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1 Version History

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April 23, 1998	JMS	Minor changes.
April 29, 1998	JMS	Minor changes (changed Layer flags, Layer transparency flags to Boolean Layer visible flag, and Transparency protected flag).
August 7, 1998	JMS	Made additions for storing Picture Tube control information in PSP files.
November 16, 1998	JCO	Added additional Copyright information, release notes, disclaimers, and comments, and cleaned for public release.
November 23, 1998	JMS	Added restrictions for readers and writers. Changes based on latest review.
November 30, 1998	JCO	Restrictions clarified. Requests email address added.
December 1, 1998	JMS	Added descriptions of compression types. Added descriptions of non-color channels.
January 28, 1999	JMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First crack at documenting support for text and vector shape data. • Explicitly stated where we might add fields in the future, which reader should ignore (note that our reader must be updated to ignore this as well!).
February 16, 1999	JMS	Changes after document review.
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2 Introduction

The Paint Shop Pro (PSP) file format is an extremely rich graphics file format that is capable of describing a multi-layered image document in minute detail. The format facilitates the retention of a great deal of information, including layer bitmaps, layer masks, layer vector data, layer adjustment data, layer grouping information, multiple sample thumbnails, multiple sample composite images, image dimension, image resolution, creator name, copyright owner, image description, masks, selections, alpha channels, etc.

The PSP format supports storing image bitmaps in an uncompressed format or, to reduce the size of the file, in either Run Length Encoding (RLE) or LZ77 compressed format. As each of these is a lossless storage method, the PSP format always maintains the original quality of stored image documents.

Finally, the PSP format supports storing image bitmaps at a variety of bit depths, including 24-bit color (16.7 million colors), 8-bit color (256 color), 8-bit greyscale (256 greys), 4-bit color (16 colors), and 1-bit color (2 colors).

When developing an image document in Paint Shop Pro, the full-service graphics editing tool from Jasc Software, Inc., the PSP file format is the format of choice because an image document can be maintained in its entirety. (Saving image documents to less versatile formats results in loss of some image document data.)

This document describes the PSP file format. The next section (Section 3) provides several resources related to the PSP format and Jasc Software products. Section 4 provides a high-level overview of the format. Section 5 provides descriptions of several types, blocks, chunks, and conventions used throughout the remainder of the document. Section 6 provides the details of the PSP file format. Finally, “Appendix A : PSP File Format Overview” provides an overview of the PSP file format. (This overview is more detailed than that of Section 4.)

NOTICE: This document describes the PSP file format, not necessarily the technology or code required to fully read, interpret, or display all aspects of the data that may be contained within the file.

3 Resources

For more information about Jasc Software, Inc., Paint Shop Pro, or the PSP file format, please visit the Jasc Software web site and the Paint Shop Pro newsgroup (both listed below). The latest published version of this document is available at the Jasc Software web site. If you have any questions or comments about this document or about the PSP file format, please send them to the Jasc Software PSP File Format email address listed below.

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<http://www.jasc.com>

The Paint Shop Pro newsgroup:

comp.graphics.apps.paint-shop-pro

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4 Format Overview

The Paint Shop Pro (PSP) file format is a block-oriented format that consists of a file header with a sequence of up to ten main blocks. The main blocks are the General Image Attributes Block, the Extended Data Block (optional), the Tube Data Block (optional), the Creator Data Block (optional), the Composite Image Bank Block (optional), the Table Bank Block (optional), the Color Palette Block (for paletted images), the Layer Bank Block, the Selection Block (optional), and the Alpha Channel Bank Block (optional). Each of these main blocks contains information about the image document, and some of these blocks contain sub-blocks. See subsequent sections of this document for more detailed information about each of these main blocks.

The following table contains a high-level view of the PSP file format that includes only the header and the top-level blocks.

File Header
General Image Attributes Block
Extended Data Block (optional)
Tube Data Block (optional)
Creator Data Block (optional)
Composite Image Bank Block (optional)
Table Bank Block (optional)
Color Palette Block (paletted image documents only)
Layer Bank Block
Selection Block (optional)
Alpha Bank Block (optional)

Table 1 : PSP Format Overview

Restrictions for PSP format readers:

- PSP format readers must be able to read and successfully process the PSP File Header, the General Image Attributes Block, the Table Bank Block (if present), the Color Palette Block (if present), and the Layer Bank Block. PSP readers may ignore all other main blocks.
- If a PSP reader encounters any unrecognized block (whether documented or not), the reader must ignore (skip over) that block and continue processing the rest of the file. Note that this document describes “expansion fields” throughout the file format. These “expansion fields” mark places in the file where the format has been left open for the addition of additional data. Readers should skip past any data in these “expansion fields.” (Note that the “expansion fields” are not undocumented fields; they are currently non-existent fields.)

Restrictions for PSP format writers (Format Version 5.0):

- PSP format writers must write the PSP File Header, the General Image Attributes Block, the Composite Image Bank Block (if appropriate), the Table Bank Block (if appropriate), the Color Palette Block (if appropriate), and the Layers Bank Block exactly as described in this specification. Additionally, PSP format writers may write the other blocks described in this document when necessary.
- PSP format writers must neither write any blocks, chunks, or chunk fields that are not documented in this specification nor otherwise stray from this specification. Additional block types or specification changes may only be created by Jasc Software, Inc. Requests for additional block types and other file format enhancements can be sent to PSPFileFormat@jasc.com.
- PSP format writers must not write any data in the “expansion fields” described in this document. “Expansion fields” are spots in the file that are reserved for future use by Jasc Software, Inc.
- Color data of multi raster layer image documents must be stored in either 24-bit truecolor format or in 8-bit greyscale format.
- Color data of single-layer image documents can be stored in 1, 4, or 8-bit paletted format, in 24-bit truecolor format, or in 8-bit greyscale format.
- PSP format writers must not write an image document with more than 100 layers.

5 Common Structures and Definitions

This section contains information concerning structures and definitions that are used throughout the remainder of this document. They are presented here to give the user a hint as to what to expect in subsequent sections of the document and to provide references that can be used in subsequent sections of the document to avoid too much repetition (though repetition is used when it provides needed clarification).

5.1 Parlance

With any documentation, it is important to ensure that the author and the audience have a common parlance. With that in mind, the following glossary describes the usage, throughout this document, of various words that otherwise might be ambiguous.

Word	Definition/Usage
Block	As described above, the PSP format is a block-oriented format. The term “block” will be used to refer to a part of a PSP file that consists of a Block Header (See Section “5.4.1 - Block Header”) <i>and</i> all the data following the header that is associated with the header. Since the Block Header indicates the size of the block, it is quickly apparent how much of the data immediately following the block header is associated with it.
Chunk	The term chunk will be used to represent an “interesting” piece of data within a PSP file that does not have a block header. Throughout the document, there is a need to refer to a piece of data within a block that is not a sub-block. The term “chunk” is used in these cases.
Main block	The PSP file format is a hierarchical format, with some blocks that are fully contained within other blocks. A main block is any block in a PSP file that is not contained within another block. The main blocks are illustrated in the table in Section 4.
Sub-Block	A sub-block is a block that is fully contained within another block.

Table 2: Glossary of Terms

5.2 Type Definitions

The following table contains definitions for simple data types used throughout this document. The PSP file format is always written in Intel® (or little-endian) byte order.

Type	Description
BYTE	An 8-bit unsigned integer value.
B_ARRAY	An array of 8-bit unsigned integer values (i.e., an array of BYTE). The length of the array is either fixed or can be determined from the discussion.
C_ARRAY	An array of 8-bit signed integer values (i.e., an array of char). The length of the array is either fixed or can be determined from the discussion.
DOUBLE	A 64-bit floating point value.
DWORD	A 32-bit unsigned integer value.
LONG	A 32-bit signed integer value.

RECT	An array of 4 LONGs that describe a rectangle. (The first two LONGs are the x-coordinate and y-coordinate (respectively) of the upper-left corner of the rectangle; the third and fourth LONGs are the x-coordinate and y-coordinate (respectively) of the lower-right corner of the rectangle.)
RGBQUAD	An array of 4 BYTEs representing a color palette entry, where the first BYTE is the entry's red component, the second BYTE is the entry's green component, the third BYTE is the entry's blue component, and the fourth BYTE is always 0 (reserved).
WORD	A 16-bit unsigned integer value.
COLOR	The COLOR data type is used to represent a color. Its definition is based on whether the PSP file contains a paletted image: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the PSP file contains a paletted image, the COLOR data type is a one BYTE index into the image's color palette (note that a global color palette is used). • If the PSP file contains a 24-bit truecolor image, the COLOR data type is composed of three bytes, containing the red, green, and blue components of the represented color.

Table 3: Common type definitions

5.3 Limiting Field Values

The following enumerations are used throughout the document to limit the allowed values of various fields. As an example, the Block Identifier field in a Block Header is a DWORD, but, as detailed in the Block Identifier field description, the DWORD must be in the range covered by the enumeration PSPBlockID.

```

/* Block identifiers.
 */
enum PSPBlockID
{
    PSP_IMAGE_BLOCK = 0,      // General Image Attributes Block (main)
    PSP_CREATOR_BLOCK,       // Creator Data Block (main)
    PSP_COLOR_BLOCK,         // Color Palette Block (main and sub)
    PSP_LAYER_START_BLOCK,   // Layer Bank Block (main)
    PSP_LAYER_BLOCK,        // Layer Block (sub)
    PSP_CHANNEL_BLOCK,      // Channel Block (sub)
    PSP_SELECTION_BLOCK,    // Selection Block (main)
    PSP_ALPHA_BANK_BLOCK,   // Alpha Bank Block (main)
    PSP_ALPHA_CHANNEL_BLOCK, // Alpha Channel Block (sub)
    PSP_COMPOSITE_IMAGE_BLOCK, // Composite Image Block (sub)
    PSP_EXTENDED_DATA_BLOCK, // Extended Data Block (main)
    PSP_TUBE_BLOCK,         // Picture Tube Data Block (main)
    PSP_ADJUSTMENT_EXTENSION_BLOCK, // Adjustment Layer Block (sub)
    PSP_VECTOR_EXTENSION_BLOCK, // Vector Layer Block (sub)
    PSP_SHAPE_BLOCK,       // Vector Shape Block (sub)
    PSP_PAINTSTYLE_BLOCK,  // Paint Style Block (sub)
    PSP_COMPOSITE_IMAGE_BANK_BLOCK, // Composite Image Bank (main)
    PSP_COMPOSITE_ATTRIBUTES_BLOCK, // Composite Image Attr. (sub)
    PSP_JPEG_BLOCK,       // JPEG Image Block (sub)
    PSP_LINestyle_BLOCK,  // Line Style Block (sub)
    PSP_TABLE_BANK_BLOCK, // Table Bank Block (main)
    PSP_TABLE_BLOCK,     // Table Block (sub)
    PSP_PAPER_BLOCK,     // Vector Table Paper Block (sub)
    PSP_PATTERN_BLOCK,   // Vector Table Pattern Block (sub)
};

/* Truth values.

```

```

    */
enum PSP_BOOLEAN
{
    FALSE = 0,
    TRUE,
};

/* Possible metrics used to measure resolution.
*/
enum PSP_METRIC
{
    PSP_METRIC_UNDEFINED = 0,        // Metric unknown
    PSP_METRIC_INCH,                // Resolution is in inches
    PSP_METRIC_CM,                  // Resolution is in centimeters
};

/* Creator application identifiers.
*/
enum PSPCreatorAppID
{
    PSP_CREATOR_APP_UNKNOWN = 0,    // Creator application unknown
    PSP_CREATOR_APP_PAINT_SHOP_PRO, // Creator is Paint Shop Pro
};

/* Creator field types.
*/
enum PSPCreatorFieldID
{
    PSP_CRTR_FLD_TITLE = 0,         // Image document title field
    PSP_CRTR_FLD_CRT_DATE,         // Creation date field
    PSP_CRTR_FLD_MOD_DATE,         // Modification date field
    PSP_CRTR_FLD_ARTIST,           // Artist name field
    PSP_CRTR_FLD_CPYRGHT,         // Copyright holder name field
    PSP_CRTR_FLD_DESC,             // Image document description field
    PSP_CRTR_FLD_APP_ID,           // Creating app id field
    PSP_CRTR_FLD_APP_VER,         // Creating app version field
};

/* Extended data field types.
*/
enum PSPExtendedDataID
{
    PSP_XDATA_TRNS_INDEX = 0,      // Transparency index field
    PSP_XDATA_GRID,               // Image grid information
    PSP_XDATA_GUIDE,              // Image guide information
};

/* Grid units type.
*/
enum PSPGridUnitsType
{
    keGridUnitsPixels = 0,        // Grid units is pixels
    keGridUnitsInches,           // Grid units is inches
};

```

```

        keGridUnitsCentimeters // Grid units is centimeters
};

/* Guide orientation type.
*/
enum PSPGuideOrientationType
{
    keHorizontalGuide = 0, // Horizontal guide direction
    keVerticalGuide // Vertical guide direction
};

/* Bitmap types.
*/
enum PSPDIBType
{
    PSP_DIB_IMAGE = 0, // Layer color bitmap
    PSP_DIB_TRANS_MASK, // Layer transparency mask bitmap
    PSP_DIB_USER_MASK, // Layer user mask bitmap
    PSP_DIB_SELECTION, // Selection mask bitmap
    PSP_DIB_ALPHA_MASK, // Alpha channel mask bitmap
    PSP_DIB_THUMBNAIL, // Thumbnail bitmap
    PSP_DIB_THUMBNAIL_TRANS_MASK, // Thumbnail transparency mask
    PSP_DIB_ADJUSTMENT_LAYER, // Adjustment layer bitmap
    PSP_DIB_COMPOSITE, // Composite image bitmap
    PSP_DIB_COMPOSITE_TRANS_MASK, // Composite image transparency
    PSP_DIB_PAPER, // Paper bitmap
    PSP_DIB_PATTERN, // Pattern bitmap
    PSP_DIB_PATTERN_TRANS_MASK, // Pattern transparency mask
};

/* Type of image in the composite image bank block.
*/
enum PSPCompositeImageType
{
    PSP_IMAGE_COMPOSITE = 0, // Composite Image
    PSP_IMAGE_THUMBNAIL, // Thumbnail Image
};

/* Channel types.
*/
enum PSPChannelType
{
    PSP_CHANNEL_COMPOSITE = 0, // Channel of single channel bitmap
    PSP_CHANNEL_RED, // Red channel of 24-bit bitmap
    PSP_CHANNEL_GREEN, // Green channel of 24-bit bitmap
    PSP_CHANNEL_BLUE, // Blue channel of 24-bit bitmap
};

/* Possible types of compression.
*/
enum PSPCompression
{
    PSP_COMP_NONE = 0, // No compression
};

```

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        PSP_COMP_RLE,           // RLE compression
        PSP_COMP_LZ77,         // LZ77 compression
        PSP_COMP_JPEG          // JPEG compression (only used by
                                // thumbnail and composite image)
};

/* Layer types.
 */
enum PSPLayerType
{
    keGLTUndefined = 0,        // Undefined layer type
    keGLTRaster,              // Standard raster layer
    keGLTFloatingRasterSelection, // Floating selection (raster
                                // layer)
    keGLTVector,              // Vector layer
    keGLTAdjustment           // Adjustment layer
};

/* Layer flags.
 */
enum PSPLayerProperties
{
    keVisibleFlag             = 0x00000001,    // Layer is visible
    keMaskPresenceFlag        = 0x00000002,    // Layer has a mask
};

/* Blend modes.
 */
enum PSPBlendModes
{
    LAYER_BLEND_NORMAL,
    LAYER_BLEND_DARKEN,
    LAYER_BLEND_LIGHTEN,
    LAYER_BLEND_HUE,
    LAYER_BLEND_SATURATION,
    LAYER_BLEND_COLOR,
    LAYER_BLEND_LUMINOSITY,
    LAYER_BLEND_MULTIPLY,
    LAYER_BLEND_SCREEN,
    LAYER_BLEND DISSOLVE,
    LAYER_BLEND_OVERLAY,
    LAYER_BLEND_HARD_LIGHT,
    LAYER_BLEND_SOFT_LIGHT,
    LAYER_BLEND_DIFFERENCE,
    LAYER_BLEND_DODGE,
    LAYER_BLEND_BURN,
    LAYER_BLEND_EXCLUSION,
    LAYER_BLEND_ADJUST = 255,
};

/* Adjustment layer types.
 */
enum PSPAdjustmentLayerType
{

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    keAdjNone = 0,           // Undefined adjustment layer type
    keAdjLevel,             // Level adjustment
    keAdjCurve,             // Curve adjustment
    keAdjBrightContrast,   // Brightness-contrast adjustment
    keAdjColorBal,         // Color balance adjustment
    keAdjHSL,               // HSL adjustment
    keAdjChannelMixer,     // Channel mixer adjustment
    keAdjInvert,           // Invert adjustment
    keAdjThreshold,        // Threshold adjustment
    keAdjPoster             // Posterize adjustment
};

/* Vector shape types.
 */
enum PSPVectorShapeType
{
    keVSTUnknown = 0, // Undefined vector type
    keVSTText,        // Shape represents lines of text
    keVSTPolyline,   // Shape represents a multiple segment line
    keVSTEllipse,    // Shape represents an ellipse (or circle)
    keVSTPolygon,    // Shape represents a closed polygon
    keVSTGroup,      // Shape represents a group shape
};

/* Shape property flags
 */
enum PSPShapeProperties
{
    keShapeAntiAliased = 0x00000001, // Shape is anti-aliased
    keShapeSelected    = 0x00000002, // Shape is selected
    keShapeVisible     = 0x00000004, // Shape is visible
};

/* Polyline node type flags.
 */
enum PSPPolylineNodeTypes
{
    keNodeUnconstrained = 0x0000, // Default node type
    keNodeSmooth        = 0x0001, // Node is smooth
    keNodeSymmetric     = 0x0002, // Node is symmetric
    keNodeAligned       = 0x0004, // Node is aligned
    keNodeActive        = 0x0008, // Node is active
    keNodeLocked        = 0x0010, // Node is locked
    keNodeSelected      = 0x0020, // Node is selected
    keNodeVisible       = 0x0040, // Node is visible
    keNodeClosed        = 0x0080, // Node is closed
};

/* Paint style types.
 */
enum PSPPaintStyleType
{
    keStyleNone = 0x0000, // No paint style info applies
    keStyleColor = 0x0001, // Color paint style info
};

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        keStyleGradient    = 0x0002, // Gradient paint style info
        keStylePattern     = 0x0004, // Pattern paint style info
        keStylePaper       = 0x0008, // Paper paint style info
        keStylePen         = 0x0010, // Organic pen paint style info
};

/* Gradient type.
*/
enum PSPStyleGradientType
{
    keSGLLinear = 0, // Linera gradient type
    keSGLRadial, // Radial gradient type
    keSGLRectangular, // Rectangulat gradient type
    keSGLSunburst // Sunburst gradient type
};

/* Paint Style Cap Type (Start & End).
*/
enum PSPStyleCapType
{
    keSCTCapFlat = 0, // Flat cap type (was round in psp6)
    keSCTCapRound, // Round cap type (was square in psp6)
    keSCTCapSquare, // Square cap type (was flat in psp6)
    keSCTCapArrow, // Arrow cap type
    keSCTCapCadArrow, // Cad arrow cap type
    keSCTCapCurvedTipArrow, // Curved tip arrow cap type
    keSCTCapRingBaseArrow, // Ring base arrow cap type
    keSCTCapFluerDelis, // Fluer deLis cap type
    keSCTCapFootball, // Football cap type
    keSCTCapXr71Arrow, // Xr71 arrow cap type
    keSCTCapLilly, // Lilly cap type
    keSCTCapPinapple, // Pinapple cap type
    keSCTCapBall, // Ball cap type
    keSCTCapTulip // Tulip cap type
};

/* Paint Style Join Type.
*/
enum PSPStyleJoinType
{
    keSJTJoinMiter = 0, // Miter join type
    keSJTJoinRound, // Round join type
    keSJTJoinBevel // Bevel join type
};

/* Organic pen type.
*/
enum PSPStylePenType
{
    keSPTOrganicPenNone = 0, // Undefined pen type
    keSPTOrganicPenMesh, // Mesh pen type
    keSPTOrganicPenSand, // Sand pen type
    keSPTOrganicPenCurlicues, // Curlicues pen type
    keSPTOrganicPenRays, // Rays pen type
};

```



```

        keSPTOrganicPenRipple,        // Ripple pen type
        keSPTOrganicPenWave,         // Wave pen type
        keSPTOrganicPen              // Generic pen type
};

/* Text element types.
*/
enum PSPTextElementType
{
    keTextElemUnknown = 0,    // Undefined text element type
    keTextElemChar,         // A single character code
    keTextElemCharStyle,    // A character style change
    keTextElemLineStyle     // A line style change
};

/* Text alignment types.
*/
enum PSPTextAlignment
{
    keTextAlignmentLeft = 0,    // Left text alignment
    keTextAlignmentCenter,     // Center text alignment
    keTextAlignmentRight      // Right text alignment
};

/* Character style flags.
*/
enum PSPCharacterProperties
{
    keStyleItalic      = 0x00000001,    // Italic property bit
    keStyleStruck      = 0x00000002,    // Strike-out property bit
    keStyleUnderlined  = 0x00000004,    // Underlined property bit
};

/* Table type.
*/
enum PSPTableType
{
    keTTUndefined = 0,    // Undefined table type
    keTTGradientTable,    // Gradient table type
    keTTPaperTable,      // Paper table type
    keTTPatternTable     // Pattern table type
};

/* Picture tube placement mode.
*/
enum TubePlacementMode
{
    tpmRandom,           // Place tube images in random intervals
    tpmConstant,        // Place tube images in constant intervals
};

/* Picture tube selection mode.
*/

```

```

enum TubeSelectionMode
{
    tsmRandom,          // Randomly select the next image in
                        // tube to display
    tsmIncremental,    // Select each tube image in turn
    tsmAngular,        // Select image based on cursor direction
    tsmPressure,       // Select image based on pressure
                        // (from pressure-sensitive pad)
    tsmVelocity,       // Select image based on cursor speed
};

/* Graphic contents flags.
 */
enum PSPGraphicContents
{
    // Layer types
    keGCRasterLayers    = 0x00000001, // At least one raster layer
    keGCVectorLayers    = 0x00000002, // At least one vector layer
    keGCAdjustmentLayers = 0x00000004, // At least one adjust. layer

    // Additional attributes
    keGCThumbnail        = 0x01000000, // Has a thumbnail
    keGCThumbnailTransparency = 0x02000000, // Thumbnail transp.
    keGCComposite        = 0x04000000, // Has a composite image
    keGCCompositeTransparency = 0x08000000, // Composite transp.
    keGCFlatImage        = 0x10000000, // Just a background
    keGCSelection        = 0x20000000, // Has a selection
    keGCFloatingSelectionLayer = 0x40000000, // Has float. selection
    keGCAlphaChannels    = 0x80000000, // Has alpha channel(s)
};

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5.4 Common Blocks and Common Chunks

This section describes various blocks and chunks that are used throughout the remainder of the document. Recall that a “block” includes a PSP Block Header (see below) and all data related to the header, whereas a “chunk” is simply a group of data that is related (but has no header).

These blocks and chunks are described here in order to simplify reference to them later in the document (either because they are referenced often or because it is easier to refer the reader to the definitions here than to embed their descriptions within the context of their use).

5.4.1 Block Header

The block structure utilized by the PSP file format is quite simple. Each main block consists of a Block Header, which indicates size and type information for the block, followed by the block data. The content of the block data depends on the block’s type.

Moreover, the block structure used in the PSP format is hierarchical; a block may consist of one or more sub-blocks. The sub-blocks take the same format as the main blocks (block header + block data).

As illustrated in the following table, the Block Header identifies the block’s type and the total block length.

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK" followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Identifies the type of the block (one of PSPBlockID).
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Total length of block (including all sub-blocks), not including the header. Use this length to skip past unknown or unwanted blocks.

5.4.2 Variable Length String Chunk

Variable length strings are used in the PSP format to store textual data, such as a layer name. This section describes the representation of variable length strings in the PSP format.

As illustrated in the following table, the Variable Length String Chunk consists of a character count and the array of characters that comprise the variable length string. The Variable Length String Chunk does not contain the string's ending NULL character.

Type	Length	Name	Description
WORD	2 bytes	Character count	Count of following characters (let's call this j).
C_ARRAY	j bytes	Characters	Characters that comprise the string.

5.4.3 Color Palette Sub-Block

Color Palette Sub-Blocks are used throughout the PSP file format to store palettes associated with paletted bitmaps. For example, when a composite image is stored as a paletted bitmap, there is a Color Palette Sub-Block in the Composite Image Sub-Block to store the composite image's palette.

As illustrated in the following table, the Color Palette Sub-Block consists of a Color Palette Block Header, a Color Palette Information Chunk, and a Color Palette Entries Chunk.

Color Palette Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_COLOR_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Color Palette Sub-Block, including Color Palette Information Chunk and Color Palette Entries Chunk.

Color Palette Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Color Palette Information Chunk.
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DWORD	4 bytes	Palette entry count	Number of entries in the palette (for the purpose of determining the number of fields in the Color Palette Entries Chunk, let's call this <i>i</i>).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Color Palette Entries Chunk

RGBQUAD	4 bytes	Palette entry 1	The 1 st palette entry.
...
RGBQUAD	4 bytes	Palette entry <i>i</i>	The <i>i</i> th palette entry

5.4.4 Paint Style Sub-Block

The Paint Style Sub-Block is used to describe how an item is to be painted. For example, it is used to describe how each vector shape's outline and fill should be painted in the Vector Shape Sub-Block.

As illustrated below, the Paint Style Sub-Block consists of the Paint Style Block Header, the Paint Style Information Chunk, and the Paint Style Definition Chunks.

Paint Style Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_PAINTSTYLE_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of the complete Paint Style Sub-Block, including the Paint Style Information Chunk and all the Paint Style Definition Chunks.

Paint Style Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Paint Style Information Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Paint style type flags	A series of flags (in PSPPaintStyleType) that defines the paint style type(s).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Paint Style Definition Chunks:

The contents of the Paint Style Definition Chunks are based on the paint style type flags defined in the previous Paint Style Information Chunk.

The Color Paint Style Definition Chunk is present if the keStyleColor paint style type flag is defined.

The Gradient Paint Style Definition Chunk is present if the keStyleGradient paint style type flag is defined.

The Pattern Paint Style Definition Chunk is present if the keStylePattern paint style type flag is defined.

The Paper Paint Style Definition Chunk is present if the keStylePaper paint style type flag is defined.

The Organic Pen Paint Style Definition Chunk is present if the keStylePen paint style type flag is defined.

Color Paint Style Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Color Paint Style Definition Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	RGB color definition	RGB color definition
LONG	4 bytes	Color palette index	Color palette index (-1 if not paletted)
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Gradient Paint Style Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Gradient Paint Style Definition Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2	Gradient name	Gradient name. (Please See Section “5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk” for more information about variable string chunks.)
LONG	4 bytes	Gradient identifier	Table entry identifier reserved for future implementation of gradient table (currently -1).
BYTE	1 byte	Invert flag	Indicates whether the gradient is inverted (0 = not inverted, 1 = inverted).
LONG	4 bytes	Horizontal	Horizontal (x) value of gradient center point.
LONG	4 bytes	Vertical	Vertical (y) value of gradient center point.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Angle	Gradient angle (for linear gradients only).
WORD	2 bytes	Repeats	Number of repeats of the gradient.
WORD	2 bytes	Type	Type of gradient (must be one of PSPStyleGradientType).
WORD	2 bytes	Color count	Number of Gradient Color Chunk(s) following.

WORD	2 bytes	Transparency count	Number of Gradient Transparency Chunk(s) following.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Gradient Color Chunk (first color):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Gradient Color Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Color	Gradient color (RGB).
WORD	2 bytes	Location	Gradient color location.
WORD	2 bytes	Midpoint	Gradient color midpoint location (from previous color).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

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Gradient Color Chunk (last color):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Gradient Color Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Color	Gradient color (RGB).
WORD	2 bytes	Location	Gradient color location.
WORD	2 bytes	Midpoint	Gradient color midpoint location (from previous color).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Gradient Transparency Chunk (first transparency):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Gradient Transparency Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Opacity	Gradient transparency opacity (0 is fully transparent - 100 is fully opaque).
WORD	2 bytes	Location	Gradient transparency location.
WORD	2 bytes	Midpoint	Gradient transparency midpoint location (from previous transparency).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

...

Gradient Transparency Chunk (last transparency):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Gradient Transparency Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Opacity	Gradient transparency opacity (0 is fully transparent - 100 is fully opaque).
WORD	2 bytes	Location	Gradient transparency location.
WORD	2 bytes	Midpoint	Gradient transparency midpoint location (from previous transparency).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Pattern Paint Style Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Pattern Paint Style Definition Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2	Pattern name	Pattern name. (Please See Section “5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk” for more information about variable string chunks.)
LONG	4 bytes	Pattern identifier	Pattern table entry identifier. This is an index into the pattern table defined in the Table Bank Block. (Please See Section “6.8 –The Table Bank Block” for more information about tables.)
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Rotation	Pattern rotation angle.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Scale	Pattern scale factor.
BYTE	1 byte	Flip flag	Indicates whether the pattern is flipped (0 = not flipped, 1 = flipped).
BYTE	1 byte	Mirror flag	Indicates whether the pattern is mirrored (0 = not mirrored, 1 = mirrored).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Paper Paint Style Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Paper Paint Style Definition Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2	Paper name	Paper name. (Please See Section “5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk” for more information about variable string chunks.)
LONG	4 bytes	Paper identifier	Paper table entry identifier. This is an index into the paper table defined in the Table Bank Block. (Please See Section “6.8 –The Table Bank Block” for more information about tables.)
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Rotation	Paper rotation angle.
BYTE	1 byte	Flip flag	Indicates whether the paper is flipped (0 = not flipped, 1 = flipped).

BYTE	1 byte	Mirror flag	Indicates whether the paper is mirrored (0 = not mirrored, 1 = mirrored).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Organic Pen Paint Style Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Organic Pen Paint Style Definition Chunk.
LONG	4 bytes	Pen identifier	Table entry identifier reserved for future implementation of pen table (currently -1).
WORD	2 bytes	Type	Organic pen type (must be one of PSPStylePenType).
DWORD	4 bytes	First start color	First start color (RGB).
DWORD	4 bytes	First end color	First end color (RGB).
DWORD	4 bytes	Second start color	Second start color (RGB).
DWORD	4 bytes	Second end color	Second end color (RGB).
BYTE	1 byte	Key effect flag	Indicates whether to use the key effect (0 = don't use key effect, 1 = use key effect).
BYTE	1 byte	Extra color flag	Indicates whether to use the extra (second) color (0 = don't use extra color, 1 = use extra color).
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 1	Organic pen parameter 1.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 2	Organic pen parameter 2.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 3	Organic pen parameter 3.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 4	Organic pen parameter 4.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 5	Organic pen parameter 5.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 6	Organic pen parameter 6.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 7	Organic pen parameter 7.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 8	Organic pen parameter 8.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 9	Organic pen parameter 9.
LONG	4 bytes	Parameter 10	Organic pen parameter 10.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

5.4.5 Line Style Sub-Block

The Line Style Sub-Block contains styled line data used by the outline paint style of vector shapes in the Vector Shape Sub-Block.

As illustrated below, the Line Style Sub-Block consists of the Line Style Block Header, the Line Style Information Chunk, and the Line Style Entries Chunk.

Line Style Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_LINESTYLE_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of the complete Line Style Sub-Block, including the Line Style Information Chunk and the Line Style Entries Chunk.

Line Style Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Line Style Information Chunk.
BYTE	1 byte	Start cap type	Segment start cap type (must be one of PSPStyleCapType).
BYTE	1 byte	Start cap multipliers flag	TRUE if use the following segment start cap multipliers, FALSE otherwise.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Start cap width multiplier	Segment start cap width (x) multiplier.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Start cap height multiplier	Segment start cap height (y) multiplier.
BYTE	1 byte	End cap type	Segment end cap type (must be one of PSPStyleCapType).
BYTE	1 byte	End cap multipliers flag	TRUE if use the following segment end cap multipliers, FALSE otherwise.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	End cap width multiplier	Segment end cap width (x) multiplier.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	End cap height multiplier	Segment end cap height (y) multiplier.
BYTE	1 byte	Link caps flag	TRUE if the line segment caps are linked to the shape's stroke outline caps, FALSE otherwise.
DWORD	4 bytes	Dash-gap count	Number of dash-gap entries in the following Line Style Entries Chunk.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Line Style Entries Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	First dash-gap entry	The first dash-gap value of the styled line.
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DWORD	4 bytes	Last dash-gap entry	The last dash-gap value of the styled line.

5.4.6 Composite Image Attributes Sub-Block

The Composite Image Attributes Sub-Block contains information about a composite image or a thumbnail stored within the PSP file.

As illustrated in the table below, the Composite Image Attributes Sub-Block consists of a Composite Image Attributes Block Header and a Composite Image Attributes Information Chunk.

Composite Image Attributes Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_COMPOSITE_ATTRIBUTES_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Composite Image Attributes Sub-Block, including the Composite Image Attributes Information Chunk.

Composite Image Attributes Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Composite Image Attributes Information Chunk.
LONG	4 bytes	Width	Specifies the width of the composite image, in pixels.
LONG	4 bytes	Height	Specifies the height of the composite image, in pixels.
WORD	2 bytes	Bit depth	Number of bits used to represent each color pixel of the composite image (must be 1, 4, 8, or 24).
WORD	2 bytes	Compression type	Type of compression used to compress the composite image (one of PSPCompression, including PSP_COMP_JPEG).
WORD	2 byte	Plane count	Number of planes in the composite image (this value must be 1).
DWORD	4 bytes	Color count	Number of colors in the image ($2^{\text{Bit depth}}$).
WORD	2 bytes	Composite image type	Type of composite image (one of PSPCompositeImageType).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

5.4.7 Composite Image Sub-Block

The Composite Image Sub-Block contains a composite image or a thumbnail in the PSP file. The contents of this sub-block are based on the composite image compression type.

If the compression type is PSP_COMP_JPEG, the contents are as described in the JPEG Composite Image Sub-Block (below).

Otherwise (if the compression type is not PSP_COMP_JPEG), the contents are as described in the Normal Composite Image Sub-Block (below).

5.4.7.1 JPEG Composite Image Sub-Block

The JPEG Composite Image Sub-Block contains a JPEG compressed composite image or thumbnail in the PSP file.

As illustrated in the table below, the JPEG Composite Image Sub-Block consists of a JPEG Block Header, a JPEG Information Chunk, and a JPEG Content Chunk.

JPEG Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_JPEG_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete JPEG Composite Image Sub-Block, including JPEG Information Chunk and JPEG Content Chunk.

JPEG Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of JPEG Information Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Compressed image size	Size of the image in JPEG compressed form (for the purpose of determining the length of the last field in this block, let's call this size j).
DWORD	4 bytes	Uncompressed image size	Size of the image in uncompressed form.
WORD	2 bytes	Image type	Type of image (one of PSPDIBType).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

JPEG Content Chunk:

B_ARRAY	j bytes	JPEG image content	This field contains JPEG compressed data that defines the image.
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5.4.7.2 Normal Composite Image Sub-Block

The Normal Composite Image Sub-Block contains a composite image or a thumbnail in the PSP file.

As illustrated in the table below, the Normal Composite Image Sub-Block consists of a Composite Image Block Header, a Composite Image Information Chunk, a Composite Image Color Palette Sub-Block (if any), and the Composite Image Channel Sub-Blocks.

Composite Image Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_COMPOSITE_IMAGE_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Composite Image Block, including Composite Image Information Chunk, Composite Image Color Palette Sub-Block (if any), and all Composite Image Channel Sub-Blocks.

Composite Image Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Composite Image Information Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Count of bitmaps	Number of bitmaps to follow (1 if the composite image has no transparency mask; 2 if the composite image has a transparency mask).
WORD	2 bytes	Count of channels	Number of channels to follow.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Composite Image Color Palette Sub-Block:

Color Palette Sub-Block containing the composite image's color palette (this Sub-Block is not present in 24-bit images). See Section "5.4.3 : Color Palette Sub-Block."

Composite Image Channel Sub-Blocks:

All the composite image channels. Possible channels include:

- 1) One or three Channel Sub-Blocks defining the composite image bitmap. If the composite image is a paletted bitmap, there is one channel; if the composite image is a 24-bit bitmap, there are three channels.
- 2) One channel defining the composite image transparency mask. The transparency mask is stored as an 8-bit greyscale bitmap.

See Section "5.4.8: Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression."

5.4.8 Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression

Channel Sub-Blocks are used throughout the PSP file format to store image document channel data. Each color channel is stored separately in the PSP format. For example, when a composite image is stored as a 24-bit bitmap, there are 3 Channel Sub-Blocks (a red Channel Sub-Block, a green Channel Sub-Block, and a blue Channel Sub-Block) in the Composite Image Sub-Block. However, when a composite image is stored as a paletted bitmap, there will only be one Channel Sub-Block in the Composite Image Sub-Block (because a paletted bitmap contains only one channel).

As illustrated in the table below, the Channel Sub-Block consists of a Channel Block Header, a Channel Information Chunk, and a Channel Content Chunk.

A Word About Compression

All channel data in a PSP file can be stored compressed in the LZ77 format, compressed in the Run Length Encoding (RLE) format, or uncompressed (in a “raw” format). This channel data can include composite image color channels, layer color channels, layer transparency mask channels, layer user mask channels, alpha channels, or selection channels.

The composite image and thumbnail color channels are stored in the compression format indicated in the “Composite image compression type” field of the “Composite Image Attributes Information Chunk,” as described in Section 5.4.6 of this document. All other channels are stored in the compression format indicated in the “Compression type” field of the “General Image Attributes Chunk,” as described in Section 6.3 of this document.

The LZ77 compression scheme used in the PSP file format is the LZ77 variant used in the PNG file format. There are a couple of important distinctions between the way this LZ77 variant is used in the PNG file format and the way it is used in the PSP file format. First, the PNG file format requires that data be sent through one of several filters before it can be compressed, whereas the PSP file format has no such filter. Second, the PNG file format mandates support for a discontinuous compression stream, whereas the PSP file format allows only a contiguous compression stream.

The Run Length Encoding (RLE) scheme used in the PSP file format is a relatively straightforward RLE variant. RLE is a simple compression method that strives to take advantage of contiguous runs of the same data. In the variant used in the PSP file format, the first byte encountered in the compressed stream is a byte that represents a “run count.” While decompressing, if this run count is greater than 128, then 128 should be subtracted from the “run count.” This calculated run count (run count – 128) indicates the number of times the next byte in the compressed stream should be repeated in the decompressed stream. If the “run count” read from compressed stream is less than 128, then it indicates the number of following bytes (in the compressed stream) that should be copied as-is from the compressed stream to the decompressed stream. The compressed stream is comprised of these RLE “packets,” each containing a “run count” and data associated with that run count.

In all compression methods used in the PSP format, each channel is a single compression stream, which, when decompressed, represents bitmap data stored from left to right and from top to bottom. Each scanline in the image data is stored on a 4 byte boundary.

All channels that represent something other than color (including layer transparency mask channels, layer user mask channels, alpha channels, and selection channels), when decompressed, are 8-bit greyscale bitmaps.

Channel Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_CHANNEL_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Channel Sub-Block, including Channel Information Chunk and Channel Content Chunk.

Channel Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Channel Information Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Compressed channel length	Size of the channel in compressed form (for the purpose of determining the length of the last field in this block, let’s call this size j).
DWORD	4 bytes	Uncompressed channel length	Size of the channel in uncompressed form.
WORD	2 bytes	Bitmap type	Type of bitmap for which this channel is intended (one of PSPDIBType).
WORD	2 bytes	Channel type	Type of channel (one of PSPChannelType).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Channel Content Chunk:

B_ARRAY	j bytes	Channel content	Content of channel. This field contains (possibly compressed) data that defines the channel. Other blocks define whether the channel is compressed and define the size of the bitmap associated with this channel (height and width).
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6 Paint Shop Pro (PSP) File Format Description

This section details the PSP file format.

6.1 Constraints

This section describes miscellaneous constraints that writers of the PSP file format must follow.

6.1.1 Main Block Ordering

With regard to the order of the ten main blocks, there are two hard and fast rules. First, the General Image Attributes block must come immediately after the File Header. Second, the Composite Image Bank Block, if present, must come before the Layer Bank Block.

The order of other blocks is not mandated. However, the order in which the main blocks are illustrated in Table 1 of section “4 : Format Overview,” is the preferred order. This order allows programs to obtain information quickly about an image document (information such as bit depth, compression type, resolution, etc.) without having to read layer information (such as color bitmap and mask data).

6.2 PSP File Header

Every PSP file begins with the following header, which should be used for initial validation. Any file that does not begin with this header should be considered an invalid PSP file.

As illustrated in the following table, the PSP file header consists of the PSP file signature followed by a version number.

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	32 bytes	PSP file signature	Always “50 61 69 6E 74 20 53 68 6F 70 20 50 72 6F 20 49 6D 61 67 65 20 46 69 6C 65 0A 1A 00 00 00 00” (i.e., the string “Paint Shop Pro Image File\n\x1a”, padded with zeroes to 32 bytes).
WORD	2 bytes	PSP file major version number	Currently 5. PSP files produced by Paint Shop Pro 5 have major version number 3. PSP files produced by Paint Shop Pro 6 have major version number 4. PSP files produced by Paint Shop Pro 7 have major version number 5.
WORD	2 bytes	PSP file minor version	Currently 0.

6.3 The General Image Attributes Block



The General Image Attributes Block, a required block that contains various information about the stored image document, immediately follows the PSP file header. Much of this information is needed to read other parts of the file. (For example, the compression type is required to decode any channel blocks (with the

exception of the Composite Image Bank Block channel(s)), and the layer count is required to know how many layers need to be read from the Layers Block).

As illustrated in the following table, the General Image Attributes Block consists of the General Image Attributes Header and the General Image Attributes Chunk.

General Image Attributes Header:

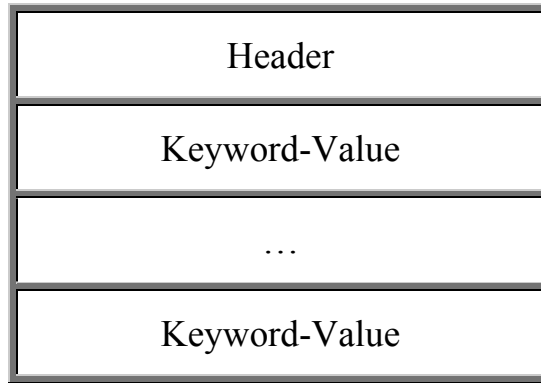
Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_IMAGE_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete General Image Attributes Block.

General Image Attributes Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of General Image Attributes Chunk.
LONG	4 bytes	Image width	Width of the image.
LONG	4 bytes	Image height	Height of the image.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Resolution value	Number of pixels per metric.
BYTE	1 byte	Resolution metric	Metric used for resolution (one of PSP_METRIC).
WORD	2 bytes	Compression type	Type of compression used to compress all image document channels, except those in the composite images, which have their own compression type field (one of PSPCompression). The compression type PSP_COMP_JPEG is not valid here (only used for composite images).
WORD	2 bytes	Bit depth	The bit depth of the color bitmap in each layer of the image document (must be 1, 4, 8, or 24).
WORD	2 byte	Plane count	Number of planes in each layer of the image document (this value must be 1).
DWORD	4 bytes	Color count	Number of colors in each layer of the image document ($2^{\text{Bit depth}}$).
BYTE	1 byte	Greyscale flag	Indicates whether the color bitmap in each layer of image document is a greyscale (0 = not greyscale, 1 = greyscale).
DWORD	4 byte	Total image size	Sum of the sizes of all layer color bitmaps.
LONG	4 bytes	Active layer	Identifies the layer that was active when the image document was saved.
WORD	2 bytes	Layer count	Number of layers in the document.
DWORD	4 bytes	Graphic contents	A series of flags (in PSPGraphicContents) that helps define the image's graphic contents.

	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>
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6.4 The Extended Data Block



The Extended Data Block is an optional block that contains miscellaneous information about the image document. This information is organized in the PSP field format, which consists of a series of keyword-value pairs.

Using keyword-value pairs in the Extended Data Block facilitates the storage of new, currently undefined, image document attributes. Applications can be modified quickly to make use of the new keywords, while old applications that do not know about the new keywords will simply ignore them. (Therefore, unknown keywords encountered in the Extended Data Block should be ignored.) If the Extended Data Block is present, it must contain at least one Extended Data Field.

As illustrated in the following table, the Extended Data Block consists of a block header followed by one or more Extended Data Fields (each Extended Data Field consists of a keyword chunk and a value chunk).

Extended Data Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_EXTENDED_DATA_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of following Extended Data Block (includes all following extended data fields – each of which consists of an Extended Data Keyword Chunk and an Extended Data Value Chunk).

Extended Data Keyword Chunk (first extended data field):

B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Field signature	Always “7E 46 4C 00” (i.e., “~FL”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Field keyword	Keyword identifying type of extended data that is contained in the Extended Data Value Chunk (must be one of PSPEntendedDataID).

DWORD	4 bytes	Extended Data Value Chunk size	Length of following Extended Data Value Chunk (lets call this k).
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Extended Data Value Chunk (first extended data field):

B_ARRAY	k bytes	Field value	The contents of the Extended Data Value Chunk are dependent upon the keyword extracted from the Extended Data Keyword Chunk (currently there are three defined keywords). Unknown keywords should be ignored:	
			Field keyword:	Field value description:
			PSP_XDATA_TRNS_INDEX	A WORD that identifies the palette index of the transparent color (this field is not valid for image documents whose color bitmaps are non-paletted and should be ignored in this case).
			PSP_XDATA_GRID	This field is 14 bytes and contains the image grid information. The contents are as described in the Grid field value section below.
			PSP_XDATA_GUIDE	This field is 10 bytes and contains information about one image guide (there can be multiple guides). The contents are as described in the Guide field value section below.

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Extended Data Keyword Chunk (last extended data field):

B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Field identifier	Always “7E 46 4C 00” (i.e., “~FL”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Field keyword	Keyword identifying type of extended data that is contained in the Extended Data Value Chunk (must be one of PSPExtendedDataID).
DWORD	4 bytes	Data length	Length of following Extended Data Value Chunk (lets call this k).

Extended Data Value Chunk (last extended data field):

B_ARRAY	k bytes	Field value	The contents of the Extended Data Value Chunk are dependent upon the keyword extracted from the previous Extended Data Keyword Chunk (currently there are three defined keywords):	
			Field keyword:	Field value description:
			PSP_XDATA_TRNS_INDEX	A WORD that identifies the palette index of the transparent color (this field is not valid for image documents whose color bitmaps are non-paletted and should be ignored in this case).

			PSP_XDATA_GRID	This field is 14 bytes and contains the image grid information. The contents are as described in the Grid field value section below.
			PSP_XDATA_GUIDE	This field is 10 bytes and contains information about one image guide (there can be multiple guides). The contents are as described in the Guide field value section below.

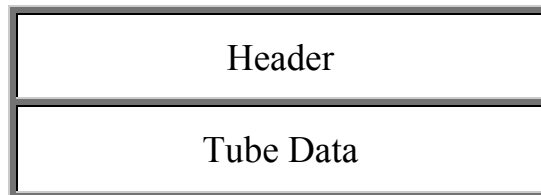
Grid field value contents:

DWORD	4 bytes	Color	Grid color (RGB).
DWORD	4 bytes	Horizontal spacing	Horizontal grid spacing.
DWORD	4 bytes	Vertical spacing	Vertical grid spacing.
WORD	2 bytes	Units	Grid spacing units (must be one of PSPGridUnitsType).

Guide field value contents:

DWORD	4 bytes	Color	Guide color (RGB).
DWORD	4 bytes	Offset	Guide offset (position of guide in document).
WORD	2 bytes	Orientation	Guide orientation (must be one of PSPGuideOrientationType).

6.5 The Tube Data Block



The Tube Data Block is an optional block that contains Paint Shop Pro Picture Tube control data. This block controls how Picture Tube files (which are PSP files) act.

Tube Data Block Header:

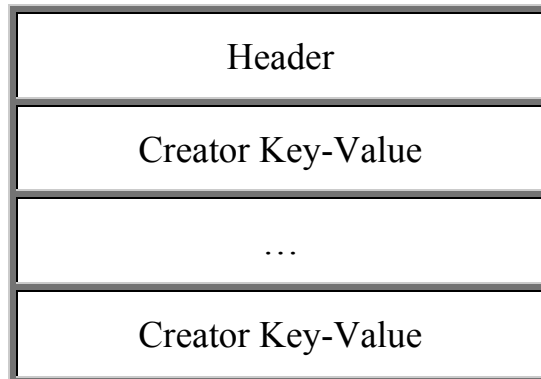
Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).

WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_TUBE_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of following complete Tube Data Block.

Tube Data Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Tube Data chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Block version	Version of following Tube Data Block.
LONG	4 bytes	Tube step size	Tube step size.
LONG	4 byte	Tube column count	Number of columns in tube file.
LONG	4 bytes	Tube row count	Number of rows in tube.
LONG	4 bytes	Tube cell count	Number of cells in tube.
LONG	4 bytes	Tube placement mode	Controls tube placement mode (one of TubePlacementMode).
LONG	4 bytes	Tube selection mode	Controls tube selection mode (one of TubeSelectionMode).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

6.6 The Creator Data Block



The Creator Data Block is an optional block that contains miscellaneous information about the creator of the image document. This information is organized in the PSP field format, which consists of a series of keyword-value pairs.

Using keyword-value pairs in the Creator Data Block facilitates the storage of new, currently undefined, creator attributes. Applications can be modified quickly to make use of the new keywords, while old applications that do not know about the new keywords will simply ignore them; (therefore, unknown keywords encountered in the Creator Data Block should be ignored). If the Creator Data Block is present, it must contain at least one creator field.

As illustrated in the following table, the Creator Data Block consists of a block header followed by one or more Creator Data Fields (each Creator Data Field consists of a keyword chunk and a value chunk).

Creator Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_CREATOR_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of following Creator Block (includes all following creator data fields, each of which consists of a Creator Keyword Chunk and a Creator Value Chunk).

Creator Keyword Chunk (first creator field):

B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Field identifier	Always “7E 46 4C 00” (i.e., “~FL”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Field keyword	Keyword identifying the type of data that is contained in the Creator Value Chunk (must be one of PSPCreatorFieldID).
DWORD	4 bytes	Data length	Length of the Creator Value Chunk (lets call this n).

Creator Value Chunk (first creator field):

B_ARRAY	n bytes	Field value	The contents of the field value are dependent upon the field keyword extracted from the previous Creator Keyword Chunk:
			Field keyword: Field value description
		PSP_CRTR_FLD_TITLE	Title of image document (in ASCII format).
		PSP_CRTR_FLD_CRT_DATE	DWORD indicating date of image document creation (in MSVC time_t format).
		PSP_CRTR_FLD_MOD_DATE	DWORD indicating date of last image document modification (in MSVC time_t format).
		PSP_CRTR_FLD_ARTIST	Name of artist (in ASCII text).
		PSP_CRTR_FLD_CPYRGHT	Name of copyright holder (in ASCII text).
		PSP_CRTR_FLD_DESC	Description of image document (in ASCII text).
		PSP_CRTR_FLD_APP_ID	DWORD identifying application that created image document (one of PSPCreatorAppID).

	PSP_CRTR_FLD_APP_VER	DWORD identifying version of application that created image document.
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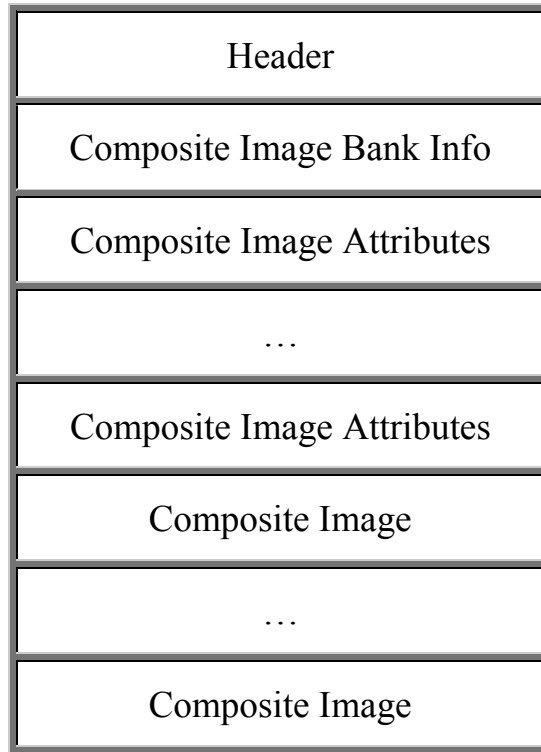
Creator Keyword Chunk (last creator field):

B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Field identifier	Always “7E 46 4C 00” (i.e., “~FL”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Field keyword	Keyword identifying the type of data that is contained in the Creator Value Chunk (must be one of PSPCreatorFieldID).
DWORD	4 bytes	Data length	Length of the Creator Value Chunk (lets call this p).

Creator Value Chunk (last creator field):

B_ARRAY	p bytes	Field value	The contents of the field value are dependent upon the field keyword extracted from the previous Creator Keyword Chunk:	
			Field keyword:	Field value description:
			PSP_CRTR_FLD_TITLE	Title of text (in ASCII format).
			PSP_CRTR_FLD_CRT_DATE	DWORD indicating date of image document creation (in MSVC time_t format).
			PSP_CRTR_FLD_MOD_DATE	DWORD indicating date of last image document modification (in MSVC time_t format).
			PSP_CRTR_FLD_ARTIST	Name of artist (in ASCII text).
			PSP_CRTR_FLD_COPYRIGHT	Name of copyright holder (in ASCII text).
			PSP_CRTR_FLD_DESC	Description of image document (in ASCII text).
			PSP_CRTR_FLD_APP_ID	DWORD identifying application that created image document (one of PSPCreatorAppID).
			PSP_CRTR_FLD_APP_VER	DWORD identifying version of application that created image document.

6.7 The Composite Image Bank Block



The Composite Image Bank Block is a block that contains one or more bitmaps of the merged document. Typically, the Composite Image Bank Block will contain one miniature bitmap of the merged document (a thumbnail) and one full size bitmap of the merged document. The full size bitmap must have the same bit depth and resolution as the entire image. All PSP files with more than one layer or with one layer with transparency must have a full size composite image. Any additional composite images will generally have different bit depths or different resolutions.

The Composite Image Bank Block is organized such that information about all the composite images is presented first, followed by all the composite images themselves. The block is organized this way so the reader can peruse the sizes and bit depths of all composite images, choose the desired composite image, and then read only the desired composite image (skipping past the other composite images). The composite image information blocks and the composite image blocks are stored in the same order (i.e., the first composite image information block contains information about the first composite image).

As illustrated below, the Composite Image Bank Block consists of a Block Header, a Composite Image Bank Info Chunk, the Composite Image Attributes entries, and the Composite Image entries.

Composite Image Bank Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_COMPOSITE_IMAGE_BANK_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Composite Image Bank Block, including Composite Image Bank Information

			Chunk, Composite Image Attribute Entries Chunk, and the Composite Image Entries Chunk.
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Composite Image Bank Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Composite Image Bank Information chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Composite image count	Number of composite images in the bank (for the purpose of determining the number of fields in the Composite Image Attributes Entries Chunk, let's call this i).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

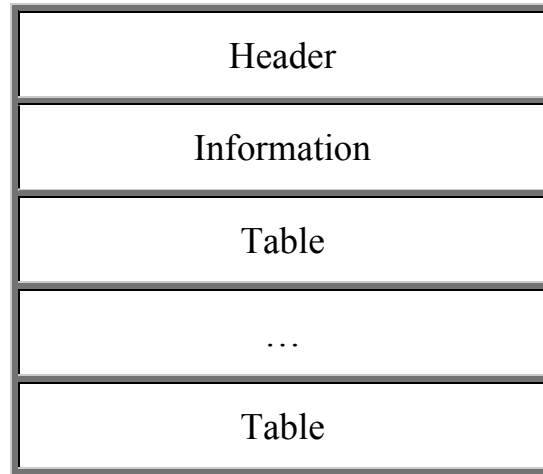
Composite Image Attributes Entries Chunk

Composite Image Attributes Block	See Section 5.4.6.	Entry 1	The composite image attributes of the 1 st composite image. Please See Section "5.4.6:Composite Image Attributes Sub-Block" for more information about composite image attributes.
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Composite Image Attributes Block	See Section 5.4.6.	Entry i	The composite image attributes of the i th composite image. Please See Section "5.4.6:Composite Image Attributes Sub-Block" for more information about composite image attributes.

Composite Image Entries Chunk

Composite Image Block	See Section 5.4.7.	Entry 1	The 1 st composite image. Please See Section "5.4.7:Composite Image Sub-Block" for more information about composite images.
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Composite Image Block	See Section 5.4.7.	Entry i	The i th composite image. Please See Section "5.4.7:Composite Image Sub-Block" for more information about composite images.

6.8 The Table Bank Block



The Table Bank Block is an optional block that contains tables of information associated with the image document. For example, it contains paper and pattern vector tables used by the paper and pattern paint styles in the Paint Style Sub-Block.

As illustrated below, the Table Bank Block consists of a Block Header, a Table Bank Information Chunk, and a separate Table Sub-Block for each table. The number of tables in the Table Bank Block is indicated in the Table Bank Information Chunk.

Table Bank Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_TABLE_BANK_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Table Bank Block, including Table Bank Information Chunk and all Table Sub-Block(s).

Table Bank Information Chunk:

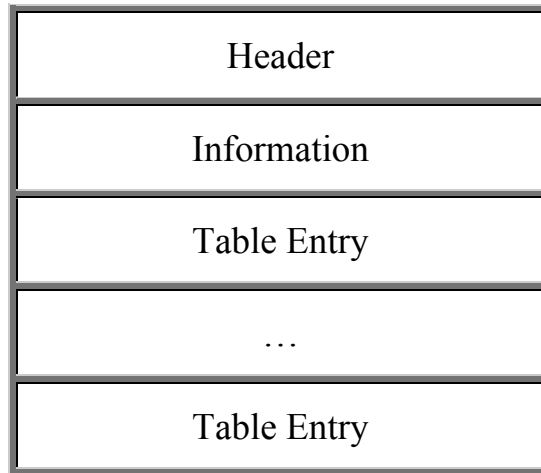
DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Table Bank Information Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Table count	Number of tables in the bank.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Table Sub-Block(s):

Table Sub-Block	See Section	First table	The first table. Please See Section "6.8.1: Table Sub-Block" for more information about tables.
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Table Sub-Block	See Section 6.8.1	Last table	The last table. Please See Section "6.8.1: Table Sub-Block" for more information about tables.

6.8.1 Table Sub-Block



The Table Sub-Block defines a table in the Table Bank Block. As illustrated below, the Table Sub-Block consists of the Table Sub-Block Header, the Table Information Chunk, and the Table Entry Sub-Block(s). The content of each Table Entry Sub-Block is based on the table type defined in the Table Information Chunk.

Table Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_TABLE_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Table Sub-Block, including Table Information Chunk and all Table Entry Sub-Block(s).

Table Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Table Information Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Table type	Type of table (must be one of PSPTableType).
DWORD	4 bytes	Table size	Number of entries in the table. The content of each entry is based on the table type.

	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>
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Table Entry Sub-Block(s):

Table Entry Sub-Block	See Section 6.8.1.1	First table entry	The first table entry. Please See Section "6.8.1.1: Table Entry Sub-Block" for more information about table entries.
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Table Entry Sub-Block	See Section 6.8.1.1	Last table entry	The last table entry. Please See Section "6.8.1.1: Table Entry Sub-Block" for more information about table entries.

6.8.1.1 Table Entry Sub-Block

The Table Entry Sub-Block contains one table entry in the Table Sub-Block. The contents of this Table Entry Sub-Block are based on the table type defined in the Table Information Chunk.

If the table type is keTTPaperTable, the contents are as described in the section "6.8.1.1.1: Paper Sub-Block."

If the table type is keTTPatternTable, the contents are as described in the section "6.8.1.1.2: Pattern Sub-Block."

6.8.1.1.1 Paper Sub-Block

The Paper Sub-Block defines a table entry in the Table Sub-Block if the table type is keTTPaperTable. As illustrated in the following table, the Paper Sub-Block consists of a Block Header, a Paper Information Chunk, a Paper Channel Information Chunk, and a Paper Channel Sub-Block.

Paper Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_PAPER_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Paper Sub-Block, including Paper Information Chunk, Paper Channel Information Chunk, and Paper Channel Sub-Block.

Paper Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Paper Information Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2	Paper name	Paper texture name (not including file path and extension). (Please See Section "5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk" for more information about variable string chunks.)

LONG	4 bytes	Paper bitmap width	Specifies the width of the paper bitmap, in pixels.
LONG	4 bytes	Paper bitmap height	Specifies the height of the paper bitmap, in pixels.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Paper Channel Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Paper Channel Information Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Bitmap count	Number of paper bitmaps to follow. (Currently always 1 because the paper bitmap is stored as an 8-bit greyscale bitmap.)
WORD	2 bytes	Channel count	Number of channels to follow. (Currently always 1.)
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Paper Channel Sub-Block:

Channel Sub-Block defining the paper bitmap. See Section “5.4.8: Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression.” Note that a paper bitmap is stored as an 8-bit greyscale bitmap.

6.8.1.1.2 Pattern Sub-Block

The Pattern Sub-Block defines a table entry in the Table Sub-Block if the table type is keTTPatternTable. As illustrated in the following table, the Pattern Sub-Block consists of a Block Header, a Pattern Information Chunk, a Pattern Channel Information Chunk, a Pattern Color Palette Sub-Block (if any), and the Pattern Channel Sub-Blocks.

Pattern Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_PATTERN_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Pattern Sub-Block, including Pattern Information Chunk, Pattern Channel Information Chunk, Pattern Color Palette Sub-Block (if any), and all Pattern Channel Sub-Blocks.

Pattern Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Pattern Information Chunk.
Variable length	See Section	Pattern name	Pattern name (not including file path and extension). (Please See Section “5.4.2 – Variable Length String

string chunk	5.4.2		Chunk” for more information about variable string chunks.)
LONG	4 bytes	Pattern width	Specifies the width of the pattern bitmap, in pixels.
LONG	4 bytes	Pattern height	Specifies the height of the pattern bitmap, in pixels.
WORD	2 bytes	Pattern bit depth	Number of bits used to represent each color pixel of the pattern bitmap (must be 1, 4, 8, or 24).
BYTE	1 byte	Pattern greyscale flag	Indicates whether the pattern bitmap is a greyscale bitmap (0 = not greyscale, 1 = greyscale).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Pattern Channel Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Pattern Channel Information Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Bitmap count	Number of bitmaps to follow (1 if the pattern has no transparency mask; 2 if the pattern has a transparency mask).
WORD	2 bytes	Channel count	Number of channels to follow.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Pattern Color Palette Sub-Block:

Color Palette Sub-Block containing the pattern's color palette (this Sub-Block is not present in 24-bit pattern bitmaps). See Section “5.4.3 : Color Palette Sub-Block.”

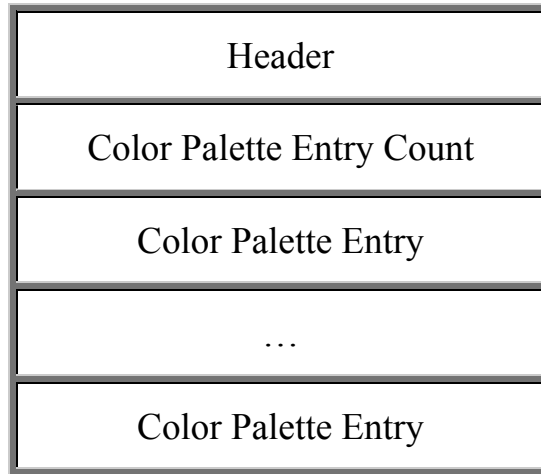
Pattern Channel Sub-Blocks:

All the pattern channels. Possible channels include:

- 1) One or three Channel Sub-Blocks defining the pattern bitmap. If the pattern bitmap is a paletted bitmap, there is one channel; if the pattern bitmap is a 24-bit bitmap, there are three channels.
- 2) One channel defining the pattern transparency mask. The transparency mask is stored as an 8-bit greyscale bitmap.

See Section “5.4.8: Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression.”

6.9 The Color Palette Block

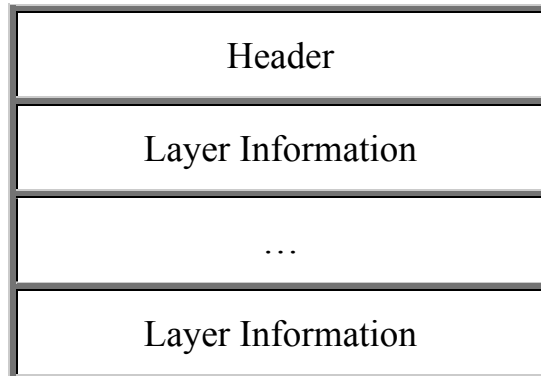


The Color Palette Block contains a global color palette to be used with the color bitmaps in all layers of the document. This block is required for image documents that contain paletted bitmaps and should not be written for image documents that contain 24-bit bitmaps (the block can be ignored in the latter case).

As illustrated in the following table, the Color Palette Block consists of a Color Palette Sub-Block.

A Color Palette Block containing the color palette for color bitmaps in all of the image document's layers. This block should not be present in image documents whose color bitmaps are 24-bit bitmaps, and it can be ignored in this case. See Section "5.4.3 : Color Palette Sub-Block."
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6.10 The Layer Bank Block



The Layer Bank Block is a required block that contains data describing all the layers in the image document.

As illustrated in the following table, the Layer Bank Block consists of a Block Header and a separate Layer Sub-Block for each layer in the image document (the number of layers in the document is indicated in the General Image Attributes Block). Each Layer Sub-Block consists of a Layer Block Header, a Layer Information Chunk, an optional Layer Extension Sub-Block, and one or more Channel Sub-Blocks.

Layer Bank Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_LAYER_START_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Layers Block, including all Layer Sub-Blocks.

Layer Sub-Block Header (first layer):

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_LAYER_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Layer Block, including Layer Information Chunk, Layer Extension Sub-Block, Layer Bitmap Chunk, and all Layer Channel Sub-Blocks.

Layer Information Chunk (first layer):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Layer Information Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2.	Layer name	Name of layer (please See Section “5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk” for more information about variable string chunks).
BYTE	1 byte	Layer type	Type of layer (must be one of PSPLayerType).
RECT	16 bytes	Image rectangle	Rectangle defining image border.
RECT	16 bytes	Saved image rectangle	Rectangle within image rectangle that contains “significant” data (only the contents of this rectangle are saved to the file).
BYTE	1 byte	Layer opacity	Overall layer opacity.
BYTE	1 byte	Blending mode	Mode to use when blending layer (one of PSPBlendModes).
BYTE	1 byte	Layer flags	A series of flags that help define the layer’s attributes. (PSPLayerProperties values, bitwise-ored together).
BYTE	1 byte	Transparency protected flag	TRUE if transparency is protected.
BYTE	1 byte	Link group identifier	Identifies group to which this layer belongs.

RECT	16 bytes	Mask rectangle	Rectangle defining user mask border.
RECT	16 bytes	Saved mask rectangle	Rectangle within mask rectangle that contains “significant” data (only the contents of this rectangle are saved to the file).
BYTE	1 byte	Mask linked	TRUE if mask linked to layer (i.e., mask moves relative to layer), FALSE otherwise.
BYTE	1 byte	Mask disabled	TRUE if mask is disabled, FALSE otherwise.
BYTE	1 byte	Invert mask on blend	TRUE if mask should be inverted when the layer is merged, FALSE otherwise.
WORD	2 bytes	Blend range count	Number of valid source-destination field pairs to follow (note, there are currently always 5 such pairs, but they are not necessarily all valid).
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #1	First source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #1	First destination blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #2	Second source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #2	Second destination blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #3	Third source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #3	Third destination blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #4	Fourth source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #4	Fourth destination blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #5	Fifth source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #5	Fifth destination blend range value.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Layer Extension Sub-Block (first layer):

The Layer Extension Sub-Block contains data that extends attributes of the current layer. This sub-block must be present for adjustment layers and vector layers. The contents of the Layer Extension Sub-Block are based on the layer type.

If the layer type is keGLTAdjustment, the contents are as described in the Adjustment Layer Sub-Block (See Section “6.10.1: Adjustment Layer Sub-Block”).

If the layer type is keGLTVector, the contents are as described in the Vector Layer Sub-Block (See Section “6.10.2: Vector Layer Sub-Block”).

For any other layer types, the Layer Extension Sub-Block must not be present.

Layer Bitmap Chunk (first layer):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Layer Bitmap Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Count of bitmaps	Number of bitmaps to follow.
WORD	2 bytes	Channel count	Number of channels to follow.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Layer Channel Sub-Blocks (first layer):

Contains all the layer's channels. Possible channels include 1) one or three Channel Sub-Blocks defining the layer's color bitmap, 2) one channel defining the layer's transparency mask, and 3) one channel defining the layer's user mask or the adjustment layer bitmap.

Note that the type of each channel can be obtained from the Channel Sub-Block (See Section "5.4.8: Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression"), and the number of channels is specified in the previous Layer Information Chunk. Note also that the layer's transparency mask, the layer's user mask, and the adjustment layer bitmap are stored as 8-bit greyscale bitmaps.

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Layer Sub-Block Header (last layer):

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_LAYER_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Layers Block, including Layer Information Chunk, Layer Extension Sub-Block, Layer Bitmap Chunk, and all Layer Channel Sub-Blocks.

Layer Information Chunk (last layer):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Size of Layer Information Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2.	Layer name	Name of layer (please See Section "5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk" for more information about variable string chunks).
BYTE	1 byte	Layer type	Type of layer (must be one of PSPLayerType).
RECT	16 bytes	Image rectangle	Rectangle defining image border.

RECT	16 bytes	Saved image rectangle	Rectangle within image rectangle that contains “significant” data. (Only the contents of this rectangle are saved to the file.)
BYTE	1 byte	Layer opacity	Overall layer opacity.
BYTE	1 byte	Blending mode	Mode to use when blending layer.
BYTE	1 byte	Layer flags	PSPLayerProperties values, bitwise-ored together.
BYTE	1 byte	Transparency protected flag	TRUE if transparency is protected.
BYTE	1 byte	Link group identifier	Identifies group to which this layer belongs.
RECT	16 bytes	Mask rectangle	Rectangle defining user mask border.
RECT	16 bytes	Saved mask rectangle	Rectangle within mask rectangle that contains “significant” data. (Only the contents of this rectangle are saved to the file.)
BYTE	1 byte	Mask linked	TRUE if mask linked to layer (i.e., mask moves relative to layer), FALSE otherwise.
BYTE	1 byte	Mask disabled	TRUE if mask is disabled, FALSE otherwise.
BYTE	1 byte	Invert mask on blend	TRUE if mask should be inverted when the layer is merged.
WORD	2 bytes	Blend range count	Number of valid source-destination field pairs to follow. (Note, there are currently always 5 such pairs, but they are not necessarily all valid.)
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #1	First source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #1	First destination blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #2	Second source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #2	Second destination blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #3	Third source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #3	Third destination blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #4	Fourth source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #4	Fourth destination blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Source blend range #5	Fifth source blend range value.
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Destination blend range #5	Fifth destination blend range value.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Layer Extension Sub-Block (last layer):

The Layer Extension Sub-Block contains data that extends attributes of the current layer. This sub-block

must be present for adjustment layers and vector layers. The contents of the Layer Extension Sub-Block are based on the layer type.

If the layer type is keGLTAdjustment, the contents are as described in the Adjustment Layer Sub-Block (See Section “6.10.1: Adjustment Layer Sub-Block”).

If the layer type is keGLTVector, the contents are as described in the Vector Layer Sub-Block (See Section “6.10.2: Vector Layer Sub-Block”).

For any other layer types, the Layer Extension Sub-Block must not be present.

Layer Bitmap Chunk (last layer):

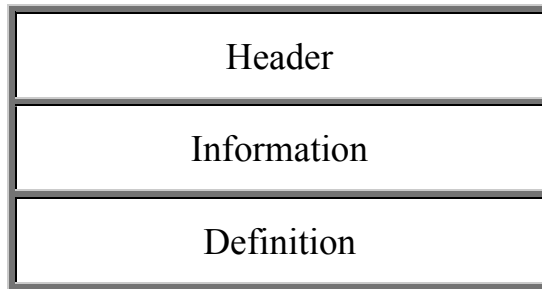
DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Layer Bitmap Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Count of bitmaps	Number of bitmaps to follow.
WORD	2 bytes	Channel count	Number of channels to follow.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Layer Channel Sub-Blocks (last layer):

Contains all the layer’s channels. Possible channels include 1) one or three Channel Sub-Blocks defining the layer’s color bitmap, 2) one channel defining the layer’s transparency mask, and 3) one channel defining the layer’s user mask or the adjustment layer bitmap.

Note that the type of each channel can be obtained from the Channel Sub-Block (See Section “5.4.8: Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression”), and the number of channels is specified in the previous Layer Information Chunk. Note also that the layer’s transparency mask, the layer’s user mask, and the adjustment layer bitmap are stored as 8-bit greyscale bitmaps.

6.10.1 Adjustment Layer Sub-Block



The Adjustment Layer Sub-Block contains layer extension data required to define an adjustment layer.

As illustrated below, the Adjustment Layer Sub-Block consists of the Adjustment Layer Block Header, the Adjustment Layer Information Chunk, and the Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.

Adjustment Layer Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_ADJUSTMENT_EXTENSION_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Adjustment Layer Sub-Block, including Adjustment Layer Information Chunk and Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.

Adjustment Layer Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Adjustment Layer Information Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Adjustment layer type	Type of adjustment layer (must be one of PSPAdjustmentLayerType).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

Adjustment Layer Definition. The contents of this chunk are based on the previous field (adjustment layer type).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjLevel, the contents are as described in the Level Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjCurve, the contents are as described in the Curve Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjBrightContrast, the contents are as described in the Brightness / Contrast Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjColorBal, the contents are as described in the Color Balance Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjHSL, the contents are as described in the HSL Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjChannelMixer, the contents are as described in the Channel Mixer Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjInvert, the contents are as described in the Invert Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjThreshold, the contents are as described in the Threshold Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

If the adjustment layer type is keAdjPoster, the contents are as described in the Posterize Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (below).

Level Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Level Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Gamma value #1	First gamma value for master, red, green, and blue.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Gamma value #2	Second gamma value for master, red, green, and blue.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Gamma value #3	Third gamma value for master, red, green, and blue.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Gamma value #4	Fourth gamma value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Ceiling input value #1	First ceiling input value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Ceiling input value #2	Second ceiling input value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Ceiling input value #3	Third ceiling input value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Ceiling input value #4	Fourth ceiling input value for master, red, green, and blue.

LONG	4 bytes	Floor input value #1	First floor input value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Floor input value #2	Second floor input value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Floor input value #3	Third floor input value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Floor input value #4	Fourth floor input value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Ceiling output value #1	First ceiling output value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Ceiling output value #2	Second ceiling output value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Ceiling output value #3	Third ceiling output value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Ceiling output value #4	Fourth ceiling output value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Floor output value #1	First floor output value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Floor output value #2	Second floor output value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Floor output value #3	Third floor output value for master, red, green, and blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Floor output value #4	Fourth floor output value for master, red, green, and blue.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Curve Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

The curve adjustment layer definition consists of four Curve Adjustment Layer Definitions Chunks, one for each of the four curve channels RGB, Red, Green, and Blue.

Curve Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (RGB Channel):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Curve Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
BYTE	1 byte	Freehand flag	TRUE if curve type is freehand, FALSE if curve type is smooth.
WORD	2 bytes	Point count	Number of points used in the curve (for a smooth curve).
BYTE	1 byte	Channel input value #1	First channel input value in the set of curve points (for a smooth curve). The full set of curve points contains 18 points.
BYTE	1 byte	Channel output value #1	First channel output value in the set of curve points (for a smooth curve). The full set of curve points contains 18 points.
...
BYTE	1 byte	Channel input value #18	Eighteenth channel input value in the set of curve points (for a smooth curve). The full set of curve points contains 18 points.

BYTE	1 byte	Channel output value #18	Eighteenth channel output value in the set of curve points (for a smooth curve). The full set of curve points contains 18 points.
B_ARRAY	256 bytes	Curve lookup table	Lookup table for all values in the channel (for a freehand curve).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

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Curve Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk (Blue Channel):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Curve Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
BYTE	1 byte	Freehand flag	TRUE if curve type is freehand, FALSE if curve type is smooth.
WORD	2 bytes	Point count	Number of points used in the curve (for a smooth curve).
BYTE	1 byte	Channel input value #1	First channel input value in the set of curve points (for a smooth curve). The full set of curve points contains 18 points.
BYTE	1 byte	Channel output value #1	First channel output value in the set of curve points (for a smooth curve). The full set of curve points contains 18 points.
...
BYTE	1 byte	Channel input value #18	Eighteenth channel input value in the set of curve points (for a smooth curve). The full set of curve points contains 18 points.
BYTE	1 byte	Channel output value #18	Eighteenth channel output value in the set of curve points (for a smooth curve). The full set of curve points contains 18 points.
B_ARRAY	256 bytes	Curve lookup table	Lookup table for all values in the channel (for a freehand curve).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Brightness/Contrast Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Brightness / Contrast Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
LONG	4 bytes	Brightness value	Brightness adjustment value.
LONG	4 bytes	Contrast value	Contrast adjustment value.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Color Balance Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Color Balance Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
BYTE	1 byte	Preserve Luminance flag	TRUE if luminosity is preserved, FALSE otherwise.
LONG	4 bytes	Highlight value #1	Highlight value for the channel range Cyan to Red.
LONG	4 bytes	Highlight value #2	Highlight value for the channel range Magenta to Green.
LONG	4 bytes	Highlight value #3	Highlight value for the channel range Yellow to Blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Midtone value #1	Midtone value for the channel range Cyan to Red.
LONG	4 bytes	Midtone value #2	Midtone value for the channel range Magenta to Green.
LONG	4 bytes	Midtone value #3	Midtone value for the channel range Yellow to Blue.
LONG	4 bytes	Shadow value #1	Shadow value for the channel range Cyan to Red.
LONG	4 bytes	Shadow value #2	Shadow value for the channel range Magenta to Green.
LONG	4 bytes	Shadow value #3	Shadow value for the channel range Yellow to Blue.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

HSL Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of HSL Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
BYTE	1 byte	Colorize flag	TRUE if colorize is on, FALSE otherwise.
LONG	4 bytes	Master value #1	First master value (Hue).
LONG	4 bytes	Master value #2	Second master value (Saturation).
LONG	4 bytes	Master value #3	Third master value (Luminance).
LONG	4 bytes	Master colorize value #1	First master value when the colorize option is on (Hue).
LONG	4 bytes	Master colorize value #2	Second master value when the colorize option is on (Saturation).
LONG	4 bytes	Master colorize value #3	Third master value when the colorize option is on (Luminance).
LONG	4 bytes	Red value #1	First red value (Hue).
LONG	4 bytes	Red value #2	Second red value (Saturation).

LONG	4 bytes	Red value #3	Third red value (Luminance).
LONG	4 bytes	Red value #4	Fourth red value. Degree range that defines the red floor-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Red value #5	Fifth red value. Degree range that defines the red floor-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Red value #6	Sixth red value. Degree range that defines the red ceiling-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Red value #7	Seventh red value. Degree range that defines the red ceiling-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Yellow value #1	First yellow value (Hue).
LONG	4 bytes	Yellow value #2	Second yellow value (Saturation).
LONG	4 bytes	Yellow value #3	Third yellow value (Luminance).
LONG	4 bytes	Yellow value #4	Fourth yellow value. Degree range that defines the yellow floor-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Yellow value #5	Fifth yellow value. Degree range that defines the yellow floor-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Yellow value #6	Sixth yellow value. Degree range that defines the yellow ceiling-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Yellow value #7	Seventh yellow value. Degree range that defines the yellow ceiling-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Green value #1	First green value (Hue).
LONG	4 bytes	Green value #2	Second green value (Saturation).
LONG	4 bytes	Green value #3	Third green value (Luminance).
LONG	4 bytes	Green value #4	Fourth green value. Degree range that defines the green floor-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Green value #5	Fifth green value. Degree range that defines the green floor-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Green value #6	Sixth green value. Degree range that defines the green ceiling-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Green value #7	Seventh green value. Degree range that defines the green ceiling-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Cyan value #1	First cyan value (Hue).
LONG	4 bytes	Cyan value #2	Second cyan value (Saturation).
LONG	4 bytes	Cyan value #3	Third cyan value (Luminance).
LONG	4 bytes	Cyan value #4	Fourth cyan value. Degree range that defines the cyan floor-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Cyan value #5	Fifth cyan value. Degree range that defines the cyan floor-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Cyan value #6	Sixth cyan value. Degree range that defines the cyan ceiling-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Cyan value #7	Seventh cyan value. Degree range that defines the cyan ceiling-upper range.

LONG	4 bytes	Blue value #1	First blue value (Hue).
LONG	4 bytes	Blue value #2	Second blue value (Saturation).
LONG	4 bytes	Blue value #3	Third blue value (Luminance).
LONG	4 bytes	Blue value #4	Fourth blue value. Degree range that defines the blue floor-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Blue value #5	Fifth blue value. Degree range that defines the blue floor-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Blue value #6	Sixth blue value. Degree range that defines the blue ceiling-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Blue value #7	Seventh blue value. Degree range that defines the blue ceiling-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Magenta value #1	First magenta value (Hue).
LONG	4 bytes	Magenta value #2	Second magenta value (Saturation).
LONG	4 bytes	Magenta value #3	Third magenta value (Luminance).
LONG	4 bytes	Magenta value #4	Fourth magenta value. Degree range that defines the magenta floor-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Magenta value #5	Fifth magenta value. Degree range that defines the magenta floor-upper range.
LONG	4 bytes	Magenta value #6	Sixth magenta value. Degree range that defines the magenta ceiling-lower range.
LONG	4 bytes	Magenta value #7	Seventh magenta value. Degree range that defines the magenta ceiling-upper range.
	Unknown	Expansion field.	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Channel Mixer Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Channel Mixer Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
BYTE	1 byte	Monochrome flag	TRUE if monochrome, FALSE otherwise.
LONG	4 bytes	Blue channel value #1	First value for the blue output channel (Red).
LONG	4 bytes	Blue channel value #2	Second value for the blue output channel (Green).
LONG	4 bytes	Blue channel value #3	Third value for the blue output channel (Blue).
LONG	4 bytes	Blue channel value #4	Fourth value for the blue output channel (Constant).
LONG	4 bytes	Green channel value #1	First value for the green output channel (Red).
LONG	4 bytes	Green channel value #2	Second value for the green output channel (Green).
LONG	4 bytes	Green channel value #3	Third value for the green output channel (Blue).

LONG	4 bytes	Green channel value #4	Fourth value for the green output channel (Constant).
LONG	4 bytes	Red channel value #1	First value for the red output channel (Red).
LONG	4 bytes	Red channel value #2	Second value for the red output channel (Green).
LONG	4 bytes	Red channel value #3	Third value for the red output channel (Blue).
LONG	4 bytes	Red channel value #4	Fourth value for the red output channel (Constant).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Invert Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Invert Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

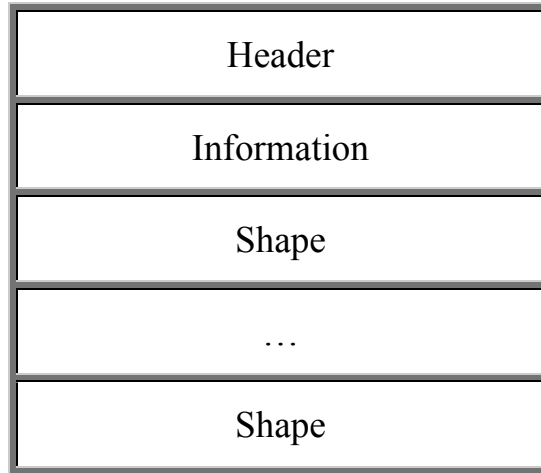
Threshold Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Threshold Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
LONG	4 bytes	Threshold value	Threshold value.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Posterize Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Posterize Adjustment Layer Definition Chunk.
LONG	4 bytes	Posterize value	Posterize value.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

6.10.2 Vector Layer Sub-Block



The Vector Layer Sub-Block contains layer extension data required to define a vector layer.

As illustrated below, the Vector Layer Sub-Block consists of a Vector Layer Block Header, a Vector Layer Information Chunk, and a separate Vector Shape Sub-Block for each vector shape. (The number of vector shapes for the vector layer is indicated in the Vector Layer Information Chunk.)

Vector Layer Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_VECTOR_EXTENSION_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Vector Layer Sub-Block, including the Vector Layer Information Chunk and the Vector Shape Sub-Block(s).

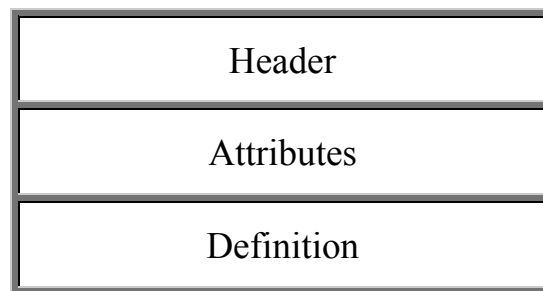
Vector Layer Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Vector Layer Information Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Shape count	Number of vector shapes (i.e., number of following Vector Shape Sub-Block(s)).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Vector Shape Sub-Block(s):

Vector Shape Sub-Block	See Section 6.9.2.1	First Vector Shape	The first vector shape. Please See Section "6.10.2.1: Vector Shape Sub-Block" for more information about vector shapes.
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Vector Shape Sub-Block	See Section 6.9.2.1	Last Vector Shape	The last vector shape. Please See Section "6.10.2.1: Vector Shape Sub-Block" for more information about vector shapes.

6.10.2.1 Vector Shape Sub-Block



The Vector Shape Sub-Block is used to define one vector shape. As illustrated below, the Vector Shape Sub-Block consists of the Vector Shape Block Header, the Vector Shape Attributes Chunk, and the Vector Shape Definition. The Vector Shape Attributes Chunk contains shape attributes shared by all shape types. The contents of the Vector Shape Definition are based on the shape type defined in the Vector Shape Attributes Chunk.

Vector Shape Block Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always "7E 42 4B 00" (i.e., "~BK", followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_SHAPE_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Vector Shape Sub-Block, including Vector Shape Attributes Chunk and Vector Shape Definition.

Vector Shape Attributes Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Vector Shape Attributes Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2	Shape name	Name of shape. (Please See Section "5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk" for more information about variable string chunks.)

WORD	2 bytes	Shape type	Type of vector shape (must be one of PSPVectorShapeType).
DWORD	4 bytes	Shape property flags	A series of flags (in PSPShapeProperties) that defines the shape's properties.
DWORD	4 bytes	Shape identifier	Identifies shape. This identifier must be unique within the layer. This identifier must be 1 based (i.e., 0 is not a valid shape identifier).
DWORD	4 bytes	Link shape identifier	Identifies a shape that is linked to this shape (for text on path). If this value is 0 (an invalid link shape identifier), the shape has no link shape.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Vector Shape Definition:

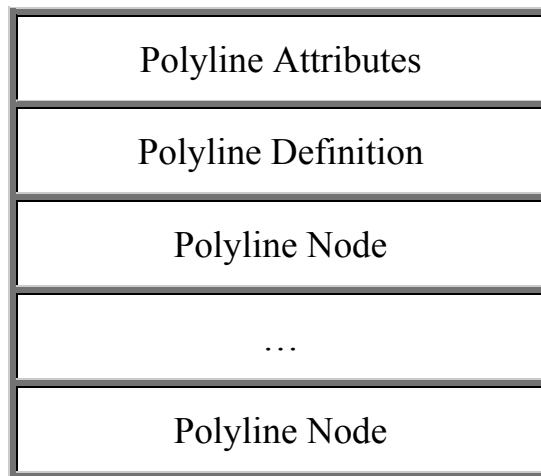
The contents of the Vector Shape Definition are based on the shape type (defined in the previous Vector Shape Attributes Chunk).

If the shape type is keVSTPolyline, keVSTEllipse, or keVSTPolygon, the contents are as described in the Polyline Vector Shape Definition.

If the shape type is keVSTText, the contents are as described in the Text Vector Shape Definition.

If the shape type is keVSTGroup, the contents are as described in the Group Vector Shape Definition.

Polyline Vector Shape Definition:



The Polyline Vector Shape Definition consists of the chunks required to define one polyline shape. As illustrated below, the Polyline Vector Shape Definition consists of the Polyline Shape Attributes Chunk, the Polyline Shape Definition Chunk, and the Polyline Node Chunk(s).

Polyline Shape Attributes Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Polyline Shape Attributes Chunk.
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BYTE	1 byte	Stroked flag	TRUE if stroked, FALSE otherwise.
BYTE	1 byte	Filled flag	TRUE if shape filled, FALSE otherwise.
BYTE	1 byte	Styled line flag	TRUE if styled line, FALSE otherwise.
WORD	2 bytes	Stroke width	Stroke line width.
BYTE	1 byte	Start cap type	Start cap type (must be one of PSPStyleCapType).
BYTE	1 byte	Start cap multipliers flag	TRUE if use the following start cap multipliers, FALSE otherwise.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Start cap width multiplier	Start cap width (x) multiplier.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Start cap height multiplier	Start cap height (y) multiplier.
BYTE	1 byte	End cap type	End cap type (must be one of PSPStyleCapType).
BYTE	1 byte	End cap multipliers flag	TRUE if use the following end cap multipliers, FALSE otherwise.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	End cap width multiplier	End cap width (x) multiplier.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	End cap height multiplier	End cap height (y) multiplier.
BYTE	1 byte	Join type	Shape join type (must be one of PSPStyleJoinType).
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Miter limit	Shape miter limit.
Paint Style Sub-Block	See Section 5.4.4	Line paint style	Paint style to use when outlining this shape. (See Section “5.4.4 : Paint Style Sub-Block.”)
Paint Style Sub-Block	See Section 5.4.4	Fill paint style	Paint style to use when filling this shape. (See Section “5.4.4 : Paint Style Sub-Block.”)
Line Style Sub-Block	See Section 5.4.5	Styled line	Styled line data to use when outlining this shape. (See Section “5.4.5: Line Style Sub-Block.”)
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Polyline Shape Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Polyline Shape Definition Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Polyline node count	Number of nodes in the polyline shape (i.e., number of following Node Chunks).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Polyline Node Chunk (first node):

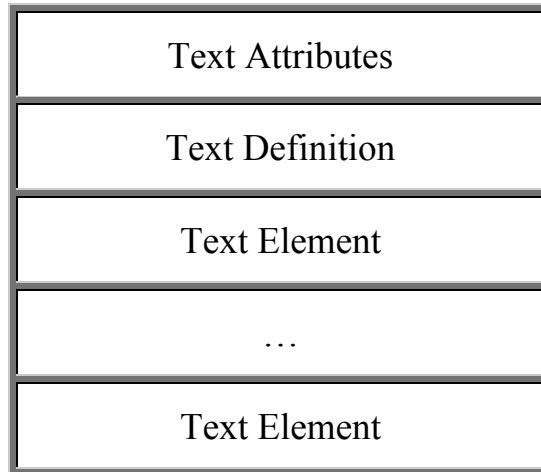
DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Polyline Node Chunk.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Point X value.	X-value of node's main point.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Point Y value	Y-value of node's main point.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Handle 1 X value	X-value of node's first handle.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Handle 1 Y value	Y-value of node's first handle.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Handle 2 X value	X-value of node's second handle.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Handle 2 Y value	Y-value of node's second handle.
BYTE	1 byte	Move to flag	TRUE if the node is a "move to" node, FALSE otherwise.
WORD	2 bytes	Node type flags	A series of flags (in PSPPolylineNodeTypes) that define the polyline node type.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

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Polyline Node Chunk (last node):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Polyline Node Chunk.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Point X value.	X-value of node's main point.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Point Y value	Y-value of node's main point.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Handle 1 X value	X-value of node's first handle.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Handle 1 Y value	Y-value of node's first handle.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Handle 2 X value	X-value of node's second handle.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Handle 2 Y value	Y-value of node's second handle.
BYTE	1 byte	Move to flag	TRUE if the node is a "move to" node, FALSE otherwise.
WORD	2 bytes	Node type flags	A series of flags (in PSPPolylineNodeTypes) that define the polyline node type.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Text Vector Shape Definition:



The Text Vector Shape Definition consists of the chunks required to define one text shape. As illustrated below, the Text Vector Shape Definition consists of the Text Shape Attributes Chunk, the Text Shape Definition Chunk, and the Text Shape Element Chunk(s).

Text Shape Attributes Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Text Shape Attributes Chunk.
BYTE	1 byte	Text alignment	Text alignment (must be one of PSPTextAlignment).
LONG	4 bytes	X insert point	X value of the text insertion point.
LONG	4 bytes	Y insert point	Y value of the text insertion point.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #1	First element of the text deformation matrix. The text deformation matrix is a 3x3 matrix.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #2	Second element of the text deformation matrix.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #3	Third element of the text deformation matrix.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #4	Fourth element of the text deformation matrix.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #5	Fifth element of the text deformation matrix.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #6	Sixth element of the text deformation matrix.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #7	Seventh element of the text deformation matrix.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #8	Eighth element of the text deformation matrix.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Deformation value #9	Ninth element of the text deformation matrix.

	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>
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Text Shape Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Text Shape Definition Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Text element count	Number of text elements in the text shape (i.e., number of following Text Shape Element Chunks).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Text Shape Element (first text element):

The first text shape element (see "Text Shape Element Definition" below).

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Text Shape Element (last text element):

The last text shape element (see "Text Shape Element Definition" below).
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Text Shape Element Definition:

The Text Shape Element Definition consists of the chunks required to define one text shape element. As illustrated below, the Text Shape Element Definition consists of the Text Element Attributes Chunk and the Text Element Definition Chunk.

Text Element Attributes Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Text Element Attributes Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Text element type	Type of text element (must be one of PSPTextElementType).
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Text Element Definition Chunk:

The contents of the Text Element Definition Chunk are based on the text element type (defined in the previous Text Element Attributes Chunk).

If the text element type is keTextElemChar (a single character code), the contents are as described in the Text Character Definition Chunk (below).

If the text element type is keTextElemCharStyle (a character style change), the contents are as described in the Text Character Style Definition Chunk (below).

If the text element type is keTextElemLineStyle (a line style change), the contents are as described in the Text Line Style Definition Chunk (below).

Text Character Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Text Character Definition Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Character code	The character code (for a single character).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Text Character Style Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Text Character Style Definition Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2	Font name	Character font name. (Please See Section “5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk” for more information about variable string chunks.)
DWORD	4 bytes	Attribute flags	Character attribute flags (defined by PSPCharacterProperties).
DWORD	4 bytes	Weight	Character weight.
LONG	4 bytes	Set	Character set.
LONG	4 bytes	Font size	Size of font.
BYTE	1 byte	Auto kerning flag	TRUE if auto kern, FALSE otherwise.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Kerning	Text kerning value.
BYTE	1 byte	Stroked flag	TRUE if stroked, FALSE otherwise.
BYTE	1 byte	Filled flag	TRUE if shape filled, FALSE otherwise.
BYTE	1 byte	Styled line flag	TRUE if styled line, FALSE otherwise.

WORD	2 bytes	Stroke width	Stroke line width.
BYTE	1 byte	Start cap type	Start cap type (must be one of PSPStyleCapType).
BYTE	1 byte	Start cap multipliers flag	TRUE if use the following start cap multipliers, FALSE otherwise.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Start cap width multiplier	Start cap width (x) multiplier.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Start cap height multiplier	Start cap height (y) multiplier.
BYTE	1 byte	End cap type	End cap type (must be one of PSPStyleCapType).
BYTE	1 byte	End cap multipliers flag	TRUE if use the following end cap multipliers, FALSE otherwise.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	End cap width multiplier	End cap width (x) multiplier.
DOUBLE	8 bytes	End cap height multiplier	End cap height (y) multiplier.
BYTE	1 byte	Join type	Shape join type (must be one of PSPStyleJoinType).
DOUBLE	8 bytes	Miter limit	Shape miter limit.
Paint Style Sub-Block	See Section 5.4.4	Line paint style	Paint style to use when outlining this shape. (See Section "5.4.4 : Paint Style Sub-Block.")
Paint Style Sub-Block	See Section 5.4.4	Fill paint style	Paint style to use when filling this shape. (See Section "5.4.4 : Paint Style Sub-Block.")
Line Style Sub-Block	See Section 5.4.5	Styled line	Styled line data to use when outlining this shape. (See Section "5.4.5: Line Style Sub-Block.")
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Text Line Style Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Text Line Style Definition Chunk.
LONG	4 bytes	Leading value.	The line's leading value.
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Group Vector Shape Definition:

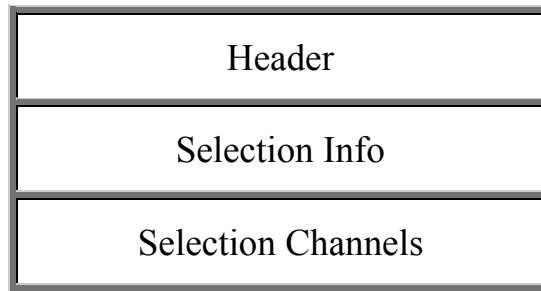


The Group Vector Shape indicates the start of a group of shapes. The number of shapes in this group is defined in the Group Shape Definition Chunk. As illustrated below, the Group Vector Shape Definition consists only of the Group Shape Definition Chunk.

Group Shape Definition Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Group Shape Definition Chunk.
DWORD	4 bytes	Shape count	Number of shapes in this group (i.e., number of following Vector Shape Sub-Blocks belonging to this group).
	<i>unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

6.11 The Selection Block



The Selection Block is an optional block that defines the area that was selected when the image document was saved.

As illustrated in the following table, the Selection Block consists of a Block Header, a Selection Information Chunk, and a Selection Channel Sub-Block.

Selection Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_SELECTION_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Selection Block, including Selection Information Chunk and Selection Channel Sub-Chunk.

Selection Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Selection Information Chunk.
RECT	16 bytes	Selection rectangle	Rectangle containing selected data.

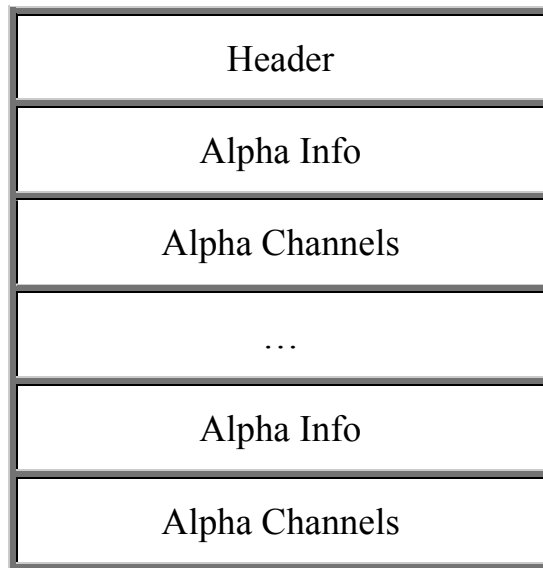
RECT	16 bytes	Saved selection rectangle	Rectangle within selection rectangle that contains “significant” data. (Only the contents of this rectangle are saved to the file.)
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Selection Channel Sub-Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Selection Channel Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Selection bitmap count	Count of following selection bitmaps. Currently always 1.
WORD	2 bytes	Channel count	Count of following channels. Currently always 1.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Selection Channel Sub-Block. See Section “5.4.8: Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression.”
 Note that selections are stored as 8-bit greyscale bitmaps.

6.12 The Alpha Bank Block



The Alpha Bank Block is an optional block that defines alpha channels associated with the image document.

As is illustrated in the following table, the Alpha Bank Block consists of a Block Header, an Alpha Channel Information Chunk, and an Alpha Channel Sub-Block for each alpha channel in the image document. (Each Alpha Channel Sub-Block consists of a Block Header and a Channel Sub-Block.)

Alpha Channel Bank Header:

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_ALPHA_BANK_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Alpha Bank Block, including Alpha Bank Information Chunk, Alpha Channel Headers, Alpha Channel Information Chunks, and Alpha Channel Sub-Blocks for all alpha channels.

Alpha Bank Information Chunk:

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Alpha Bank Information Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Alpha channel count	Number of alpha channels.
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Alpha Channel Header (first alpha channel):

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_ALPHA_CHANNEL_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Alpha Channel Block, including following Alpha Channel Information Chunk and Alpha Channel Sub-Block.

Alpha Channel Information Chunk (first alpha channel):

DWORD	4 bytes	Initial data chunk length	Length of Alpha Channel Information Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2	Alpha channel name	Name of alpha channel. (Please See Section “5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk” for more information about variable string chunks.)
RECT	16 bytes	Alpha channel rectangle	Rectangle containing alpha channel.
RECT	16 bytes	Saved alpha channel rectangle	Rectangle within alpha channel rectangle that contains “significant” data. (Only the contents of this rectangle are saved to the file.)
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Alpha Channel Chunk (first alpha channel):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Alpha Channel Chunk.
WORD	2 bytes	Alpha channel bitmap count	Number of following alpha channel bitmaps. (Currently always 1.)
WORD	2 bytes	Channel count	Number of following channels. (Currently always 1.)
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Channel Sub-Block defining the alpha channel. See Section “5.4.8: Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression.” Note that alpha channels are stored as 8-bit greyscale bitmaps.

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Alpha Channel Header (last alpha channel):

Type	Length	Name	Description
B_ARRAY	4 bytes	Header identifier	Always “7E 42 4B 00” (i.e., “~BK”, followed by a zero byte).
WORD	2 bytes	Block identifier	Always PSP_ALPHA_CHANNEL_BLOCK.
DWORD	4 bytes	Total block length	Length of complete Alpha Channel Block, including Alpha Channel Information Chunk and Alpha Channel Sub-Block.

Alpha Channel Information Chunk (last alpha channel):

DWORD	4 bytes	Initial data chunk length	Length of Alpha Channel Information Chunk.
Variable length string chunk	See Section 5.4.2	Alpha channel name	Name of alpha channel. (Please See Section “5.4.2 – Variable Length String Chunk” for more information about variable string chunks.)
RECT	16 bytes	Alpha channel rectangle	Rectangle containing alpha channel.
RECT	16 bytes	Saved alpha channel rectangle	Rectangle within alpha channel rectangle that contains “significant” data. (Only the contents of this rectangle are saved to the file.)
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Alpha Channel Chunk (last alpha channel):

DWORD	4 bytes	Chunk size	Length of Alpha Channel Chunk.
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WORD	2 bytes	Alpha channel bitmap count	Number of following alpha channel bitmaps. (Currently always 1.)
WORD	2 bytes	Channel count	Number of following channels. (Currently always 1.)
	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Expansion field.</i>	<i>This field is currently non-existent, but robust readers should assume that data may be added here in the future, and silently ignore it.</i>

Channel Sub-Block defining the alpha channel. See Section “5.4.8: Channel Sub-Block and Channel Compression.” Note that alpha channels are stored as 8-bit greyscale bitmaps.

Appendix A : PSP File Format Overview

PSP File Header	PSP File Signature
	PSP Major Version Number
	PSP Minor Version Number

General Image Attributes Block	General Image Attributes Block Header
	General Image Attributes

Extended Data Block	Extended Data Block Header
	• Keyword-Value
	• ...
	• Keyword-Value

Picture Tube Data Block	Picture Tube Data Block Header
	Picture Tube Data

Creator Data Block	Creator Data Block Header
	• Creator Key-Value
	• ...
	• Creator Key-Value

Composite Image Bank Block	Composite Image Bank Block Header
	Composite Image Bank Info
	• Composite Image Attributes Block
	• ...
	• Composite Image Attributes Block
	• Composite Image Block
	• ...
	• Composite Image Block

Table Bank Block	Table Bank Block Header
	Table Bank Information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Block
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Block

Color Palette Block	Color Palette Block Header
	Color Palette Entry Count
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color Palette Entry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color Palette Entry

Layer Bank Block	Layer Bank Block Header
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layer Information • Layer Extension (if any) • Layer Channels
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layer Information • Layer Extension (if any) • Layer Channels

Selection Bank Block	Selection Bank Block Header
	Selection Info
	Selection Channels

Alpha Bank Block	Alpha Bank Block Header
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha Info • Alpha Channels
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha Info • Alpha Channels