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Edit page (<https://github.com/aseprite/docs/edit/main/save.md>)

Save

You can save your sprite using the *File > Save* menu or pressing `Ctrl+S` (`⌘S` on macOS).

We highly recommend you to save your sprites in the `.aseprite` (`/docs/files/#aseprite`) format, so you keep the full sprite information intact (layers (`/docs/layers/`), frames (`/docs/frames/`), etc.). But you can save your sprite as other file types if you don't need all this information. For example, you can open (`/docs/open/`) a `.png` file, editing it, and save it again as `.png` (without using the `.aseprite` format).

Export

If you want to export your sprite as a `.png` file or a `.gif` animation, you can use the *File > Export* option. See the Exporting (`/docs/exporting/`) section for more information.

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