

The Multi-image open options dialog

The multi-image open options dialog allows you to choose what method with which to open a multi-image GIF file. It will only be presented if the file being opened contains multiple images. If the file being opened does not contain multiple image no dialogs will appear when opening the file.

There are four methods that can be used when opening multiple image GIF files: 'Edit single image...', 'Edit in cell-strip format', 'Extract single image...', 'Extract all images'. Methods ending with '...' signify that a second dialog is required for that method.

Edit single image

Opening a multiple image GIF animation file with the 'Edit single image...' method opens a single image from a multiple image GIF animation file to edit, while preserving the multiple image structure of the original GIF animation file. If you select 'Edit single image...' from the multi-image open options dialog, a second image picker dialog will be presented for you to preview the individual

images contained in the multiple image GIF animation file and choose which image to edit.

- Edit in cell-strip format

Opening a multiple image GIF animation file with 'Edit in cell-strip format' method causes all of the images contained in the multiple image GIF animation file to be opened into one document oriented either horizontally or vertically. This method also preserves the multiple image structure of the file upon saving. The 'Edit in cell-strip format' method will only be available as an option if all the images in the multiple image GIF animation file use a common, global palette. If any image from the file uses a different palette from the other images, this option will be disabled. Note that 'Edit in cell-strip format' will add redundant information to your multiple image GIF animation files if they are not composed of images that are the full logical size of the animation.

- Extract single image

The 'Extract single image' method does not open the original file. It creates a new single image GIF file of the image selected from the multiple image GIF animation file, then opens the new file for editing. The new file created is always placed in the same folder containing the original file. If you select 'Extract single image...' from the multi-image open options dialog, a second image picker dialog will be presented for you to preview the individual images contained in the multiple image GIF animation file and choose which image to extract from the original multiple image GIF animation file.

- Extract all images

The 'Extract all images' method does not open the original file. It creates a new single image GIF file for every image contained in the original multiple image GIF animation file and then opens all of the new files for editing. The new files created will always be placed in the same folder containing the original multiple image GIF animation file.