

# Reference.

Official Documentation of the Gamebuino [Meta](#).

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# Technical Specs.

# Technical Specification.

## Specifications

The Gamebuino META lets gamers to play the great pixelated games they loved on a compact device and learn programming to make their own games. The Gamebuino META fits in a pocket, packs plenty of free exclusive games, and the battery will last through a continuous day of gaming. An optional microSD card can fit more games than you can play, and players can switch between games in a matter of seconds.

### Microcontroller

ATSAMD21, 32bit ARM Cortex M0+, 256KB flash, 32KB RAM, same as Arduino Zero

### Display

1.8", 80x64 and 160x128 pixels in full RGB565 16-bit colors. 25 fps refresh rate by default, up to 50 fps.

### Battery

LiPo 900mAh, charged through micro USB B port (like most phones).

### Sound

10bit DAC, multi-channel 8bit WAV playback, 2.5W class-D audio amp, audio jack 3.5mm, 1W speaker.

### Back lights

8 independently controllable RGB LEDs for light effects.

### Buttons

D-pad, A, B, Menu, Home.

### Backpacks (aka shields)

All GPIOs you have on an Arduino Zero are free to use on the back of the console. The developer backpack is compatible with Arduino Shields.

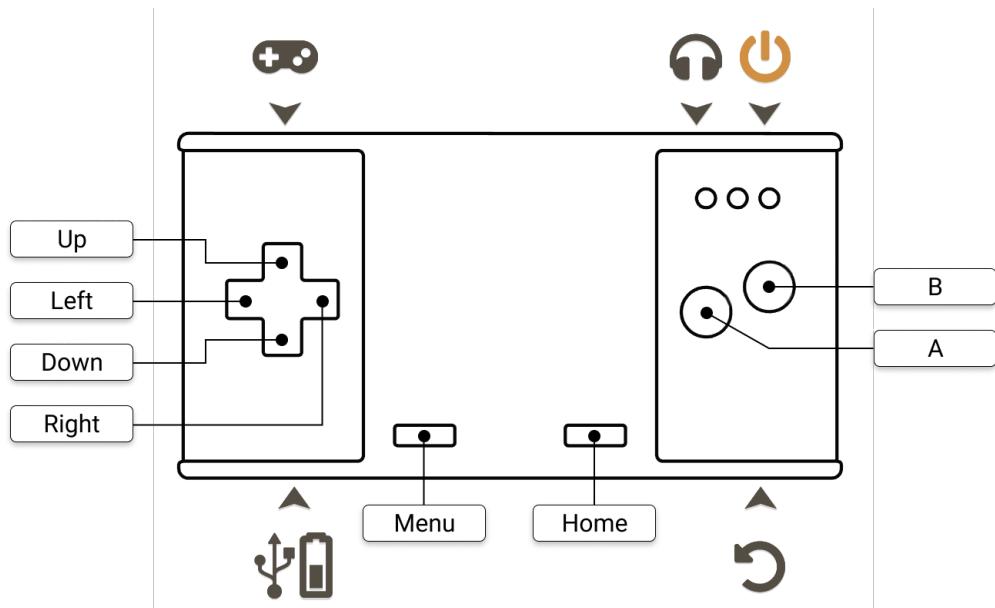
**Warning :** Gamebuino runs at 3.3V, it's not 5V compatible. The DAC output is used for sound. SPI slaves are present on the bus, but won't prevent you from using it.

### MicroSD card socket

FAT and FAT32 compatible. Optional microSD card with plenty of games provided with the *deluxe early bird* and *deluxe perks*. Change between games on the go, not computer required!

# Technical Specification.

## How to use your Gamebuino



- **Power** Slide switch to turn your Gamebuino on or off.
- **SD card** Where all your games go. You can use the provided micro-USB adapter to add games by following [this method](#).
- **Audio jack:** The 3.5mm audio jack to plug in headphones or external speakers.
- **USB:** A micro-USB port used to charge the battery and develop game as well. Nearly all standard microUSB cables are compatible.
- **Reset** Single tap to reset. Double tap to flash the loader from the SD card if available, otherwise, the console will enter the bootloader.
- **A button** Select / Primary action
- **B button** Cancel / Secondary action
- **Menu** Game-dependent menu, can be used to open inventory, see the map, etc.
- **Home** Exit a game, adjust sound volume & light intensity, take screenshots and screen recordings.

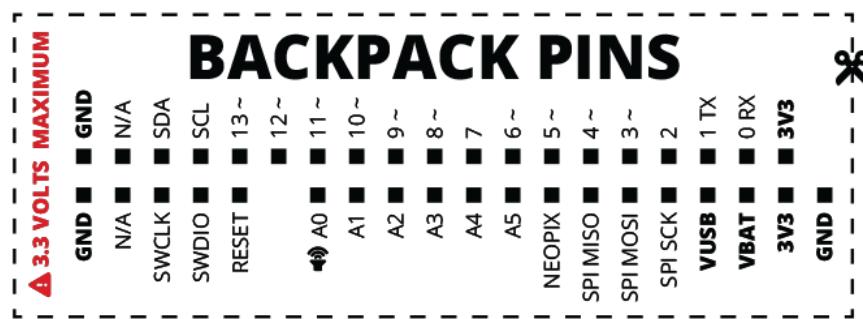
# Programming

Your console was not only designed as a gaming console. We took the time to turn this product into a creation tool. You can create your own games in C++. Setting up the environment is simple, and the possibilities of games are endless. Making games on the Gamebuino is for all levels, beginners and experts alike.

## Backpacks

On the back of your Gamebuino, there are a series of input and output pins. These are all the Arduino pins. These allow you to do electronics with your console.

This is the layout of the pins:



If this interests you, go ahead and print it, it is of great help.

# Core.

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## gb.begin

### Description

```
void gb.begin()
```

**gb.begin** initializes the Gamebuino. It should be called once at the beginning of the [setup\(\)](#) function.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup(){
    // initialize the Gamebuino object
    gb.begin();
}

void loop(){
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.display.println("Hello world");
}
```

# Core.

## gb.waitForUpdate

### Description

```
void gb.waitForUpdate()
```

**gb.waitForUpdate** waits until a new screen update is needed. This also handles sound updates, key press readings....everything!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>
void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}
void loop() {
    // let's wait for the next update to have a stable framerate
    gb.waitForUpdate();
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.display.print("Hello World!");
}
```

# Core.

## gb.update

### Description

```
bool gb.update()
```

**gb.update** makes sure that the Gamebuino Meta runs at a constant framerate. It will return **true** whenever a next frame is ready to render. Default framerate: 25 fps, settable via `gb.setFrameRate()`

It also takes care of updating buttons, sound, sending out the screen, etc.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

bool: **true** if it is time to render the next frame

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup(){
    // initialize the Gamebuino object
    gb.begin();
}

void loop(){
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.display.println("Hello world");
}
```

# Core.

## gb.getCPUload

### Description

```
uint8_t gb.getCPUload()
```

**gb.getCPUload** returns the current load of the CPU in percent. So, if it returns 50, that means it took 50% of the time it had to create a frame. CPU usage above 100% means that your game is running at a slower framerate than set. And for values higher than 255%, **gb.getCPUload** returns incorrect values (uint8\_t overflow).

### Parameters

none

### Returns

uint8\_t: percentage of CPU usage

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // here we fetch the CPU usage percentage
    uint8_t load = gb.getCPUload();
    gb.display.print("CPU:");
    gb.display.print(load);
    gb.display.println("%");
}
```

# Core.

## gb.getFreeRam

### Description

```
uint16_t gb.getFreeRam()
```

**gb.getFreeRam** returns the amount of free RAM in bytes.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

uint16\_t: free RAM in bytes

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // fetch the amount of free RAM
    uint16_t ram = gb.getFreeRam();
    gb.display.print("RAM:");
    gb.display.println(ram);
}
```

# Core.

## gb.getDefaultName

### Description

```
void gb.getDefaultName( char* string )
```

**gb.getDefaultName** fetches the default player name into a string, as configurable in loader.bin

This function is slow, do not call it in a continuous loop!

### Parameters

char\* string: the string in which to fetch the default name, it must be char[13] or larger

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

char name[13];
void setup() {
    gb.begin();

    // load the default name
    gb.getDefaultName(name);
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.display.println(name);
}
```

# Core.

## gb.createColor

### Description

```
Color gb.createColor( uint8_t red , uint8_t green , uint8_t blue )
```

**gb.createColor** creates a Color object value based on common RGB565 values.

### Parameters

- `uint8_t red`: proportion of red (min: 0, max: 255)
- `uint8_t green`: proportion of green (min: 0, max: 255)
- `uint8_t blue`: proportion of blue (min: 0, max: 255)

### Returns

Color: the RGB565 color which is closest to the one provided

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // create the color (#FFC526, some shade of orange)
    Color c = gb.createColor(255, 197, 38);
    gb.display.setColor(c);
    gb.display.println("Hello World");
}
```

# Core.

## gb.setScreenRotation

### Description

```
void gb.setScreenRotation( Rotation r )
```

**gb.setScreenRotation** sets the rotation of the screen. Default is down. After rotating the screen it is highly recommended to clear the display with [gb.display.clear\(\)](#).

### Parameters

- Rotation r: Rotation what to set the screen to. Possible values are:  
[ROTATION\\_LEFT](#), [ROTATION\\_UP](#), [ROTATION\\_RIGHT](#), [ROTATION\\_DOWN](#)

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();

    // rotate the screen right
    gb.setScreenRotation(ROTATION_RIGHT);
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.display.println("Hello World");
}
```

# Core.

## getScreenRotation

### Description

```
Rotation gb.getScreenRotation()
```

**gb.getScreenRotation** returns the current rotation of the screen.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

Rotation - current rotation of the screen

### Example

N/A

# Core.

## gb.frameCount

### Description

**Random** `gb.pickRandomSeed`

`gb.pickRandomSeed` lorem ipsum.

### Parameters

lorem ipsum

### Returns

lorem ipsum

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    // check if A was pressed
    gb.pickRandomSeed
}
```

# Core.

## gb.pickRandomSeed

### Description

**Lorem**   **gb.pickRandomSeed**

**gb.pickRandomSeed**  lorem ipsum.

### Parameters

- Lorem ipsum

### Returns

Lorem ipsum

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    // check if A was pressed
    gb.pickRandomSeed
}
```

# Buttons.

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## Buttons names

### Description

- BUTTON\_A
- BUTTON\_B
- BUTTON\_MENU (used to be BUTTON\_C)
- BUTTON\_UP
- BUTTON\_RIGHT
- BUTTON\_DOWN
- BUTTON\_LEFT

### Parameters

- Lorem Ipsum

### Returns

  Lorem Ipsum

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    // check if A was pressed
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        // do something
    }
}
```

# Buttons.

## gb.buttons.pressed

### Description

```
bool gb.buttons.pressed( Button button )
```

**gb.buttons.pressed** returns **true** once you pressed down that button. It will not return **true** until the button is released and then pressed again.

### Parameters

- Button button: the button to check

### Returns

bool: **true** if the button was pressed down just now

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    // check if A was pressed
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        // do something
    }
}
```

# Buttons.

## gb.buttons.released

### Description

```
bool gb.buttons.released( Button button )
```

**gb.buttons.released** returns **true** if the button has been released just now, else **false**.

### Parameters

- Button button: the button to check

### Returns

bool: **true** if the button was released just now

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    // check if the A button was released
    if (gb.buttons.released(BUTTON_A)) {
        // The button was released, handle it
    }
}
```

# Buttons.

## gb.buttons.held

### Description

```
bool gb.buttons.held( Button button , uint16_t time )
```

**gb.buttons.held** returns **true** once the button has been held for time amount of frames. It will not return **true** again until you release the button and hold it down again that long.

### Parameters

- Button button: the button to check
- uint16\_t time: the number of frames you need to hold that button down

### Returns

bool: **true** if the button has been hold down exactly time frames

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    // check if the A button was held down for 25 frames (one second)
    if (gb.buttons.held(BUTTON_A, 25)) {
        // handle it
    }
}
```

# Buttons.

## gb.buttons.repeat

### Description

```
bool gb.buttons.repeat( Button button , uint16_t period )
```

**gb.buttons.repeat** returns **true** if the button has been held down for period amount of frames, repetitively. A period of 0 will check if the button is pressed down in this instant

### Parameters

- Button button: button to check
- uint16\_t period: repetitive period the button needs to be held

### Returns

bool: **true** if the button has been held repetitive for period frames

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    // check if the A button is held right now
    if (gb.buttons.repeat(BUTTON_A, 0)) {
        // handle it
    }

    // check if the B button is held for 4 frames, repetitively
    if (gb.buttons.repeat(BUTTON_B, 4)) {
        // handle it
    }
}
```

# Buttons.

## gb.buttons.timeHeld

### Description

```
uint16_t gb.buttons.timeHeld( Button button )
```

**gb.buttons.timeHeld** returns the number of frames a button has been held down already, or **0xFFFF** if the button has just been released.

### Parameters

- Button button: the button to check

### Returns

uint16\_t: number of frames the button has been held down

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>
void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}
void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    //fetch how long the A button has been held down
    uint16_t time = gb.buttons.timeHeld(BUTTON_A);
    gb.display.println(time);
}
```

# Sound.

# Sound

## gb.sound.play

### Description

```
// wav file:  
int8_t gb.sound.play(  
    [const] char* filename  
    [, bool loop = false])  
  
// pattern:  
int8_t gb.sound.play(  
    [const] uint16_t* pattern  
    [, bool loop = false])  
  
// raw buffer:  
int8_t gb.sound.play(  
    [const] uint8_t* buffer  
    [, uint32_t length] [, bool loop = false])  
  
// custom handler:  
int8_t gb.sound.play(Sound_Handler* handler [, bool loop = false])
```

**gb.sound.play** will start playing sound from various sources. They return a track identifier or **-1** if failed (no available channel).

- **Wav file** Plays an 8-bit unsigned wav file with a bitrate of 44.1kHz (max. sound frequency of 22050Hz)
- **Pattern** Plays a pattern
- **Raw Buffer** Plays a raw unsigned 8-bit buffer. The length of the buffer is determined automatically. If that fails (as in, your program won't compile) manually specify the length.
- **Custom Handler** Play a custom sound handler

### Parameters

- (mixed) source: see above
- bool loop: if **true** the sound will loop over and over forever

### Returns

int8\_t: track identifier on success or **-1** on failure

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>  
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    while(!gb.update());  
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {  
        // let's play TEST.WAV from the sd card!  
        gb.sound.play("TEST.WAV");  
    }  
}
```

# Sound.

## gb.sound.tone

### Description

```
int8_t gb.sound.tone( uint32_t frequency [, int32_t duration = 0] )
```

**gb.sound.tone** plays a tone of a certain **frequency** for **duration** milliseconds. If duration is zero then it'll play indefinitely. It returns the track identifier or **-1** on failure

### Parameters

- **uint32\_t frequency**: frequency of the tone to play
- **int32\_t duration (optional)**: duration in milliseconds for the tone to play

### Returns

**int8\_t**: track identifier or **-1** on failure

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>
void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}
void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        //let's play a tone with a frequency of 10kHz for one second!
        gb.sound.tone(100000, 1000);
    }
}
```

# Sound.

## gb.sound.playOK

### Description

```
int8_t gb.sound.playOK()
```

**gb.sound.playOK** plays an "OK" sound and returns a track identifier, or **-1** on failure

### Parameters

none

### Returns

int8\_t: track identifier or **-1** on failure

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        //play the OK sound
        gb.sound.playOK();
    }
}
```

# Sound.

## gb.sound.playCancel

### Description

```
int8_t gb.sound.playCancel()
```

**gb.sound.playCancel** plays a "Cancel" sound and returns a track identifier, or **-1** on failure

### Parameters

none

### Returns

int8\_t: track identifier or **-1** on failure

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        //play the Cancel sound
        gb.sound.playCancel();
    }
}
```

# Sound.

## gb.sound.playTick

### Description

```
int8_t gb.sound.playTick()
```

**gb.sound.playTick** plays a "Tick" sound and returns a track identifier, or **-1** on failure

### Parameters

none

### Returns

int8\_t: track identifier or **-1** on failure

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        //play the Tick sound
        gb.sound.playTick();
    }
}
```

# Sound.

## gb.sound.isPlaying

### Description

```
bool gb.sound.isPlaying( int8_t trackIdentifier )
```

**gb.sound.isPlaying** returns **true** if the track identifier is playing

### Parameters

- `int8_t trackIdentifier`: track to check

### Returns

`bool`: **true** if the track is playing, otherwise **false**

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

int8_t track = -1;

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // check if the track is playing
    if (gb.sound.isPlaying(track)) {
        gb.display.println("Playing");
    }

    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        track = gb.sound.playOK();
    }
}
```

# Sound.

## gb.sound.stop

### Description

```
void gb.sound.stop( int8_t trackIdentifier )
```

**gb.sound.stop** will stop a given channel, as told via the track identifier.

### Parameters

- int8\_t trackIdentifier: track to stop

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

int8_t track = -1;
void setup() {
    gb.begin();
    track = gb.sound.play("TEST.WAV", true);
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        // stop our track
        gb.sound.stop(track);
    }
}
```

# Sound.

## gb.sound.getPos

### Description

```
uint32_t gb.sound.getPos( int8_t trackIdentifier )
```

**gb.sound.getPos** returns the position of a playing track, or **0xFFFFFFFF** on failure

### Parameters

- `int8_t trackIdentifier`: track to check

### Returns

`uint32_t`: position of the track playing, or **0xFFFFFFFF** if channel not found / not playing / not supporting this

### Example

N/A

# Sound.

## gb.sound.fx

### Description

```
void gb.sound.fx( const Sound_FX * const fx )
```

**gb.sound.fx** will start playing a specified sound effect. As it does so, if another sound effect is currently playing that one is stopped. Sound effects do not use up a channel for playing normal audio. The data itself can easily be created using [this tool](#).

If you want to know more about what a sound\_FX is composed of, check out [this tutorial](#).

### Parameters

- const Sound\_FX \* const fx: pointer to the sound pattern to play

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

// define your sound effect
const Gamebuino_Meta::Sound_FX my_sfx[] = {
    {Gamebuino_Meta::Sound_FX_Wave::NOISE, 1, 70, 0, 0, 240, 1},
    {Gamebuino_Meta::Sound_FX_Wave::SQUARE, 1, 0, 0, -3, 50, 5},
    {Gamebuino_Meta::Sound_FX_Wave::NOISE, 0, 70, 0, 0, 224, 1},
};

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());

    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
        // play the sound effect
        gb.sound.fx(my_sfx);
    }
}
```

# Save.

# Save.

## gb.save.config

### Description

```
void gb.save.config([uint16_t blocks,] const SaveDefaults* defaults [, uint16_t numDefaults])
```

**gb.save.config** will configure gb.save with defaults. You can also specify the number of blocks the savefile should have. The length of the defaults array is autodetermined, if possible. If it fails to compile specify the length manually.

### Parameters

- uint16\_t blocks (optional): number of blocks
- const SaveDefaults\* defaults: defaults array
- uint16\_t numDefaults (optional): number of defaults

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

const SaveDefaults defaults[] = {
    {0, SAVETYPE_INT, 9999, 0},
};

void setup() {
    gb.begin();

    // set the save defaults
    gb.save.config(defaults);
}

void loop() {
}
```

# Save.

## gb.save.get

### Description

```
//number:  
int32_t gb.save.get(uint16_t block)  
  
//buffer:  
void gb.save.get(uint16_t block, void* buffer, uint8_t buffersize)  
  
//object:  
void gb.save.get(uint16_t, T object)
```

**gb.save.get** gets a variable off of the savefile. This operation is slow!

- Number You just specify the block number and it returns the integer.
- Buffer You need to specify a pointer and the size of the buffer
- Object You can specify an arbitrary object which will get populated.

### Parameters

- uint16\_t block: saveblock to fetch
- for the others: see above

### Returns

see above

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>  
  
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
  
    // fetch a number  
    int32_t number = gb.save.get(0);  
  
    // fetch a buffer  
    uint8_t buffer[10];  
    gb.save.get(1, buffer, 10);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
}
```

# Save.

## gb.save.del

### Description

```
void gb.save.del(uint16_t block)
```

**gb.save.del** deletes a given block. This operation is slow!

## Parameters

- **uint16\_t** block: block to delete

## Returns

none

## Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();

    // delete block 0
    gb.save.del(0);
}

void loop() {
```

# GUI.

# GUI.

## gb.gui.keyboard

### Description

```
// strings:  
void gb.gui.keyboard(const char* title, char* text [, uint8_t length])  
  
// Multilang:  
void gb.gui.keyboard(const MultiLang* title, char* text [, uint8_t length]  
[, uint8_t numLang])
```

**gb.gui.keyboard** displays a keyboard in which you can enter a message. You can also provide a default text.

### Parameters

- const char\* | const MultiLang\* title: title which to display
- char\* text: this acts both as the default text and as the output buffer
- uint8\_t length (optional): the length in characters of the buffer, meaning if this is e.g. 12 your text buffer should be char[13] due to the added '\0'. If not provided, it is attempted to be autodetermined
- uint8\_t numLang (optional): number language entries for MultiLang title. If not provided, it is attempted to autodetermine it

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>  
  
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
  
    // ask the player for their favorite animal  
    char text[12] = "Foxies";  
    gb.gui.keyboard("Favorite Animal?", text);  
  
    gb.display.clear();  
    gb.display.println("You entered:");  
    gb.display.print(text);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    while(!gb.update());  
}
```

# GUI.

## gb.gui.menu

### Description

```
// strings:  
uint8_t gb.gui.menu(const char* title, const char** items [, uint8_t length])  
  
// Multilang:  
uint8_t gb.gui.menu(const MultiLang* title, const MultiLang** items [, uint8_t  
length, uint8_t numLang])
```

**gb.gui.menu** provides a nice graphical menu where you can pick items. It returns the index of the item that was picked by the user.

### Parameters

- const char\* | const MultiLang\* title: Title to display above the menu entries
- const char\*\* | const MultiLang\*\* items: Array of the items of the menu
- uint8\_t length (optional): amount of entries in the menu. If not specified, it is attempted to autodetermine it
- uint8\_t numLang (optional): number language entries for MultiLang things. If not specified, it is attempted to autodetermine it

### Returns

uint8\_t: index of the selected entry

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>  
const char* entries[] = {  
    "Pizza",  
    "Spaghetti",  
    "Noodles",  
    "Ice Cream",  
};  
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
  
    // display the menu  
    uint8_t entry = gb.gui.menu("Best food?", entries);  
  
    gb.display.clear();  
    gb.display.println("You picked:");  
    gb.display.print(entries[entry]);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    while(!gb.update());  
}
```

# GUI.

## gb.gui.popup

### Description

```
// strings:  
void gb.gui.popup(const char* text , uint8_t duration)  
  
// Multilang:  
void gb.gui.popup(const MultiLang* text , uint8_t duration [, uint8_t numLang])
```

**gb.gui.popup** displays a popup for *duration* frames. Please note that the popup only functions correctly if, during the entirety of its display time, the entire screen is been re-drawn each frame.

### Parameters

- const char\* | const MultiLang\* text: text content of the popup
- uint8\_t duration: Duration the popup is displayed (in frames)
- uint8\_t numLang (optional): number language entries for MultiLang text. If not provided, it is attempted to autodetermine it

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>  
  
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
}  
  
const MultiLang fox[] = {  
    {LANG_EN, "Fox"},  
    {LANG_DE, "Fuchs"},  
};  
  
void loop() {  
    while(!gb.update());  
    gb.display.fill(RED);  
  
    if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {  
        gb.gui.popup(fox, 50);  
    }  
}
```

# Language.

# Language.

## gb.language.get

### Description

```
const char* gb.language.get(const MultiLang* lang [, uint8_t length])
```

**gb.language.get** fetches the pointer off a MultiLang array "lang" and returns it.

### Parameters

- const MultiLang\* lang: multi-language array
- uint8\_t length (optional): length of the array

### Returns

const char\* - pointer to the localized string

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

const MultiLang[] lang_fox = {
    {LANG_EN, "fox"}, 
    {LANG_DE, "Fuchs"}, 
};

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // fetch the pointer for the string
    const char* fox = gb.language.get(lang_fox);

    gb.display.println(fox);
}
```

# Reference, DangerZone.

All these function should not be used as they are internal and might change with no backward compatibility. Use at your own risk.

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.getTimePerFrame

### Description

```
uint8_t gb.getTimePerFrame()
```

**gb.getTimePerFrame** returns how long each frame is displayed, in milliseconds.

So, for the default of 25 fps that would be 40 milliseconds ( $40 \times 25 = 1000$ )

### Parameters

none

### Returns

uint8\_t: milliseconds per frame

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.checkHomeMenu

### Description

```
void gb.checkHomeMenu()
```

**gb.checkHomeMenu** checks if the BUTTON\_HOME is pressed or our time is up recording and calls the home menu accordingly.

**Do not call this manually,** **gb.update** already does this for you.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.homeMenu

### Description

```
void gb.homeMenu()
```

**gb.homeMenu** opens the home menu, which allows you to adjust volume / change contrast / switch games etc.

**Do not call this manually,** **gb.checkHomeMenu** does this for you!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.changeGame

### Description

```
void gb.changeGame()
```

**gb.changeGame** triggers the loading of loader.bin off of the SD card, thus allowing you to load other games.

This function is automatically called in **gb.homeMenu** if the user selects that option, so you will probably not need this.

This function does not return, no code after this will execute!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    if (gb.update()) {
        if (gb.buttons.pressed(BUTTON_A)) {
            // trigger game changing
            gb.changeGame();
        }
    }
}
```

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.titleScreen

### Description

```
void gb.titleScreen()
```

**gb.titleScreen** displays the beginning title with a flashing "A to start". If you call this method manually you are probably doing something wrong! **gb.begin** calls it automatically on hard power-ons.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.updateDisplay

### Description

```
void gb.updateDisplay()
```

**gb.updateDisplay** draws gb.display onto gb.tft and thus updating the live display.

**Do not call this function yourself**, **gb.update** already does so for you.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();

    gb.display.clear();
    gb.display.println("Hello World");

    // now update the actual screen
    gb.updateDisplay();
}

void loop() {
```

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.buttons.begin

### Description

```
void gb.buttons.begin()
```

**gb.buttons.begin** initializes the buttons.

**Do not call this manually,** **gb.begin** does this for you!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.buttons.update

### Description

```
void gb.buttons.update()
```

**gb.buttons.update** updates the internal button state.

**Do not call this manually,** **gb.update** already does this for you!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.sound.startEfxOnly

### Description

```
void gb.sound.startEfxOnly()
```

**gb.sound.startEfxOnly** puts sound into effects-only mode. This is used internally for the home menu. I cannot think of any other use for this. So if you are using this for your game you are maybe doing something wrong....

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.sound.stopEfxOnly

### Description

```
void gb.sound.stopEfxOnly()
```

**gb.sound.stopEfxOnly** puts sound into normal mode. This is used internally for the home menu. I cannot think of any other use for this. So if you are using this for your game you are maybe doing something wrong...

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.sound.begin

### Description

```
void gb.sound.begin()
```

**gb.sound.begin** initializes sound stuff.

**Do not call this manually**, **gb.begin** does this for you!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.sound.mute

### Description

```
void gb.sound.mute()
```

**gb.sound.mute** will mute all sounds immediately.

If you use it, it is recommended to fetch the mute-state via **gb.sound.isMute** first, to know if you have to unmute or not.

If you are planning to add a simple mute/unmute switch to your game: Don't. You can already do that via the home menu!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.sound.unmute

### Description

```
void gb.sound.unmute()
```

**gb.sound.unmute** will unmute all sounds immediately.

If you use it, it is recommended to fetch the mute-state via **gb.sound.isMute** before mute-ing, to know if you have to unmute or not.

If you are planning to add a simple mute/unmute switch to your game: Don't. You can already do that via the home menu!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.sound.isMute

### Description

```
bool gb.sound.isMute()
```

**gb.sound.isMute** returns if the sound is currently muted.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

bool: is the sound muted?

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.sound.setVolume

### Description

```
void gb.sound.setVolume( uint8_t volume )
```

**gb.sound.setVolume** sets the current volume output. volume may be anything from 0 to 8.

If you are using this to have the user being able to set the output volume....don't. They can already do that via the home menu!

### Parameters

- `uint8_t volume`: volume to set to, **0-8**

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.sound.getVolume

### Description

```
uint8_t gb.sound.getVolume()
```

**gb.sound.getVolume** returns the current volume set.

If you are using this to have the user being able to set the output volume....don't. They can already do that via the home menu!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

uint8\_t: current volume set

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.language.setCurrentLang

### Description

```
void gb.language.setCurrentLang( LangCode code )
```

**gb.language.setCurrentLang** sets the current language.

If you are wanting to add to your game that the player can change the language....don't. They can already do so via loader.bin

This is used internally for the home menu. I cannot think of any other use for this. So if you are using this for your game you are maybe doing something wrong....

### Parameters

- LangCode code: the language code of the langauge to set to

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.language.getCurrentLang

### Description

```
LangCode gb.language.getCurrentLang()
```

**gb.language.getCurrentLang** fetches the currently set language code.

If you are wanting to add to your game that the player can change the language....don't. They can already do so via loader.bin

This is used internally for the home menu. I cannot think of any other use for this. So if you are using this for your game you are maybe doing something wrong....

### Parameters

none

### Returns

LangCode: current language code

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.language.\_get

### Description

```
const char* gb.language._get( const MultiLang* lang )
```

**gb.language.\_get** fetches the pointer off a MultiLang array "lang" and returns the correct one, according to the current language set. The length of the array is autodetermined, if not possible you will have to use **gb.language.get**.

As opposed to **gb.language.get** this isn't effected by config-gamebuino.h

"**LANGUAGE\_DEFAULT\_SIZE**"

You will typically not need to use this at all. If you are using this you are probably doing something wrong. This exists for internal library stuff.

### Parameters

- const MultiLang\* lang: multilang array

### Returns

const char\*: pointer to the correct string

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.bootloader.version

### Description

```
uint32_t gb.bootloader.version()
```

**gb.bootloader.version** returns the version of the bootloader. The uppermost 16-bit are major, the next 8 bit are minor and the last 8 bit are patch.

For example: bootloader 1.0.1 is 0x00010001

### Parameters

none

### Returns

uint32\_t: version

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.bootloader.game

### Description

```
void gb.bootloader.game( [const] char* filename)
```

**gb.bootloader.game** will flash a filename and load it.

This will load the file, regardless if it is a .bin or not!!!!

This function does not return

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.bootloader.loader

### Description

```
void gb.bootloader.loader()
```

**gb.bootloader.loader** loads the loader.

There are only very rare occasions to use this, you'll probably want to use [gb.changeGame](#) instead!

This function does not return!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.bootloader.enter

### Description

```
void gb.bootloader.enter()
```

**gb.bootloader.enter** will enter bootloader mode.

This function does not return.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.bootloader.enter

### Description

```
void gb.bootloader.enter()
```

**gb.bootloader.enter** will enter bootloader mode.

This function does not return.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.initB

### Description

```
void gb.tft.initB()
```

**gb.tft.initB** is the init process for ST7735B TFTs.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.initR

### Description

```
void gb.tft.initR(uint8_t options = INITR_GREENTAB)
```

**gb.tft.initR** initializes ST7735R TFTs.

### Parameters

- uint8\_t options: INITR\_GREENTAB, INITR\_144GREENTAB, INITR\_BLACKTAB

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.setAddrWindow

### Description

```
void gb.tft.setAddrWindow(uint8_t x0 , uint8_t y0 , uint8_t x1 , uint8_t y1)
```

**gb.tft.setAddrWindow** sets the current window where sent data will be drawn to.

### Parameters

- uint8\_t x0: from this x-address
- uint8\_t y0: from this y-address
- uint8\_t x1: to this x-address
- uint8\_t y1: to this y-address

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.pushColor

### Description

```
void gb.tft.pushColor(uint16_t c)
```

**gb.tft.pushColor** pushes two bytes, 16-bit, typically one color, to the screen (and thus typically one pixel).

### Parameters

- uint16\_t c: 16-bits to push (typically a color)

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.drawBuffer

### Description

```
void gb.tft.drawBuffer(int16_t x , int16_t y , uint16_t* buffer , uint16_t w ,  
uint16_t h)
```

**gb.tft.drawBuffer** draws a buffer at (x, y) with a width w and height h to the tft, using DMA to speed up the process.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the window
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the window
- uint16\_t\* buffer: buffer to send
- uint16\_t w: width of the window
- uint16\_t h: height of the window

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.sendBuffer

### Description

```
void gb.tft.sendBuffer(uint16_t* buffer , uint16_t n)
```

**gb.tft.sendBuffer** starts a DMA transaction to send a buffer of the size n. You have to check *extern bool Gamebuino\_Meta::transfer\_is\_done* to check if the transfer is done.

### Parameters

- `uint16_t*` buffer: buffer to send
- `uint16_t n`: size of the word-buffer (Important! NOT bytes!)

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.dataMode

### Description

```
void gb.tft.dataMode()
```

**gb.tft.dataMode** puts the TFT into data mode and selects it on the SPI bus

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.commandMode

### Description

```
void gb.tft.commandMode()
```

**gb.tft.commandMode** puts the TFT into command mode and selects it on the SPI bus

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.idleMode

### Description

```
void gb.tft.idleMode()
```

**gb.tft.idleMode** de-selects the TFT on the SPI bus

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.setRotation

### Description

```
void gb.tft.setRotation(uint8_t r)
```

**gb.tft.setRotation** sets the rotation the TFT is installed in.

### Parameters

- uint8\_t r: rotation direction (IDK which is which, look in the DS )

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Reference,DangerZone.

## gb.tft.invertDisplay

### Description

```
void gb.tft.invertDisplay(bool i)
```

**gb.tft.invertDisplay** will invert the colors of the display / set it to normal

### Parameters

- bool i: invert? **true** - yes

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics.

## Introduction

Graphic functions can be used on the display, lights or images.

For example `Graphics::fill()` fills with one color. You can do the following:

- `gb.display.fill()` to fill the display with one color.
- `gb.lights.fill()` to set all the lights to the same color.
- `myImage.fill()` to fill your Image with one color.

You can use graphic functions directly to the screen and bypass the `gb.display` buffer by using `gb.tft` (not advised!).

Entries with an asterix (\*) are not available for `gb.tft`.

# Related.

# Related.

## gb.createColor

### Description

```
Color gb.createColor(uint8_t red , uint8_t green , uint8_t blue)
```

**gb.createColor** creates a Color object value based on common RGB565 values.

### Parameters

- `uint8_t red`: proportion of red (min: 0, max: 255)
- `uint8_t green`: proportion of green (min: 0, max: 255)
- `uint8_t blue`: proportion of blue (min: 0, max: 255)

### Returns

Color: the RGB565 color which is closest to the one provided

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // create the color (#FFC526, some shade of orange)
    Color c = gb.createColor(255, 197, 38);
    gb.display.setColor(c);
    gb.display.println("Hello World");
}
```

# Related.

## Image tutorial

### General Idea

The general idea of images is to have one standard way of drawing graphics onto the screen, on the lights, or on other images.

An image can have multiple different resources (such as, SD card BMP file, flash array, or ram array). An Image can also have either the color mode RGB565 or be indexed.

On an Image itself you can draw lines, shape, text, and more importantly: other images! The `gb.display` itself is an image, meaning you can do all those actions with `gb.display`

Now, let's just pretend we'd already have an image...

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

Image myImg; // let's just pretend this was a correctly initialized image
// which it is not

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    // now we can draw the image to the display, at x=10 and y=0
    gb.display.drawImage(10, 0, myImg);
}
```

As you can see, drawing an image is pretty straight-forward.

### Image Sources

As already mentioned, there are different kind of image sources, which result in different constructors for the Image object.

#### RAM Image

```
Image( uint16_t width , uint16_t height [, ColorMode col = (RGB565||Index) ] , [ uint16_t frames =
1 [, uint8_t fl = 1 ]])
```

A RAM image is simply an image with a blank buffer in RAM. They are only two parameters needed to initialize it: the width and the height. Both are of type `uint16_t`.

The optional other parameters are explained below.

For example, `gb.display` is such a RAM image, and is, by default, initialized with `Image(80, 64)`

#### Flash Image

Now, if you want to save some assets, like sprites, in your game, you typically don't want to have them in RAM, so, you can save Images in Flash, too!

You don't have to code the images yourself, use the [Image to code converter!](#)

They are either a `uint8_t` array, or a `uint16_t` array. The first one is recommended to use for an indexed image, the second one for an rgb565 image. In the indexed case there is two pixels per byte. In the rgb565 case one pixel per two bytes, so one pixel per array entry.

Both have a header, which are slightly different:

For `uint8_t` data

```
<width>, <height>,
<frames-lower-8-bit>, <frames-upper-8-bit>,
<frame_loop>,
<transparent_color>,
<color_mode>,
```

For `uint16_t` data:

```
<width>, <height>,
<frames>,
<frame_loop>,
<transparent_color>,
<color_mode>,
```

For an `rgb565` image the color mode is `0`, for an indexed image it is `1`.

The transparent color is which color should be interpreted as transparent. In `rgb565` mode `0` is interpreted as no transparency, in indexed mode anything greater than `0x0F` is interpreted as no transparency. This means that, instead of like `0xAA` as transparent color you should just use `0x0A`, else it won't work.

Frames and Frame Loop are explained below.

So, for an indexed checkered-board you'd do

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>
const uint8_t myImgBuf[] = {
    8, 8, //width, height
    1, 0, //frames
    0, //frame loop
    0xFF, //transparent color
    1, //color mode

    0x07, 0x07, 0x07, 0x07,
    0x70, 0x70, 0x70, 0x70,
    0x07, 0x07, 0x07, 0x07,
```

```
0x70, 0x70, 0x70, 0x70,
0x07, 0x07, 0x07, 0x07,
0x70, 0x70, 0x70, 0x70,
0x07, 0x07, 0x07, 0x07,
0x70, 0x70, 0x70, 0x70,
};

Image myImg(myImgBuf);

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear(RED);

    // draw the image
    gb.display.drawImage(10, 10, myImg);
}
```

Or for a small RGB565 image you'd do

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

const uint16_t myImgBuf[] = {
    2, //width, height
    1, //frames
    0, //frame loop
    0, //transparent color
    0, //color mode

    0x1234, 0x2345,
    0x3456, 0x4567,
};

Image myImg(myImgBuf);

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw the image
    gb.display.drawImage(10, 10, myImg);
}
```

## SD Card Image

Lastly, you can also load assets right from the SD card, from BMP files! Please keep in mind that every SD-card image has to keep track of an internal RAM buffer, and thus your RAM can fill up quickly if using too many at once.

Supported are BMP files with 4-bit, 24-bit and 32-bit bitdepth.

4-bit-depth BMPs are converted to indexed images, according how the current palette of the gamebuino meta is. If exact matches aren't present, closest matches are being used.

24-bit-depth BMPs are converted to rgb565 images.

32-bit-depth BMPs are also converted to rgb565 images. The alpha channel is partly ignored: If a pixel is more than 50% transparent it will appear as a transparent pixel in the final image, else as a solid pixel.

You can create a BMP image like this:

```
Image myImg("PATH/TO/IMAGE.BMP");
```

It will automatically detect what kind of BMP is present and adapt accordingly

## Image Animations

Now that we discussed different image sources, let's talk about some other features these images have: Animations!

The idea is basically that you have, in your flash/RAM buffer, just multiple frames stacked. Or, with BMP image, have frames stacked vertically.

As explained above, you have different ways to specify the number of frames you have.

Frame Loop hereby is the animation speed, we'll just use 1 for now.

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

const uint8_t myAnimBuf[] = {
    8, 8, //width, height
    0x2A, 0x00, //let's just say the animation has 42 frames
    1, //frame loop
    0xFF, //no transparency
    1, //indexed image

    /* all the frames go here */
};

Image myAnim(myAnimBuf);

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // let's just draw the image
    gb.display.drawImage(0, 0, myAnim);
}
```

And, there you go, it automatically progresses to the next frame and loops the animation! As simple as that!

Now, let's say the animation is a tad too fast for you, and you only want to progress one animation frame every two gamebuino frames...that is what the **fl** (Frame Loop) parameter is there for! In the buffer you just set a different Frame Loop parameter, e.g. a value of **2** would only progress the animation every two frames.

## Example

Let's say you have this image (scaled up x4 for this tutorial for easier visibility):



As you can see, that will be a four-frame animation, we will be picking that pink background as transparent background. Using [this tool](#) we can convert our image to code (setting Number of frames to 4):



Now, at the point of writing this tutorial, that tool doesn't support a transparent color yet. The



And now we can just draw the image and it'll be animated! Here is the full example sketch:

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>
```

```
const uint16_t PlayerIdlingData[] = {16, 16, 4, 1, 0xf81f, 0, 0xf81f, 0xf81f,  
0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f,  
0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0x1063, 0xf81f, 0xf81f,  
0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0x1063, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f,  
0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f,  
0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0x4a49, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0x4a49, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f,  
0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f,  
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0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0x6d45, 0x1063, 0x1063, 0x6d45, 0x1063, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f, 0xf81f,
```



Image **PlayerIdling**(PlayerIdlingData);

```
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
}
```

```
void loop() {
```

```
while(!gb.update());
gb.display.clear(LIGHTBLUE);
gb.display.drawImage(5, 5, PlayerIdling);
}
```

Please note, while that does work with BMP spritesheets, that `setFrame` is slow with BMP images, and thus it is recommended to use a flash array.

## Image Cropping

You can also directly crop an image while drawing it, for that you just need to specify the `x`, `y`, `width` and `height` of the cropped image. Example, assuming that `myImage` is an image:

```
gb.display.drawImage(0, 0, myImage, 4, 4, 8, 8);
```

## Indexed Images

The default color Index is defined by the following table:

Index	Hex	Name
0	0x00	BLACK
1	0x01	DARK BLUE
2	0x02	PURPLE
3	0x03	GREEN
4	0x04	BROWN
5	0x05	DARK GRAY
6	0x06	GRAY
7	0x07	WHITE
8	0x08	RED
9	0x09	ORANGE
10	0x0A	YELLOW
11	0x0B	LIGHT GREEN
12	0x0C	LIGHT BLUE
13	0x0D	BLUE
14	0x0E	PINK
15	0x0F	BEIGE

You can change the palette by making your own array of the `Color[]` type. To do that, you use `gb.display.setPalette`:

```
// this is obviously a pretty trashy palette, but enough to show how things are working
Color myPalette[16] = {
    (Color)0x0000,
    (Color)0x0001,
    (Color)0x0002,
    (Color)0x0003,
    (Color)0x0004,
    (Color)0x0005,
    (Color)0x0006,
    (Color)0x0007,
    (Color)0x0008,
```

```

        (Color)0x0009,
        (Color)0x000A,
        (Color)0x000B,
        (Color)0x000C,
        (Color)0x000D,
        (Color)0x000E,
        (Color)0x000F,
    };

    // set the palette
    gb.display.setPalette(myPalette);

    // if the palette is in RAM you can, after setting, just modify one of the
    // entries
    myPalette[5] = (Color)0xFFFF;

    // draw stuff

    // reset back to default palette (only if you want to)
    gb.display.setPalette(Gamebuino_Meta::defaultColorPalette);

```

Now, the question is, when is the color palette been used? The answer is: when drawing an indexed image to an rgb565 image, or when sending an indexed image to the screen.

This means, if your gb.display buffer is rgb565 (which is default), you could just switch the palette between drawing sprites and you will have a more-than-16-color image to draw on the screen.

This does, however, mean that if gb.display is an indexed image, while drawing sprites the color index is completely ignored, the indexes are just directly mapped onto each other. You can still swap the palette before sending to the screen, though. With cycling colors you can achieve some old-school tricks like the flowing water effects.

Graphics,  
general.

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::drawImage

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawImage(
    int16_t x ,
    int16_t y ,
    Image img [,int16_t w2, int16_t h2])
void Graphics::drawImage(
    int16_t x,
    int16_t y,
    Image img, int16_t source_x, int16_t source_y, int16_t source_width,
int16_t source_height)
```

**Graphics::drawImage** draws an image to the display/light/other image etc. If the image is animated it automatically progresses the animation, based on the set parameters. You can also re-scale or crop the image if you want to.

Keep in mind that you cannot draw full-color images onto indexed images!

Read the [Image tutorial](#).

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate where to draw the image
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate where to draw the image
- Image img: the image to draw
- int16\_t w2 (optional): new width (for scaling)
- int16\_t h2 (optional): new height (for scaling)

### With source parameters:

- int16\_t source\_x: x-coordinate in source image where to begin drawing
- int16\_t source\_y: y-coordinate in source image where to begin drawing
- int16\_t source\_width: width in source image to what to crop to
- int16\_t source\_height: height in source image to what to crop to

### Returns

none

### Example

```

#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

// create red-yellow checkerboard image
const uint8_t imgBuffer[] = {
    8, 8,
    1, 0,
    0,
    0xFF,
    1,
    0x6A, 0x6A, 0x6A, 0x6A,
    0xA6, 0xA6, 0xA6, 0xA6,
    0x6A, 0x6A, 0x6A, 0x6A,
    0xA6, 0xA6, 0xA6, 0xA6,
    0x6A, 0x6A, 0x6A, 0x6A,
    0xA6, 0xA6, 0xA6, 0xA6,
    0x6A, 0x6A, 0x6A, 0x6A,
    0xA6, 0xA6, 0xA6, 0xA6,
};

Image img(imgBuffer);

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw the image onto the screen
    gb.display.drawImage(0, 0, img);

    // and now draw and upscale at the same time
    gb.display.drawImage(8, 0, img, img.width()2, img.height()2);

    // and now only draw the middle 4x4 part of the image
    gb.display.drawImage(16, 0, img, 2, 2, 4, 4);
}

```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::clear

### Description

```
void gb.display.clear()
void gb.display.clear(Color c)
void gb.display.clear(ColorIndex c)
void gb.display.clear(uint8_t color)
```

**gb.display.clear** erases the META screen, as its name suggests. In addition, you can specify the background color of the screen to erase it (default color is **BLACK**, which is equivalent to **0**).

### Parameters

- void | Color | ColorIndex | uint8\_t color: the background color to set to.

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    // initialize the Gamebuino object
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.display.println("Hello world");
}
```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::drawBitmap

This is a legacy function, you should prefer the brand new `gb.display.drawImage` function.

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawBitmap(int8_t x , int8_t y , const uint8_t* bitmap [, uint8_t rotation , uint8_t flip ])
```

**Graphics::drawBitmap** draws a monochrome bitmap to the display/image/whatever. Optionally you can also rotate and flip it.

### Parameters

- `int8_t x`: x-coordinate of the bitmap
- `int8_t y`: y-coordinate of the bitmap
- `const uint8_t* bitmap`: the bitmap itself
- `uint8_t rotation` (optional): rotation of the bitmap
- `uint8_t flip` (optional): in which direction(s) to flip the bitmap

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

// define a checkerbox bitmap
const uint8_t bitmap[] = {
    8, 8,
    0b01010101,
    0b10101010,
    0b01010101,
    0b10101010,
    0b01010101,
    0b10101010,
    0b01010101,
    0b10101010,
};

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw the checkered bitmap in yellow
    gb.display.setColor(YELLOW);
    gb.display.drawBitmap(0, 0, bitmap);
}
```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::drawPixel

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawPixel(int16_t x , int16_t y [, Color | ColorIndex color ])
```

**Graphics::drawPixel** will draw a pixel to the display/light/image, at x/y coordinates and with a certain color. If no color specified whatever is set via **Graphics::setColor** is used.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the pixel to set
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the pixel to set
- Color | ColorIndex color (optional): color of the pixel to set

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.lights.clear();

    // turn only the top-left pixel of the lights red
    gb.lights.drawPixel(0, 0, RED);

    // set a pixel of the display green
    gb.display.setColor(GREEN);
    gb.display.drawPixel(42, 42);
}
```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::getPixelColor (\*)

### Description

```
Color Image::getPixelColor(int16_t x , int16_t y)
```

[Image::getPixelColor](#) fetches the pixel at (x, y) as color, no matter if the image is indexed or not.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the pixel
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the pixel

### Returns

Color: color of the pixel

### Example

N/A

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::getPixelIndex (\*)

### Description

```
ColorIndex Image::getPixelIndex(int16_t x , int16_t y)
```

**Image::getPixelIndex** fetches the pixel at (x, y) as an indexed color. If there is no matching indexed color it'll find the closest match.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the pixel
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the pixel

### Returns

ColorIndex: indexed color (closest match)

### Example

N/A

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::fill

### Description

```
void Graphics::fill([ Color | ColorIndex color ])
```

**Graphics::fill** will fill the screen/image/lights with the specified color, or, if none given, use whatever was set via [Graphics::setColor](#).

### Parameters

- Color | ColorIndex color (optional): color to fill the screen with

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.lights.clear();

    // turn the display red
    gb.display.fill(RED);

    // make all lights green
    gb.lights.fill(GREEN);
}
```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::clear

### Description

```
void Graphics::clear([ Color | ColorIndex bgcolor ])
```

**Graphics::clear** will clear the screen (by default **BLACK**, custom color can be specified), reset the cursor and the font.

### Parameters

- Color|ColorIndex bgcolor (optional): color to fill the screen with

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    // clear the screen
    gb.display.clear();

    // clear the lights
    gb.light.clear();

    gb.display.println("Hello World!");
}
```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::clearTextVars

### Description

```
void Graphics::clearTextVars()
```

**Graphics::clearTextVars** will reset the cursor, the font etc. This function is automatically invoked when calling **Graphics::clear**. It makes sense to use this if you are working with a persistent screen.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::setColor

### Description

```
void Graphics::setColor(Color | ColorIndex | uint8_t color [, Color |  
ColorIndex | uint8_t bgColor ])  
void Graphics::setColor(uint8_t r , uint8_t g , uint8_t b)
```

**Graphics::setColor** will set the current drawing color. You can also specify a background color. If none is specified the background color will be transparent. This is used for things like drawing text, setting pixels etc. You can also specify your own RGB values you want to use.

IMPORTANT!!! Colors are *static*, meaning that if you change the color on gb.light it will also change on gb.display etc.!

### Parameters

- Color | ColorIndex | uint8\_t color: the color to set to
- Color | ColorIndex | uint8\_t gColor (optional): the background color to set to.
- Instead of the above: uint8\_t r, g, b the RGB values of the color to set to.
- You can use the following default colors. For more info see [Color Palettes](#).

WHITE  
GRAY  
DARKGRAY  
BLACK  
PURPLE  
PINK  
RED  
ORANGE

BROWN  
BEIGE  
YELLOW  
LIGHTGREEN  
GREEN  
DARKBLUE  
BLUE  
LIGHTBLUE

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>  
  
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
}  
void loop() {  
    while(!gb.update());  
    gb.clear();  
    // set the color to draw  
    gb.display.setColor(RED);  
    gb.display.println("Red text");  
}
```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::setTransparentColor

### Description

```
void Graphics::setTransparentColor(Color | ColorIndex c)
```

**Graphics::setTransparentColor** will set the transparent color, so which color will act transparent when using [Graphics::drawImage](#).

By default, Images don't have a transparent color.

The transparent color is set per Image, so you can have different transparent colors set on different images.

After you set a transparent color, you can clear it with [clearTransparentColor](#).

It's advised to use this function in [setup\(\)](#).

### Parameters

- Color | ColorIndex c: color to be transparent

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::clearTransparentColor

### Description

```
void Graphics::clearTransparentColor()
```

**Graphics::clearTransparentColor** will clear the currently set transparent color, so that no color is transparent.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::getBitmapPixel

### Description

```
bool Graphics::getBitmapPixel(const uint8_t* bitmap , uint8_t x , uint8_t y)
```

**Graphics::getBitmapPixel** returns **true** if a pixel at (x, y) is set in the bitmap, otherwise **false**.

### Parameters

- const uint8\_t\* bitmap: the bitmap to inspect
- uint8\_t x: x-coordinate within the bitmap
- uint8\_t y: y-coordinate within the bitmap

### Returns

bool: **true** if pixel is set, **false** otherwise

### Example

N/A

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::height

### Description

```
int16_t Graphics::height()
```

**Graphics::height** returns the height of the display / image / light / whatever

### Parameters

none

### Returns

int16\_t: height

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // print the screen height
    gb.display.print("Screen height:");
    gb.display.println(gb.display.height());

    // print the light height
    gb.display.print("Light height:");
    gb.display.println(gb.lights.height());
}
```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::width

### Description

```
int16_t Graphics::width()
```

**Graphics::width** returns the width of the display / image / light / whatever

### Parameters

none

### Returns

int16\_t: width

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // print the screen width
    gb.display.print("Screen width:");
    gb.display.println(gb.display.width());

    // print the light width
    gb.display.print("Light width:");
    gb.display.println(gb.light.width());
}
```

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::setPalette

### Description

```
void Graphics::setPalette([const] Color * p)
```

**Graphics::setPalette** sets the current color palette in use. Please keep in mind that the palette is expected to have 16 entries.

### Parameters

- [ const ] Color \* p: pointer to the palette to use

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics, general.

## Graphics::getPalette

### Description

```
Color* Graphics::getPalette()
```

**Graphics::getPalette** returns a pointer to the palette currently in use.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

Color\* : pointer to the palette currently in use

### Example

N/A

# Text.

# Text.

## Print::print

### Description

```
size_t Print::print(T text [, int base = DEC])
```

**Print::print** will print stuff to the screen/image/whatever. That stuff can be a string, or a number. If it is a number you can also specify in which base to print it.

### Parameters

- T text: stuff to print
- int base (optional): base to print in. Possible values are DEC, HEX, BIN

### Returns

size\_t: number of characters printed

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // print "Hello World" to the screen
    gb.display.print("Hello World");

    // print 42 in hexadecimal
    gb.display.print(42, HEX);
}
```

# Text.

## Print::println

### Description

```
size_t Print::println(T text [, int base = DEC])
```

**Print::println** will print stuff to the screen/image/whatever, followed by a line break. That stuff can be a string, or a number. If it is a number you can also specify in which base to print it.

### Parameters

- T text: stuff to print
- int base (optional): base to print in. Possible values are DEC, HEX, BIN

### Returns

size\_t: number of characters printed

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // print "Hello World" to the screen
    gb.display.println("Hello World");

    // print 42 in hexadecimal
    gb.display.println(42, HEX);
}
```

# Text.

## Print::printf

### Description

```
void Print::printf(const char[]text, ...)
```

**Print::printf** prints a formatted string to the screen / display / whatever. You can find information on how printf is working over [here](#). Keep in mind that this version doesn't have floating point support.

### Parameters

- const char[] text: text to format

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // print formatted text
    gb.display.printf("I have %d apples.", 42);
}
```

# Text.

## Graphics::drawChar

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawChar(int16_t x, int16_t y, unsigned char c, uint8_t size)
```

**Graphics::drawChar** draws a character at (x, y) to the screen with a certain size.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-position of the character
- int16\_t y: y-position of the character
- unsigned char c: character to draw
- uint8\_t size: size of the character

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Text.

## Graphics::setFontSize

### Description

```
void Graphics::setFontSize(uint8_t size)
```

**Graphics::setFontSize** sets the size of the font being drawn.

### Parameters

- uint8\_t size: size of the font (1 being smallest, 2 being double etc.)

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // set the font size to double
    gb.display.setFontSize(2);

    gb.display.println("Hello World");
}
```

# Text.

## Graphics::setTextWrap

### Description

```
void Graphics::setTextWrap(bool wrap)
```

**Graphics::setTextWrap** will set if the text will automatically wrap around if the end of the screen is reached.

### Parameters

- bool wrap: enable wrap? **true** - yes, **false** - no

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Text.

## Graphics::setFont

### Description

```
void Graphics::setFont(const GFXfont* | const uint8_t* font)
```

**Graphics::setFont** allows you to set a different font. By default the 3x5 pixel font is used.

### Parameters

- const GFXfont\* | const uint8\_t\* font: the font to use

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Text.

## Graphics::setCursor

### Description

```
void Graphics::setCursor(int16_t x , int16_t y)
```

**Graphics::setCursor** sets both the x-position and the y-position of the text cursors at the same time.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-position of the text cursors
- int16\_t y: y-position of the text cursors

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // set the text cursors
    gb.display.setCursor(10, 10);

    gb.display.println("Hello World");
}
```

# Text.

## Graphics::setCursorX

### Description

```
void Graphics::setCursorX(int16_t x)
```

**Graphics::setCursorX** will set the x-position of the text cursor.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-position of the cursor

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // set the x-cursor to something else
    gb.display.setCursorX(10);

    gb.display.println("Hello World");
}
```

# Text.

## Graphics::setCursorY

### Description

```
void Graphics::setCursorY(int16_t y)
```

**Graphics::setCursorY** will set the y-position of the text cursor.

### Parameters

- int16\_t y: y-position of the cursor

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // set the y-cursor to something else
    gb.display.setCursorY(10);

    gb.display.println("Hello World");
}
```

# Text.

## Graphics::getTextBounds

gets minimal rectangle needed for text to render.

Maybe major re-write if we drop the gfxFont stuff since we only use our uint8\_t\* fonts and thus it would be way smaller&faster?

# Text.

## Graphics::getCursorX

### Description

```
int16_t Graphics::getCursorX()
```

**Graphics::getCursorX** returns the current x-position of the cursor.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

int16\_t: x-position of the cursor

### Example

N/A

# Text.

## Graphics::getCursorY

### Description

```
int16_t Graphics::getCursorY()
```

**Graphics::getCursorY** returns the current y-position of the text cursor.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

int16\_t: current y-position of the text cursor

### Example

N/A

# Text.

## Graphics::getWidth

### Description

```
uint8_t Graphics::getWidth()
```

**Graphics::getWidth** returns the width of the current font.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

uint8\_t: font width

### Example

N/A

# Text.

## Graphics::getFontHeight

### Description

```
uint8_t Graphics::getFontHeight()
```

**Graphics::getFontHeight** returns the height of the currently loaded font.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

uint8\_t: font height

### Example

N/A

# Shapes.

# Shapes.

## Graphics::drawLine

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawLine(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t x1, int16_t y1)
```

**Graphics::drawLine** will draw a line from (x0, y0) to (x1, y1).

### Parameters

- int16\_t x0: x0 of the line to draw
- int16\_t y0: y0 of the line to draw
- int16\_t x1: x1 of the line to draw
- int16\_t y1: y1 of the line to draw

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // let's draw a green diagonal line
    gb.display.setColor(GREEN);
    gb.display.drawLine(0, 0, gb.display.width() - 1, gb.display.height() - 1);
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::drawFastVLine

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawFastVLine(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t h)
```

**Graphics::drawFastVLine** draws a horizontal line, starting at (x, y) and with a certain height.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate to start
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate to start
- int16\_t h: height of the vertical line

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();
    gb.light.clear();

    // draw a border on the left of the screen in green
    gb.display.setColor(GREEN);
    gb.display.drawFastVLine(0, 0, gb.display.height());

    // make all the LEDs on the right red
    gb.light.setColor(RED);
    gb.light.drawFastVLine(1, 0, gb.light.height());
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::drawFastHLine

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawFastHLine(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t w)
```

**Graphics::drawFastHLine** draws a horizontal line with a certain width starting at (x, y)

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate to start
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate to start
- int16\_t w: width of the horizontal line

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // make the first row of pixels on the display yellow
    gb.display.setColor(YELLOW);
    gb.display.drawFastHLine(0, 0, gb.display.width());
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::drawRect

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawRect(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t w, int16_t h)
```

**Graphics::drawRect** draws a rectangle (outline only!) from (x, y) with a certain width and height.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the rectangle
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the rectangle
- int16\_t w: width of the rectangle
- int16\_t h: height of the rectangle

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw a yellow frame around the entire screen
    gb.display.setColor(YELLOW);
    gb.display.drawRect(0, 0, gb.display.width(), gb.display.height());
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::fillRect

### Description

```
void Graphics::fillRect(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t w, int16_t h)
```

**Graphics::fillRect** draws a filled rectangle to the screen/image/whatever, starting from (x, y) and with a certain width and height.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the rectangle
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the rectangle
- int16\_t w: width of the rectangle
- int16\_t h: height of the rectangle

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw a green rectangle
    gb.display.setColor(GREEN);
    gb.display.fillRect(10, 10, 20, 5);
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::drawCircle

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawCircle(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t r)
```

**Graphics::drawCircle** draws a circle (line only!) around (x, y) with a radius of r.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the center
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the center
- int16\_t r: radius

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw a red circle
    gb.display.setColor(RED);
    gb.display.drawCircle(15, 15, 10);
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::fillCircle

### Description

```
void Graphics::fillCircle(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t r)
```

**Graphics::fillCircle** draws a filled circle around (x, y) with a radius of r.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the center
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the center
- int16\_t r: radius

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw a red circle
    gb.display.setColor(RED);
    gb.display.fillCircle(15, 15, 10);
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::drawTriangle

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawTriangle(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t x1, int16_t y1,  
int16_t x2, int16_t y2)
```

**Graphics::drawTriangle** draws a triangle (line only) between three points, (x0, y0), (x1, y1) and (x2, y2).

### Parameters

- int16\_t x0: x-coordinate of 0th point
- int16\_t y0: y-coordinate of 0th point
- int16\_t x1: x-coordinate of 1st point
- int16\_t y1: y-coordinate of 1st point
- int16\_t x2: x-coordinate of 2nd point
- int16\_t y2: y-coordinate of 2nd point

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>  
  
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    while(!gb.update());  
    gb.display.clear();  
  
    // draw a green triangle  
    gb.display.setColor(GREEN);  
    gb.display.drawTriangle(0, 10, 10, 0, 20, 10);  
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::fillTriangle

### Description

```
void Graphics::fillTriangle(int16_t x0, int16_t y0, int16_t x1, int16_t y1,  
int16_t x2, int16_t y2)
```

**Graphics::fillTriangle** draws a filled triangle between three points, (x0, y0), (x1, y1) and (x2, y2).

### Parameters

- int16\_t x0: x-coordinate of 0th point
- int16\_t y0: y-coordinate of 0th point
- int16\_t x1: x-coordinate of 1st point
- int16\_t y1: y-coordinate of 1st point
- int16\_t x2: x-coordinate of 2nd point
- int16\_t y2: y-coordinate of 2nd point

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>  
  
void setup() {  
    gb.begin();  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    while(!gb.update());  
    gb.display.clear();  
  
    // draw a green triangle  
    gb.display.setColor(GREEN);  
    gb.display.fillTriangle(0, 10, 10, 0, 20, 10);  
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::drawRoundRect

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawRoundRect(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t w, int16_t h,  
int16_t r)
```

**Graphics::drawRoundRect** draws a rectangle at (x, y) with width w and height h whose corners are rounded with the radius r.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the rectangle
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the rectangle
- int16\_t w: width of the rectangle
- int16\_t h: height of the rectangle
- int16\_t r: radius of the corners

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw a yellow rectangle with round corners
    gb.display.setColor(YELLOW);
    gb.display.drawRoundRect(5, 5, 42, 20, 5);
}
```

# Shapes.

## Graphics::fillRoundRect

### Description

```
void Graphics::fillRoundRect(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t w, int16_t h,  
int16_t r)
```

**Graphics::fillRoundRect** draws a filled rectangle at (x, y) with width w and height h whose corners are rounded with the radius r.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the rectangle
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the rectangle
- int16\_t w: width of the rectangle
- int16\_t h: height of the rectangle
- int16\_t r: radius of the corners

### Returns

none

### Example

```
#include <Gamebuino-Meta.h>

void setup() {
    gb.begin();
}

void loop() {
    while(!gb.update());
    gb.display.clear();

    // draw a yellow rectangle with round corners
    gb.display.setColor(YELLOW);
    gb.display.fillRoundRect(5, 5, 42, 20, 5);
}
```

# Frame Handling.

# Frame Handling.

## Image::setFrame (\*)

### Description

```
void Image::setFrame(uint16_t frame)
```

**Image::setFrame** will set the frame of the image to the specified frame, or to the last one if frame is larger than the amount of frames.

### Parameters

- uint16\_t frame: frame number

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Saving.

# Saving.

## Image::startRecording (\*)

### Description

```
bool Image::startRecording(char* filename)
```

**Image::startRecording** starts to record (animation) the image. The output file needs to be either a BMP file or a GMV file. In case of a BMP file the GMV is auto-converted to BMP upon stopping.

### Parameters

- char\* filename: filename to record to

### Returns

bool: **true** on success, **false** on failure

### Example

N/A

# Saving.

## Image::stopRecording (\*)

### Description

```
void Image::stopRecording([bool output = false])
```

**Image::stopRecording** stops the recording of a currently recorded image. If output is set to **true** progress about the BMP conversion is displayed on-screen.

### Parameters

- bool output (optional): display progress about conversion?

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Saving.

## Image::save (\*)

### Description

```
bool Image::save(char* filename)
```

**Image::save** saves the current state of an image to a BMP or a GMV to the sd card.

### Parameters

- char\* filename: filename to save to

### Returns

bool: **true** on success, **false** on failure

### Example

N/A

Graphics,  
DangerZone.

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::\_drawPixel

### Description

```
void Graphics::_drawPixel(int16_t x , int16_t y)
```

[Graphics::\\_drawPixel](#) will draw a pixel with the currently set color via [Graphics::setColor](#).

Whichever class inherits from *Graphics* will have to implement this!

Do not call this in your game! If you are using this, you are probably doing something wrong !

You are probably looking for [Graphics::drawPixel](#) instead.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the pixel to draw
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the pixel to draw

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Image::getPixel (\*)

### Description

```
uint16_t Image::getPixel(int16_t x , int16_t y)
```

[Image::getPixel](#) returns the pixel color at (x, y), however you have to figure out yourself if it is an indexed color or an rgb565 color! It is highly adviced to use [Image::getPixelColor](#) or [Image::getPixelIndex](#) instead!

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of the pixel
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of the pixel

### Returns

uint16\_t: raw pixel color

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::drawBufferedLine

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawBufferedLine(int16_t x, int16_t y, int16_t* buffer ,  
uint16_t w , Image& img)
```

**Graphics::drawBufferedLine** will render the buffered line onto the specified graphics object.

The class inheriting from *Graphics* will have to implement this. Whoever is calling this has to make sure that the buffer is set correctly (rgb565 vs indexed).

If you are using this in your game you are probably doing something wrong!

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-offset of the buffer to draw
- int16\_t y: y-offset of the buffer to draw
- uint16\_t\* buffer: pointer to the buffer to draw
- uint16\_t w: width of the buffer to draw
- Image& img: calling image (can be used for transparency detection)

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::drawImageCrop

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawImageCrop(int16_t x , int16_t y , int16_t w1 , int16_t i2offset , int16_t w2cropped , int16_t j2offset , int16_t h2cropped , Image img)
```

**Graphics::drawImageCrop** performs the actual drawing, with cropping stuff. This function is used internally, please use [Graphics::drawImage](#) if you want to draw an image.

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-position where to draw
- int16\_t y: y-position where to draw
- int16\_t w1: width of destination image
- int16\_t i2offset: offset of i-counter
- int16\_t w2cropped: cropped width
- int16\_t j2offset: offset of j-counter
- int16\_t h2cropped: cropped height
- Image img: image to draw

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::\_fill

### Description

```
void Graphics::_fill()
```

**Graphics::\_fill** fills the screen with a certain color. This function is used internally. If you are using this, you are probably doing something wrong! You are probably looking for **Graphics::fill** instead!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::invertDisplay

inverts display, probably obsolete

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::drawCircleHelper

### Description

```
void Graphics::drawCircleHelper(int16_t x , int16_t y , int16_t r , uint8_t corner)
```

**Graphics::drawCircleHelper** is a helper function to draw partial circles. If you are using this function in your game then you are probably doing something wrong!

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of circle center
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of circle center
- int16\_t r: radius of circle
- uint8\_t corner: corner to draw, bitwise (you can draw multiple at once)

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::fillCircleHelper

### Description

```
void Graphics::fillCircleHelper(int16_t x , int16_t y , int16_t r , uint8_t corner , int16_t delta)
```

**Graphics::fillCircleHelper** is a helper function to draw partial filled circles. If you are using this function in your game then you are probably doing something wrong!

### Parameters

- int16\_t x: x-coordinate of circle center
- int16\_t y: y-coordinate of circle center
- int16\_t r: radius of circle
- uint8\_t corner: corner to draw, bitwise (you can draw multiple at once)
- int16\_t delta: ?

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::setTmpColor

### Description

```
Color setTmpColor(Color | ColorIndex c)
```

**Graphics::setTmpColor** sets the color c and returns the previously set color, casted to Color no matter if index or not, for easy restore. The function is used internally! If you are using it for your game you are probably doing something wrong!

### Parameters

- Color | ColorIndex c: color to set

### Returns

Color: previous color, casted for easy restore

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::setRotation

sets rotation. probably obsolete

**Graphics,DangerZone.**

**Graphics::cp437**

cp437 stuff (offset on that one char for compatibility with a font we don't use anyways)

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::indexTo565

### Description

```
void Graphics::indexTo565(uint16_t* dest , uint8_t* src , Color* index ,  
uint16_t length , bool skipFirst)
```

**Graphics::indexTo565** converts an indexed buffer to an RGB565 buffer. This function is used internally, if you are using it in your game you are probably doing something wrong!

### Parameters

- `uint16_t*` dest: destination buffer
- `uint8_t*` src: source buffer
- `Color*` index: color index to use (note to sorunome: why do you even need this? Don't you have it anyways in the static property?)
- `uint16_t` length: length in pixels
- `bool skipFirst`: should we skip the first pixel (and thus nibble) in the src buffer?

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::rgb565ToIndex

### Description

```
ColorIndex Graphics::rgb565ToIndex(Color rgb)
```

**Graphics::rgb565ToIndex** converts a single rgb color into an indexed color, by closest match.

### Parameters

- Color rgb: color to convert

### Returns

ColorIndex: closest matching indexed color

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::write

### Description

```
size_t Graphics::write(uint8_t c)
```

**Graphics::write** writes a single character and updates the text cursors accordingly. This function is used internally, if you are using it you are probably doing something wrong!

### Parameters

- uint8\_t c: character code of the character to write

### Returns

size\_t: number of characters written, 1

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Graphics::getRotation

gets rotation of the screen - obsolete and should be removed maybe?

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Image::nextFrame (\*)

### Description

```
void Image::nextFrame()
```

**Image::nextFrame** will advance the frame of your image, so typically your animation, by one frame. This performs the checks for if the frames needs advancement etc. and is automatically invoked when calling **Graphics::drawImage**, so there is no need for you to call it in your game manually.

### Parameters

none

### Returns

none

### Example

N/A

# Graphics,DangerZone.

## Image::getBufferSize (\*)

### Description

```
uint16_t Image::getBufferSize()
```

**Image::getBufferSize** returns the size the buffer should have, based on width/height and the image type. This function is used internally, if you are using it in your game you are probably doing something wrong!

### Parameters

none

### Returns

uint16\_t: buffer size in bytes

### Example

N/A

# Color Palettes.

# Color Palettes.

## Official default palette

### Why is it important to use the default palette?

- We spent lot of time fine tuning this palette to get the perfect blend of colors.
- You can't really go wrong with these colors.
- This will give the Gamebuino games a consistent look.
- They are not garish nor not dull and all different.
- This is a pretty versatile palette, you should be able to do any kind of games with it.
- They are the default colors used in indexed mode.

**Note:** You don't have to use the HEX/RGB values in your program, see [gb.display.setColor](#)



Mockups by  
& Erico, updated

Drakker, Adeko  
with the new

palette

## Table of constants

		R8	G8	B8	HEX888	HEX565	HEX
	WHITE	255	255	255	#FFFFFF	0xFFFF	0x07
	GRAY	168	153	135	#A89987	0xACD0	0x06
	DARKGRAY	84	77	67	#544D43	0x5268	0x05
	BLACK	0	0	0	#000000	0x0000	0x00
	PURPLE	150	0	64	#960040	0x9008	0x02
	MAGENTA	207	68	133	#CF4485	0xCA30	0x0E
	RED	219	29	35	#DB1D23	0xD8E4	0x08
	ORANGE	255	168	17	#FFA811	0xFD42	0x09
	BROWN	207	142	68	#CF8E44	0xCC68	0x04
	BEIGE	255	214	144	#FFD690	0xFEB2	0x0F
	YELLOW	245	231	0	#F5E700	0xF720	0x0A
	LIGHTGREEN	133	207	68	#85CF44	0x8668	0x0B
	GREEN	0	139	80	#008B50	0x044A	0x03
	DARKBLUE	0	67	133	#004385	0x0210	0x01
	BLUE	68	133	207	#4485CF	0x4439	0x0D
	LIGHTBLUE	125	187	255	#7DBBFF	0x7DDF	0x0C

All informations about Color Palettes are on the [official website](#).

# Arduino Cheat.

# Arduino Cheat

## Arduino Cheat list<sup>1</sup>

### Structure

```
void setup() void loop()
```

### Control Structures

```
if (x<5){} else{}  
switch (myvar){  
    case 1 :  
        break;  
    case 2:  
        break;  
    default:  
}  
for (int i=0; i <= 255; i++){}  
while (x<5){  
do{} while (x<5);  
continue; //Go to next in  
do/for/while loop  
return x; // Or 'return;' for voids.  
goto // considered harmful :-)
```

### Further Syntax

```
// (single line comment)  
/* (multi-line comment) */  
#define DOZEN 12 //Not baker's!  
#include <avr/pgmspace.h>
```

### General Operators

```
= (assignment operator)  
+ (addition) - (subtraction)  
" (multiplication) / (division)  
% (modulo)  
== (equal to) != (not equal to)  
< (less than) > (greater than)  
<= (less than or equal to)  
>= (greater than or equal to)  
&& (and) || (or) ! (not)
```

### Pointer Access

```
& reference operator  
* dereference operator
```

### Bitwise Operators

```
& (bitwise and) | (bitwise or)  
^ (bitwise xor) ~ (bitwise not)  
<< (bitshift left) >> (bitshift right)
```

### Compound Operators

```
++ (increment) -- (decrement)  
+= (compound addition)  
-= (compound subtraction)  
*= (compound multiplication)  
/= (compound division)  
&=: (compound bitwise and)  
|= (compound bitwise or)
```

### Constants

```
HIGH | LOW  
INPUT | OUTPUT  
true | false  
143 // Decimal number  
0173 // Octal number  
0b11011111 //Binary  
0x7B // Hex number  
7U // Force unsigned  
10L // Force long  
15UL // Force long unsigned  
10.0 // Forces floating point  
2.4e5 // 240000
```

### Data Types

```
void  
boolean (0, 1, false, true)  
char (e.g. 'a' -128 to 127)  
unsigned char (0 to 255)  
byte (0 to 255)  
int (-32,768 to 32,767)  
unsigned Int (0 to 65535)  
word (0 to 655word (010 65535)  
long (-2,147,483,648 to  
2,147,483,647)  
unsigned long (010 4,294,967,295)  
float (-3.4028235E+38 to  
3.4028235E+38)  
double (currently same as float)  
sizeof(myint) // returns 2 bytes
```

### Strings

```
char S1 [15];  
char S2[8]={'a','r','d','u','i','n','o'};  
char S3[8]={'a','r','d','U','i','n','O','\0'};  
//Included \0 null termination  
char S4[ ] = "arduino";  
char $5[8] = "arduino";  
char S6[15] = "arduino";
```

### Arrays

```
int myInts[6];  
int myPins[] = {2, 4, 8, 3, 6};  
int mySensVals[6] = {2, 4, -8, 3, 2};
```

### Conversion

```
char() byte()  
int() word()  
long() float()
```

<sup>1</sup> This chapter is based on the [ARDUINO CHEAT SHEET](#). Content for this Cheat Sheet provided by Gavin from Robots and Dinosaurs. For more information visit: [htth/arduino.cc/en/FleferenceExtended](http://arduino.cc/en/FleferenceExtended)

### Qualifiers

```
static // persists between calls  
volatile // use RAM (nice for ISR)  
const // make read-only  
PROGMEM // use flash
```

### Digital I/O

```
pinMode(pin, [INPUT,OUTPUT])  
digitalWrite(pin, value)  
int digitalRead(pin)  
//Write High to inputs to use pull-up res
```

### Analog I/O

```
analogReference([DEFAULT,  
INTERNAL,EXTERNAL])  
int analogRead(pin) //Call twice if  
switching pins from high Z source.  
analogWrite(pin, value) // PWM
```

### Advanced I/O

```
tone(pin, freqhz)  
tone(pin, freqhz ,dura1i0n_ms)  
noTone(pin)  
shiftOut(dataPin, clockPin,  
[MSBFIRST,LSBFIRST], value)  
unsigned long pulseIn(pin,[HIGH,LOW])
```

### Time

```
unsigned long millis() // 50 days overflow.  
unsigned lorg microso // 70 min overflow  
delay(ms)  
delayMicroseconds(us)
```

### Math

```
min(x, y) max(x, y) abs(x)  
constrain(x, minval, maxval)  
map(val, fromL, fromH, toL, 10H)  
pow(base, exponent) sqrt(x)  
sin(rad) cos(rad) tan(rad)
```

### Random Numbers

```
randomSeed(seed) // Long or int  
long random(max)  
long random(min, max)
```

### Bits and Bytes

```
lowByte()  
highByteO  
bltRead(x,bitn)  
bitWrite(x,bi1n,bit)  
bitSet(x,bitn)  
bltClear(x,bitn)  
bit(bitn) llbitn: 0-LSB 7-MSB
```

### External Interrupts

```
attachInterrupt(interrupt, function,  
[LOW,CHANGE,RISING,FALLING])  
detachInterrupt(interrupt)  
interrupts()  
noInterrupts()
```

### Serial.

```
begin([300, 1200, 2400, 4800,  
9600,14400, 19200, 28800, 38400,  
57600,11 5200])  
end()  
int available()  
int read()  
flush()  
print()  
println()  
write()
```

### EEPROM (#include <EEPROM.h>)

```
byte read(intAddr)  
write(intAddr,myByle)
```

### Servo (#include <Servo.h>)

```
attach(pin , [min_uS, max_uS])  
write(angle) // 0-180  
writeMicroseconds(uS) //1000-  
2000,1500 is midpoint  
read() // 0-180  
attached() //Returns boolean  
detach()
```

### SoftwareSerial(RxPin,TxPin)

```
// #include<SoftwareSerial.h>  
begin(longSpeed) // up to 9600  
char read() ll blocks till data  
print(myData) or println(myData)
```

### Wire (#include <Wire.h>) // For I2C

```
begin() // Join as master  
begin(addr) // Join as slave @ addr  
requestFrom(address, count)  
beginTransmission(addr) // Step 1  
send(mybyte) // Step 2  
send(char ' mystring)  
send(byte " data, size)  
endTransmission() ll Step 3  
byte available() ll Num of bytes  
byte receive() llReturn next byte  
onReceive(handler)  
onRequest(handler)
```

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