Garmin Points of Interest (POI) File Format

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Filename extension *.gpi

This documentation is based on own research and the sources listed in the references section.

Basic data types

All values are serialized in little-endian byte order (least significant byte first).

Туре	Length	Description
char	1	ASCII character (see [10])
byte	1	8 bit unsigned integer (range 0 255)
ushort	2	16 bit unsigned integer (range 0 65535)
int	4	32 bit signed integer (range -2147483648 2147483647)
uint	4	32 bit unsigned integer (range 0 4294967295)
coord24	3	A 24 bit integer which has to be multiplied by 360.0° and divided by 2 ²⁴ to get a longitude or latitude coordinate.
coord32	4	A 32 bit integer which has to be multiplied by 360.0° and divided by 2 ³² to get a longitude or latitude coordinate.

Version:

A byte or ushort where the value is calculated as major version x 100 + minor Version. E α 0x64 = 100 = V1.0

E.g. 0x64 = 100 = V1.0

GDate:

An uint, where the values 0 or 0xFFFFFFF both mean "no value given". All other values have to be interpreted as unix time (see [4]), but with a starting value (epoch) of 1989-12-31 instead of 1970-01-01. Note: While the number counts seconds, unix time is not defined as "number of seconds since the epoch", but "number of days since the epoch" x 24 x 60 x 60 + "number of seconds since midnight". The difference between the two is that unix time ignores leap seconds. The difference between unix time and UTC is already more than 20 seconds.

PString:

Pascal-like string.

Туре	Content
ushort	Length. This is the number of bytes following this length field.
	The string may be empty, in which case this length is 0.
byte[n]	The characters of the string, encoded according to the CodePage.
	The string is not zero-terminated.

LString:

Multi-language string.

Туре	Content
uint	Length. This is the number of bytes following this length field.
· ·	The list of localized strings may be empty, in which case this length is 0.

Тур	be	Content				
Re	Repeat until length bytes consumed:					
	char[2]	Two ASCII chars locale according to [10]. Within one LString, the locales must be unique.				
		Seen values: CS, DA, DE, EN, ES, FI, FR, IT, NL, NO, PL, PT, RU and SV				
	PString	Localized string				

VarInt:

An unsigned integer in a variable-sized encoding

Using 1 byte: (probably, but not seen yet)

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	=1

Contains 7 bit. Used for numbers in the range 0 .. 0x7F.

Using 2 bytes:

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	5	4	3	2	1	0	=1	=0
	_	6	_		2	2		•
	/	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6

Contains 14 bit. Used for numbers in the range 0x0080 .. 0x3FFF.

Using 3 bytes:

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	4	3	2	1	0	=1	=0	=0
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
2	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13

Contains 21 bit. Used for numbers in the range 0x004000 .. 0x1FFFFF.

Using 4 bytes: (probably, but not seen yet)

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	4	3	2	1	0	=0	=0	=0
	_	6	_		2			•
	/	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
2	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
3	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21

Contains 29 bit. Used for numbers in the range 0x00200000 .. 0x1FFFFFFF.

Note: The encoding does not exclude smaller numbers to be represented in more bytes than is necessary. But this is normally not done and therefore indicates some problem.

General file structure

The file consists of a list of variable-size records immediately following each other. The list is terminated by an End record. Records may again contain lists of subordinated records.

FormatVersion '01' only: The presence of the Additions record indicates that there are additional data after the End record. These additional data are not organized as list of records. The content and structure of the additional data is determined by the Additions record, see below. The additional data usually follow the End record immediately, but sometimes there is a small unused area (filled with 0x00 bytes) between it. When the list of records is obfuscated, also these unused bytes are obfuscated.

Obfuscation

Obfuscation is optional, and seen in FormatVersion '01' only. The Header1 record contains a field Obfuscation which tells, whether obfuscation is used, and over which parts of the file. When obfuscation is used it always starts after the Header1 and Header2 records. The difference is where it ends. With Obfuscation=3, obfuscation stops at the offset given in field "Start 61" of the Additional data record. With Obfuscation=5, also the additional data after the End record are obfuscated, which means obfuscation runs until the end of file.

Starting with the first byte of the first obfuscated data, consecutive groups of 4 bytes are processed. Each byte within such a 4-byte group is processed individually. The first byte is processed with constant 0x48, the second with 0x06, the third with 0xB3, and the last with 0x00. A byte consists of two nibbles (groups of four bits). The operation here is a subtraction which is done individually for each nibble. One can also say, a byte-wide subtraction without half-carry, i.e. without overflow from the low-nibble to the high-nibble.

Example: End of the Header1 record (or its subordinated record in its extra data) and start of the first record which is obfuscated (in red), which is here the Additions record.

In file: 61 73 6F 6E 21 20 5D 06 B3 00 72 06 B3 00 70 06 - 48 06 B3 00 48 06 B3 00 48 06 Clear text: 61 73 6F 6E 21 20 15 00 00 00 3A 00 00 00 38 00

Here 0x15 0x00 is the record type, 0x00 0x00 is the record flags, 0x3A 0x00 0x00 0x00 is the record length, and so on.

The bytes with the orange background are where a normal byte-wide subtraction would have a different result than this nibble-wise subtraction. Instead of subtracting, it is also possible to add (nibble-wise, without half-carry) the two's-complement of the constant byte values, which are 0xB8 0xFA 0x4D 0x00.

It does not matter whether the start of the obfuscated data is on a 4-byte-boundary or not. The 4-bytegroups just start with the first obfuscated byte and run through the whole obfuscated data without being re-started, e.g. on a record boundary. Obfuscation stops with the last byte that should be obfuscated, even if we are in the middle of a 4-byte group. There is no padding to make the size a multiple of 4.

General record structure

Туре	Content
ushort	Туре
	Identifies the record content. See table below.
ushort	Flags, seen values: 0, 8 and 0x18
	Bit 3: Extra data is present
	Bit 4: Only seen in FileFormat '01' on Header2 and POI group records.
	This flag is set on Header2 if and only if at least one of the POI groups has this
	flag also set. This flag is set on a POI group if and only if it contains a type 23
	and a type 24 record.
uint	If extra data present:
	Total data length in byte. This is the length of the main data plus the extra data.
uint	Length of main data in byte. Must be <= Total data length.
byte[Main data length]	Main data
byte[Total data length -	If extra data present:
main data length]	Extra data

Layout without extra data:

Туре	Flags	Length	Main data
	Bit 3= 0		

Length

Layout with extra data:

Туре	Flags Bit 3 = 1	Total length	Length	Main data	Extra data
				Length	

Total length

Records contain main data and may optionally contain extra data. Main data is usually used for a structure (a sequence of fields with specific data type and meaning), but sometimes for a list of subordinated records. Extra data is usually used for a list of subordinated records, but sometimes for embedded media. Lists of subordinated records stop at the end of the main or extra data area. They are not terminated by the end record.

Some record types appear only as subordinated records within other records. But independent of where a record appears, the record type always has the same semantic. So the record content can be described with a single list with the record type as key.

Records seen in all FormatVersions:

Value	Meaning
0	Header1
1	Header2

Value	Meaning
2	Waypoint
3	Alert
4	Bitmap reference
5	Bitmap
6	Category reference
7	Category
8	Area
9	POI Group
10	Comment
11	Address
12	Contact
13	Image
14	Description
OxFFFF	End

Records seen in FormatVersion '01' only:

Value	Meaning
15	Product info
16	Alert circles
17	Copyright
18	Media
19	Safety camera
21	Additions
23	
24	
26	
27	Alert trigger options

Sequence of records on top level

FormatVersion '00': Header1 Header2 POI group* End

FormatVersion '01': Header1 Header2 [Additions] POI group* End [Additional data]

[] = optional, * = zero or more occurrences

Record type 0: Header1

Main data: Length is at least 16.

Туре	Content
char[6]	'GRMREC'
char[2]	FormatVersion: Two decimal digits.
	Values seen: '00', '01'
GDate	TimeStamp
byte	Flags1.

Туре	Content
	Seen values: 0, 1 in 3D_Bogenschiessen.gpi, 3 in Angelgeschaefte.gpi and 5 in
	AustriaGermanyCyclopsSample.gpi
	Whether Product info record follows is independent of the bits here.
	E.g. in Caravanhaendler.gpi, it is 3 and there are three 0x00 byte between the PString length
	and the first character?!
	Is always 0 in FormatVersion '00'
	Bit 0: TimeStamp valid?
	Bit 1: ?
	Bit 2: ?
	Bit 7-3: =0
byte	Obfuscation
	0 = no obfuscation
	3 = Obfuscation starts after Header1 and Header2 records and stops at the offset given in field
	"Start 61" of the Additional data record
	5 = Obfuscation starts after Header1 and Header2 records and stops at end of file
	Is always 0 in FormatVersion '00'
PString	Name
	Several examples from [16] have three bytes 0x00 between the string length and the actual
	string bytes, which are not counted by the string length?!? When this happens, the Flags1
	byte has a value of 3, but not vice-versa. I assume this is a bug in the program generating the
	file.

Extra data is sequence of records.

For FormatVersion '01': [Product info]

Record type 1: Header2

Main data: Length is 12.

Туре	Content
char[6]	'POI', 0, 0, 0
char[2]	FormatVersion: Two decimal digits.
	Same as in record Header1
ushort	CodePage, (see [5] and [6])
	Seen values:
	0x036A Thai (Windows)
	0x03B6 Chinese Traditional (Big5)
	0x04E2 Central European (Windows)
	0x04E3 Cyrillic (Windows)
	0x04E4 Western European (Windows)
	0xFDE9 Unicode (UTF-8)
ushort	Seen values
	if FormatVersion =0: 0
	if FormatVersion =1: 17
	(Note: 17 is the code for the copyright record contained in the extra data.)

Extra data is sequence of records.

For FormatVersion '01': [Copyright]

Record type 2: Waypoint

Main data: Length is at least 15.

Туре	Content
coord32	Latitude
coord32	Longitude
ushort	Unknown4. =1
byte	Unknown5. Seen values 0, 1, 2 (3D_Bogenschiessen.gpi), 3 (dorognoe_radio.gpi), 0x12
	(bashneft_hi_res.gpi)
	Could also be flags.
	Bit 0 could be "Alert record in extra data"
	Bit 1 ?
	Bit 3-2: =0
	Bit 4 ?
	Bit 7-5: =0
LString	Shortname

Extra data is sequence of records.

For FormatVersion '00':

[Category reference] [Bitmap reference] [Alert] [Comment] [Address] [Contact] Image* [Description]

For FormatVersion '01':

[Category reference] [Bitmap reference] [Alert] [Comment] [Address] [Contact] Image* [Description] [26]

Record type 3: Alert

Speed, proximity and other stuff.

Main data: Length is 12.

Туре	Content
ushort	Proximity in meter
ushort	Speed in 100 x meters / second, 0 = none
ushort	Unknown6. Seen values 0 (dorognoe_radio.gpi) and 0x100
ushort	Unknown7. Seen values 0 (dorognoe_radio.gpi) and 0x100
byte	Alert (0=Off, 1=On) (see [7])
	Seen value 1
byte	Type of alert: 0=proximity (360° alert), 1=along road, 2=TourGuide (see [7])
	Seen values 1 and 2 (in 2011_DOC_Camping_Sites_Update.gpi)
byte	Sound number (see [7])
	In case Audio alert below is 0x00:
	seen values 4105 <mark>could this be a symbol number?</mark>
	else if Audio alert below is "predefined audio":
	0=beep, 1=tone, 2=3 beep, 3=silence, 4=plung, 5=double plung
	Seen values: 4 and 5

Туре	Content
	Else (custom audio): 1n
byte	Audio alert
	0x00, 0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x06, 0x07, 0x09, 0x0A, 0x0B, 0x0C, 0x27, 0x28, 0x29, 0x2A, 0x2B,
	0x2C, 0x2D, 0x2E, 0x3A, 0x3B, 0x3E, 0x76, 0x77, 0x78, 0x79, 0x7A,
	0x10 for predefined audio, 0x20 for custom audio (in media record)

Extra data is a sequence of records.

For FormatVersion '01': [Alert circles] [Alert trigger options]

Record type 4: Bitmap reference

Main data: Length is 2 or 4.

Туре	Content
ushort	Bitmap ID
	Points to the Bitmap record with this ID
ushort	Unknown8. Optional, =2
3 x ushort	Optional, =3, 4, 5

No extra data.

Record type 5: Bitmap

Main data: Length is 36.

Туре	Content
ushort	Bitmap ID, starting with 0
ushort	Height in pixel
ushort	Width in pixel
ushort	Line size in byte
	Is calculated as: (Width in pixel x Bits per pixel) / 8 bits per byte, rounded up.
ushort	Bits per pixel
ushort	Unknown9. =0
uint	Image size in byte
	Is calculated as: Line size in byte x Height in pixel
uint	Unknown10. Seen value 44
uint	Number of color palette entries
	Seen values: 0 (no palette), 16 (then bits per pixel must be 4) and 256 (then bits per pixel
	must be 8)
uint	Transparent color
	Seen values 0 = Black and 0xFF00FF = Magenta
uint	Flags2, seen value 0, 1 and 0x0100 (D0743030F.gpi)
	Bit 0 (mask 0x0001): enable transparent mode? According to [2]
	Bit 8 (mask 0x0100): Transparency (alpha channel) present
	The combination of bit 0 set and bit 8 set has not been seen, so it is unclear whether this is
	allowed, and if so, in which order the dependent data would come.
uint	Unknown11. Seen values: 0 and Image size + 44

Туре	Content
Image size	Pixel
x byte	
Number of	If number of color palette entries >0: Color palette for 4 or 8 bit per pixel
color	
palette	There is one file where the palette is shorter than indicated in "number of color palette
entries x	entries", but it is big enough for the highest Pixel entries.
uint	
Height x	If Flags2.bit8 is set:
Width byte	Seems to be transparency (alpha channel) when there is no palette. One byte for each pixel.
	Values seen: 0 - 128
n x byte	=0 Flags2.bit0 is set when this is present, but not the other way round
	n is up to Image size, but sometimes less

No extra data.

Record type 6: Category reference

Main data: Length is 2.

Туре	Content
ushort	Category ID
	Points to the Category record with this ID

No extra data.

Record type 7: Category

Main data: Length is at least 6.

Туре	Content
ushort	Category ID, starting with 0
LString	Category

Extra data is sequence of records.

For FormatVersion '01': [Bitmap reference]

Record type 8: Area

Main data: Length is 23.

Туре	Content
coord32	Max. latitude
coord32	Max. longitude
coord32	Min. latitude
coord32	Min. longitude
uint	Unknown12. =0
ushort	Unknown13. =1

Туре	Content
byte	Unknown14. Seen values 0, 1, 2 (3D_Bogenschiessen.gpi), 3 (dorognoe_radio.gpi), 5
	(2011_DOC_Camping_Sites_Update.gpi), 8 and 18 (spb_metro_norm.gpi)

Extra data is sequence of records.

For FormatVersion '00': Area* Waypoint*

For FormatVersion '01': Area* (Waypoint* | Cyclops data*)

Record type 9: POI group

Main data: Length is at least 4.

Туре	Content
LString	Data source
n x Record	List of area records (type 8).

Extra data is sequence of records.

For FormatVersion '00': Category* Bitmap* Media*

For FormatVersion '01': Category* Bitmap* Media* [23 24]

Record type 10: Comment

Main data: Length is at least 4.

Туре	Content
LString	Comment

No extra data.

Record type 11: Address

Main data:

If FileVersion == '00': Length is 2.

If FileVersion == '01': Length is at least 2.

Туре	Content
ushort	Flags:
	Bit 0: City present
	Bit 1: Country present
	Bit 2: State present
	Bit 3: Postal code present
	Bit 4: Street present

Туре	Content
	Bit 5: Street address present
	Bit 15-6: =0

The following fields are only present when the respective bits in the Flags are set. In FileVersion '00', the strings are in the extra data, while in FileVersion '01', the strings are in the main data and nothing is in the extra data.

Туре	Content
LString	City
LString	Country
LString	State
PString	Postal code
LString	Street
PString	House number

Record type 12: Contact

Main data:

If FileVersion == '00': Length is 2.

If FileVersion == '01': Length is at least 2.

Туре	Content
ushort	Flags:
	Bit 0: Phone present
	Bit 1: Phone2 present
	Bit 2: Fax present
	Bit 3: Email present
	Bit 4: Link present
	Bit 5: Comment? present
	Bit 15-6: =0

The following fields are only present when the respective bits in the Flags are set. In FileVersion '00', the strings are in the extra data, while in FileVersion '01', the strings are in the main data and nothing is in the extra data.

Туре	Content
PString	Phone
PString	Phone2
PString	Fax
PString	Email
PString	Link
LString	Comment?

Record type 13: Image

Main data: Length is at least 5.

Туре	Content
byte	Unknown15. =0
uint	Length of image
byte[Lengt	Image Content (Bitmap or JFIF = JPEG Interchange File Format)
h of image]	

No extra data.

Record type 14: Description

Main data: Length is at least 5.

Туре	Content
byte	Unknown16.
	Seen values: 1, 5, 50
LString	Description

No extra data.

Record type 18: Media

E.g. sound in MP3 format, pictures in JFIF (JPEG interchange file format).

Main data: Length is 3.

Туре	Content
ushort	Media ID
byte	Media format: 0 = WAV, 1 = MP3 (see [8])

Extra data:

Тур	e	Content
uint	t	Total length (including this length field!)
Rep	Repeated until total length reached:	
	char[2]	Locale
	uint	Length of media for this locale
	byte[Length of	Media Content
	media]	

Record type 0xFFFF: End

Record flags is 0.

Main data: Length is 0, i.e. this record has no content.

No extra data.

The following records are only useable with FormatVersion '01'

Record type 15: Product info

Main data: Length is 5 or 6.

Туре	Content
ushort	FID (Family ID a.k.a. MapId)
	0xFFFF = none
byte	PID (Product ID)
	0xFF = none
byte	RgnID (Region ID)
	0 = none
	1 = United Kingdom + Ireland
	2 = Netherlands
	3 = France
	4 = Belgium + Luxemburg
	5 = Australia + New Zealand
	6 = Spain + Portugal
	7 = Italy + Slovenia
	8 = Austria + Germany
	10 = Nordics
	14 = Eastern Europe
	26 = Greece
	27 = USA + Canada
	28 = Russia
	29 = South Africa
	32 = Middle East
	0xFF = none
byte	VenID (Vendor ID)
	Seen values: 0 (none), 2, 3, 11, 24, 27, 28, 30, 36 and 43
	At least for speed cameras this is used like a release number
byte	Unknown17. Optional, seen values: 0xE9 and 0xEE

No extra data.

Record type 16: Alert circles

Coordinates are the center of a circle and uint value is radius in meters. Alert will be triggered when crossing the circles.

Main data: Length is 2 + n * 12.

Тур	е	Content
ushort Number of alert circles following (>0)		Number of alert circles following (>0)
Rep	eat:	
	coord32	Latitude
	coord32	Longitude
	uint	Radius in meters

No extra data.

Record type 17: Copyright

Main data: Length is at least 24.

Туре	Content
ushort	Flags1. Seen values: 0x0004, 0x0014, 0x0402, 0x0404, 0x0480 and 0x0481
	Bit 0 (mask 0x0001): <mark>?</mark>
	Bit 1 (mask 0x0002): File contains type 23/24 records (must match Flags.bit4 on
	Header2)
	Bit 2 (mask 0x0004): <mark>?</mark>
	Bit 4 (mask 0x0010): Date is present in this record
	Bit 7 (mask 0x0080): File contains cyclops records
	Bit 10 (mask 0x0400): Device model string is present in this record
ushort	Flags2. Seen values: 0x0000, 0x0080, 0x00A0, 0x01A0, 0x0880 and 0x8880
	Bit 5 (mask 0x0020): File contains type 26 records, an Additions record, and
	additional data containing a waypoint index
	Bit 7 (mask 0x0080): <mark>?</mark>
	Bit 8 (mask 0x0100): Pictures and LString present in this record
	Bit 11 (mask 0x0800): File contains an Additions record and additional data of yet
	unknown format
	Bit 15 (mask 0x8000): Unknown uint is present in this record
ushort	Unknown24. Seen values: 0, 10, 20 and 25
ushort	Unknown25. Seen values: 0, 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 22, 24, 27 and 36
LString	Data source
LString	Copyright (may be empty)

Optional, present if Flags1.bit10 is set:

Туре	Content
PString	Device model

Optional, present if Flags2.bit8 is set:

Тур	e	Content
12	Pictures, each co	onsisting of a picture header and the picture itself:
	Only present o	n 1 st and 3 rd picture:
	VarInt	Some length
		On first picture: Could be Length of complete optional block
		On third picture: Could be length of remaining 10 pictures
	byte	Unknown26. Seen values:
		On first picture: 23 – ?
		On third picture: 10 – could be number of remaining pictures
	byte	Unknown27. =0
	VarInt	Length of picture entry in byte, i.e. length of remaining header bytes plus the picture itself
	byte	Unknown28. =0
	ushort	Width in pixel
	ushort	Height in pixel
	VarInt	Length of picture in byte
	byte[]	Picture in JFIF (JPEG interchange file format)
LString Unknown29		Unknown29

Optional, present if Flags1.bit4 is set:

Some date – what for?

Туре	Content
byte	Month
byte	Day
ushort	Year

Optional, present if Flags2.bit15 is set:

Туре	Content
uint	=2

No extra data.

Record type 19: Safety camera

Cyclops data, see https://www.cyclops-uk.com/.

Main data: Length is at least 26.

Туре	Content	
coord24	Max. latitude	
coord24	Max. longitude	
coord24	Min. latitude	
coord24	Min. longitude	
byte	 Unknown31. Defines the structure of the following bytes. Seen values: 0x00, 0x03, 0x0f, 0x10, 0x11, 0x12, 0x13, 0x14, 0x15, 0x17, 0x18, 0x19, 0x1a, 0x1b, 0x1c, 0x1d, 0x1f, 0x20, 0x21, 0x22, 0x23, 0x24, 0x27, 0x28, 0x29, 0x2a, 0x2b, 0x2c, 0x2f, 0x30, 0x31, 0x32, 0x33, 0x37, 0x38, 0x39, 0x3a, 0x3b 0x81 0x80, 0x82, 0x83, 0x85, 0x8b, 0x8c, 0x8d, 0x8f, 0x90, 0x91, 0x92, 0x93, 0x94, 0x95, 0x97, 0x98, 0x99, 0x9a, 0x9b, 0x9c, 0x9d, 0x9f, 0xa0, 0xa1, 0xa2, 0xa3, 0xa4, 0xa5, 0xa7, 0xa8, 0xa9, 0xaa, 0xab, 0xac, 0xaf, 0xb0, 0xb1, 0xb2, 0xb3, 0xb4, 0xb6, 0xb7, 0xb8, 0xb9, 0xba, 0xbb, 0xbc, 0xc0, 0xc1, 0xc2, 0xc3, 0xc8, 0xc9, 0xca, 0xcb, 0xd0, 0xd1, 0xd2, 0xd3, 0xd8, 0xd9, 0xda, 0xdb, 0xe0, 0xe1, 0xe2, 0xe3, 0xe8, 0xe9, 0xea, 0xeb, 0xf0, 0xf3 Seems to be: Dit 7, 2: Tupe (ar matche only Dit 7, 4: Tupe and bit 2 is also a flag) 	
	Bit 7-3: Type (or maybe only Bit 7-4: Type and bit 3 is also a flag) Bit 2-0: Flags?	
byte[11]	Optional, if Unknown31 == 0x81 First byte seen: 2, 3, 10, 11 Remaining bytes: 00 00 00 55 55 15 c7 71 dc 01 (Notice that a three-nibble-value repeats: 0xc71 0xc71) Instead of first byte being 0x81, the condition could also be: 1) If bit 7 of first byte is set, a second byte follows 2) If second byte is 2, 3, 10 or 11 (or if bit 1 of the second byte is set), then this sequence follows, otherwise not.	
byte	Optional, if Unknown31 is 0x80 or is > 0x81	

Туре	Content
	Seen values 1, 8, 9
byte	Number of 10-bit values following. 0 means one value following, 1 means two values
	following
byte	Optional, if Unknown31 == 0x81
	= 10 (bit-length of each value)
byte[]	List of 10-bit values (compacted).
	The least significant bits of each 10 bit value come first. Unused bits are in the most significant
	bits of the last byte and are 0.
	Example: 21 85 24 32
	In bits: <mark>0010 0001</mark> 1000 0101 0010 0100 00011 0010
	The three 10-bit-values are:
	<mark>0100100001</mark>
	0100100001
	1100100010
coord24	Latitude
coord24	Longitude
byte[n]	Unknown area. n >= 3, up to 175 seen

Observed patterns for unknown area: Not yet known

No extra data.

Record type 21: Additional data

The presence of this record indicates that additional data are following after the end record.

This record is only present if at least one of the following flags are set: Copyright record Flags2.bit5 (waypoint index present) and Flags2.bit11 (additional data present). Main data length is > 58 if and only if Flags2.bit11 is set.

(In the following, UAData is short for Unknown additional data.)

Main data:

Length: 58

Туре	Content
ushort	Length until end of this record, i.e. it is the record length minus 2
uint	Offset of the index table (from beginning of file)
	Is 0 if waypoint index not present.
byte[32]	=0
uint	Offset of the index table (from beginning of file)
	Is 0 if waypoint index not present.
uint	Total length of the index table in byte (the first entry in the index table is the length in byte of the following entries, so this value here is the same, but +4 for the first entry itself).
	Is 0 if waypoint index not present.
uint	Unknown36. =1
	Is 0 if waypoint index not present.
uint	Unknown37. =0
uint	Unknown38. =0

Length: 146

Туре	Content
byte[56]	=0
uint	Unknown60. =7
uint	Start offset of UAData2 (= Start offset of UAData1 + Length of UAData1)
uint	Start offset of UAData1
uint	Length in byte of UAData1
byte[16]	=0

Length: 182

Туре	Content
uint	Unknown61
	Seen values 0, 7, 14
	With values 0 and 7, all remaining fields in this block were 0.
byte[16]	=0
uint	Start offset of UAData3
uint	Unknown62. =1
uint	Length in byte of UAData3
	Seen value 12.
uint	Unknown63. =92

Length: 242

Туре	Content
byte[60]	=0

Length: 310

Туре	Content
byte[20]	=0
uint	Start offset of UAData4
uint	=1
uint	Length in byte of UAData4
	Seen value 7.
uint	=0
uint	Start offset of UAData5
uint	=1
uint	Length in byte of UAData5
	Seen value 10.
uint	=0
uint	Start offset of UAData6
byte[12]	=0

No extra data.

The additional data after the end record are all pointed to via absolute file offsets. Theoretically, there could be unused bytes before, between, and at the end. But all examples are compact. It is not clear whether the referenced data are placed in the file in a predetermined order.

Structure of waypoint index table

Туре	Content	
uint	Length of the remaining part of the table in byte (i.e. 4 x number of waypoints +4+4)	
uint	Unknown75, seen value 2	
uint	Number of waypoints, no matter how they are distributed amongst the POI Groups	
Number of v	Number of waypoints times:	
uint	Absolute (file) offset of the waypoint, not necessarily in order	

Structure of UAData1

Table of content (structure below), followed by the referenced Sections.

Туре	Content
ushort	Length of table of contents =92
ushort	Unknown100. =5
uint	CodePage, seen value 65001 = UTF-8
uint	Unknown 101. = 0x6C02 (27650)
uint	Start offset of UAData1/Section 0
uint	Length of UAData1/Section 0
uint	Length of each entry in UAData1/Section 0 =5
uint	=0
uint	Start offset of UAData1/Section 1
uint	Length of UAData1/Section 1
uint	Length of each entry in UAData1/Section 1 =4
uint	=0
uint	=0 (Section 2?, empty)
uint	=0
uint	=1
uint	=0xE01
uint	Start offset of UAData1/Section 3
uint	Length of UAData1/Section 3
uint	Length of each entry in UAData1/Section 3 =4
uint	=0
uint	Start offset of UAData1/Section 4
uint	Length of each entry in UAData1/Section 4 =5 Note the reverse order!
uint	Length of UAData1/Section 4
uint	=0

The referenced Sections immediately follow the table of contents. Although the offsets are absolute file offsets, the referenced Sections are **within** UAData1. The order of the Sections does not correspond with the order in which they are listed in the table of contents. Seen sequence: Section 0, 3, 4, 1.

Content of sections – unknown

Structure of UAData2

Table of contents.

Туре	Content
uint	Length of table of contents =84
uint	Length of UAData2/Section 0 (may be 0)
uint	Start offset of UAData2/Section 0
uint	Length of each entry in UAData2/Section 0 =37
uint	Length of UAData2/Section 1
uint	Start offset of UAData2/Section 1
uint	Length of each entry in UAData2/Section 1 =3
uint	Length of UAData2/Section 2 (may be 0)
uint	Start offset of UAData2/Section 2
uint	Length of each entry in UAData2/Section 2 =6
uint	=0 (Section 3?, empty)
uint	=0
uint	=0
uint	Length of UAData2/Section 4 (may be 0)
uint	Start offset of UAData2/Section 4
uint	Length of UAData2/Section 5 (may be 0)
uint	Start offset of UAData2/Section 5
uint	Length of each basic entry in UAData2/Section 5
	Seen values: 1 when length =0, 3 when length != 0
uint	Length of UAData2/Section 6 =0
uint	Start offset of UAData2/Section 6 = Start of UAData2/Section 2
uint	Length of each entry in UAData2/Section 2 =0

The referenced Sections immediately follow the table of contents, and therefore UAData2. They are **not part of** UAData2, that is different than with UAData1. The order if the Sections does not correspond with the order in which they are listed. Seen sequence: Section 1, 2, 4, 5, 0. Which makes sense, because Section 0 holds the offsets of the entries of Section 4 and 5, and thus is better written after filling Sections 4 and 5.

Content of section 0: Sequence of fixed-size entries of following structure:

Туре	Content
byte[20]	Unknown
uint	Offset of entry in UAData2/Section 4
uint	Length of entry in UAData2/Section 4
uint	Offset of entry in UAData2/Section 5
uint	Length of entry in UAData2/Section 5
	Is always a multiple of 3, the length of each basic entry in Section 5
byte	Unknown =9

These entries create pairs consisting of one entry in section 4 and one entry in 5. The entries in section 4 and 5 are consecutive without gap and cover the whole section 4/5.

Content of section 1 – unknown

Content of section 2 - unknown

Content of section 4: Sequence of variable-sized entries, whose offset/length is in section 0 – unknown

Content of section 5: Sequence of variable-sized entries (consisting of a set of 3-byte basic entries), whose offset/length is in section 0 – unknown

Structure of UAData3

Туре	Content
uint	Start offset of UAData3/Table of pictures
uint	=0x90
uint	=0x1D8

Structure of UAData3/Table of pictures:

Тур	e	Content
uint	;	Length of this table in byte (without this length field)
byte	9	=0
Fields per picture:		cture:
	ushort	Seen values 0x2A, 0x40, 0x50, 0x5E
	ushort	Same value again
	uint	Bit 0-30: Length of picture in byte
		Bit 31: ?
	uint	Start offset of picture (in PNG format)

Structure of UAData4

Туре	Content
byte[3]	=0
uint	Start offset of UAData4/Table of pictures

Structure of UAData4/Table of pictures:

Туре		Content
ushort		Number of pictures
Fiel	ds per pi	cture:
	uint	Length of picture including this 12-byte header
	uint	Type or flags?
		Seen value 0x0A, 0x12, 0x1A, 0x22, 0x10A, 0x112, 0x11A
	uint	Length of picture in byte (= first field - 12)
	byte[n	Embedded picture (in PNG format)
]	

Structure of UAData5

Туре	Content
uint	Start offset of UAData5/Table of pictures
byte[6]	=0xFF

Structure of UAData5/Table of pictures: Same as UAData4/Table of pictures

Structure of UAData6

Туре	Content
byte[8]	=0

Record type 23:?

Main data: Length is at least 10.

Туре	Content
ushort	Unknown39. =1
ushort	Unknown40.
	Seen values 2 and 6
ushort	Number of Bitmap records in extra data
LString	Unknown42. ?

Extra data is sequence of records.

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Record type 24:?

Main data: Length is 2.

Туре	Content
ushort	Unknown44. =1

No extra data.

Record type 26:?

Main data: Length is 5 or 6.

Туре	Content
byte	Unknown45. Seems to be flags.
	Seen values 1 and 0x41.
	Bit 0= always set
	Bit 6=indicates the presence of the optional 6 th byte
uint	Unknown46. ? Some kind of checksum?
byte	Unknown47. Present if and only if bit 6 of Flags byte is set.
	Seen value 0.

No extra data.

Record type 27: Alert trigger options

Main data: Length is at least 4 and even.

See [9].

Туре	Content	
ushort	Bit 2-0 (mask 0x0007): number of bearings following	
	Bit 3 (mask 0x0008): Whether date/time list follows	
	Bit 15-4: =0	
Repeat num	Repeat number of bearings:	
ushort	Bit 8-0 (mask 0x01FF): bearing angle	

Тур	e	Content
		Bit 12-9 (mask 0x1E00): bearing width (needs to be multiplied with 5)
		Bit 13 (mask 0x2000): bi-directional (0=no, 1=yes)
		Bit 15-14: =0
The	followir	ng fields are present only if bit 3 is set:
usho	ort	Length of date/time list in byte
Rep	eated u	ntil length of date/time list reached: (which should be same as until flag "last entry" is set)
	byte	Туре
		0x00: by month
		0x20: dates
		0x40: day of year by week
		0x60: day of month
		0xC0: week of month
		0xE0: week of year
	byte	Flags
		Bit 1-0: depends on type
		Bit 2: has time start
		Bit 3: has time end
		Bit 4: has days of week end
		Bit 6-5: =0
		Bit 7: last entry (0=no, 1=yes)
		depends on type and flags, see below
	byte	if Flags.bit2 is set:
		Bit 6-0: time start hours
		Bit 7: has time start minutes
	byte	if Flags.bit2 and time start hours.bit7 are set: time start minutes
	byte	if Flags.bit3 is set:
		Bit 6-0: time end hours
		Bit 7: has time end minutes
	byte	if Flags.bit3 and time end hours.bit7 are set: time end minutes
	byte	if Flags.bit4 is set: days of week end
		Bit 0: Sunday
		Bit 1: Monday
		Bit 2: Tuesday
		Bit 3: Wednesday
		Bit 4: Thursday
		Bit 5: Friday
		Bit 6: Saturday
		Bit 7: =0

Type 0x00: by month

Туре	Content
byte	if Flags.bit0 is set: month from
byte	if Flags.bit1 is set: month to

Type 0x20: dates

Flags.bit1 = has day/month is always set

	Туре	Content
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if Fl	if Flags.bit0 (has no year) is set:		
	ushort	Bit 3-0: month	
		Bit 8-4: day	
		Bit 15-9: =0	
else			
	byte	Day	
	ushort	Bit 15-4: year	
		Bit 3-0: month	

Type 0x40: day of year by week

Туре		Content
if Fla	ags.bit1	(has days of year) is set:
	ushort	Day of year from
	ushort	Day of year to
if Flags.bit 0 (has days of week start) is set:		(has days of week start) is set:
	byte	Days of week start
		Bit 0: Sunday
		Bit 1: Monday
		Bit 2: Tuesday
		Bit 3: Wednesday
		Bit 4: Thursday
		Bit 5: Friday
		Bit 6: Saturday
		Bit 7: =0

Type 0x60: day of month Flags.bit0 = 0

Туре		Content	
if Flags.bit1 (has days of month) is set:			
	byte	Day of month from	
	byte	Day of month to	

Type 0xC0: week of month Flags.bit0 = 0

Туре		Content	
if Fl	if Flags.bit1 (has week of month) is set:		
	byte	Week of month from	
	byte	Week of month to	

Type 0xE0: week of year Flags.bit0 = 0

Туре		Content	
if Fl	if Flags.bit1 (has week of yeat) is set:		
	byte	Week of year from	
	byte	Week of year to	

No extra data.

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