

Saving your Animated GIF

From the top option bar : >File >Save for Web

The screenshot shows the 'Save for Web (100%)' dialog box in Photoshop. The main preview window displays a grayscale image of a person riding a horse. The right-hand panel contains various settings for the GIF format, including color selection, transparency, and animation options. Eight numbered callouts provide detailed instructions:

- 1** Choose GIF: Points to the 'GIF' preset dropdown menu.
- 2** Choose Transparency if needed *: Points to the 'Transparency' checkbox.
- 3** Image Size: Points to the 'Image Size' section, specifically the width and height input fields.
- 4** Looping Options: Points to the 'Animation' section, specifically the 'Looping Options' dropdown set to 'Forever'.
- 5** Player: Points to the playback controls at the bottom of the animation section.
- 6** Press Save when Done: Points to the 'Save...' button.
- 7** Preview Options: You will be able to view the .gif in any web browser.: Points to the 'Preview...' button.
- 8** Overview GIF file options: Size, loading speed when playing back on web: Points to the status bar at the bottom left showing file size (2.71M), duration (503 sec), and bitrate (56.6 Kbps).

Set the size you wish the animation to be in the save for web menu, your work file is still active, and can be saved as a Photoshop Document under >File >Save As.
 Press 'Done' to jump back to the Timeline.

* When you want the Background to be transparent (Eg. any custom cut out shape instead of the usual rectangular outline shape, save your file without a Background fill, and tick the 'Transparency' box when Saving for Web.