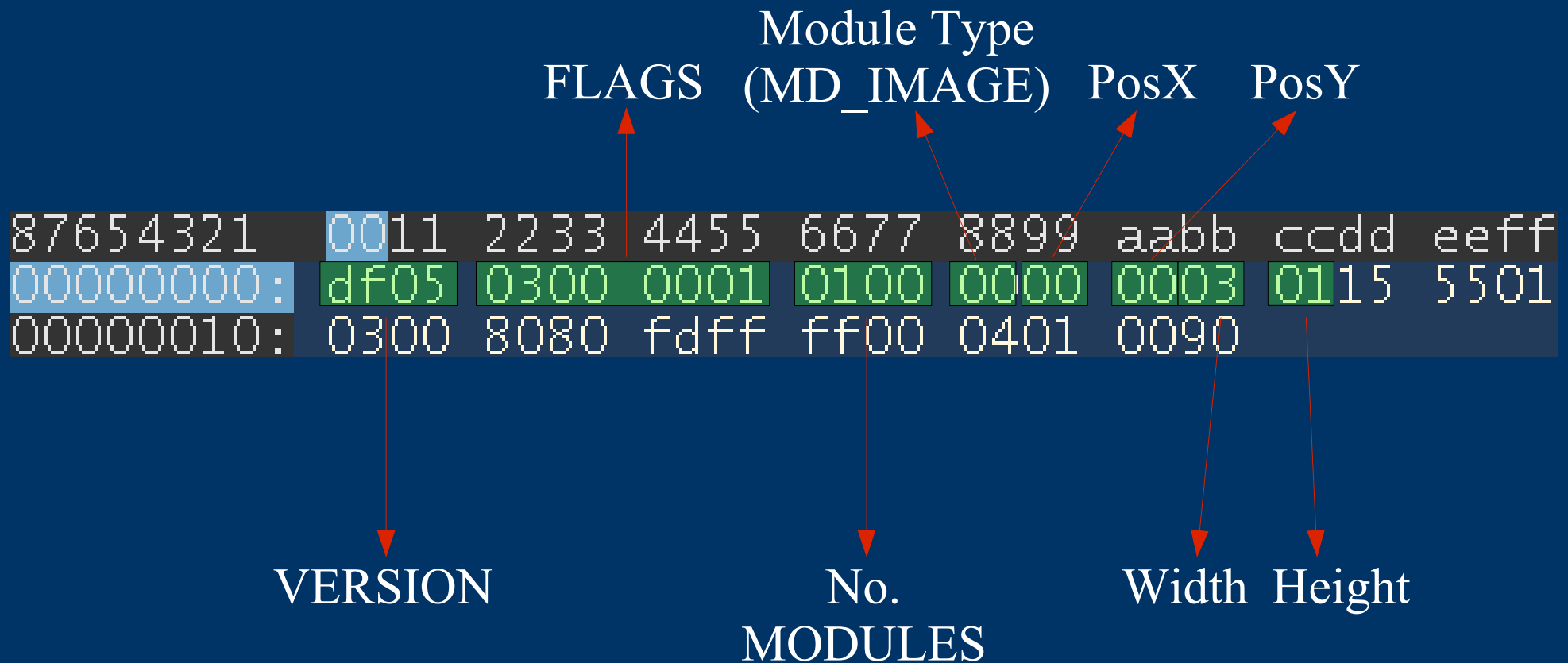
- It's written as pseudocode and the flow control is consider by the use of how the flags are set

```
////////////////////////////////////  
// Header...  
  
2 bytes -> file type/version (BSPRITE_v005 = 0x05DF)  
4 bytes -> flags (BS_...)  
  
////////////////////////////////////  
// Modules...  
  
if (BS_MODULES)  
{  
    2 bytes -> nm = number of modules  
    for each module (nm):  
    {  
        if (next byte == 0xFF) // -> MD_RECT  
        {
```

FLAG

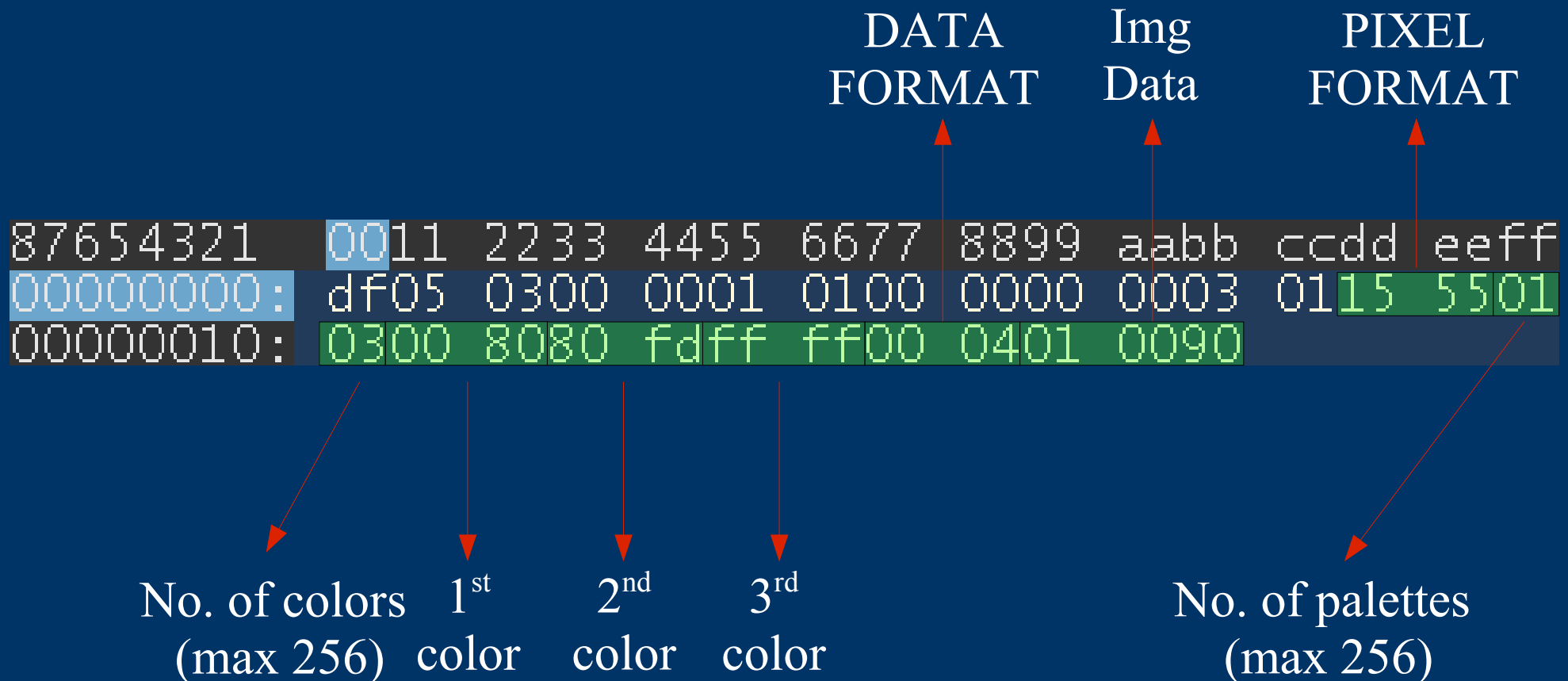
Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example



Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example



1555 => $np * nc * 2$ byte -> each color is 2 byte long

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading BSPRITE VERSION

```
short bs_version = (short)((file[offset++] & 0xFF) +  
    ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 8));
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading FLAGS

```
_bs_flags = ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) +  
            ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 8) +  
            ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 16) +  
            ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 24);
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading NO. OF MODULES

```
_nModules = (file[offset++] & 0xFF) +  
            ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 8);
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading X & Y POSITIONS

```
TEST_BSPRITE_FLAGS(BS_MODULES_XY | BS_MODULES_XY_SHORT) {  
    _modules_x = new T_MODULE_XY[_nModules];  
    _modules_y = new T_MODULE_XY[_nModules];  
}  
//...  
TEST_BSPRITE_FLAGS(BS_MODULES_XY) {  
    _modules_x[i] = file[offset++];  
    _modules_y[i] = file[offset++];  
}
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading WIDTH and HEIGHT

```
_modules_w = new T_MODULE_WH[_nModules];  
_modules_h = new T_MODULE_WH[_nModules];  
//...  
for (int i = 0; i < _nModules; i++)    {  
    //...  
    _modules_w[i] = file[offset++];  
    _modules_h[i] = file[offset++];  
    //...  
}
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading PIXEL FORMAT

```
_pixel_format = (short)((file[offset++] & 0xFF) +  
                        ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 8));
```

| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading NO. OF PALETTES & COLORS

```
// Number of palettes...  
_palettes = file[offset++] & 0xFF;
```

```
// Number of colors...  
_colors = file[offset++] & 0xFF;
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading COLORS (from our only palette)

```
_pal = new T_PAL[MAX_SPRITE_PALETTES][];  
for (int p = 0; p < _palettes; p++) {  
    //...  
    for (int c = 0; c < _colors; c++) {  
        int _1555 = ((file[offset++] & 0xFF));  
        _1555 += ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 8);  
  
        int a = 0xFF000000;  
        if ((_1555 & 0x8000) != 0x8000) {  
            a = 0;  
            _alpha = true;  
        }  
  
        // 1555 -> 8888  
        int _8888 = (a |  
                    (( _1555 & 0x7C00) << 9) |  
                    (( _1555 & 0x03E0) << 6) |  
                    (( _1555 & 0x001F) << 3));  
  
        _pal[p][c] = (T_PAL)_8888;  
    }  
}
```

Sets _alpha

It converts from
1555 to 8888

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading DATA FORMAT

(I4 indexed, max 4 colors, 4 pixels / 1 byte)

```
_data_format = (short)((file[offset++] & 0xFF) +  
                      ((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 8));
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 00000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading IMAGE DATA
(setting the length of `_modules_data`)

```
_modules_data_off = new T_MODULE_DATA_OFF[_nModules];
int len = 0;
int off = offset;

for (int m = 0; m < _nModules; m++)
{
    // Image data for the module...
    int size = (file[off++] & 0xFF) + ((file[off++] & 0xFF) << 8);

    _modules_data_off[m] = (T_MODULE_DATA_OFF)len;
    off += size;
    len += size;
}
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 000000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

Binary sprite – Example – ASprite_Load.hxx

- Reading IMAGE DATA
(filling _modules_data)

```
for (int m = 0; m < _nModules; m++)
{
    // Image data for the module...
    int size = (file[offset++] & 0xFF) +
((file[offset++] & 0xFF) << 8);
    ASPRITE_TRACE_LOAD("frame[" + m + "] size = " +
size);
    System.arraycopy(file, offset, _modules_data,
_modules_data_off[m]/* & 0xFFFF*/, size);
    offset += size;
}
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 87654321 | 0011 | 2233 | 4455 | 6677 | 8899 | aabb | ccdd | eeff |
| 00000000: | df05 | 0300 | 0001 | 0100 | 0000 | 0003 | 0115 | 5501 |
| 000000010: | 0300 | 8080 | fdff | ff00 | 0401 | 0090 | | |

Exporting a Sprite

FFT File Format Template

- Suppose you need to add some modules to your sprite, but you exceed the max module number
- **What's the solution?**

Specify an FFT file! We can tell Aurora to export module numbers in a bigger data type for example!

FFT is a file with a specific syntaxis.

Available chunks in the next slide...

Exporting a Sprite

FFT File Format Template

- This file enable de DEV to specify every export parameter.
 - More powerful than export.sprcmd files
 - A little more complex to define
 - Used for game exporting as well.
 - Image data and sprite info can be splitted
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Exporting a Sprite

FFT Files

- What's FFT?
 - It's a list of datatypes.

Exporting a Sprite

FFT Chunks

- FFT Specification [here](#)
- FFT Example [here](#)



Conclusion

- The **Bsprite** is a file that contains:
 - Coordinates and positions, number of frames, etc
 - Image data.
 - **Bsprite** is read by **Asprite.Load()** ,method:
 - 0 Read Bsprite version
 - 1 Read Bsprite flags
 - 2 Read mod/frame/anim info
 - 3 Read image data
 - **Asprite** stores **bsprite** info into several one-dimensional arrays.
 - Take a look at **Asprite.java** and see it by yourself, it's not so complicated as it seems.
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Bibliography

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<https://terminus.mdc.gameloft.org/vc/tools/AuroraGT>
- **AuroraGT main wiki**
<https://wiki.gameloft.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/AuroraGT>

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Todo

