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Chapter 2. Introduction

2.1. General

This document, referred to as the “glTF Specification” or just the “Specification” hereafter, describes the glTF file format.

glTF is an API-neutral runtime asset delivery format. glTF bridges the gap between 3D content creation tools and modern graphics applications by providing an efficient, extensible, interoperable format for the transmission and loading of 3D content.

2.2. Document Conventions

The glTF Specification is intended for use by both implementors of the asset exporters or converters (e.g., digital content creation tools) and application developers seeking to import or load glTF assets, forming a basis for interoperability between these parties.

Specification text can address either party; typically, the intended audience can be inferred from context, though some sections are defined to address only one of these parties.

Any requirements, prohibitions, recommendations or options defined by normative terminology are imposed only on the audience of that text.

2.2.1. Normative Terminology and References

The key words MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, RECOMMENDED, MAY, and OPTIONAL in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14.

These key words are highlighted in the specification for clarity.

References to external documents are considered normative if the Specification uses any of the normative terms defined in this section to refer to them or their requirements, either as a whole or in part.

2.2.2. Informative Language

Some language in the specification is purely informative, intended to give background or suggestions to implementors or developers.

If an entire chapter or section contains only informative language, its title is suffixed with “(Informative)”. If not designated as informative, all chapters, sections, and appendices in this document are normative.

All Notes, Implementation notes, and Examples are purely informative.
2.2.3. Technical Terminology

The glTF Specification makes use of common engineering and graphics terms such as **Vertex**, **Normal**, **Texture**, etc. to identify and describe certain GPU constructs and their attributes, states, and behaviors.

2.2.4. Normative References

The following documents are referenced by normative sections of the specification:

2.2.4.1. External Specifications

  
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  A free version of this standard is available from W3C: [https://www.w3.org/TR/PNG/](https://www.w3.org/TR/PNG/)

  
  ![Note]
  
  An earlier edition of this standard called ITU Recommendation T.81 is available from W3C: [https://www.w3.org/Graphics/JPEG/itu-t81.pdf](https://www.w3.org/Graphics/JPEG/itu-t81.pdf)

  
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2.2.4.2. Media Type Registrations

- IANA. `model/gltf+json` Media Type.  [https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/model/gltf+json](https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/model/gltf+json)
- IANA. `model/gltf-binary` Media Type.  [https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/model/gltf-binary](https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/model/gltf-binary)
- IANA. `application/gltf-buffer` Media Type.  [https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/application/gltf-buffer](https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/application/gltf-buffer)
- IANA. `application/octet-stream` Media Type.  [https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/application/octet-stream](https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/application/octet-stream)
- IANA. `image/png` Media Type.  [https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/image/png](https://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/image/png)

2.3. Motivation and Design Goals (Informative)

glTF is an open interoperable 3D asset ‘transmission’ format that is compact, and efficient to process and render at runtime. glTF 2.0 is designed to be vendor- and runtime-neutral, usable by a wide variety of native and web-based engines and applications regardless of underlying platforms and 3D graphics APIs.

glTF’s focus on run-time efficiency is a different design goal than typical 3D ‘authoring’ formats.
Authoring formats are typically more verbose, with higher processing overheads, to carry authoring data that is no longer needed after iterative design is complete. glTF is complementary to authoring formats, providing a common, interoperable distillation target for publishing 3D assets to a wide audience of end users.

A primary goal of glTF is to be deployable on a wide range of devices and platforms, including the web and mobile devices with limited processing and memory resources. glTF can be evolved, to keep pace with growing compute capabilities over time. This helps to foster broad industry consensus on 3D functionality that can be used ubiquitously, including Physically Based Rendering.

glTF combines an easily parsable JSON scene description with one or more binary resources representing geometry, animations, and other rich data. These binary resources can often be loaded directly into GPU buffers with no additional parsing or processing, combining the faithful preservation of full hierarchical scenes, nodes, meshes, cameras, materials, and animations with efficient delivery and fast loading.

glTF has been designed to meet the following goals:

- **Compact file sizes.** The plain text glTF JSON file description is compact and rapid to parse. All large data such as geometry, textures and animations are stored in binary files that are significantly smaller than equivalent text representations.

- **Runtime-independence.** glTF is purely an asset format and does not mandate any runtime behavior. This enables its use by any application for any purpose, including display using any rendering technology, up to and including path tracing renderers.

- **Complete 3D scene representation.** Not restricted to single objects, glTF can represent entire scenes, including nodes, transformations, transform hierarchy, meshes, materials, cameras, and animations.

- **Extensibility.** glTF is fully extensible, enabling the addition of both general-purpose and vendor-specific extensions, including geometry and texture compression. Widely adopted extensions may be considered for integration into future versions of the glTF specification.

The following are outside the scope of glTF 2.0:

- **glTF is not a streaming format.** The binary data in glTF is inherently streamable, and the buffer design allows for fetching data incrementally, but there are no other streaming constructs in glTF 2.0.

- **glTF is not an authoring format.** glTF deliberately does not retain 3D authoring information, in order to preserve runtime efficiency, however glTF files may be ingested by 3D authoring tools for remixing.

- **glTF is not intended to be human-readable,** though by virtue of being represented in JSON, it is developer-friendly.

### 2.4. glTF Basics

A glTF asset is represented by:

- A JSON-formatted file (*.gltf) containing a full scene description: node hierarchy, materials,
• Binary files (.bin) containing geometry, animation, and other buffer-based data.
• Image files (.jpg, .png) containing texture images.

Binary and image resources MAY also be embedded directly in JSON using Data URI or stored side-by-side with JSON in GLB container.

A valid glTF asset MUST specify its version.

2.5. Versioning

Any updates made to the glTF Specification in a minor version MUST be backward and forward compatible. Backward compatibility means that any client implementation that supports loading a glTF 2.x asset will also be able to load a glTF 2.0 asset. Forward compatibility means that a client implementation that only supports glTF 2.0 can load glTF 2.x assets while gracefully ignoring any new features it does not understand.

A minor version update MAY introduce new features but MUST NOT change any previously existing behavior. Existing functionality MAY be deprecated in a minor version update, but it MUST NOT be removed.

Major version updates MAY be incompatible with previous versions.

2.6. File Extensions and Media Types

• JSON glTF files SHOULD use .gltf extension and model/gltf+json Media Type.
• glTF files stored in GLB container SHOULD use .glb extension and model/gltf-binary Media Type.
• Files representing binary buffers SHOULD use either:
  • .bin file extension with application/octet-stream Media Type;
  • .bin, .glbin, or .glbuf file extensions with application/gltf-buffer Media Type.
• PNG images SHOULD use .png file extension with image/png Media Type;
  • PNG images SHOULD NOT contain animations, non-square pixel ratios, or embedded ICC profiles. Such features, if present, MUST be ignored by client implementations.
• JPEG images SHOULD use .jpeg or .jpg file extensions with image/jpeg Media Type.
JPEG images **MUST** be compatible with JPEG File Interchange Format.

JPEG images **SHOULD NOT** contain embedded ICC profiles. If present, embedded ICC profiles **MUST** be ignored by client implementations.

**Exchangeable image file format (Exif) chunks MAY** be ignored by client implementations.

***Implementation Note***

Certain Exif chunks, e.g., “Orientation”, may severely impact asset’s portability.

### 2.7. JSON Encoding

Although glTF Specification does not define any subset of the JSON format, implementations **SHOULD** be aware of its peculiar properties that could affect asset interoperability.

1. glTF JSON data **SHOULD** be written with UTF-8 encoding without BOM. This requirement is not applied when a glTF implementation does not control string encoding. glTF implementations **SHOULD** adhere to RFC 8259, Section 8.1. with regards to treating BOM presence.

2. ASCII characters stored in glTF JSON **SHOULD** be written without JSON escaping.

   **Example**
   
   "buffer" instead of "\u0062\u0075\u0066\u0065\u0072".

3. Non-ASCII characters stored in glTF JSON **MAY** be escaped.
Example
These two examples represent the same glTF JSON data.

```json
{
    "asset": {
        "version": "2.0"
    },
    "nodes": [
        {
            "name": "куб"
        },
        {
            "name": "立方體"
        }
    ]
}

{
    "asset": {
        "version": "2.0"
    },
    "nodes": [
        {
            "name": "куб"
        },
        {
            "name": "立方體"
        }
    ]
}
```

4. Property names (keys) within JSON objects **SHOULD** be unique. glTF client implementations **SHOULD** override lexically preceding values for the same key.

5. Some of glTF properties are defined as integers in the schema. Such values **MAY** be stored as decimals with a zero fractional part or by using exponent notation. Regardless of encoding, such properties **MUST NOT** contain any non-zero fractional value.

Example

100, 100.0, and 1e2 represent the same value. See RFC 8259, Section 6 for more details.

6. Non-integer numbers **SHOULD** be written in a way that preserves original values when these numbers are read back, i.e., they **SHOULD NOT** be altered by JSON serialization / deserialization roundtrip.
2.8. URIs

glTF assets use **URIs** or **IRIs** to reference buffers and image resources. Assets **MAY** contain at least these two URI types:

- **Data URIs** that embed binary resources in the glTF JSON as defined by the [RFC 2397](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2397). The Data URI's `mediatype` field **MUST** match the encoded content.

  **Implementation Note**
  Base64 encoding used in Data URI increases the payload's byte length by 33%.

- **Relative paths**—`path-noscheme` or `ipath-noscheme` as defined by [RFC 3986](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3986), Section 4.2 or [RFC 3987](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3987), Section 2.2—without scheme, authority, or parameters. Reserved characters (as defined by [RFC 3986](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3986), Section 2.2. and [RFC 3987](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3987), Section 2.2.) **MUST** be percent-encoded.

  Paths with non-ASCII characters **MAY** be written as-is, with JSON string escaping, or with percent-encoding; all these options are valid. For example, the following three paths point to the same resource:

```json
{
  "images": [
    {
      "uri": "grande_sphère.png"
    },
    {
      "uri": "grande_sph\u00E8re.png"
    },
    {
      "uri": "grande_sph%C3%A8re.png"
    }
  ]
}
```

**Implementation Note**
Client implementations **MAY** optionally support additional URI components. For example [http://](http://) or [file://](file://) schemes, authorities, hostnames, absolute paths, and query or fragment parameters. Assets containing these additional URI components would be less portable.
Implementation Note

This allows the application to decide the best approach for delivery: if different assets share many of the same geometries, animations, or textures, separate files may be preferred to reduce the total amount of data requested. With separate files, applications may progressively load data and do not need to load data for parts of a model that are not visible. If an application cares more about single-file deployment, embedding data may be preferred even though it increases the overall size due to base64 encoding and does not support progressive or on-demand loading. Alternatively, an asset could use GLB container to store JSON and binary data in one file without base64 encoding. See GLB File Format Specification for details.

URIs **SHOULD** undergo syntax-based normalization as defined by RFC 3986, Section 6.2.2, RFC 3987, Section 5.3.2, and applicable schema rules (e.g., RFC 7230, Section 2.7.3 for HTTP) on export and/or import.

Implementation Note

While the specification does not explicitly disallow non-normalized URIs, their use may be unsupported or lead to unwanted side-effects — such as security warnings or cache misses — on some platforms.
Chapter 3. Concepts

3.1. General

The image above shows relations between top-level arrays in a glTF asset. See the Properties Reference.

3.2. Asset

Each glTF asset **MUST** have an `asset` property. The `asset` object **MUST** contain a `version` property that specifies the target glTF version of the asset. Additionally, an optional `minVersion` property **MAY** be used to specify the minimum glTF version support required to load the asset. The `minVersion` property allows asset creators to specify a minimum version that a client implementation **MUST** support in order to load the asset. This is very similar to the `extensionsRequired` concept described in Section 3.12, where an asset **SHOULD NOT** be loaded if the client does not support the specified extension. Additional metadata **MAY** be stored in optional properties such as `generator` or `copyright`. For example,

```json
{
   "asset": {
      "version": "2.0",
      "generator": "collada2gltf@f356b99aeaf8868f74877c7ca545f2cd206b9d3b7",
      "copyright": "2017 (c) Khronos Group"
   }
}
```
Implementation Note

Client implementations should first check whether a `minVersion` property is specified and ensure both major and minor versions can be supported. If no `minVersion` is specified, then clients should check the `version` property and ensure the major version is supported. Clients that load GLB format should also check for the `minVersion` and `version` properties in the JSON chunk as the version specified in the GLB header only refers to the GLB container version.

3.3. Indices and Names

Entities of a glTF asset are referenced by their indices in corresponding arrays, e.g., a `bufferView` refers to a `buffer` by specifying the buffer’s index in `buffers` array. For example:

```json
{
  "buffers": [
    {
      "byteLength": 1024,
      "uri": "path-to.bin"
    }
  ],
  "bufferViews": [
    {
      "buffer": 0,
      "byteLength": 512,
      "byteOffset": 0
    }
  ]
}
```

In this example, `buffers` and `bufferViews` arrays have only one element each. The bufferView refers to the buffer using the buffer’s index: "buffer": 0.

Indices MUST be non-negative integer numbers. Indices MUST always point to existing elements.

Whereas indices are used for internal glTF references, optional `names` are used for application-specific uses such as display. Any top-level glTF object MAY have a `name` string property for this purpose. These property values are not guaranteed to be unique as they are intended to contain values created when the asset was authored.

For property names, glTF usually uses camel case, likeThis.

3.4. Coordinate System and Units

glTF uses a right-handed coordinate system. glTF defines +Y as up, +Z as forward, and -X as right; the front of a glTF asset faces +Z.
The units for all linear distances are meters.

All angles are in radians.

Positive rotation is counterclockwise.

Red, Green, and Blue primary colors use Recommendation ITU-R BT.709 chromaticity coordinates.

**Implementation Note**

Chromaticity coordinates define the interpretation of each primary color channel of the color model. In the context of a typical display, color primaries describe the color of the red, green and blue phosphors or filters. Unless a wide color gamut output is explicitly used, client implementations usually do not need to convert colors. Future specification versions or extensions may allow other color primaries (such as P3).

### 3.5. Scenes

#### 3.5.1. Overview

glTF 2.0 assets **MAY** contain zero or more *scenes*, the set of visual objects to render. Scenes are defined in a *scenes* array. All nodes listed in *scene.nodes* array **MUST** be root nodes, i.e., they **MUST NOT** be listed in a *node.children* array of any node.

An additional root-level property, *scene* (note singular), identifies which of the scenes in the array **SHOULD** be displayed at load time. When *scene* is undefined, client implementations **MAY** delay rendering until a particular scene is requested.

A glTF asset that does not contain any scenes **SHOULD** be treated as a library of individual entities such as materials or meshes.

The following example defines a glTF asset with a single scene that contains a single node.
3.5.2. Nodes and Hierarchy

glTF assets MAY define nodes, that is, the objects comprising the scene to render.

Nodes MAY have transform properties, as described later.

Nodes are organized in a parent-child hierarchy known informally as the node hierarchy. A node is called a root node when it doesn’t have a parent.

The node hierarchy MUST be a set of disjoint strict trees. That is node hierarchy MUST NOT contain cycles and each node MUST have zero or one parent node.

The node hierarchy is defined using a node’s children property, as in the following example:
The node named Car has four children. Each of those nodes could in turn have its own children, creating a hierarchy of nodes.

3.5.3. Transformations

Any node MAY define a local space transformation either by supplying a matrix property, or any of translation, rotation, and scale properties (also known as TRS properties). translation and scale are 3D vectors in the local coordinate system. rotation is a unit quaternion value, XYZW, in the local coordinate system, where W is the scalar.

When matrix is defined, it MUST be decomposable to TRS properties.

Implementation Note
Transformation matrices cannot skew or shear.

When a node is targeted for animation (referenced by an animation.channel.target), only TRS properties MAY be present; matrix MUST NOT be present.

To compose the local transformation matrix, TRS properties MUST be converted to matrices and postmultiplied in the T * R * S order; first the scale is applied to the vertices, then the rotation, and then the translation.

Implementation Note
Non-invertible transformations (e.g., scaling one axis to zero) could lead to lighting and/or visibility artifacts.

In the example below, node named Box defines non-default rotation and translation.
The next example defines the transformation for a node with attached camera using the `matrix` property rather than using the individual TRS values:
3.6. Binary Data Storage

3.6.1. Buffers and Buffer Views

3.6.1.1. Overview

A buffer is arbitrary data stored as a binary blob. The buffer MAY contain any combination of geometry, animation, skins, and images.

Binary blobs allow efficient creation of GPU buffers and textures since they require no additional parsing, except perhaps decompression.

glTF assets MAY have any number of buffer resources. Buffers are defined in the asset’s buffers array.

While there's no hard upper limit on buffer’s size, glTF assets SHOULD NOT use buffers bigger than $2^{33}$ bytes because some JSON parsers may be unable to parse their byteLength correctly. Buffers stored as GLB binary chunk have an implicit limit of $2^{32}-1$ bytes.

All buffer data defined in this specification (i.e., geometry attributes, geometry indices, sparse accessor data, animation inputs and outputs, inverse bind matrices) MUST use little endian byte order.
The following example defines a buffer. The `byteLength` property specifies the size of the buffer file. The `uri` property is the URI to the buffer data.

```json
{
    "buffers": [
        {
            "byteLength": 10240,
            "uri": "duck.bin"
        }
    ]
}
```

The byte length of the referenced resource **MUST** be greater than or equal to the `buffer.byteLength` property.

Buffer data **MAY** alternatively be embedded in the glTF file via `data: URI` with base64 encoding. When `data: URI` is used for buffer storage, its `mediatype` field **MUST** be set to `application/octet-stream` or `application/gltf-buffer`.

A buffer view represents a contiguous segment of data in a buffer, defined by a byte offset into the buffer specified in the `byteOffset` property and a total byte length specified by the `byteLength` property of the buffer view.

Buffer views used for images, vertex indices, vertex attributes, or inverse bind matrices **MUST** contain only one kind of data, i.e., the same buffer view **MUST NOT** be used both for vertex indices and vertex attributes.

When a buffer view is used by vertex indices or attribute accessors it **SHOULD** specify `bufferView.target` with a value of `element array buffer` or `array buffer` respectively.

**Implementation Note**

This allows client implementations to early designate each buffer view to a proper processing step, e.g., buffer views with vertex indices and attributes would be copied to the appropriate GPU buffers, while buffer views with image data would be passed to format-specific image decoders.

The `bufferView.target` value uses integer enums defined in the Properties Reference.

The following example defines two buffer views: the first holds the indices for an indexed triangle set, and the second holds the vertex data for the triangle set.
When a buffer view is used for vertex attribute data, it **MAY** have a `byteStride` property. This property defines the stride in bytes between each vertex. Buffer views with other types of data **MUST NOT** not define `byteStride` (unless such layout is explicitly enabled by an extension).

Buffers and buffer views do not contain type information. They simply define the raw data for retrieval from the file. Objects within the glTF asset (meshes, skins, animations) access buffers or buffer views via **accessors**.

### 3.6.1.2. GLB-stored Buffer

glTF asset **MAY** use GLB file container to pack glTF JSON and one glTF buffer into one file. Data for such buffer is provided via GLB-stored **BIN** chunk.

A buffer with data provided by the GLB-stored **BIN** chunk, **MUST** be the first element of `buffers` array and it **MUST** have its `buffer.uri` property undefined. When such a buffer exists, a **BIN** chunk **MUST** be present.

Any glTF buffer with undefined `buffer.uri` property that is not the first element of `buffers` array does not refer to the GLB-stored **BIN** chunk, and the behavior of such buffers is left undefined to accommodate future extensions and specification versions.

Byte length of **BIN** chunk **MAY** be up to 3 bytes bigger than JSON-defined `buffer.byteLength` value to satisfy GLB padding requirements.

**Implementation Note**

Not requiring strict equality of chunk’s and buffer’s lengths slightly simplifies glTF to GLB conversion: `buffer.byteLength` does not need to be updated after applying GLB padding.

In the following example, the first buffer object refers to GLB-stored data, while the second points to external resource:
3.6.2. Accessors

3.6.2.1. Overview

All binary data for meshes, skins, and animations is stored in buffers and retrieved via accessors.

An accessor defines a method for retrieving data as typed arrays from within a bufferView. The accessor specifies a component type (e.g., float) and a data type (e.g., VEC3 for 3D vectors), which when combined define the complete data type for each array element. The accessor also specifies the location and size of the data within the bufferView using the properties byteOffset and count. The latter specifies the number of elements within the bufferView, not the number of bytes. Elements could be, e.g., vertex indices, vertex attributes, animation keyframes, etc.

All accessors are stored in the asset's accessors array.

The following example shows two accessors, the first is a scalar accessor for retrieving a primitive's indices, and the second is a 3-float-component vector accessor for retrieving the primitive's position data.

3.6.2.2. Accessor Data Types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>componentType</th>
<th>Data Type</th>
<th>Signed</th>
<th>Bits</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5120</td>
<td>signed byte</td>
<td>Signed, two’s complement</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5121</td>
<td>unsigned byte</td>
<td>Unsigned</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5122</td>
<td>signed short</td>
<td>Signed, two’s complement</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5123</td>
<td>unsigned short</td>
<td>Unsigned</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5125</td>
<td>unsigned int</td>
<td>Unsigned</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5126</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>Signed</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Signed 32-bit integer components are not supported.

Floating-point data **MUST** use **IEEE-754** single precision format.

Values of NaN, +Infinity, and -Infinity **MUST NOT** be present.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>type</th>
<th>Number of components</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&quot;SCALAR&quot;</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;VEC2&quot;</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;VEC3&quot;</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot;VEC4&quot;</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>&quot;MAT2&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;MAT3&quot;</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;MAT4&quot;</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Element size, in bytes, is \((\text{size in bytes of the 'componentType'}) \times (\text{number of components defined by 'type'})\).

For example:

```json
{
    "accessors": [
        {
            "bufferView": 1,
            "byteOffset": 7032,
            "componentType": 5126,
            "count": 585,
            "type": "VEC3"
        }
    ]
}
```

In this accessor, the **componentType** is 5126 (float), so each component is four bytes. The **type** is "VEC3", so there are three components. The size of each element is 12 bytes \((4 \times 3)\). Thus, the accessor takes 7020 bytes \([7032 \ldots 14051]\) inclusive range of the buffer view).

### 3.6.2.3. Sparse Accessors

Sparse encoding of arrays is often more memory-efficient than dense encoding when describing incremental changes with respect to a reference array. This is often the case when encoding morph targets (it is, in general, more efficient to describe a few displaced vertices in a morph target than transmitting all morph target vertices).

Similar to a standard accessor, a sparse accessor initializes an array of typed elements from data stored in a **bufferView**. When **accessor.bufferView** is undefined, the sparse accessor is initialized as an array of zeros of size \((\text{size of the accessor element}) \times (\text{accessor.count})\) bytes.
On top of that, a sparse accessor includes a sparse JSON object describing the elements that deviate from their initialization values. The sparse object contains the following REQUIRED properties:

- **count**: number of displaced elements. This number **MUST NOT** be greater than the number of the base accessor elements.
- **indices**: object describing the location and the component type of indices of deviating values. The indices **MUST** form a strictly increasing sequence. The indices **MUST NOT** be greater than or equal to the number of the base accessor elements.
- **values**: object describing the location of displaced elements corresponding to the indices referred from the indices.

The following example shows an example of a sparse accessor with 10 elements deviating from the initialization array.

```
{
  "accessors": [
    {
      "bufferView": 0,
      "byteOffset": 0,
      "componentType": 5123,
      "count": 12636,
      "type": "VEC3",
      "sparse": {
        "count": 10,
        "indices": {
          "bufferView": 1,
          "byteOffset": 0,
          "componentType": 5123
        },
        "values": {
          "bufferView": 2,
          "byteOffset": 0
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

### 3.6.2.4. Data Alignment

The offset of an accessor into a bufferView (i.e., accessor.byteOffset) and the offset of an accessor into a buffer (i.e., accessor.byteOffset + bufferView.byteOffset) **MUST** be a multiple of the size of the accessor’s component type.

When byteStride of the referenced bufferView is not defined, it means that accessor elements are tightly packed, i.e., effective stride equals the size of the element. When byteStride is defined, it **MUST** be a multiple of the size of the accessor’s component type.
When two or more vertex attribute accessors use the same `bufferView`, its `byteStride` MUST be defined.

Each accessor MUST fit its `bufferView`, i.e.,

```
accessor.byteOffset + EFFECTIVE_BYTE_STRIDE * (accessor.count - 1) + SIZE_OF_COMPONENT
* NUMBER_OF_COMPONENTS
```

MUST be less than or equal to `bufferView.length`.

For performance and compatibility reasons, each element of a vertex attribute MUST be aligned to 4-byte boundaries inside a `bufferView` (i.e., `accessor.byteOffset` and `bufferView.byteStride` MUST be multiples of 4).

Accessors of matrix type have data stored in column-major order; start of each column MUST be aligned to 4-byte boundaries. Specifically, when `ROWS * SIZE_OF_COMPONENT` (where `ROWS` is the number of rows of the matrix) is not a multiple of 4, then `(ROWS * SIZE_OF_COMPONENT) % 4` padding bytes MUST be inserted at the end of each column.

Only the following three accessor configurations require padding.

**MAT2, 1-byte components**

```
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<th>02</th>
<th>03</th>
<th>04</th>
<th>05</th>
<th>06</th>
<th>07</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
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<td>m10</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>m01</td>
<td>m11</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

**MAT3, 1-byte components**

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<td>m01</td>
<td>m11</td>
<td>m21</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>m02</td>
<td>m12</td>
</tr>
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</table>
```

**MAT3, 2-byte components**

```
| 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 0A | 0B | 0C | 0D | 0E | 0F | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
|m00|m00|m10|m10|m20|m20|--|--|--|--|m01|m01|m11|m11|m21|m21|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
```

Alignment requirements apply only to the start of each column, so trailing bytes MAY be omitted if there’s no further data.
Implementation Note

Alignment requirements allow client implementations to more efficiently process binary buffers because creating aligned data views usually does not require extra copying.

Consider the following example:

```json
{
    "bufferViews": [
        {
            "buffer": 0,
            "byteLength": 17136,
            "byteOffset": 620
        }
    ],
    "accessors": [
        {
            "bufferView": 0,
            "byteOffset": 4608,
            "componentType": 5123,
            "count": 42,
            "type": "VEC2"
        }
    ]
}
```

In this example, the accessor describes tightly-packed two-component unsigned short values. The corresponding segment of the underlying buffer would start from byte 5228 and continue until byte 5396 exclusive.

```plaintext
start = accessor.byteOffset + accessor.bufferView.byteOffset
end = 2 * 2 * accessor.count + start
```

The unsigned short view for the resulting buffer range could be created without copying: 84 scalar values starting from byte offset 5228.

When accessor values are not tightly-packed (i.e., `bufferView.byteStride` is greater than element's byte length), iteration over the created data view would need to take interleaved values into account (i.e., skip them).

3.6.2.5. Accessors Bounds

`accessor.min` and `accessor.max` properties are arrays that contain per-component minimum and
maximum values, respectively. The length of these arrays **MUST** be equal to the number of accessor's components.

Values stored in glTF JSON **MUST** match actual minimum and maximum binary values stored in buffers. The `accessor.normalized` flag has no effect on these properties.

A sparse accessor `min` and `max` properties correspond, respectively, to the minimum and maximum component values once the sparse substitution is applied.

When neither `sparse` nor `bufferView` is defined, `min` and `max` properties **MAY** have any values. This is intended for use cases when binary data is supplied by external means (e.g., via extensions).

For floating-point components, JSON-stored minimum and maximum values represent single precision floats and **SHOULD** be rounded to single precision before usage to avoid any potential boundary mismatches.

*ECMAScript Implementation Note*  
`Math.fround` function could be used to achieve that.

Animation input and vertex position attribute accessors **MUST** have `accessor.min` and `accessor.max` defined. For all other accessors, these properties are optional.

### 3.7. Geometry

#### 3.7.1. Overview

Any node **MAY** contain one mesh, defined in its `mesh` property. Mesh **MAY** be skinned using an information provided in a referenced `skin` object. Mesh **MAY** have morph targets.

#### 3.7.2. Meshes

##### 3.7.2.1. Overview

Meshes are defined as arrays of *primitives*. Primitives correspond to the data required for GPU draw calls. Primitives specify one or more *attributes*, corresponding to the vertex attributes used in the draw calls. Indexed primitives also define an *indices* property. Attributes and indices are defined as references to accessors containing corresponding data. Each primitive **MAY** also specify a *material* and a *mode* that corresponds to the GPU topology type (e.g., triangle set).

*Implementation Note*  
Splitting one mesh into several *primitives* could be useful to limit number of indices per draw call or to assign different materials to different parts of the mesh.

If *material* is undefined, then a default *material* **MUST** be used.

The following example defines a mesh containing one indexed triangle set primitive:
Each attribute is defined as a property of the `attributes` object. The name of the property corresponds to an enumerated value identifying the vertex attribute, such as `POSITION`. The value of the property is the index of an accessor that contains the data.

The specification defines the following attribute semantics: `POSITION`, `NORMAL`, `TANGENT`, `TEXCOORD_n`, `COLOR_n`, `JOINTS_n`, and `WEIGHTS_n`.

Application-specific attribute semantics **MUST** start with an underscore, e.g., `_TEMPERATURE`. Application-specific attribute semantics **MUST NOT** use unsigned int component type.

Valid accessor type and component type for each attribute semantic property are defined below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Accessor Type(s)</th>
<th>Component Type(s)</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>POSITION</td>
<td>VEC3</td>
<td><code>float</code></td>
<td>XYZ vertex positions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NORMAL</td>
<td>VEC3</td>
<td><code>float</code></td>
<td>Normalized XYZ vertex normals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TANGENT</td>
<td>VEC4</td>
<td><code>float</code></td>
<td>XYZW vertex tangents where the W component is a sign value (-1 or +1) indicating handedness of the tangent basis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TEXCOORD_n</td>
<td>VEC2</td>
<td><code>float</code></td>
<td>UV texture coordinates</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

unsigned byte normalized

unsigned short normalized
<table>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Accessor Type(s)</th>
<th>Component Type(s)</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
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<td>COLOR_n</td>
<td>VEC3 VEC4</td>
<td>float unsigned byte normalized</td>
<td>RGB or RGBA vertex color</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned short normalized</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JOINTS_n</td>
<td>VEC4</td>
<td>unsigned byte unsigned short</td>
<td>See Skinned Mesh Attributes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WEIGHTS_n</td>
<td>VEC4</td>
<td>float unsigned byte normalized</td>
<td>See Skinned Mesh Attributes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned short normalized</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**POSITION** accessor **MUST** have its min and max properties defined.

The W component of each **TANGENT** accessor element **MUST** be set to 1.0 or -1.0.

When a **COLOR_n** attribute uses an accessor of "VEC3" type, its alpha component **MUST** be assumed to have a value of 1.0.

All components of each **COLOR_0** accessor element **MUST** be clamped to [0.0, 1.0] range.

**TEXCOORD_n**, **COLOR_n**, **JOINTS_n**, and **WEIGHTS_n** attribute semantic property names **MUST** be of the form [semantic]_[set_index], e.g., **TEXCOORD_0**, **TEXCOORD_1**, **COLOR_0**. All indices for indexed attribute semantics **MUST** start with 0 and be consecutive positive integers: **TEXCOORD_0**, **TEXCOORD_1**, etc. Indices **MUST NOT** use leading zeroes to pad the number of digits (e.g., **TEXCOORD_01** is not allowed).

Client implementations **SHOULD** support at least two UV texture coordinate sets, one vertex color, and one joints/weights set.

All attribute accessors for a given primitive **MUST** have the same count. When **indices** property is not defined, attribute accessors’ count indicates the number of vertices to render; when **indices** property is defined, it indicates the upper (exclusive) bound on the index values in the **indices** accessor, i.e., all index values **MUST** be less than attribute accessors’ count.

**indices** accessor **MUST NOT** contain the maximum possible value for the component type used (i.e., 255 for unsigned bytes, 65535 for unsigned shorts, 4294967295 for unsigned ints).

**Implementation Note**

The maximum values trigger primitive restart in some graphics APIs and would require client implementations to rebuild the index buffer.

When **indices** property is not defined, the number of vertex indices to render is defined by count of attribute accessors (with the implied values from range [0..count]); when **indices** property is defined, the number of vertex indices to render is defined by count of accessor referred to by **indices**. In either case, the number of vertex indices **MUST** be valid for the topology type used:

- For **points**, it **MUST** be non-zero.
- For **line loops** and **line strips**, it **MUST** be 2 or greater.
- For **triangle strips** and **triangle fans**, it **MUST** be 3 or greater.
- For **lines**, it **MUST** be divisible by 2 and non-zero.
For triangles, it **MUST** be divisible by 3 and non-zero

Topology types are defined as follows.

- **Points**

  Each vertex defines a single point primitive, according to the equation:

  \[ p_i = \{v_i\} \]

- **Line Strips**

  One line primitive is defined by each vertex and the following vertex, according to the equation:

  \[ p_i = \{v_i, v_{i+1}\} \]

- **Line Loops**

  Loops are the same as line strips except that a final segment is added from the final specified vertex to the first vertex.

- **Lines**

  Each consecutive pair of vertices defines a single line primitive, according to the equation:

  \[ p_i = \{v_{2i}, v_{2i+1}\} \]

- **Triangles**

  Each consecutive set of three vertices defines a single triangle primitive, according to the equation:

  \[ p_i = \{v_{3i}, v_{3i+1}, v_{3i+2}\} \]

- **Triangle Strips**

  One triangle primitive is defined by each vertex and the two vertices that follow it, according to the equation:

  \[ p_i = \{v_i, v_{i+(1+i%2)}, v_{i+(2-i%2)}\} \]

- **Triangle Fans**

  Triangle primitives are defined around a shared common vertex, according to the equation:
\[ p_i = \{v_{i-1}, v_i, v_0\} \]

Mesh geometry **SHOULD NOT** contain degenerate lines or triangles, i.e., lines or triangles that use the same vertex more than once per topology primitive.

When positions are not specified, client implementations **SHOULD** skip primitive's rendering unless its positions are provided by other means (e.g., by an extension). This applies to both indexed and non-indexed geometry.

When tangents are not specified, client implementations **SHOULD** calculate tangents using default MikkTSpace algorithms.

When normals are not specified, client implementations **MUST** calculate flat normals and the provided tangents (if present) **MUST** be ignored.

Vertices of the same triangle **SHOULD** have the same \( \text{tangent}.w \) value. When vertices of the same triangle have different \( \text{tangent}.w \) values, its tangent space is considered undefined.

The bitangent vectors **MUST** be computed by taking the cross product of the normal and tangent XYZ vectors and multiplying it against the W component of the tangent: \( \text{bitangent} = \text{cross(normal.xyz, tangent.xyz)} \times \text{tangent.w} \)

Extensions **MAY** add additional attribute names, accessor types, and / or component types.

### 3.7.2.2. Morph Targets

Morph targets are defined by extending the Mesh concept.

A morph target is a morphable Mesh where primitives' attributes are obtained by adding the original attributes to a weighted sum of targets attributes.

For instance, the morph target vertices \( \text{POSITION} \) for the primitive at index \( i \) are computed in this way:

```plaintext
primitives[i].attributes.POSITION +
weights[0] * primitives[i].targets[0].POSITION +
weights[1] * primitives[i].targets[1].POSITION +
weights[2] * primitives[i].targets[2].POSITION + ...
```

Morph targets are specified via the \( \text{targets} \) property defined in the Mesh \( \text{primitives} \). Each target in the \( \text{targets} \) array is a plain JSON object mapping a primitive attribute to an accessor containing morph target displacement data (deltas).

For each morph target attribute, an original attribute **MUST** be present in the mesh primitive.

Client implementations **SHOULD** support at least three attributes — \( \text{POSITION}, \text{NORMAL}, \) and \( \text{TANGENT} \) — for morphing. Client implementations **MAY** optionally support morphed \( \text{TEXCOORD}_n \) and / or \( \text{COLOR}_n \) attributes.
If morph targets contain application-specific semantics, their names **MUST** be prefixed with an underscore (e.g., _TEMPERATURE) like the associated attribute semantics.

All primitives **MUST** have the same number of morph targets in the same order.

Accessor type and component type for each morphed attribute semantic property **MUST** follow the table below. Note that the W component for handedness is omitted when targeting TANGENT data since handedness cannot be displaced.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Accessor Type(s)</th>
<th>Component Type(s)</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>POSITION</td>
<td>VEC3</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>XYZ vertex position displacements</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NORMAL</td>
<td>VEC3</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>XYZ vertex normal displacements</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TANGENT</td>
<td>VEC3</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>XYZ vertex tangent displacements</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TEXCOORD_n</td>
<td>VEC2</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>UV texture coordinate displacements</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLOR_n</td>
<td>VEC3 VEC4</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>RGB or RGBA color deltas</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**POSITION** accessor **MUST** have its min and max properties defined.

When **COLOR_n** deltas use an accessor of "VEC3" type, their alpha components **MUST** be assumed to have a value of 0.0.

After applying color deltas, all components of each **COLOR_0** morphed accessor element **MUST** be clamped to [0.0, 1.0] range.

All morph target's accessors **MUST** have the same count as the accessors of the original primitive.

A mesh with morph targets **MAY** also define an optional mesh.weights property that stores the default targets weights. These weights **MUST** be used when node.weights is undefined. When mesh.weights is undefined, the default targets weights are zeros.
The following example extends the Mesh defined in the previous example to a morphable one by adding two morph targets:

```json
{
    "primitives": [
        {
            "attributes": {
                "NORMAL": 23,
                "POSITION": 22,
                "TANGENT": 24,
                "TEXCOORD_0": 25
            },
            "indices": 21,
            "material": 3,
            "targets": [
                {
                    "NORMAL": 33,
                    "POSITION": 32,
                    "TANGENT": 34
                },
                {
                    "NORMAL": 43,
                    "POSITION": 42,
                    "TANGENT": 44
                }
            ]
        }
    ],
    "weights": [0, 0.5]
}
```

The number of morph targets is not limited. Client implementations **SHOULD** support at least eight morphed attributes. This means that they **SHOULD** support eight morph targets when each morph target has one attribute, four morph targets where each morph target has two attributes, or two morph targets where each morph target has three or four attributes.

For assets that contain a higher number of morphed attributes, client implementations **MAY** choose to only use the eight attributes of the morph targets with the highest weights.

**Implementation Note**

A significant number of authoring and client implementations associate names with morph targets. While the glTF 2.0 specification currently does not provide a way to specify names, most tools use an array of strings, `mesh.extras.targetNames`, for this purpose. The `targetNames` array and all primitive `targets` arrays must have the same length.
3.7.3. Skins

3.7.3.1. Overview

gltF 2.0 meshes support Linear Blend Skinning via skin objects, joint hierarchies, and designated vertex attributes.

Skins are stored in the `skins` array of the asset. Each skin is defined by a **REQUIRED** `joints` property that lists the indices of nodes used as joints to pose the skin and an **OPTIONAL** `inverseBindMatrices` property that points to an accessor with inverse bind matrices data used to bring coordinates being skinned into the same space as each joint.

The order of joints is defined by the `skin.joints` array and it **MUST** match the order of `inverseBindMatrices` accessor elements (when the latter is present). The `skeleton` property (if present) points to the node that is the common root of a joints hierarchy or to a direct or indirect parent node of the common root.

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**Implementation Note**

Although the `skeleton` property is not needed for computing skinning transforms, it may be used to provide a specific “pivot point” for the skinned geometry.

An accessor referenced by `inverseBindMatrices` **MUST** have floating-point components of "MAT4" type. The number of elements of the accessor referenced by `inverseBindMatrices` **MUST** greater than or equal to the number of `joints` elements. The fourth row of each matrix **MUST** be set to `[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0]`.

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**Implementation Note**

The matrix defining how to pose the skin’s geometry for use with the joints (also known as “Bind Shape Matrix”) should be premultiplied to mesh data or to Inverse Bind Matrices.

3.7.3.2. Joint Hierarchy

The joint hierarchy used for controlling skinned mesh pose is simply the node hierarchy, with each node designated as a `joint` by a reference from the `skin.joints` array. Each skin’s joints **MUST** have a common parent node (direct or indirect) called `common root`, which may or may not be a joint node itself. When a skin is referenced by a node within a scene, the common root **MUST** belong to the same scene.

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**Implementation Note**

A node object does not specify whether it is a joint. Client implementations may need to traverse the `skins` array first, marking each joint node.

A joint node **MAY** have other nodes attached to it, even a complete node sub graph with meshes.
Implementation Note

It’s common to have an entire geometry attached to a joint node without having it being skinned (e.g., a sword attached to a hand). Note that the node transform is the local transform of the node relative to the joint, like any other node in the glTF node hierarchy as described in the Transformations section.

Only the joint transforms are applied to the skinned mesh; the transform of the skinned mesh node MUST be ignored.

In the example below, the translation of node_0 and the scale of node_1 are applied while the translation of node_3 and rotation of node_4 are ignored.

```json
{
  "nodes": [
    {
      "name": "node_0",
      "children": [ 1 ],
      "translation": [ 0.0, 1.0, 0.0 ]
    },
    {
      "name": "node_1",
      "children": [ 2 ],
      "scale": [ 0.5, 0.5, 0.5 ]
    },
    { "name": "node_2" },
    { "name": "node_3",
      "children": [ 4 ],
      "translation": [ 1.0, 0.0, 0.0 ]
    },
    { "name": "node_4",
      "mesh": 0,
      "rotation": [ 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0 ],
      "skin": 0
    }
  ],
  "skins": [
    {
      "inverseBindMatrices": 0,
      "joints": [ 1, 2 ],
      "skeleton": 1
    }
  ]
}
```
3.7.3.3. Skinned Mesh Attributes

The skinned mesh **MUST** have vertex attributes that are used in skinning calculations. The \texttt{JOINTS\_n} attribute data contains the indices of the joints from the corresponding \texttt{skin.joints} array that affect the vertex. The \texttt{WEIGHTS\_n} attribute data defines the weights indicating how strongly the joint influences the vertex.

To apply skinning, a transformation matrix is computed for each joint. Then, the per-vertex transformation matrices are computed as weighted linear sums of the joint transformation matrices. Note that per-joint inverse bind matrices (when present) **MUST** be applied before the base node transforms.

In the following example, a mesh primitive defines \texttt{JOINTS\_0} and \texttt{WEIGHTS\_0} vertex attributes:

```json
{
    "meshes": [
        {
            "name": "skinned-mesh_1",
            "primitives": [
                {
                    "attributes": {
                        "JOINTS_0": 179,
                        "NORMAL": 165,
                        "POSITION": 163,
                        "TEXCOORD_0": 167,
                        "WEIGHTS_0": 176
                    },
                    "indices": 161,
                    "material": 1,
                    "mode": 4
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

The number of joints that influence one vertex is limited to 4 per set, so the referenced accessors **MUST** have \texttt{VEC4} type and following component types:

- \texttt{JOINTS\_n}: unsigned byte or unsigned short
- \texttt{WEIGHTS\_n}: float, or normalized unsigned byte, or normalized unsigned short

The joint weights for each vertex **MUST NOT** be negative.

Joints **MUST NOT** contain more than one non-zero weight for a given vertex.

When the weights are stored using \texttt{float} component type, their linear sum **SHOULD** be as close as reasonably possible to \texttt{1.0} for a given vertex.

When the weights are stored using normalized unsigned byte, or normalized unsigned short
component types, their linear sum before normalization **MUST** be 255 or 65535 respectively. Without these requirements, vertices would be deformed significantly because the weight error would get multiplied by the joint position. For example, an error of $1/255$ in the weight sum would result in an unacceptably large difference in the joint position.

**Implementation Note**

The threshold in the official validation tool is set to $2e-7$ times the number of non-zero weights per vertex.

**Implementation Note**

Since the allowed threshold is much lower than minimum possible step for quantized component types, weight sum should be renormalized after quantization.

When any of the vertices are influenced by more than four joints, the additional joint and weight information are stored in subsequent sets. For example, **JOINTS_1** and **WEIGHTS_1** if present will reference the accessor for up to 4 additional joints that influence the vertices. For a given primitive, the number of **JOINTS_n** attribute sets **MUST** be equal to the number of **WEIGHTS_n** attribute sets.

Client implementations **MAY** support only a single set of up to four weights and joints, however not supporting all weight and joint sets present in the file may have an impact on the asset’s animation.

All joint values **MUST** be within the range of joints in the skin. Unused joint values (i.e., joints with a weight of zero) **SHOULD** be set to zero.

### 3.7.4. Instantiation

A mesh is instantiated by `node.mesh` property. The same mesh could be used by many nodes, which could have different transformations. For example:

```json
{
    "nodes": [
    {
        "mesh": 11
    },
    {
        "mesh": 11,
        "translation": [
            -20,
            -1,
            0
        ]
    }
    ]
}
```

When a mesh primitive uses any triangle-based topology (i.e., triangles, triangle strip, or triangle fan), the determinant of the node’s global transform defines the winding order of that primitive. If
the determinant is a positive value, the winding order triangle faces is counterclockwise; in the opposite case, the winding order is clockwise.

**Implementation Note**

Switching the winding order to clockwise enables mirroring geometry via negative scale transformations.

When an instantiated mesh has morph targets, it **MUST** use morph weights specified with the `node.weights` property. When the latter is undefined, `mesh.weights` property **MUST** be used instead. When both of these fields are undefined, the mesh is instantiated in a non-morphed state (i.e., with all morph weights set to zeros).

The example below instantiates a Morph Target with non-default weights.

```json
{
   "nodes": [
      {
         "mesh": 11,
         "weights": [0, 0.5]
      }
   ]
}
```

A skin is instantiated within a node using a combination of the node’s `mesh` and `skin` properties. The mesh for a skin instance is defined in the `mesh` property. The `skin` property contains the index of the skin to instance.

The following example shows a skinned mesh instance: a skin object, a node with a skinned mesh, and two joint nodes.
3.8. Texture Data

3.8.1. Overview

glTF 2.0 separates texture access into three distinct types of objects: Textures, Images, and Samplers.
3.8.2. Textures

Textures are stored in the asset's `textures` array. A texture is defined by an image index, denoted by the `source` property and a sampler index (sampler). For example:

```json
{
    "textures": [
        {
            "sampler": 0,
            "source": 2
        }
    ]
}
```

glTF 2.0 supports only static 2D textures.

When `texture.source` is undefined, the image **SHOULD** be provided by an extension or application-specific means, otherwise the texture object is undefined.

**Implementation Note**
Client implementations may render such textures with a predefined placeholder image or being filled with some error color (usually magenta).

When `texture.sampler` is undefined, a sampler with repeat wrapping (in both directions) and auto filtering **MUST** be used.

3.8.3. Images

Images referred to by textures are stored in the `images` array of the asset.

Each image contains one of

- a URI (or IRI) to an external file in one of the supported image formats, or
- a Data URI with embedded data, or
- a reference to a bufferView; in that case `mimeType` **MUST** be defined.

The following example shows an image pointing to an external PNG image file and another image referencing a bufferView with JPEG data.
Client implementations **MAY** need to manually determine the media type of some images. In such a case, the following table **SHOULD** be used to check the values of the first few bytes.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Media Type</th>
<th>Pattern Length</th>
<th>Pattern Bytes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>image/png</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>0x89 0x50 0x4E 0x47 0x0D 0x0A 0x1A 0x0A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>image/jpeg</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>0xFF 0xD8 0xFF</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The image data **MUST** match the `image.mimeType` property when the latter is defined.

The origin of the UV coordinates (0, 0) corresponds to the upper left corner of a texture image. This is illustrated in the following figure, where the respective UV coordinates are shown for all four corners of a normalized UV space:

![UV coordinates](image)

Any colorspace information (such as ICC profiles, intents, gamma values, etc.) from PNG or JPEG images **MUST** be ignored. Effective transfer function (encoding) is defined by a glTF object that
3.8.4. Samplers

3.8.4.1. Overview

Samplers are stored in the samplers array of the asset. Each sampler specifies filtering and wrapping modes.

The sampler properties use integer enums defined in the Properties Reference.

Client implementations SHOULD follow specified filtering modes. When the latter are undefined, client implementations MAY set their own default texture filtering settings.

Client implementations MUST follow specified wrapping modes.

3.8.4.2. Filtering

Filtering modes control texture's magnification and minification.

Magnification modes include:

- Nearest. For each requested texel coordinates, the sampler selects a texel with the nearest coordinates. This process is sometimes called “nearest neighbor”.

- Linear. For each requested texel coordinates, the sampler computes a weighted sum of several adjacent texels. This process is sometimes called “bilinear interpolation”.

Minification modes include:

- Nearest. For each requested texel coordinates, the sampler selects a texel with the nearest (in Manhattan distance) coordinates from the original image. This process is sometimes called “nearest neighbor”.

- Linear. For each requested texel coordinates, the sampler computes a weighted sum of several adjacent texels from the original image. This process is sometimes called “bilinear interpolation”.

- Nearest-mipmap-nearest. For each requested texel coordinates, the sampler first selects one of pre-minified versions of the original image, and then selects a texel with the nearest (in Manhattan distance) coordinates from it.

- Linear-mipmap-nearest. For each requested texel coordinates, the sampler first selects one of pre-minified versions of the original image, and then computes a weighted sum of several adjacent texels from it.
• **Nearest-mipmap-linear.** For each requested texel coordinates, the sampler first selects two pre-minified versions of the original image, selects a texel with the nearest (in Manhattan distance) coordinates from each of them, and performs final linear interpolation between these two intermediate results.

• **Linear-mipmap-linear.** For each requested texel coordinates, the sampler first selects two pre-minified versions of the original image, computes a weighted sum of several adjacent texels from each of them, and performs final linear interpolation between these two intermediate results. This process is sometimes called “trilinear interpolation”.

To properly support mipmap modes, client implementations **SHOULD** generate mipmaps at runtime. When runtime mipmap generation is not possible, client implementations **SHOULD** override the minification filtering mode as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mipmap minification mode</th>
<th>Fallback mode</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nearest-mipmap-nearest</td>
<td>Nearest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nearest-mipmap-linear</td>
<td>Linear</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Linear-mipmap-nearest</td>
<td>Linear</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Linear-mipmap-linear</td>
<td>Linear</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 3.8.4.3. Wrapping

Per-vertex texture coordinates, which are provided via `TEXCOORD_n` attribute values, are normalized for the image size (not to confuse with the `normalized` accessor property, the latter refers only to data encoding). That is, the texture coordinate value of \((0.0, 0.0)\) points to the beginning of the first (upper-left) image pixel, while the texture coordinate value of \((1.0, 1.0)\) points to the end of the last (lower-right) image pixel.

Sampler’s wrapping modes define how to handle texture coordinates that are negative or greater than or equal to \(1.0\), independently for both directions. Supported modes include:

• **Repeat.** Only the fractional part of texture coordinates is used.

  ```
  Example
  2.2 maps to 0.2; -0.4 maps to 0.6.
  ```

• **Mirrored Repeat.** This mode works as `repeat` but flips the direction when the integer part (truncated towards \(-\infty\)) is odd.

  ```
  Example
  2.2 maps to 0.2; -0.4 is treated as 0.4.
  ```

• **Clamp to edge.** Texture coordinates with values outside the image are clamped to the closest existing image texel at the edge.

### 3.8.4.4. Example

The following example defines a sampler with `linear` magnification filtering, `linear-mipmap-linear`
minification filtering, and repeat wrapping in both directions.

```json
{
  "samplers": [
    {
      "magFilter": 9729,
      "minFilter": 9987,
      "wrapS": 10497,
      "wrapT": 10497
    }
  ]
}
```

### 3.8.4.5. Non-power-of-two Textures

Client implementations **SHOULD** resize non power-of-two textures (so that their horizontal and vertical sizes are powers of two) when running on platforms that have limited support for such texture dimensions.

**Implementation Note**

Specifically, if the sampler the texture references:

- has a wrapping mode (either `wrapS` or `wrapT`) equal to repeat or mirrored repeat, or
- has a minification filter (`minFilter`) that uses mipmapping.

### 3.9. Materials

#### 3.9.1. Overview

gltf defines materials using a common set of parameters that are based on widely used material representations from Physically Based Rendering (PBR). Specifically, glTF uses the metallic-roughness material model. Using this declarative representation of materials enables a glTF file to be rendered consistently across platforms.
3.9.2. Metallic-Roughness Material

All parameters related to the metallic-roughness material model are defined under the `pbrMetallicRoughness` property of `material` object. The following example shows how to define a gold-like material using the metallic-roughness parameters:

```json
{
    "materials": [
        {
            "name": "gold",
            "pbrMetallicRoughness": {
                "baseColorFactor": [1.000, 0.766, 0.336, 1.0],
                "metallicFactor": 1.0,
                "roughnessFactor": 0.0
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

The metallic-roughness material model is defined by the following properties:

- **base color** - The base color of the material.
- **metalness** - The metalness of the material; values range from 0.0 (non-metal) to 1.0 (metal); see Appendix B for the interpretation of intermediate values.
- **roughness** - The roughness of the material; values range from 0.0 (smooth) to 1.0 (rough).

The `base color` has two different interpretations depending on the value of `metalness`. When the material is a metal, the base color is the specific measured reflectance value at normal incidence (F0). For a non-metal the base color represents the reflected diffuse color of the material. In this model it is not possible to specify a F0 value for non-metals, and a linear value of 4% (0.04) is used.

The value for each property MAY be defined using factors and / or textures (e.g., `baseColorTexture` and `baseColorFactor`). If a texture is not given, all respective texture components within this material model MUST be assumed to have a value of 1.0. If both factors and textures are present, the factor value acts as a linear multiplier for the corresponding texture values. A texture binding is defined by an index of a `texture` object and an optional index of texture coordinates.

The following example shows a material that uses a texture for its `base color` property.
The base color texture MUST contain 8-bit values encoded with the sRGB opto-electronic transfer function so RGB values MUST be decoded to real linear values before they are used for any computations. To achieve correct filtering, the transfer function SHOULD be decoded before performing linear interpolation.

The textures for metalness and roughness properties are packed together in a single texture called metallicRoughnessTexture. Its green channel contains roughness values and its blue channel contains metalness values. This texture MUST be encoded with linear transfer function and MAY use more than 8 bits per channel.

For example, assume an 8-bit RGBA value of [64, 124, 231, 255] is sampled from baseColorTexture and assume that baseColorFactor is given as [0.2, 1.0, 0.7, 1.0]. Then, the final base color value would be (after decoding the transfer function and multiplying by the factor)

\[
[0.051 \times 0.2, 0.202 \times 1.0, 0.799 \times 0.7, 1.0 \times 1.0] = [0.0102, 0.202, 0.5593, 1.0]
\]

In addition to the material properties, if a primitive specifies a vertex color using the attribute semantic property COLOR_0, then this value acts as an additional linear multiplier to base color.

Implementations of the BRDF itself MAY vary based on device performance and resource constraints. See Appendix B for more details on the BRDF calculations.

### 3.9.3. Additional Textures

The material definition also provides for additional textures that MAY also be used with the
metallic-roughness material model as well as other material models, which could be provided via glTF extensions.

The following additional textures are supported:

- **normal**: A tangent space normal texture. The texture encodes XYZ components of a normal vector in tangent space as RGB values stored with linear transfer function. Normal textures **SHOULD NOT** contain alpha channel as it not used anyway. After dequantization, texel values **MUST** be mapped as follows: red [0.0 .. 1.0] to X [-1 .. 1], green [0.0 .. 1.0] to Y [-1 .. 1], blue (0.5 .. 1.0] maps to Z (0 .. 1]. Normal textures **SHOULD NOT** contain blue values less than or equal to 0.5.

  **Implementation Note**

  This mapping is usually implemented as `sampledValue * 2.0 - 1.0`.

  The texture binding for normal textures **MAY** additionally contain a scalar `scale` value that linearly scales X and Y components of the normal vector.

  Normal vectors **MUST** be normalized before being used in lighting equations. When scaling is used, vector normalization happens after scaling.

- **occlusion**: The occlusion texture; it indicates areas that receive less diffuse lighting from ambient sources. Direct lighting is not affected. The `red` channel of the texture encodes the occlusion value, where 0.0 means fully-occluded area (no indirect lighting) and 1.0 means not occluded area (full indirect lighting). Other texture channels (if present) do not affect occlusion.

  The texture binding for occlusion maps **MAY** optionally contain a scalar `strength` value that is used to reduce the occlusion effect. When present, it affects the occlusion value as `1.0 + strength * (occlusionTexture - 1.0)`.

- **emissive**: The emissive texture and factor control the color and intensity of the light being emitted by the material. The texture **MUST** contain 8-bit values encoded with the sRGB opto-electronic transfer function so RGB values **MUST** be decoded to real linear values before they are used for any computations. To achieve correct filtering, the transfer function **SHOULD** be decoded before performing linear interpolation.

  For implementations where a physical light unit is needed, the units for the multiplicative product of the emissive texture and factor are candela per square meter (cd / m²), sometimes called nits.

  **Implementation Note**

  Because the value is specified per square meter, it indicates the brightness of any given point along the surface. However, the exact conversion from physical light units to the brightness of rendered pixels requires knowledge of the camera’s exposure settings, which are left as an implementation detail unless otherwise defined by a glTF extension.

  Many rendering engines simplify this calculation by assuming that an emissive factor of 1.0 results in a fully exposed pixel.
The following example shows a material that is defined using `pbrMetallicRoughness` parameters as well as additional textures:

```json
{
  "materials": [
    {
      "name": "Material0",
      "pbrMetallicRoughness": {
        "baseColorFactor": [0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1.0],
        "baseColorTexture": {
          "index": 1,
          "texCoord": 1
        },
        "metallicFactor": 1,
        "roughnessFactor": 1,
        "metallicRoughnessTexture": {
          "index": 2,
          "texCoord": 1
        }
      },
      "normalTexture": {
        "scale": 2,
        "index": 3,
        "texCoord": 1
      },
      "emissiveFactor": [0.2, 0.1, 0.0]
    }
  ]
}
```

If a client implementation is resource-bound and cannot support all the textures defined it **SHOULD** support these additional textures in the following priority order. Resource-bound implementations **SHOULD** drop textures from the bottom to the top.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Texture</th>
<th>Rendering impact when feature is not supported</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Normal</td>
<td>Geometry will appear less detailed than authored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Occlusion</td>
<td>Model will appear brighter in areas that are intended to be darker.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emissive</td>
<td>Model with lights will not be lit. For example, the headlights of a car model will be off instead of on.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 3.9.4. Alpha Coverage

The `alphaMode` property defines how the alpha value is interpreted. The alpha value is taken from the fourth component of the *base color* for metallic-roughness material model.

`alphaMode` can be one of the following values:

- **OPAQUE** - The rendered output is fully opaque and any alpha value is ignored.
• **MASK** - The rendered output is either fully opaque or fully transparent depending on the alpha value and the specified *alpha cutoff* value.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>This mode is used to simulate geometry such as tree leaves or wire fences.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

• **BLEND** - The rendered output is combined with the background using the “over” operator as described in *Compositing digital images*.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>This mode is used to simulate geometry such as guaze cloth or animal fur.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When *alphaMode* is set to **MASK** the *alphaCutoff* property specifies the cutoff threshold. If the alpha value is greater than or equal to the *alphaCutoff* value then it is rendered as fully opaque, otherwise, it is rendered as fully transparent. *alphaCutoff* value is ignored for other modes.

**Implementation Note for Real-Time Rasterizers**

Real-time rasterizers typically use depth buffers and mesh sorting to support alpha modes. The following describe the expected behavior for these types of renderers.

- **OPAQUE** - A depth value is written for every pixel and mesh sorting is not required for correct output.

- **MASK** - A depth value is not written for a pixel that is discarded after the alpha test. A depth value is written for all other pixels. Mesh sorting is not required for correct output.

- **BLEND** - Support for this mode varies. There is no perfect and fast solution that works for all cases. Client implementations should try to achieve the correct blending output for as many situations as possible. Whether depth value is written or whether to sort is up to the implementation. For example, implementations may discard pixels that have zero or close to zero alpha value to avoid sorting issues.

### 3.9.5. Double Sided

The *doubleSided* property specifies whether the material is double sided.

When this value is false, back-face culling is enabled, i.e., only front-facing triangles are rendered.

When this value is true, back-face culling is disabled and double sided lighting is enabled. The back-face **MUST** have its normals reversed before the lighting equation is evaluated.

### 3.9.6. Default Material

The default material, used when a mesh does not specify a material, is defined to be a material with no properties specified. All the default values of *material* apply.
3.9.7. **Point and Line Materials**

This specification does not define size or style of non-triangular primitives (such as points or lines), and applications **MAY** use various techniques to render these primitives as appropriate. However, the following conventions are **RECOMMENDED** for consistency:

- Points and Lines **SHOULD** have widths of 1px in viewport space.
- Points or Lines with `NORMAL` and `TANGENT` attributes **SHOULD** be rendered with standard lighting including normal textures.
- Points or Lines with `NORMAL` but without `TANGENT` attributes **SHOULD** be rendered with standard lighting but ignoring any normal textures on the material.
- Points or Lines with no `NORMAL` attribute **SHOULD** be rendered without lighting and instead use the sum of the `base color` value (as defined above, multiplied by `COLOR_0` when present) and the `emissive` value.

### 3.10. Cameras

#### 3.10.1. Overview

Cameras are stored in the asset’s `cameras` array. Each camera defines a `type` property that designates the type of projection (perspective or orthographic), and either a `perspective` or `orthographic` property that defines the details. A camera is instantiated within a node using `node.camera` property.

A camera object defines the projection matrix that transforms from view to clip coordinates.

A node containing the camera instance defines the view matrix that transforms from world to view coordinates.

#### 3.10.2. View Matrix

The camera is defined such that the local +X axis is to the right, the “lens” looks towards the local -Z axis, and the top of the camera is aligned with the local +Y axis.

The view matrix is derived from the world transform of the node containing the camera with the scaling ignored. If no transformation is specified, the location of the camera is at the origin.

#### 3.10.3. Projection Matrices

#### 3.10.3.1. Overview

The projection can be perspective or orthographic.

There are two subtypes of perspective projections: finite and infinite. When `zfar` property is
undefined, the camera defines an infinite projection. Otherwise, the camera defines a finite projection.

The following example defines two perspective cameras with supplied values for Y field of view, aspect ratio, and clipping information.

```json
{
    "cameras": [
        {
            "name": "Finite perspective camera",
            "type": "perspective",
            "perspective": {
                "aspectRatio": 1.5,
                "yfov": 0.660593,
                "zfar": 100,
                "znear": 0.01
            }
        },
        {
            "name": "Infinite perspective camera",
            "type": "perspective",
            "perspective": {
                "aspectRatio": 1.5,
                "yfov": 0.660593,
                "znear": 0.01
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

Client implementations **SHOULD** use the following projection matrices.

### 3.10.3.2. Infinite perspective projection

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\frac{1}{a \times \tan(0.5 \times y)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \frac{1}{\tan(0.5 \times y)} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -1 & -2n \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

where

- \( a \) equals `camera.perspective.aspectRatio`;
- \( y \) equals `camera.perspective.yfov`;
- \( n \) equals `camera.perspective.znear`.

### 3.10.3.3. Finite perspective projection
where

- $a$ equals `camera.perspective.aspectRatio`;
- $y$ equals `camera.perspective.yfov`;
- $f$ equals `camera.perspective.zfar`;
- $n$ equals `camera.perspective.znear`.

### 3.10.3.4. Orthographic projection

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\frac{1}{r} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \frac{1}{t} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & \frac{f+n}{n-f} \\
0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & \frac{2fn}{n-f}
\end{bmatrix}
$$

where

- $r$ equals `camera.orthographic.xmag`;
- $t$ equals `camera.orthographic.ymag`;
- $f$ equals `camera.orthographic.zfar`;
- $n$ equals `camera.orthographic.znear`.

### 3.11. Animations

glTF supports articulated and skinned animation via key frame animations of nodes' transforms. Key frame data is stored in buffers and referenced in animations using accessors.

glTF 2.0 also supports animation of instantiated morph targets in a similar fashion.

_Note_

glTF 2.0 only supports animating node transforms and morph target weights. Extensions or a future version of the specification may support animating arbitrary properties, such as material colors and texture transform matrices.
Note
glTF 2.0 defines only storage of animation keyframes, so this specification doesn't define any runtime behavior, such as: order of playing, auto-start, loops, mapping of timelines, etc. When loading a glTF 2.0 asset, client implementations may select an animation entry and pause it on the first frame, play it automatically, or ignore all animations until further user requests. When a playing animation is stopped, client implementations may reset the scene to the initial state or freeze it at the current frame.

Implementation Note
glTF 2.0 does not specifically define how an animation will be used when imported but, as a best practice, it is recommended that each animation is self-contained as an action. For example, “Walk” and “Run” animations might each contain multiple channels targeting a model’s various bones. The client implementation may choose when to play any of the available animations.

All animations are stored in the `animations` array of the asset. An animation is defined as a set of channels (the `channels` property) and a set of samplers that specify accessors with key frame data and interpolation method (the `samplers` property).

The following examples show expected animations usage.

```json
{
  "animations": [
    {
      "name": "Animate all properties of one node with different samplers",
      "channels": [
        {
          "sampler": 0,
          "target": {
            "node": 1,
            "path": "rotation"
          }
        },
        {
          "sampler": 1,
          "target": {
            "node": 1,
            "path": "scale"
          }
        },
        {
          "sampler": 2,
          "target": {
            "node": 1,
            "path": "translation"
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```
"samplers": [
    {
        "input": 4,
        "interpolation": "LINEAR",
        "output": 5
    },
    {
        "input": 4,
        "interpolation": "LINEAR",
        "output": 6
    },
    {
        "input": 4,
        "interpolation": "LINEAR",
        "output": 7
    }
],
"name": "Animate two nodes with different samplers",
"channels": [
    {
        "sampler": 0,
        "target": {
            "node": 0,
            "path": "rotation"
        }
    },
    {
        "sampler": 1,
        "target": {
            "node": 1,
            "path": "rotation"
        }
    }
],
"samplers": [
    {
        "input": 0,
        "interpolation": "LINEAR",
        "output": 1
    },
    {
        "input": 2,
        "interpolation": "LINEAR",
        "output": 3
    }
]
"name": "Animate two nodes with the same sampler",
"channels": [
  {
    "sampler": 0,
    "target": {
      "node": 0,
      "path": "rotation"
    }
  },
  {
    "sampler": 0,
    "target": {
      "node": 1,
      "path": "rotation"
    }
  }
],
"samplers": [
  {
    "input": 0,
    "interpolation": "LINEAR",
    "output": 1
  }
],

"name": "Animate a node rotation channel and the weights of a Morph Target it instantiates",
"channels": [
  {
    "sampler": 0,
    "target": {
      "node": 1,
      "path": "rotation"
    }
  },
  {
    "sampler": 1,
    "target": {
      "node": 1,
      "path": "weights"
    }
  }
],
"samplers": [
  {
    "input": 4,
    "interpolation": "LINEAR",
    "output": 5
  },
  {
    "input": 5,
    "interpolation": "LINEAR",
    "output": 6
  }
]
Channels connect the output values of the key frame animation to a specific node in the hierarchy. A channel's sampler property contains the index of one of the samplers present in the containing animation's samplers array. The target property is an object that identifies which node to animate using its node property, and which property of the node to animate using path. Non-animated properties MUST keep their values during animation.

When node isn't defined, channel SHOULD be ignored. Valid path names are "translation", "rotation", "scale", and "weights".

Nodes that do not contain a mesh with morph targets MUST NOT be targeted with "weights" path.

Within one animation, each target (a combination of a node and a path) MUST NOT be used more than once.

**Implementation Note**
This prevents potential ambiguities when one target is affected by two or more overlapping samplers.

Each of the animation’s samplers defines the input/output pair: a set of floating-point scalar values representing linear time in seconds; and a set of vectors or scalars representing the animated property. All values are stored in a buffer and accessed via accessors; refer to the table below for output accessor types. Interpolation between keys is performed using the interpolation method specified in the interpolation property. Supported interpolation values include LINEAR, STEP, and CUBICSPLINE. See Appendix C for additional information about spline interpolation.

The inputs of each sampler are relative to $t = 0$, defined as the beginning of the parent animations entry. Before and after the provided input range, output MUST be clamped to the nearest end of the input range.

**Implementation Note**
For example, if the earliest sampler input for an animation is $t = 10$, a client implementation must begin playback of that animation channel at $t = 0$ with output clamped to the first available output value.

Samplers within a given animation MAY have different inputs.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>channel.path</th>
<th>Accessor Type</th>
<th>Component Type(s)</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&quot;translation&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;VEC3&quot;</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>XYZ translation vector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>channel.path</td>
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<tr>
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<td>-------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;rotation&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;VEC4&quot;</td>
<td>float signed byte normalized</td>
<td>XYZW rotation quaternion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned byte normalized</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>signed short normalized</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned short normalized</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;scale&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;VEC3&quot;</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>XYZ scale vector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;weights&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;SCALAR&quot;</td>
<td>float signed byte normalized</td>
<td>Weights of morph targets</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned byte normalized</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>signed short normalized</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned short normalized</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Implementations **MUST** use following equations to decode real floating-point value \( f \) from a normalized integer \( c \) and vise-versa:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>accessor.componentType</th>
<th>int-to-float</th>
<th>float-to-int</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>signed byte</td>
<td>( f = \max(c / 127.0, -1.0) )</td>
<td>( c = \text{round}(f \times 127.0) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned byte</td>
<td>( f = c / 255.0 )</td>
<td>( c = \text{round}(f \times 255.0) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>signed short</td>
<td>( f = \max(c / 32767.0, -1.0) )</td>
<td>( c = \text{round}(f \times 32767.0) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned short</td>
<td>( f = c / 65535.0 )</td>
<td>( c = \text{round}(f \times 65535.0) )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Animation sampler’s **input** accessor **MUST** have its **min** and **max** properties defined.

**Implementation Note**

Animations with non-linear time inputs, such as time warps in Autodesk 3ds Max or Maya, are not directly representable with glTF animations. glTF is a runtime format and non-linear time inputs are expensive to compute at runtime. Exporter implementations should sample a non-linear time animation into linear inputs and outputs for an accurate representation.

A morph target animation frame is defined by a sequence of scalars of length equal to the number of targets in the animated morph target. These scalar sequences **MUST** lie end-to-end as a single stream in the output accessor, whose final size is equal to the number of morph targets times the number of animation frames.

Morph target animation is by nature sparse, consider using **Sparse Accessors** for storage of morph target animation. When used with **CUBICSPLINE** interpolation, tangents \( (a_i, b_i) \) and values \( (v_i) \) are grouped within keyframes:

\[ a_1, a_2, ..., a_n, v_1, v_2, ..., v_n, b_1, b_2, ..., b_n \]

See **Appendix C** for additional information about spline interpolation.

Skinned animation is achieved by animating the joints in the skin’s joint hierarchy.
3.12. Specifying Extensions

glTF defines an extension mechanism that allows the base format to be extended with new capabilities. Any glTF object MAY have an optional extensions property, as in the following example:

```
{
  "material": [  
    {  
      "extensions": {  
        "KHR_materials_sheen": {  
          "sheenColorFactor": [  
            1.0,
            0.329,
            0.1
          ],  
          "sheenRoughnessFactor": 0.8
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

All extensions used in a glTF asset MUST be listed in the top-level extensionsUsed array object, e.g.,

```
{
  "extensionsUsed": [  
    "KHR_materials_sheen",
    "VENDOR_physics"
  ]
}
```

All glTF extensions required to load and/or render an asset MUST be listed in the top-level extensionsRequired array, e.g.,

```
{
  "extensionsRequired": [  
    "KHR_texture_transform"
  ],
  "extensionsUsed": [  
    "KHR_texture_transform"
  ]
}
```

extensionsRequired is a subset of extensionsUsed. All values in extensionsRequired MUST also exist in extensionsUsed.
Chapter 4. GLB File Format Specification

4.1. General (Informative)

glTF provides two delivery options that can be used together:

- glTF JSON points to external binary data (geometry, key frames, skins), and images.
- glTF JSON embeds base64-encoded binary data, and images inline using data URIs.

Hence, loading glTF files usually requires either separate requests to fetch all binary data, or extra space due to base64-encoding. Base64-encoding requires extra processing to decode and increases the file size (by ~33% for encoded resources). While transport-layer gzip mitigates the file size increase, decompression and decoding still add significant loading time.

To avoid this file size and processing overhead, a container format, Binary glTF is introduced that enables a glTF asset, including JSON, buffers, and images, to be stored in a single binary blob.

A Binary glTF asset can still refer to external resources. For example, an application that wants to keep images as separate files may embed everything needed for a scene, except images, in a Binary glTF.

4.2. Structure

A Binary glTF (which can be a file, for example) has the following structure:

- A 12-byte preamble, called the header.
- One or more chunks that contain JSON content and binary data.

The chunk containing JSON MAY refer to external resources as usual, and MAY also reference resources stored within other chunks.

4.3. File Extension & Media Type

The file extension to be used with Binary glTF is .glb.

The registered media type is model/gltf-binary.

4.4. Binary glTF Layout

4.4.1. Overview

Binary glTF is little endian. Figure 1 shows an example of a Binary glTF asset.

Figure 1: Binary glTF layout.
The following sections describe the structure more in detail.

### 4.4.2. Header

The 12-byte header consists of three 4-byte entries:

```plaintext
uint32 magic
uint32 version
uint32 length
```

- **magic** **MUST** be equal to equal `0x46546C67`. It is ASCII string `glTF` and can be used to identify data as Binary glTF.
- **version** indicates the version of the Binary glTF container format. This specification defines version 2.

Client implementations that load GLB format **MUST** also check for the **asset version properties** in the JSON chunk, as the version specified in the GLB header only refers to the GLB container version.

- **length** is the total length of the Binary glTF, including header and all chunks, in bytes.

### 4.4.3. Chunks

#### 4.4.3.1. Overview

Each chunk has the following structure:

```plaintext
uint32 chunkLength
uint32 chunkType
ubyte[] chunkData
```

- **chunkLength** is the length of chunkData, in bytes.
- **chunkType** indicates the type of chunk. See Table 1 for details.
- **chunkData** is a binary payload of chunk.

The start and the end of each chunk **MUST** be aligned to 4-byte boundary. See chunks definitions for padding schemes. Chunks **MUST** appear in exactly the order given in Table 1.

*Table 1. Chunk types*
Client implementations **MUST** ignore chunks with unknown types to enable glTF extensions to reference additional chunks with new types following the first two chunks.

### 4.4.3.2. Structured JSON Content

This chunk holds the glTF JSON, as it would be provided within a .gltf file.

**ECMAScript Implementation Note**

In a JavaScript implementation, the `TextDecoder` API can be used to extract the glTF content from the `ArrayBuffer`, and then the JSON can be parsed with `JSON.parse` as usual.

This chunk **MUST** be the very first chunk of Binary glTF asset. By reading this chunk first, an implementation is able to progressively retrieve resources from subsequent chunks. This way, it is also possible to read only a selected subset of resources from a Binary glTF asset.

This chunk **MUST** be padded with trailing `Space` chars (0x20) to satisfy alignment requirements.

### 4.4.3.3. Binary buffer

This chunk contains the binary payload for geometry, animation key frames, skins, and images. See `GLB-stored Buffer` for details on referencing this chunk from JSON.

This chunk **MUST** be the second chunk of the Binary glTF asset.

This chunk **MUST** be padded with trailing zeros (0x00) to satisfy alignment requirements.

When the binary buffer is empty or when it is stored by other means, this chunk **SHOULD** be omitted.
Chapter 5. Properties Reference

5.1. Accessor

A typed view into a buffer view that contains raw binary data.

Table 2. Accessor Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bufferView</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the bufferView.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byteOffset</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The offset relative to the start of the buffer view in bytes.</td>
<td>No, default: 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>componentType</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The datatype of the accessor's components.</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>normalized</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>Specifies whether integer data values are normalized before usage.</td>
<td>No, default: false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>count</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The number of elements referenced by this accessor.</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>type</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>Specifies if the accessor's elements are scalars, vectors, or matrices.</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>max</td>
<td>number [1-16]</td>
<td>Maximum value of each component in this accessor.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>min</td>
<td>number [1-16]</td>
<td>Minimum value of each component in this accessor.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sparse</td>
<td>accessor.sparse</td>
<td>Sparse storage of elements that deviate from their initialization value.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema:** accessor.schema.json

### 5.1.1. accessor.bufferView

The index of the buffer view. When undefined, the accessor **MUST** be initialized with zeros; **sparse** property or extensions **MAY** override zeros with actual values.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No
- **Minimum:** >= 0

### 5.1.2. accessor.byteOffset

The offset relative to the start of the buffer view in bytes. This **MUST** be a multiple of the size of the component datatype. This property **MUST NOT** be defined when bufferView is undefined.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No, default: 0
- **Minimum:** >= 0
- **Related WebGL functions:** vertexAttribPointer() offset parameter

### 5.1.3. accessor.componentType

The datatype of the accessor's components. UNSIGNED_INT type **MUST NOT** be used for any accessor that is not referenced by mesh.primitive.indices.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** Yes
- **Allowed values:**
  - 5120 BYTE
  - 5121 UNSIGNED_BYTE
  - 5122 SHORT
  - 5123 UNSIGNED_SHORT
  - 5125 UNSIGNED_INT
- 5126 FLOAT

- **Related WebGL functions**: *type* parameter of `vertexAttribPointer()`. The corresponding typed arrays are `Int8Array`, `Uint8Array`, `Int16Array`, `Uint16Array`, `Uint32Array`, and `Float32Array`.

### 5.1.4. accessor.normalized

Specifies whether integer data values are normalized (*true*) to \([0, 1]\) (for unsigned types) or to \([-1, 1]\) (for signed types) when they are accessed. This property **MUST NOT** be set to *true* for accessors with **FLOAT** or **UNSIGNED_INT** component type.

- **Type**: boolean
- **Required**: No, default: *false*
- **Related WebGL functions**: `normalized` parameter of `vertexAttribPointer()`

### 5.1.5. accessor.count

The number of elements referenced by this accessor, not to be confused with the number of bytes or number of components.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: ✔ Yes
- **Minimum**: >= 1

### 5.1.6. accessor.type

Specifies if the accessor's elements are scalars, vectors, or matrices.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: ✔ Yes
- **Allowed values**:
  - "SCALAR"
  - "VEC2"
  - "VEC3"
  - "VEC4"
  - "MAT2"
  - "MAT3"
  - "MAT4"

### 5.1.7. accessor.max

Maximum value of each component in this accessor. Array elements **MUST** be treated as having the same data type as accessor's `componentType`. Both `min` and `max` arrays have the same length. The length is determined by the value of the `type` property; it can be 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, or 16.
normalized property has no effect on array values: they always correspond to the actual values stored in the buffer. When the accessor is sparse, this property MUST contain maximum values of accessor data with sparse substitution applied.

- **Type**: number [1-16]
- **Required**: No

### 5.1.8. accessor.min

Minimum value of each component in this accessor. Array elements MUST be treated as having the same data type as accessor's componentType. Both min and max arrays have the same length. The length is determined by the value of the type property; it can be 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, or 16.

normalized property has no effect on array values: they always correspond to the actual values stored in the buffer. When the accessor is sparse, this property MUST contain minimum values of accessor data with sparse substitution applied.

- **Type**: number [1-16]
- **Required**: No

### 5.1.9. accessor.sparse

Sparse storage of elements that deviate from their initialization value.

- **Type**: accessor.sparse
- **Required**: No

### 5.1.10. accessor.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No

### 5.1.11. accessor.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

### 5.1.12. accessor.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
5.2. Accessor Sparse

Sparse storage of accessor values that deviate from their initialization value.

Table 3. Accessor Sparse Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>count</td>
<td>Number of deviating accessor values stored in the sparse array.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>indices</td>
<td>An object pointing to a buffer view containing the indices of deviating accessor values. The number of indices is equal to <code>count</code>. Indices MUST strictly increase.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>values</td>
<td>An object pointing to a buffer view containing the deviating accessor values.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- JSON schema: accessor.sparse.schema.json

5.2.1. accessor.sparse.count

Number of deviating accessor values stored in the sparse array.

- Type: integer
- Required: ✔ Yes
- Minimum: >= 1

5.2.2. accessor.sparse.indices

An object pointing to a buffer view containing the indices of deviating accessor values. The number of indices is equal to `count`. Indices MUST strictly increase.
• **Type:** accessor.sparse.indices  
• **Required:** ✔ Yes

### 5.2.3. accessor.sparse.values

An object pointing to a buffer view containing the deviating accessor values.

• **Type:** accessor.sparse.values  
• **Required:** ✔ Yes

### 5.2.4. accessor.sparse.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

• **Type:** extension  
• **Required:** No  
• **Type of each property:** Extension

### 5.2.5. accessor.sparse.extras

Application-specific data.

• **Type:** extras  
• **Required:** No

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### 5.3. Accessor Sparse Indices

An object pointing to a buffer view containing the indices of deviating accessor values. The number of indices is equal to accessor.sparse.count. Indices **MUST** strictly increase.

**Table 4. Accessor Sparse Indices Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bufferView</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the buffer view with sparse indices. The referenced buffer view <strong>MUST NOT</strong> have its target or byteStride properties defined. The buffer view and the optional byteOffset <strong>MUST</strong> be aligned to the componentType byte length.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byteOffset</td>
<td>The offset relative to the start of the buffer view in bytes.</td>
<td>No, default: 0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>componentType</td>
<td>The indices data type.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: accessor.sparse.indices.schema.json

### 5.3.1. accessor.sparse.indices.bufferView

The index of the buffer view with sparse indices. The referenced buffer view **MUST NOT** have its `target` or `byteStride` properties defined. The buffer view and the optional `byteOffset` **MUST** be aligned to the `componentType` byte length.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: Yes
- **Minimum**: >= 0

### 5.3.2. accessor.sparse.indices.byteOffset

The offset relative to the start of the buffer view in bytes.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No, default: 0
- **Minimum**: >= 0

### 5.3.3. accessor.sparse.indices.componentType

The indices data type.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: Yes
- **Allowed values**:
  - 5121 UNSIGNED_BYTE
  - 5123 UNSIGNED_SHORT
  - 5125 UNSIGNED_INT
5.3.4. accessor.sparse.indices.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.3.5. accessor.sparse.indicesextras

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
- **Required**: No

5.4. Accessor Sparse Values

An object pointing to a buffer view containing the deviating accessor values. The number of elements is equal to accessor.sparse.count times number of components. The elements have the same component type as the base accessor. The elements are tightly packed. Data **MUST** be aligned following the same rules as the base accessor.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Table 5. Accessor Sparse Values Properties</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Type</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bufferView</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byteOffset</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: accessor.sparse.values.schema.json
5.4.1. accessor.sparse.values.bufferView

The index of the bufferView with sparse values. The referenced buffer view MUST NOT have its target or byteStride properties defined.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** Yes
- **Minimum:** >= 0

5.4.2. accessor.sparse.values.byteOffset

The offset relative to the start of the bufferView in bytes.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No, default: 0
- **Minimum:** >= 0

5.4.3. accessor.sparse.values.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type:** extension
- **Required:** No
- **Type of each property:** Extension

5.4.4. accessor.sparse.values.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** extras
- **Required:** No

5.5. Animation

A keyframe animation.

*Table 6. Animation Properties*
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Type</strong></th>
<th><strong>Description</strong></th>
<th><strong>Required</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>channels</td>
<td>An array of animation channels, each of which targets an animation's sampler at a node's property. Different channels of the same animation <strong>MUST NOT</strong> have the same targets.</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>samplers</td>
<td>An array of animation samplers that combines input and output accessors with an interpolation algorithm to define a keyframe graph (but not its target).</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: animation.schema.json

### 5.5.1. animation.channels

An array of animation channels, each of which targets an animation's sampler at a node's property. Different channels of the same animation **MUST NOT** have the same targets.

- **Type**: animation.channel [1-*]
- **Required**: ✓ Yes

### 5.5.2. animation.samplers

An array of animation samplers that combines input and output accessors with an interpolation algorithm to define a keyframe graph (but not its target).

- **Type**: animation.sampler [1-*]
- **Required**: ✓ Yes
5.5.3. animation.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- **Type:** string
- **Required:** No

5.5.4. animation.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type:** extension
- **Required:** No
- **Type of each property:** Extension

5.5.5. animation.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** extras
- **Required:** No

5.6. Animation Channel

Targets an animation's sampler at a node's property.

Table 7. Animation Channel Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sampler</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of a sampler in this animation used to compute the value for the target.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>target</td>
<td>animation.channel.target</td>
<td>The index of the node and TRS property to target.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.
5.6.1. animation.channel.sampler

The index of a sampler in this animation used to compute the value for the target, e.g., a node's translation, rotation, or scale (TRS).

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: Yes
- **Minimum**: >= 0

5.6.2. animation.channel.target

The index of the node and TRS property to target.

- **Type**: animation.channel.target
- **Required**: Yes

5.6.3. animation.channel.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.6.4. animation.channel.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
- **Required**: No

5.7. Animation Channel Target

The index of the node and TRS property that an animation channel targets.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>node</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the node to target.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>----------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>path</td>
<td>The name of the node's TRS property to modify, or the &quot;weights&quot; of the Morph Targets it instantiates. For the &quot;translation&quot; property, the values that are provided by the sampler are the translation along the X, Y, and Z axes. For the &quot;rotation&quot; property, the values are a quaternion in the order ((x, y, z, w)), where (w) is the scalar. For the &quot;scale&quot; property, the values are the scaling factors along the X, Y, and Z axes.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: animation.channel.target.schema.json

### 5.7.1. animation.channel.target.node

The index of the node to target.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No
- **Minimum**: \(\geq 0\)

### 5.7.2. animation.channel.target.path

The name of the node's TRS property to modify, or the "weights" of the Morph Targets it instantiates. For the "translation" property, the values that are provided by the sampler are the translation along the X, Y, and Z axes. For the "rotation" property, the values are a quaternion in the order \((x, y, z, w)\), where \(w\) is the scalar. For the "scale" property, the values are the scaling factors along the X, Y, and Z axes.
• Type: string
• Required: ✔ Yes
• Allowed values:
  ◦ "translation"
  ◦ "rotation"
  ◦ "scale"
  ◦ "weights"

5.7.3. animation.channel.target.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

• Type: extension
• Required: No
• Type of each property: Extension

5.7.4. animation.channel.target.extras

Application-specific data.

• Type: extras
• Required: No

5.8. Animation Sampler

Combines input and output accessors with an interpolation algorithm to define a keyframe graph (but not its target).

Table 9. Animation Sampler Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>input</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of an accessor containing keyframe input values, e.g., time.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>interpolation</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>Interpolation algorithm.</td>
<td>No, default: &quot;LINEAR&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>output</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of an accessor, containing keyframe output values.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: `animation.sampler.schema.json`

### 5.8.1. animation.sampler.input

The index of an accessor containing keyframe input values, e.g., time. That accessor **MUST** have floating-point components. The values represent time in seconds with \( \text{time}[n] \geq 0.0 \), and strictly increasing values, i.e., \( \text{time}[n + 1] > \text{time}[n] \).

- **Type**: `integer`
- **Required**: ✔ Yes
- **Minimum**: \( \geq 0 \)

### 5.8.2. animation.sampler.interpolation

Interpolation algorithm.

- **Type**: `string`
- **Required**: No, default: "LINEAR"
- **Allowed values**:
  - "LINEAR" The animated values are linearly interpolated between keyframes. When targeting a rotation, spherical linear interpolation (slerp) **SHOULD** be used to interpolate quaternions. The number of output elements **MUST** equal the number of input elements.
  - "STEP" The animated values remain constant to the output of the first keyframe, until the next keyframe. The number of output elements **MUST** equal the number of input elements.
  - "CUBICSPLINE" The animation's interpolation is computed using a cubic spline with specified tangents. The number of output elements **MUST** equal three times the number of input elements. For each input element, the output stores three elements, an in-tangent, a spline vertex, and an out-tangent. There **MUST** be at least two keyframes when using this interpolation.

### 5.8.3. animation.sampler.output

The index of an accessor, containing keyframe output values.

- **Type**: `integer`
- **Required**: ✔ Yes
• Minimum: \( \geq 0 \)

### 5.8.4. `animation.sampler.extensions`

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type:** `extension`
- **Required:** No
- **Type of each property:** Extension

### 5.8.5. `animation.sampler.extras`

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** `extras`
- **Required:** No

### 5.9. Asset

Metadata about the glTF asset.

*Table 10. Asset Properties*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>copyright</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>A copyright message suitable for display to credit the content creator.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>generator</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>Tool that generated this glTF model. Useful for debugging.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>version</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The glTF version in the form of <code>&lt;major&gt;.&lt;minor&gt;</code> that this asset targets.</td>
<td>✅ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>minVersion</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The minimum glTF version in the form of <code>&lt;major&gt;.&lt;minor&gt;</code> that this asset targets. This property <strong>MUST NOT</strong> be greater than the asset version.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### extras

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: asset.schema.json

#### 5.9.1. asset.copyright

A copyright message suitable for display to credit the content creator.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No

#### 5.9.2. asset.generator

Tool that generated this glTF model. Useful for debugging.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No

#### 5.9.3. asset.version

The glTF version in the form of `<major>.<minor>` that this asset targets.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: Yes
- **Pattern**: `^[0-9]+\.[0-9]+$`

#### 5.9.4. asset.minVersion

The minimum glTF version in the form of `<major>.<minor>` that this asset targets. This property **MUST NOT** be greater than the asset version.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No
- **Pattern**: `^[0-9]+\.[0-9]+$`

#### 5.9.5. asset.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension
5.9.6. asset.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** extras
- **Required:** No

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### 5.10. Buffer

A buffer points to binary geometry, animation, or skins.

**Table 11. Buffer Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>uri</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The URI (or IRI) of the buffer.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byteLength</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The length of the buffer in bytes.</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema:** buffer.schema.json

#### 5.10.1. buffer.uri

The URI (or IRI) of the buffer. Relative paths are relative to the current glTF asset. Instead of referencing an external file, this field MAY contain a data:-URI.

- **Type:** string
- **Required:** No
- **Format:** uriref

#### 5.10.2. buffer.byteLength

The length of the buffer in bytes.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** ✓ Yes
• Minimum: \( \geq 1 \)

5.10.3. buffer.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

• Type: string
• Required: No

5.10.4. buffer.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

• Type: extension
• Required: No
• Type of each property: Extension

5.10.5. buffer.extras

Application-specific data.

• Type: extras
• Required: No

5.11. Buffer View

A view into a buffer generally representing a subset of the buffer.

Table 12. Buffer View Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>buffer</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the buffer.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byteOffset</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The offset into the buffer in bytes.</td>
<td>No, default: 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byteLength</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The length of the bufferView in bytes.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byteStride</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The stride, in bytes.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>target</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The hint representing the intended GPU buffer type to use with this buffer view.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
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<td>extras Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: `bufferView.schema.json`

### 5.11.1. bufferView.buffer

The index of the buffer.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: ✔ Yes
- **Minimum**: $\geq 0$

### 5.11.2. bufferView.byteOffset

The offset into the buffer in bytes.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No, default: 0
- **Minimum**: $\geq 0$

### 5.11.3. bufferView.byteLength

The length of the bufferView in bytes.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: ✔ Yes
- **Minimum**: $\geq 1$

### 5.11.4. bufferView.byteStride

The stride, in bytes, between vertex attributes. When this is not defined, data is tightly packed. When two or more accessors use the same buffer view, this field **MUST** be defined.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: Yes
- **Minimum**: $\geq 4$
- **Maximum**: $\leq 252$
- **Related WebGL functions**: `vertexAttribPointer()` stride parameter
5.11.5. bufferView.target

The hint representing the intended GPU buffer type to use with this buffer view.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No
- **Allowed values:**
  - 34962 ARRAY_BUFFER
  - 34963 ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER
- **Related WebGL functions:** bindBuffer()

5.11.6. bufferView.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- **Type:** string
- **Required:** No

5.11.7. bufferView.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type:** extension
- **Required:** No
- **Type of each property:** Extension

5.11.8. bufferView.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** extras
- **Required:** No

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5.12. Camera

A camera’s projection. A node **MAY** reference a camera to apply a transform to place the camera in the scene.

*Table 13. Camera Properties*
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>orthographic</td>
<td>An orthographic camera containing properties to create an orthographic projection matrix. This property MUST NOT be defined when perspective is defined.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>perspective</td>
<td>A perspective camera containing properties to create a perspective projection matrix. This property MUST NOT be defined when orthographic is defined.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>type</td>
<td>Specifies if the camera uses a perspective or orthographic projection.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- JSON schema: camera.schema.json

**5.12.1. camera.orthographic**

An orthographic camera containing properties to create an orthographic projection matrix. This property MUST NOT be defined when perspective is defined.

- **Type:** camera.orthographic
- **Required:** No

**5.12.2. camera.perspective**

A perspective camera containing properties to create a perspective projection matrix. This property MUST NOT be defined when orthographic is defined.

- **Type:** camera.perspective
5.12.3. camera.type

Specifies if the camera uses a perspective or orthographic projection. Based on this, either the camera's perspective or orthographic property MUST be defined.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: Yes
- **Allowed values**: 
  - "perspective"
  - "orthographic"

5.12.4. camera.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No

5.12.5. camera.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.12.6. camera.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
- **Required**: No

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5.13. Camera Orthographic

An orthographic camera containing properties to create an orthographic projection matrix.

*Table 14. Camera Orthographic Properties*
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>xmag</td>
<td>The floating-point horizontal magnification of the view. This value <strong>MUST NOT</strong> be equal to zero. This value <strong>SHOULD NOT</strong> be negative.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ymag</td>
<td>The floating-point vertical magnification of the view. This value <strong>MUST NOT</strong> be equal to zero. This value <strong>SHOULD NOT</strong> be negative.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>zfar</td>
<td>The floating-point distance to the far clipping plane. This value <strong>MUST NOT</strong> be equal to zero. <strong>zfar MUST</strong> be greater than <strong>znear</strong>.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>znear</td>
<td>The floating-point distance to the near clipping plane.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

* JSON schema: camera.orthographic.schema.json

### 5.13.1. camera.orthographic.xmag

The floating-point horizontal magnification of the view. This value **MUST NOT** be equal to zero. This value **SHOULD NOT** be negative.

* **Type:** `number`
* **Required:** ✓ Yes
5.13.2. camera.orthographic.ymag

The floating-point vertical magnification of the view. This value **MUST NOT** be equal to zero. This value **SHOULD NOT** be negative.

- **Type:** number
- **Required:** Yes

5.13.3. camera.orthographic.zfar

The floating-point distance to the far clipping plane. This value **MUST NOT** be equal to zero. $z_{far}$ **MUST** be greater than $z_{near}$.

- **Type:** number
- **Required:** Yes
- **Minimum:** $> 0$

5.13.4. camera.orthographic.znear

The floating-point distance to the near clipping plane.

- **Type:** number
- **Required:** Yes
- **Minimum:** $\geq 0$

5.13.5. camera.orthographic.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type:** extension
- **Required:** No
- **Type of each property:** Extension

5.13.6. camera.orthographic.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** extras
- **Required:** No

5.14. Camera Perspective

A perspective camera containing properties to create a perspective projection matrix.

*Table 15. Camera Perspective Properties*
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>aspectRatio</td>
<td>The floating-point aspect ratio of the field of view.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>yfov</td>
<td>The floating-point vertical field of view in radians. This value SHOULD be less than π.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>zfar</td>
<td>The floating-point distance to the far clipping plane.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>znear</td>
<td>The floating-point distance to the near clipping plane.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- JSON schema: camera.perspective.schema.json

5.14.1. camera.perspective.aspectRatio

The floating-point aspect ratio of the field of view. When undefined, the aspect ratio of the rendering viewport MUST be used.

- Type: number
- Required: No
- Minimum: > 0

5.14.2. camera.perspective.yfov

The floating-point vertical field of view in radians. This value SHOULD be less than π.

- Type: number
- Required: ✔ Yes
- Minimum: > 0

5.14.3. camera.perspective.zfar

The floating-point distance to the far clipping plane. When defined, zfar MUST be greater than znear. If zfar is undefined, client implementations SHOULD use infinite projection matrix.
5.14.4. `camera.perspective.znear`
The floating-point distance to the near clipping plane.

- **Type**: number
- **Required**: No
- **Minimum**: > 0

5.14.5. `camera.perspective.extensions`
JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.14.6. `camera.perspective.extras`
Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
- **Required**: No

5.15. Extension
JSON object with extension-specific objects.

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: `extension.schema.json`

5.16. Extras
Application-specific data.

Although `extras` **MAY** have any type, it is common for applications to store and access custom data as key/value pairs. Therefore, `extras` **SHOULD** be a JSON object rather than a primitive value for best portability.
5.17. glTF

The root object for a glTF asset.

Table 16. glTF Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>extensionsUsed</td>
<td>Names of glTF extensions used in this asset.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensionsRequired</td>
<td>Names of glTF extensions required to properly load this asset.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>accessors</td>
<td>An array of accessors.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>animations</td>
<td>An array of keyframe animations.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>asset</td>
<td>Metadata about the glTF asset.</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>buffers</td>
<td>An array of buffers.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bufferViews</td>
<td>An array of bufferViews.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cameras</td>
<td>An array of cameras.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>images</td>
<td>An array of images.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>materials</td>
<td>An array of materials.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>meshes</td>
<td>An array of meshes.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nodes</td>
<td>An array of nodes.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>samplers</td>
<td>An array of samplers.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scene</td>
<td>The index of the default scene.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scenes</td>
<td>An array of scenes.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skins</td>
<td>An array of skins.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>textures</td>
<td>An array of textures.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- JSON schema: glTF.schema.json
5.17.1. glTF.extensionsUsed
Names of glTF extensions used in this asset.

- **Type:** string [1-]*
  - Each element in the array **MUST** be unique.
- **Required:** No

5.17.2. glTF.extensionsRequired
Names of glTF extensions required to properly load this asset.

- **Type:** string [1-]*
  - Each element in the array **MUST** be unique.
- **Required:** No

5.17.3. glTF.accessors
An array of accessors. An accessor is a typed view into a bufferView.

- **Type:** accessor [1-]*
- **Required:** No

5.17.4. glTF.animations
An array of keyframe animations.

- **Type:** animation [1-]*
- **Required:** No

5.17.5. glTF.asset
Metadata about the glTF asset.

- **Type:** asset
- **Required:** ✔ Yes

5.17.6. glTF.buffers
An array of buffers. A buffer points to binary geometry, animation, or skins.

- **Type:** buffer [1-]*
- **Required:** No

5.17.7. glTF.bufferViews
An array of bufferViews. A bufferView is a view into a buffer generally representing a subset of the
• Type: bufferView [1-*]
• Required: No

5.17.8. glTF.cameras
An array of cameras. A camera defines a projection matrix.
• Type: camera [1-*]
• Required: No

5.17.9. glTF.images
An array of images. An image defines data used to create a texture.
• Type: image [1-*]
• Required: No

5.17.10. glTF.materials
An array of materials. A material defines the appearance of a primitive.
• Type: material [1-*]
• Required: No

5.17.11. glTF.meshes
An array of meshes. A mesh is a set of primitives to be rendered.
• Type: mesh [1-*]
• Required: No

5.17.12. glTF.nodes
An array of nodes.
• Type: node [1-*]
• Required: No

5.17.13. glTF.samplers
An array of samplers. A sampler contains properties for texture filtering and wrapping modes.
• Type: sampler [1-*]
• Required: No
5.17.14. glTF.scene

The index of the default scene. This property MUST NOT be defined, when scenes is undefined.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No
- **Minimum**: \( \geq 0 \)

5.17.15. glTF.scenes

An array of scenes.

- **Type**: scene \([1-*]\)
- **Required**: No

5.17.16. glTF.skins

An array of skins. A skin is defined by joints and matrices.

- **Type**: skin \([1-*]\)
- **Required**: No

5.17.17. glTF.textures

An array of textures.

- **Type**: texture \([1-*]\)
- **Required**: No

5.17.18. glTF.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.17.19. glTF.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
- **Required**: No
5.18. Image

Image data used to create a texture. Image **MAY** be referenced by an URI (or IRI) or a buffer view index.

Table 17. **Image Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>uri</td>
<td>string The URI (or IRI) of the image.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mimeType</td>
<td>string The image's media type. This field <strong>MUST</strong> be defined when bufferView is defined.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bufferView</td>
<td>integer The index of the bufferView that contains the image. This field <strong>MUST NOT</strong> be defined when uri is defined.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: image.schema.json

5.18.1. image.uri

The URI (or IRI) of the image. Relative paths are relative to the current glTF asset. Instead of referencing an external file, this field **MAY** contain a data:-URI. This field **MUST NOT** be defined when bufferView is defined.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No
- **Format**: uriref

5.18.2. image.mimeType

The image's media type. This field **MUST** be defined when bufferView is defined.
- **Type:** string
- **Required:** No
- **Allowed values:**
  - "image/jpeg"
  - "image/png"

### 5.18.3. image.bufferView

The index of the bufferView that contains the image. This field **MUST NOT** be defined when uri is defined.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No
- **Minimum:** $\geq 0$

### 5.18.4. image.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- **Type:** string
- **Required:** No

### 5.18.5. image.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type:** extension
- **Required:** No
- **Type of each property:** Extension

### 5.18.6. image.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** extras
- **Required:** No

### 5.19. Material

The material appearance of a primitive.

*Table 18. Material Properties*
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pbrMetallicRoughness</td>
<td>A set of parameter values that are used to define the metallic-roughness material model from Physically Based Rendering (PBR) methodology. When undefined, all the default values of pbrMetallicRoughness MUST apply.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>normalTexture</td>
<td>The tangent space normal texture.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>occlusionTexture</td>
<td>The occlusion texture.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>emissiveTexture</td>
<td>The emissive texture.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>emissiveFactor</td>
<td>The factors for the emissive color of the material.</td>
<td>No, default: [0,0,0]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>alphaMode</td>
<td>The alpha rendering mode of the material.</td>
<td>No, default: &quot;OPAQUE&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>alphaCutoff</td>
<td>The alpha cutoff value of the material.</td>
<td>No, default: 0.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>doubleSided</td>
<td>Specifies whether the material is double sided.</td>
<td>No, default: false</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: material.schema.json

### 5.19.1. material.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.
• **Type:** string
• **Required:** No

### 5.19.2. material.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

• **Type:** extension
• **Required:** No
• **Type of each property:** Extension

### 5.19.3. material.extras

Application-specific data.

• **Type:** extras
• **Required:** No

### 5.19.4. material.pbrMetallicRoughness

A set of parameter values that are used to define the metallic-roughness material model from Physically Based Rendering (PBR) methodology. When undefined, all the default values of `pbrMetallicRoughness` **MUST** apply.

• **Type:** material.pbrMetallicRoughness
• **Required:** No

### 5.19.5. material.normalTexture

The tangent space normal texture. The texture encodes RGB components with linear transfer function. Each texel represents the XYZ components of a normal vector in tangent space. The normal vectors use the convention +X is right and +Y is up. +Z points toward the viewer. If a fourth component (A) is present, it **MUST** be ignored. When undefined, the material does not have a tangent space normal texture.

• **Type:** material.normalTextureInfo
• **Required:** No

### 5.19.6. material.occlusionTexture

The occlusion texture. The occlusion values are linearly sampled from the R channel. Higher values indicate areas that receive full indirect lighting and lower values indicate no indirect lighting. If other channels are present (GBA), they **MUST** be ignored for occlusion calculations. When undefined, the material does not have an occlusion texture.

• **Type:** material.occlusionTextureInfo
• **Required:** No
5.19.7. material.emissiveTexture

The emissive texture. It controls the color and intensity of the light being emitted by the material. This texture contains RGB components encoded with the sRGB transfer function. If a fourth component (A) is present, it MUST be ignored. When undefined, the texture MUST be sampled as having 1.0 in RGB components.

- **Type**: textureInfo
- **Required**: No

5.19.8. material.emissiveFactor

The factors for the emissive color of the material. This value defines linear multipliers for the sampled texels of the emissive texture.

- **Type**: number [3]
  - Each element in the array MUST be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to 1.
- **Required**: No, default: [0, 0, 0]

5.19.9. material.alphaMode

The material's alpha rendering mode enumeration specifying the interpretation of the alpha value of the base color.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No, default: "OPAQUE"
- **Allowed values**:
  - "OPAQUE" The alpha value is ignored, and the rendered output is fully opaque.
  - "MASK" The rendered output is either fully opaque or fully transparent depending on the alpha value and the specified alphaCutoff value.
  - "BLEND" The alpha value is used to composite the source and destination areas. The rendered output is combined with the background using the normal painting operation (i.e. the Porter and Duff over operator).

5.19.10. material.alphaCutoff

 Specifies the cutoff threshold when in MASK alpha mode. If the alpha value is greater than or equal to this value then it is rendered as fully opaque, otherwise, it is rendered as fully transparent. A value greater than 1.0 will render the entire material as fully transparent. This value MUST be ignored for other alpha modes. When alphaMode is not defined, this value MUST NOT be defined.

- **Type**: number
- **Required**: No, default: 0.5
- **Minimum**: >= 0
5.19.11. **material.doubleSided**

Specifies whether the material is double sided. When this value is false, back-face culling is enabled. When this value is true, back-face culling is disabled and double-sided lighting is enabled. The back-face **MUST** have its normals reversed before the lighting equation is evaluated.

- **Type:** boolean
- **Required:** No, default: false

5.20. **Material Normal Texture Info**

Reference to a texture.

*Table 19. Material Normal Texture Info Properties*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>index</td>
<td>The index of the texture.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>texCoord</td>
<td>The set index of texture's TEXTCOORD attribute used for texture coordinate mapping.</td>
<td>No, default: 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scale</td>
<td>The scalar parameter applied to each normal vector of the normal texture.</td>
<td>No, default: 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema:** `material.normalTextureInfo.schema.json`

5.20.1. **material.normalTextureInfo.index**

The index of the texture.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** Yes
- **Minimum:** >= 0
5.20.2. material.normalTextureInfo.texCoord

This integer value is used to construct a string in the format TEXCOORD_<set index> which is a reference to a key in mesh.primitives.attributes (e.g. a value of 0 corresponds to TEXCOORD_0). A mesh primitive MUST have the corresponding texture coordinate attributes for the material to be applicable to it.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No, default: 0
- **Minimum:** >= 0

5.20.3. material.normalTextureInfo.scale

The scalar parameter applied to each normal vector of the texture. This value scales the normal vector in X and Y directions using the formula:

\[\text{scaledNormal} = \text{normalize}\left(\text{sampled normal texture value}\right) \times 2.0 - 1.0 \times \text{vec3(normal scale, normal scale, 1.0).}\]

- **Type:** number
- **Required:** No, default: 1

5.20.4. material.normalTextureInfo.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type:** extension
- **Required:** No
- **Type of each property:** Extension

5.20.5. material.normalTextureInfo.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** extras
- **Required:** No

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5.21. Material Occlusion Texture Info

Reference to a texture.

Table 20. Material Occlusion Texture Info Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>index</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the texture.</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>------------------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>texCoord</td>
<td>The set index of texture's TEXCOORD attribute used for texture coordinate mapping.</td>
<td>No, default: 0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strength</td>
<td>A scalar multiplier controlling the amount of occlusion applied.</td>
<td>No, default: 1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema:** material.occlusionTextureInfo.schema.json

### 5.21.1. material.occlusionTextureInfo.index

The index of the texture.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** Yes
- **Minimum:** \( \geq 0 \)

### 5.21.2. material.occlusionTextureInfo.texCoord

This integer value is used to construct a string in the format `TEXCOORD_<set index>` which is a reference to a key in `mesh.primitives.attributes` (e.g. a value of 0 corresponds to `TEXCOORD_0`). A mesh primitive **MUST** have the corresponding texture coordinate attributes for the material to be applicable to it.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No, default: 0
- **Minimum:** \( \geq 0 \)

### 5.21.3. material.occlusionTextureInfo.strength

A scalar parameter controlling the amount of occlusion applied. A value of \( 0.0 \) means no occlusion. A value of \( 1.0 \) means full occlusion. This value affects the final occlusion value as: \( 1.0 + \text{strength} \times (<\text{sampled occlusion texture value}> - 1.0) \).

- **Type:** number
5.21.4. `material.occlusionTextureInfo.extensions`

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: `extension`
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.21.5. `material.occlusionTextureInfo.extras`

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: `extras`
- **Required**: No

5.22. **Material PBR Metallic Roughness**

A set of parameter values that are used to define the metallic-roughness material model from Physically-Based Rendering (PBR) methodology.

**Table 21. Material PBR Metallic Roughness Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Property</strong></th>
<th><strong>Type</strong></th>
<th><strong>Description</strong></th>
<th><strong>Required</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>baseColorFactor</code></td>
<td>number [4]</td>
<td>The factors for the base color of the material.</td>
<td>No, default: [1,1,1,1]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>baseColorTexture</code></td>
<td>textureInfo</td>
<td>The base color texture.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>metallicFactor</code></td>
<td>number</td>
<td>The factor for the metalness of the material.</td>
<td>No, default: 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>roughnessFactor</code></td>
<td>number</td>
<td>The factor for the roughness of the material.</td>
<td>No, default: 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>metallicRoughnessTexture</code></td>
<td>textureInfo</td>
<td>The metallic-roughness texture.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>extensions</code></td>
<td>extension</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>extras</code></td>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: `material.pbrMetallicRoughness.schema.json`

### 5.22.1. `material.pbrMetallicRoughness.baseColorFactor`

The factors for the base color of the material. This value defines linear multipliers for the sampled texels of the base color texture.

- **Type**: `number` [4]
  - Each element in the array **MUST** be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to 1.
- **Required**: No, default: `[1,1,1,1]`

### 5.22.2. `material.pbrMetallicRoughness.baseColorTexture`

The base color texture. The first three components (RGB) **MUST** be encoded with the sRGB transfer function. They specify the base color of the material. If the fourth component (A) is present, it represents the linear alpha coverage of the material. Otherwise, the alpha coverage is equal to 1.0. The `material.alphaMode` property specifies how alpha is interpreted. The stored texels **MUST NOT** be premultiplied. When undefined, the texture **MUST** be sampled as having 1.0 in all components.

- **Type**: `textureInfo`
- **Required**: No

### 5.22.3. `material.pbrMetallicRoughness.metallicFactor`

The factor for the metalness of the material. This value defines a linear multiplier for the sampled metalness values of the metallic-roughness texture.

- **Type**: `number`
- **Required**: No, default: 1
- **Minimum**: >= 0
- **Maximum**: <= 1

### 5.22.4. `material.pbrMetallicRoughness.roughnessFactor`

The factor for the roughness of the material. This value defines a linear multiplier for the sampled roughness values of the metallic-roughness texture.

- **Type**: `number`
- **Required**: No, default: 1
- **Minimum**: >= 0
- **Maximum**: <= 1
5.22.5. material.pbrMetallicRoughness.metallicRoughnessTexture

The metallic-roughness texture. The metalness values are sampled from the B channel. The roughness values are sampled from the G channel. These values **MUST** be encoded with a linear transfer function. If other channels are present (R or A), they **MUST** be ignored for metallic-roughness calculations. When undefined, the texture **MUST** be sampled as having 1.0 in G and B components.

- **Type:** textureInfo
- **Required:** No

5.22.6. material.pbrMetallicRoughness.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type:** extension
- **Required:** No
- **Type of each property:** Extension

5.22.7. material.pbrMetallicRoughness.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** extras
- **Required:** No

5.23. Mesh

A set of primitives to be rendered. Its global transform is defined by a node that references it.

*Table 22. Mesh Properties*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>primitives</td>
<td>mesh.primitive [1-]*</td>
<td>An array of primitives, each defining geometry to be rendered.</td>
<td>✔ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>weights</td>
<td>number [1-]*</td>
<td>Array of weights to be applied to the morph targets. The number of array elements <strong>MUST</strong> match the number of morph targets.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>-------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: mesh.schema.json

### 5.23.1. mesh.primitives

An array of primitives, each defining geometry to be rendered.

- **Type**: mesh.primitive [1-*]
- **Required**: Yes

### 5.23.2. mesh.weights

Array of weights to be applied to the morph targets. The number of array elements **MUST** match the number of morph targets.

- **Type**: number [1-*]
- **Required**: No

### 5.23.3. mesh.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No

### 5.23.4. mesh.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

### 5.23.5. mesh.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
5.24. Mesh Primitive

Geometry to be rendered with the given material.

Related WebGL functions: `drawElements()` and `drawArrays()`

### Table 23. Mesh Primitive Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>attributes</td>
<td>A plain JSON object, where each key corresponds to a mesh attribute semantic and each value is the index of the accessor containing attribute’s data.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>indices</td>
<td>The index of the accessor that contains the vertex indices.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>material</td>
<td>The index of the material to apply to this primitive when rendering.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mode</td>
<td>The topology type of primitives to render.</td>
<td>No, default: 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>targets</td>
<td>An array of morph targets.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- JSON schema: `mesh.primitive.schema.json`

5.24.1. mesh.primitive.attributes

A plain JSON object, where each key corresponds to a mesh attribute semantic and each value is the index of the accessor containing attribute’s data.
5.24.2. mesh.primitive.indices

The index of the accessor that contains the vertex indices. When this is undefined, the primitive defines non-indexed geometry. When defined, the accessor MUST have SCALAR type and an unsigned integer component type.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No
- **Minimum:** >= 0
- **Related WebGL functions:** drawElements() when defined and drawArrays() otherwise.

5.24.3. mesh.primitive.material

The index of the material to apply to this primitive when rendering.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No
- **Minimum:** >= 0

5.24.4. mesh.primitive.mode

The topology type of primitives to render.

- **Type:** integer
- **Required:** No, default: 4
- **Allowed values:**
  - 0 POINTS
  - 1 LINES
  - 2 LINE_LOOP
  - 3 LINE_STRIP
  - 4 TRIANGLES
  - 5 TRIANGLE_STRIP
  - 6 TRIANGLE_FAN

5.24.5. mesh.primitive.targets

An array of morph targets.

- **Type:** object [1-*]
5.24.6. mesh.primitive.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.24.7. mesh.primitive.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
- **Required**: No

5.25. Node

A node in the node hierarchy. When the node contains skin, all mesh.primitives MUST contain JOINTS_0 and WEIGHTS_0 attributes. A node MAY have either a matrix or any combination of translation/rotation_SCALE (TRS) properties. TRS properties are converted to matrices and postmultiplied in the T * R * S order to compose the transformation matrix; first the scale is applied to the vertices, then the rotation, and then the translation. If none are provided, the transform is the identity. When a node is targeted for animation (referenced by an animation.channel.target), matrix MUST NOT be present.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table 24. Node Properties</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Type</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>camera</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>matrix</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mesh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rotation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scale</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>translation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>weights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: node.schema.json

### 5.25.1. node.camera

The index of the camera referenced by this node.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No
- **Minimum**: >= 0

### 5.25.2. node.children

The indices of this node’s children.
• **Type**: integer [1-]*
  ◦ Each element in the array **MUST** be unique.
  ◦ Each element in the array **MUST** be greater than or equal to 0.

• **Required**: No

### 5.25.3. node.skin

The index of the skin referenced by this node. When a skin is referenced by a node within a scene, all joints used by the skin **MUST** belong to the same scene. When defined, mesh **MUST** also be defined.

• **Type**: integer
• **Required**: No
• **Minimum**: >= 0

### 5.25.4. node.matrix

A floating-point 4x4 transformation matrix stored in column-major order.

• **Type**: number [16]
• **Required**: No, default: [1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1]
• **Related WebGL functions**: `uniformMatrix4fv()` with the transpose parameter equal to false

### 5.25.5. node.mesh

The index of the mesh in this node.

• **Type**: integer
• **Required**: No
• **Minimum**: >= 0

### 5.25.6. node.rotation

The node’s unit quaternion rotation in the order (x, y, z, w), where w is the scalar.

• **Type**: number [4]
  ◦ Each element in the array **MUST** be greater than or equal to -1 and less than or equal to 1.
• **Required**: No, default: [0,0,0,1]

### 5.25.7. node.scale

The node’s non-uniform scale, given as the scaling factors along the x, y, and z axes.

• **Type**: number [3]
• **Required**: No, default: [1,1,1]
5.25.8. node.translation

The node’s translation along the x, y, and z axes.

- **Type**: number [3]
- **Required**: No, default: [0, 0, 0]

5.25.9. node.weights

The weights of the instantiated morph target. The number of array elements **MUST** match the number of morph targets of the referenced mesh. When defined, mesh **MUST** also be defined.

- **Type**: number [1-*]
- **Required**: No

5.25.10. node.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No

5.25.11. node.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.25.12. node.extras

Application-specific data.

- **Type**: extras
- **Required**: No

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5.26. Sampler

Texture sampler properties for filtering and wrapping modes.

*Table 25. Sampler Properties*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>magFilter</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>Magnification filter.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>minFilter</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>Minification filter.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wrapS</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>S (U) wrapping mode.</td>
<td>No, default: 10497</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wrapT</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>T (V) wrapping mode.</td>
<td>No, default: 10497</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: sampler.schema.json

### 5.26.1. sampler.magFilter

Magnification filter.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No
- **Allowed values**:
  - 9728 NEAREST
  - 9729 LINEAR
- **Related WebGL functions**: samplerParameteri() with pname equal to TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER

### 5.26.2. sampler.minFilter

Minification filter.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No
- **Allowed values**:
  - 9728 NEAREST
  - 9729 LINEAR
  - 9984 NEAREST_MIPMAP_NEAREST
  - 9985 LINEAR_MIPMAP_NEAREST
  - 9986 NEAREST_MIPMAP_LINEAR
  - 9987 LINEAR_MIPMAP_LINEAR
- **Related WebGL functions**: samplerParameteri() with pname equal to TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER
5.26.3. sampler.wrapS

S (U) wrapping mode. All valid values correspond to WebGL enums.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No, default: 10497
- **Allowed values**:
  - 33071 CLAMP_TO_EDGE
  - 33648 MIRRORED_REPEAT
  - 10497 REPEAT
- **Related WebGL functions**: `samplerParameteri()` with pname equal to TEXTURE_WRAP_S

5.26.4. sampler.wrapT

T (V) wrapping mode.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No, default: 10497
- **Allowed values**:
  - 33071 CLAMP_TO_EDGE
  - 33648 MIRRORED_REPEAT
  - 10497 REPEAT
- **Related WebGL functions**: `samplerParameteri()` with pname equal to TEXTURE_WRAP_T

5.26.5. sampler.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- **Type**: string
- **Required**: No

5.26.6. sampler.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension

5.26.7. sampler.extras

Application-specific data.
• **Type:** extras  
• **Required:** No

5.27. Scene

The root nodes of a scene.

### Table 26. Scene Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>nodes</td>
<td>integer [1-*] The indices of each root node.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

• **JSON schema:** scene.schema.json

5.27.1. scene.nodes

The indices of each root node.

• **Type:** integer [1-*]  
  • Each element in the array **MUST** be unique.  
  • Each element in the array **MUST** be greater than or equal to 0.  
• **Required:** No

5.27.2. scene.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

• **Type:** string  
• **Required:** No

5.27.3. scene.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.
• Type: extension
• Required: No
• Type of each property: Extension

5.27.4. scene.extras

Application-specific data.

• Type: extras
• Required: No

5.28. Skin

Joints and matrices defining a skin.

Table 27. Skin Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>inverseBindMatrices</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the accessor containing the floating-point 4x4 inverse-bind matrices.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skeleton</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the node used as a skeleton root.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>joints</td>
<td>integer [1-+]</td>
<td>Indices of skeleton nodes, used as joints in this skin.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

• JSON schema: skin.schema.json

5.28.1. skin.inverseBindMatrices

The index of the accessor containing the floating-point 4x4 inverse-bind matrices. Its accessor.count property MUST be greater than or equal to the number of elements of the joints array. When undefined, each matrix is a 4x4 identity matrix.
• **Type**: integer  
• **Required**: No  
• **Minimum**: \( \geq 0 \)

### 5.28.2. skin.skeleton

The index of the node used as a skeleton root. The node **must** be the closest common root of the joints hierarchy or a direct or indirect parent node of the closest common root.

• **Type**: integer  
• **Required**: No  
• **Minimum**: \( \geq 0 \)

### 5.28.3. skin.joints

Indices of skeleton nodes, used as joints in this skin.

• **Type**: integer \([1-*]\)  
  ◦ Each element in the array **must** be unique.  
  ◦ Each element in the array **must** be greater than or equal to \( 0 \).
• **Required**: Yes

### 5.28.4. skin.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

• **Type**: string  
• **Required**: No

### 5.28.5. skin.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

• **Type**: extension  
• **Required**: No  
• **Type of each property**: Extension

### 5.28.6. skin.extras

Application-specific data.

• **Type**: extras  
• **Required**: No
5.29. Texture

A texture and its sampler.

Related WebGL functions: `createTexture()`, `deleteTexture()`, `bindTexture()`, `texImage2D()`, and `texParameterf()`

**Table 28. Texture Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sampler</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the sampler used by this texture. When undefined, a sampler with repeat wrapping and auto filtering <strong>SHOULD</strong> be used.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>source</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the image used by this texture. When undefined, an extension or other mechanism <strong>SHOULD</strong> supply an alternate texture source, otherwise behavior is undefined.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>The user-defined name of this object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema:** `texture.schema.json`

5.29.1. texture.sampler

The index of the sampler used by this texture. When undefined, a sampler with repeat wrapping and auto filtering **SHOULD** be used.

- **Type:** `integer`
- **Required:** No
- **Minimum:** `>= 0`
5.29.2. texture.source

The index of the image used by this texture. When undefined, an extension or other mechanism SHOULD supply an alternate texture source, otherwise behavior is undefined.

- Type: integer
- Required: No
- Minimum: $\geq 0$

5.29.3. texture.name

The user-defined name of this object. This is not necessarily unique, e.g., an accessor and a buffer could have the same name, or two accessors could even have the same name.

- Type: string
- Required: No

5.29.4. texture.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- Type: extension
- Required: No
- Type of each property: Extension

5.29.5. texture.extras

Application-specific data.

- Type: extras
- Required: No

5.30. Texture Info

Reference to a texture.

Table 29. Texture Info Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>index</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The index of the texture.</td>
<td>✓ Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>texCoord</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>The set index of texture's TEXCOORD attribute used for texture coordinate mapping.</td>
<td>No, default: 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extensions</td>
<td>extension</td>
<td>JSON object with extension-specific objects.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>extras</td>
<td>extras</td>
<td>Application-specific data.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional properties are allowed.

- **JSON schema**: `textureInfo.schema.json`

### 5.30.1. textureInfo.index

The index of the texture.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: Yes
- **Minimum**: >= 0

### 5.30.2. textureInfo.texCoord

This integer value is used to construct a string in the format `TEXCOORD_<set index>` which is a reference to a key in `mesh.primitives.attributes` (e.g. a value of 0 corresponds to `TEXCOORD_0`). A mesh primitive **MUST** have the corresponding texture coordinate attributes for the material to be applicable to it.

- **Type**: integer
- **Required**: No, default: 0
- **Minimum**: >= 0

### 5.30.3. textureInfo.extensions

JSON object with extension-specific objects.

- **Type**: extension
- **Required**: No
- **Type of each property**: Extension
5.30.4. `textureInfoextras`

Application-specific data.

- **Type:** `extras`
- **Required:** No
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Appendix A: JSON Schema Reference
(Informative)

A.1. JSON Schema for Accessor

```json
{
  "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
  "$id": "accessor.schema.json",
  "title": "Accessor",
  "type": "object",
  "description": "A typed view into a buffer view that contains raw binary data.",
  "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
  "properties": {
    "bufferView": {
      "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
      "description": "The index of the bufferView.",
      "gltf_detailedDescription": "The index of the buffer view. When undefined, the accessor **MUST** be initialized with zeros; 'sparse' property or extensions **MAY** override zeros with actual values."
    },
    "byteOffset": {
      "type": "integer",
      "description": "The offset relative to the start of the buffer view in bytes.",
      "minimum": 0,
      "default": 0,
      "gltf_detailedDescription": "The offset relative to the start of the buffer view in bytes. This **MUST** be a multiple of the size of the component datatype. This property **MUST NOT** be defined when 'bufferView' is undefined.",
      "gltf_webgl": "vertexAttribPointer() offset parameter"
    },
    "componentType": {
      "description": "The datatype of the accessor's components.",
      "gltf_detailedDescription": "The datatype of the accessor's components. UNSIGNED_INT type **MUST NOT** be used for any accessor that is not referenced by 'mesh.primitive.indices'.",
      "gltf_webgl": "type parameter of 'vertexAttribPointer()'. The corresponding typed arrays are 'Int8Array', 'Uint8Array', 'Int16Array', 'Uint16Array', 'Uint32Array', and 'Float32Array'.",
      "anyOf": [ ]
    }
  },
  "const": 5120,
  "description": "BYTE",
  "type": "integer"
},
{ "const": 5121,
  "description": "UNSIGNED_BYTE",
  "type": "integer"}
```
"type": "integer",
  },
  {
    "const": 5122,
    "description": "SHORT",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "const": 5123,
    "description": "UNSIGNED_SHORT",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "const": 5125,
    "description": "UNSIGNED_INT",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "const": 5126,
    "description": "FLOAT",
    "type": "integer"
  }
]
"normalized": {
  "type": "boolean",
  "description": "Specifies whether integer data values are normalized before usage."
  "default": false,
  "gltf_detailedDescription": "Specifies whether integer data values are normalized ('true') to [0, 1] (for unsigned types) or to [-1, 1] (for signed types) when they are accessed. This property **MUST NOT** be set to 'true' for accessors with 'FLOAT' or 'UNSIGNED_INT' component type."
  "gltf_webgl": "'normalized' parameter of 'vertexAttribPointer()'"
},
"count": {
  "type": "integer",
  "description": "The number of elements referenced by this accessor."
  "minimum": 1,
  "gltf_detailedDescription": "The number of elements referenced by this accessor, not to be confused with the number of bytes or number of components."
},
"type": {
  "description": "Specifies if the accessor's elements are scalars, vectors, or matrices."
  "anyOf": [
  {"const": "SCALAR"
}}


```
{
  "const": "VEC2",
  "const": "VEC3",
  "const": "VEC4",
  "const": "MAT2",
  "const": "MAT3",
  "const": "MAT4",
  "type": "string"
}
]
"max": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "Maximum value of each component in this accessor.",
  "items": {
    "type": "number"
  },
  "minItems": 1,
  "maxItems": 16,
  "gltf_detailedDescription": "Maximum value of each component in this accessor. Array elements **MUST** be treated as having the same data type as accessor's `componentType`. Both `min` and `max` arrays have the same length. The length is determined by the value of the `type` property; it can be 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, or 16. `normalized` property has no effect on array values: they always correspond to the actual values stored in the buffer. When the accessor is sparse, this property **MUST** contain maximum values of accessor data with sparse substitution applied."
},
"min": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "Minimum value of each component in this accessor.",
  "items": {
    "type": "number"
  },
  "minItems": 1,
  "maxItems": 16,
  "gltf_detailedDescription": "Minimum value of each component in this accessor. Array elements **MUST** be treated as having the same data type as accessor's `componentType`. Both `min` and `max` arrays have the same length. The
```
length is determined by the value of the `type` property; it can be 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, or 16.

`normalized` property has no effect on array values: they always correspond to the actual values stored in the buffer. When the accessor is sparse, this property **MUST** contain minimum values of accessor data with sparse substitution applied.

```
{
  "sparse": {
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "accessor.sparse.schema.json" } ],
    "description": "Sparse storage of elements that deviate from their initialization value."
  },
  "name": { },
  "extensions": { },
  "extras": { }
},
"dependencies": {
  "byteOffset": [ "bufferView" ]
},
"required": [ "componentType", "count", "type" ]
}
A.2. JSON Schema for Accessor Sparse

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "accessor.sparse.schema.json",
    "title": "Accessor Sparse",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "Sparse storage of accessor values that deviate from their initialization value.",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "count": {
            "type": "integer",
            "description": "Number of deviating accessor values stored in the sparse array."
        },
        "indices": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "accessor.sparse.indices.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "An object pointing to a buffer view containing the indices of deviating accessor values. The number of indices is equal to 'count'. Indices **MUST** strictly increase."
        },
        "values": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "accessor.sparse.values.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "An object pointing to a buffer view containing the deviating accessor values."
        },
        "extensions": { },
        "extras": { }
    },
    "required": [ "count", "indices", "values" ]
}
```
A.3. JSON Schema for Accessor Sparse Indices

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "accessor.sparse.indices.schema.json",
    "title": "Accessor Sparse Indices",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "An object pointing to a buffer view containing the indices of deviating accessor values. The number of indices is equal to `accessor.sparse.count`. Indices **MUST** strictly increase."
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "bufferView": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "The index of the buffer view with sparse indices. The referenced buffer view **MUST NOT** have its 'target' or 'byteStride' properties defined. The buffer view and the optional 'byteOffset' **MUST** be aligned to the 'componentType' byte length."
        },
        "byteOffset": {
            "type": "integer",
            "description": "The offset relative to the start of the buffer view in bytes."
        },
        "componentType": {
            "description": "The indices data type."
        }
    },
    "anyOf": [
        { "const": 5121,
            "description": "UNSIGNED_BYTE",
            "type": "integer"
        },
        { "const": 5123,
            "description": "UNSIGNED_SHORT",
            "type": "integer"
        },
        { "const": 5125,
            "description": "UNSIGNED_INT",
            "type": "integer"
        }
    ],
    "extensions": { },
}
```
"extras": { }

,"required": [ "bufferView", "componentType" ]
}
A.4. JSON Schema for Accessor Sparse Values

```json
{
   "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
   "$id": "accessor.sparse.values.schema.json",
   "title": "Accessor Sparse Values",
   "type": "object",
   "description": "An object pointing to a buffer view containing the deviating accessor values. The number of elements is equal to ‘accessor.sparse.count’ times number of components. The elements have the same component type as the base accessor. The elements are tightly packed. Data **MUST** be aligned following the same rules as the base accessor.",
   "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFProperty.schema.json" } ],
   "properties": {
      "bufferView": {
         "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
         "description": "The index of the bufferView with sparse values. The referenced buffer view **MUST NOT** have its ‘target’ or ‘byteStride’ properties defined."
      },
      "byteOffset": {
         "type": "integer",
         "description": "The offset relative to the start of the bufferView in bytes."
      },
      "extensions": { },
      "extras": { }
   },
   "required": [ "bufferView" ]
}
```
A.5. JSON Schema for Animation

```json
{
   "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
   "$id": "animation.schema.json",
   "title": "Animation",
   "type": "object",
   "description": "A keyframe animation.",
   "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
   "properties": {
      "channels": {
         "type": "array",
         "description": "An array of animation channels, each of which targets an animation's sampler at a node's property. Different channels of the same animation **MUST NOT** have the same targets.",
         "items": {
            "$ref": "animation.channel.schema.json"
         },
         "minItems": 1
      },
      "samplers": {
         "type": "array",
         "description": "An array of animation samplers that combines input and output accessors with an interpolation algorithm to define a keyframe graph (but not its target).",
         "items": {
            "$ref": "animation.sampler.schema.json"
         },
         "minItems": 1
      },
      "name": { },
      "extensions": { },
      "extras": { }
   },
   "required": [ "channels", "samplers" ]
}
```
A.6. JSON Schema for Animation Channel

```
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "animation.channel.schema.json",
    "title": "Animation Channel",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "Targets an animation's sampler at a node's property."
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "sampler": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFid.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "The index of a sampler in this animation used to compute the value for the target.",
            "gltf_detailedDescription": "The index of a sampler in this animation used to compute the value for the target, e.g., a node's translation, rotation, or scale (TRS)."
        },
        "target": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "animation.channel.target.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "The index of the node and TRS property to target."
        },
        "extensions": { },
        "extras": {}},
    "required": [ "sampler", "target" ]
}```
A.7. JSON Schema for Animation Channel Target

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "animation.channel.target.schema.json",
    "title": "Animation Channel Target",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "The index of the node and TRS property that an animation channel targets.",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "node": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "The index of the node to target."
        },
        "path": {
            "description": "The name of the node's TRS property to modify, or the \"weights\" of the Morph Targets it instantiates. For the \"translation\" property, the values that are provided by the sampler are the translation along the X, Y, and Z axes. For the \"rotation\" property, the values are a quaternion in the order (x, y, z, w), where w is the scalar. For the \"scale\" property, the values are the scaling factors along the X, Y, and Z axes."
        },
        "anyOf": [
            { "const": "translation" },
            { "const": "rotation" },
            { "const": "scale" },
            { "const": "weights" },
            { "type": "string" }
        ]
    },
    "extensions": { },
    "extras": { }
},
"required": [ "path" ]
}
```
A.8. JSON Schema for Animation Sampler

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "animation.sampler.schema.json",
    "title": "Animation Sampler",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "Combines input and output accessors with an interpolation algorithm to define a keyframe graph (but not its target).",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "input": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFid.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "The index of an accessor containing keyframe input values, e.g., time."
        },
        "interpolation": {
            "description": "Interpolation algorithm."
        }:
        "default": "LINEAR",
        "gltf_detailedDescription": "The index of an accessor containing keyframe input values, e.g., time. That accessor **MUST** have floating-point components. The values represent time in seconds with 'time[0] >= 0.0', and strictly increasing values, i.e., 'time[n + 1] > time[n]'",
        "anyOf": [ {
            "const": "LINEAR",
            "description": "The animated values are linearly interpolated between keyframes. When targeting a rotation, spherical linear interpolation (slerp) **SHOULD** be used to interpolate quaternions. The number of output elements **MUST** equal the number of input elements."
        }, {
            "const": "STEP",
            "description": "The animated values remain constant to the output of the first keyframe, until the next keyframe. The number of output elements **MUST** equal the number of input elements."
        }, {
            "const": "CUBICSPLINE",
            "description": "The animation's interpolation is computed using a cubic spline with specified tangents. The number of output elements **MUST** equal three times the number of input elements. For each input element, the output stores three elements, an in-tangent, a spline vertex, and an out-tangent. There **MUST** be at least two keyframes when using this interpolation."
        }]
    }
}
```
"output": {
  "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
  "description": "The index of an accessor, containing keyframe output values."
},
"extensions": { },
"extras": { }
},
"required": [ "input", "output" ]
}
A.9. JSON Schema for Asset

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "asset.schema.json",
    "title": "Asset",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "Metadata about the glTF asset."
}
```

```json
"allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFProperty.schema.json" } ],
"properties": {
    "copyright": {
        "type": "string",
        "description": "A copyright message suitable for display to credit the content creator."
    },
    "generator": {
        "type": "string",
        "description": "Tool that generated this glTF model. Useful for debugging."
    },
    "version": {
        "type": "string",
        "description": "The glTF version in the form of `<major>.<minor>` that this asset targets."
    },
    "minVersion": {
        "type": "string",
        "description": "The minimum glTF version in the form of `<major>.<minor>` that this asset targets. This property \*MUST NOT\* be greater than the asset version."
    },
    "extensions": { },
    "extras": { }
},
"required": [ "version" ]
```
A.10. JSON Schema for Buffer

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "buffer.schema.json",
    "title": "Buffer",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "A buffer points to binary geometry, animation, or skins."
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "uri": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "The URI (or IRI) of the buffer."
            "format": "iri-reference",
            "gltf_detailedDescription": "The URI (or IRI) of the buffer. Relative paths are relative to the current glTF asset. Instead of referencing an external file, this field **MAY** contain a `data:`-URI",
            "gltf_uriType": "application"
        },
        "byteLength": {
            "type": "integer",
            "description": "The length of the buffer in bytes."
            "minimum": 1
        },
        "name": { },
        "extensions": { },
        "extras": { }
    },
    "required": [ "byteLength" ]
}
```
A.11. JSON Schema for Buffer View

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "bufferView.schema.json",
    "title": "Buffer View",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "A view into a buffer generally representing a subset of the buffer."
  }
```

```
"allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
"properties": {
    "buffer": {
        "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFid.schema.json" } ],
        "description": "The index of the buffer."
    },
    "byteOffset": {
        "type": "integer",
        "description": "The offset into the buffer in bytes."
    },
    "byteLength": {
        "type": "integer",
        "description": "The length of the bufferView in bytes."
    },
    "byteStride": {
        "type": "integer",
        "description": "The stride, in bytes."
    },
    "target": {
        "description": "The hint representing the intended GPU buffer type to use with this buffer view."
    }
}
```

```
"gltf_webgl": "vertexAttribPointer()" stride parameter
```

```
"gltf_detailedDescription": "The stride, in bytes, between vertex attributes. When this is not defined, data is tightly packed. When two or more accessors use the same buffer view, this field **MUST** be defined."
```

```
"const": 34962,
"description": "ARRAY_BUFFER",
"type": "integer"
},
{ "const": 34963,
"description": "ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER",
```

"type": "integer"
},
{
 "type": "integer"
 ]
},
"name": { },
"extensions": { },
"extras": { }
},
"required": [ "buffer", "byteLength" ]
}
A.12. JSON Schema for Camera
A camera's projection. A node **MAY** reference a camera to apply a transform to place the camera in the scene.

An orthographic camera containing properties to create an orthographic projection matrix. This property **MUST NOT** be defined when `perspective` is defined.

A perspective camera containing properties to create a perspective projection matrix. This property **MUST NOT** be defined when `orthographic` is defined.

Specifies if the camera uses a perspective or orthographic projection.

"gltf_detailedDescription": "Specifies if the camera uses a perspective or orthographic projection. Based on this, either the camera's `perspective` or `orthographic` property **MUST** be defined.

anyOf": [  
  {  
    "const": "perspective"
  },
  {  
    "const": "orthographic"
  }
]

"name": { },
"extensions": { },
"extras": { }

"required": [ "type" ],
"not": {  
  "required": [ "perspective", "orthographic" ]
}
A.13. JSON Schema for Camera Orthographic

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "camera.orthographic.schema.json",
    "title": "Camera Orthographic",
    "description": "An orthographic camera containing properties to create an orthographic projection matrix.",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "xmag": {
            "type": "number",
            "description": "The floating-point horizontal magnification of the view. This value **MUST NOT** be equal to zero. This value **SHOULD NOT** be negative."
        },
        "ymag": {
            "type": "number",
            "description": "The floating-point vertical magnification of the view. This value **MUST NOT** be equal to zero. This value **SHOULD NOT** be negative."
        },
        "zfar": {
            "type": "number",
            "description": "The floating-point distance to the far clipping plane. This value **MUST NOT** be equal to zero. `zfar` **MUST** be greater than `znear`.",
            "exclusiveMinimum": 0.0
        },
        "znear": {
            "type": "number",
            "description": "The floating-point distance to the near clipping plane."
        },
        "extensions": { },
        "extras": { }
    },
    "required": [ "xmag", "ymag", "zfar", "znear" ]
}
```
A.14. JSON Schema for Camera Perspective

```
{
  "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
  "$id": "camera.perspective.schema.json",
  "title": "Camera Perspective",
  "type": "object",
  "description": "A perspective camera containing properties to create a perspective projection matrix."

  "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFProperty.schema.json" } ],
  "properties": {
    "aspectRatio": {
      "type": "number",
      "description": "The floating-point aspect ratio of the field of view."
    },
    "yfov": {
      "type": "number",
      "description": "The floating-point vertical field of view in radians. This value **SHOULD** be less than π."
    },
    "zfar": {
      "type": "number",
      "description": "The floating-point distance to the far clipping plane."
    },
    "znear": {
      "type": "number",
      "description": "The floating-point distance to the near clipping plane."
    },
    "extensions": { },
    "extras": { }
  },
  "required": [ "yfov", "znear" ]
}
```
A.15. JSON Schema for Extension

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "extension.schema.json",
    "title": "Extension",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "JSON object with extension-specific objects."
    "properties": {
    },
    "additionalProperties": {
        "type": "object"
    }
}
```
A.16. JSON Schema for Extras

```json
{
   "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
   "$id": "extras.schema.json",
   "title": "Extras",
   "description": "Application-specific data."
   "gltf_sectionDescription": "Although ‘extras’ **MAY** have any type, it is common for applications to store and access custom data as key/value pairs. Therefore, ‘extras’ **SHOULD** be a JSON object rather than a primitive value for best portability."
}
```
A.17. JSON Schema for glTF

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "glTF.schema.json",
    "title": "glTF",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "The root object for a glTF asset.",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "extensionsUsed": {
            "type": "array",
            "description": "Names of glTF extensions used in this asset.",
            "items": {
                "type": "string"
            },
            "uniqueItems": true,
            "minItems": 1
        },
        "extensionsRequired": {
            "type": "array",
            "description": "Names of glTF extensions required to properly load this asset.",
            "items": {
                "type": "string"
            },
            "uniqueItems": true,
            "minItems": 1
        },
        "accessors": {
            "type": "array",
            "description": "An array of accessors.",
            "items": {
                "$ref": "accessor.schema.json"
            },
            "minItems": 1,
            "gltf_detailedDescription": "An array of accessors. An accessor is a typed view into a bufferView."
        },
        "animations": {
            "type": "array",
            "description": "An array of keyframe animations.",
            "items": {
                "$ref": "animation.schema.json"
            },
            "minItems": 1
        },
        "asset": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "asset.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "Metadata about the glTF asset."
        }
    }
}
```
"buffers": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of buffers."
},
"bufferViews": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of bufferViews."
},
"cameras": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of cameras."
},
"images": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of images."
},
"materials": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of materials."
}
"meshes": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of meshes."
},
"nodes": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of nodes."
},
"samplers": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of samplers."
},
"scene": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of scenes."
},
"skins": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of skins."
}
"textures": {
  "type": "array",
  "description": "An array of textures."
  "items": {
    "$ref": "texture.schema.json"
  },
  "minItems": 1
},
"extensions": { },
"extras": { }
},
"dependencies": {
  "scene": [ "scenes" ]
},
"required": [ "asset" ]
}
A.18. JSON Schema for glTF Child of Root Property

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json",
    "title": "glTF Child of Root Property",
    "type": "object",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "name": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "The user-defined name of this object."
        }
    }
}
```
A.19. JSON Schema for glTF Id

```
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "glTFid.schema.json",
    "title": "glTF Id",
    "type": "integer",
    "minimum": 0
}
```
A.20. JSON Schema for glTF Property

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "glTFProperty.schema.json",
    "title": "glTF Property",
    "type": "object",
    "properties": {
        "extensions": {
            "$ref": "extension.schema.json"
        },
        "extras": {
            "$ref": "extras.schema.json"
        }
    }
}
```
A.21. JSON Schema for Image

```json
{
  "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
  "$id": "image.schema.json",
  "title": "Image",
  "type": "object",
  "description": "Image data used to create a texture. Image **MAY** be referenced by an URI (or IRI) or a buffer view index.",
  "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
  "properties": {
    "uri": {
      "type": "string",
      "description": "The URI (or IRI) of the image."
    },
    "mimeType": {
      "anyOf": [
        { "const": "image/jpeg" },
        { "const": "image/png" },
        { "type": "string" }
      ],
      "description": "The image's media type. This field **MUST** be defined when 'bufferView' is defined."
    },
    "bufferView": {
      "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTfid.schema.json" } ],
      "description": "The index of the bufferView that contains the image. This field **MUST NOT** be defined when 'uri' is defined."
    },
    "name": {},
    "extensions": {},
    "extras": {}
  },
  "dependencies": {
    "bufferView": [ "mimeType"
  }
  "oneOf": [
    { "required": [ "uri" ] }
  ]
```
{ "required": [ "bufferView" ] }
}

A.22. JSON Schema for Material

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "material.schema.json",
    "title": "Material",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "The material appearance of a primitive."
}
```

The material appearance of a primitive.

```
"allOf": [ {
    "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json"
},

"properties": {
    "name": {},
    "extensions": {},
    "extras": {},
    "pbrMetallicRoughness": {
        "allOf": [ { "$ref": "material.pbrMetallicRoughness.schema.json" } ],
        "description": "A set of parameter values that are used to define the metallic-roughness material model from Physically Based Rendering (PBR) methodology. When undefined, all the default values of 'pbrMetallicRoughness' MUST apply."
    },
    "normalTexture": {
        "allOf": [ { "$ref": "material.normalTextureInfo.schema.json" } ],
        "description": "The tangent space normal texture. The texture encodes RGB components with linear transfer function. Each texel represents the XYZ components of a normal vector in tangent space. The normal vectors use the convention +X is right and +Y is up. +Z points toward the viewer. If a fourth component (A) is present, it MUST be ignored. When undefined, the material does not have a tangent space normal texture."
    },
    "occlusionTexture": {
        "allOf": [ { "$ref": "material.occlusionTextureInfo.schema.json" } ],
        "description": "The occlusion texture. The occlusion values are linearly sampled from the R channel. Higher values indicate areas that receive full indirect lighting and lower values indicate no indirect lighting. If other channels are present (GBA), they MUST be ignored for occlusion calculations. When undefined, the material does not have an occlusion texture."
    },
    "emissiveTexture": {
        "allOf": [ { "$ref": "textureInfo.schema.json" } ],
        "description": "The emissive texture. It controls the color and intensity of the light being emitted by the material. This texture contains RGB components encoded with the sRGB transfer function. If a fourth component (A) is present, it MUST be ignored. When undefined, the texture MUST be sampled as having '1.0' in RGB components."
    },
    "emissiveFactor": {
        "type": "array",
        "items": {
```
"type": "number",
  "minimum": 0.0,
  "maximum": 1.0
},
"minItems": 3,
"maxItems": 3,
"default": [ 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 ],
"description": "The factors for the emissive color of the material."
"gltf_detailedDescription": "The factors for the emissive color of the material. This value defines linear multipliers for the sampled texels of the emissive texture."
},
"alphaMode": {
  "default": "OPAQUE",
  "description": "The alpha rendering mode of the material."
"gltf_detailedDescription": "The material's alpha rendering mode enumeration specifying the interpretation of the alpha value of the base color.",
  "anyOf": [
    { "const": "OPAQUE",
      "description": "The alpha value is ignored, and the rendered output is fully opaque."
    },
    { "const": "MASK",
      "description": "The rendered output is either fully opaque or fully transparent depending on the alpha value and the specified 'alphaCutoff' value."
    },
    { "const": "BLEND",
      "description": "The alpha value is used to composite the source and destination areas. The rendered output is combined with the background using the normal painting operation (i.e. the Porter and Duff over operator)."
    },
    { "type": "string"
      }
  ]
},
"alphaCutoff": {
  "type": "number",
  "minimum": 0.0,
  "default": 0.5,
  "description": "The alpha cutoff value of the material."
  "gltf_detailedDescription": "Specifies the cutoff threshold when in 'MASK' alpha mode. If the alpha value is greater than or equal to this value then it is rendered as fully opaque, otherwise, it is rendered as fully transparent. A value greater than '1.0' will render the entire material as fully transparent. This value **MUST** be ignored for other alpha modes. When 'alphaMode' is not defined, this value **MUST NOT** be defined."
"doubleSided": {
  "type": "boolean",
  "default": false,
  "description": "Specifies whether the material is double sided."
  "gltf_detailedDescription": "Specifies whether the material is double sided. When this value is false, back-face culling is enabled. When this value is true, back-face culling is disabled and double-sided lighting is enabled. The back-face **MUST** have its normals reversed before the lighting equation is evaluated."
},
"dependencies": {
  "alphaCutoff": ["alphaMode"]
}
A.23. JSON Schema for Material Normal Texture Info

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "material.normalTextureInfo.schema.json",
    "title": "Material Normal Texture Info",
    "type": "object",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "textureInfo.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "index": { },
        "texCoord": { },
        "scale": {
            "type": "number",
            "description": "The scalar parameter applied to each normal vector of the normal texture."
        },
        "default": 1.0,
        "gltf_detailedDescription": "The scalar parameter applied to each normal vector of the texture. This value scales the normal vector in X and Y directions using the formula: `scaledNormal = normalize((<sampled normal texture value> * 2.0 - 1.0) * vec3(<normal scale>, <normal scale>, 1.0))`."
    },
    "extensions": { },
    "extras": { } }
```
A.24. JSON Schema for Material Occlusion Texture Info

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "material.occlusionTextureInfo.schema.json",
    "title": "Material Occlusion Texture Info",
    "type": "object",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "textureInfo.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "index": {},
        "texCoord": {},
        "strength": {
            "type": "number",
            "description": "A scalar multiplier controlling the amount of occlusion applied."
        },
        "default": 1.0,
        "minimum": 0.0,
        "maximum": 1.0,
        "gltf_detailedDescription": "A scalar parameter controlling the amount of occlusion applied. A value of ‘0.0’ means no occlusion. A value of ‘1.0’ means full occlusion. This value affects the final occlusion value as: ‘1.0 + strength * (sampled occlusion texture value - 1.0)’.
        
        }
    },
    "extensions": { },
    "extras": { }
}
```
A.25. JSON Schema for Material PBR Metallic Roughness

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "material.pbrMetallicRoughness.schema.json",
    "title": "Material PBR Metallic Roughness",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "A set of parameter values that are used to define the metallic-roughness material model from Physically-Based Rendering (PBR) methodology.",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "baseColorFactor": {
            "type": "array",
            "items": {
                "type": "number",
                "minimum": 0.0,
                "maximum": 1.0
            },
            "description": "The factors for the base color of the material.",
            "default": [ 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 ],
            "minItems": 4,
            "maxItems": 4,
            "gltf_detailedDescription": "The factors for the base color of the material. This value defines linear multipliers for the sampled texels of the base color texture."
        },
        "baseColorTexture": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "textureInfo.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "The base color texture."
        },
        "metallicFactor": {
            "type": "number",
            "description": "The factor for the metalness of the material.",
            "default": 1.0,
            "minimum": 0.0,
            "maximum": 1.0,
            "gltf_detailedDescription": "The factor for the metalness of the material. This value defines a linear multiplier for the sampled metalness values of the metallic-roughness texture."
        },
        "roughnessFactor": {
```
"type": "number",
"description": "The factor for the roughness of the material.",
"default": 1.0,
"minimum": 0.0,
"maximum": 1.0,
"gltfDetailedDescription": "The factor for the roughness of the material. This value defines a linear multiplier for the sampled roughness values of the metallic-roughness texture."
},
"metallicRoughnessTexture": {
  "allOf": [ { "$ref": "textureInfo.schema.json" } ],
  "description": "The metallic-roughness texture."
  "gltfDetailedDescription": "The metallic-roughness texture. The metalness values are sampled from the B channel. The roughness values are sampled from the G channel. These values **MUST** be encoded with a linear transfer function. If other channels are present (R or A), they **MUST** be ignored for metallic-roughness calculations. When undefined, the texture **MUST** be sampled as having \"1.0\" in G and B components."
},
"extensions": { },
"extras": { }
A.26. JSON Schema for Mesh

```json
{
   "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
   "$id": "mesh.schema.json",
   "title": "Mesh",
   "type": "object",
   "description": "A set of primitives to be rendered. Its global transform is defined by a node that references it."
   "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
   "properties": {
      "primitives": {
         "type": "array",
         "description": "An array of primitives, each defining geometry to be rendered."
         "items": {
            "$ref": "mesh.primitive.schema.json"
         },
         "minItems": 1
      },
      "weights": {
         "type": "array",
         "description": "Array of weights to be applied to the morph targets. The number of array elements **MUST** match the number of morph targets."
         "items": {
            "type": "number"
         },
         "minItems": 1
      },
      "name": { },
      "extensions": { },
      "extras": { }
   },
   "required": [ "primitives" ]
}
```
A.27. JSON Schema for Mesh Primitive

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "mesh.primitive.schema.json",
    "title": "Mesh Primitive",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "Geometry to be rendered with the given material.",
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFProperty.schema.json" } ],
    "properties": {
        "attributes": {
            "type": "object",
            "description": "A plain JSON object, where each key corresponds to a mesh attribute semantic and each value is the index of the accessor containing attribute's data.",
            "minProperties": 1,
            "additionalProperties": {
                "$ref": "gltFid.schema.json" }
        },
        "indices": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFid.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "The index of the accessor that contains the vertex indices.",
            "gltf_detailedDescription": "The index of the accessor that contains the vertex indices. When this is undefined, the primitive defines non-indexed geometry. When defined, the accessor **MUST** have `SCALAR` type and an unsigned integer component type."
        },
        "material": {
            "allOf": [ { "$ref": "gltFid.schema.json" } ],
            "description": "The index of the material to apply to this primitive when rendering." }
    },
    "mode": {
        "description": "The topology type of primitives to render.",
        "default": 4,
        "anyOf": [ {
            "const": 0,
            "description": "POINTS",
            "type": "integer"
        }, {
            "const": 1,
            "description": "LINES",
            "type": "integer"
        } ]
    }
}
```


```
{
    "const": 2,
    "description": "LINE_LOOP",
    "type": "integer"
},
{
    "const": 3,
    "description": "LINE_STRIP",
    "type": "integer"
},
{
    "const": 4,
    "description": "TRIANGLES",
    "type": "integer"
},
{
    "const": 5,
    "description": "TRIANGLE_STRIP",
    "type": "integer"
},
{
    "const": 6,
    "description": "TRIANGLE_FAN",
    "type": "integer"
}
}

"targets": {
    "type": "array",
    "description": "An array of morph targets.",
    "items": {
        "type": "object",
        "minProperties": 1,
        "additionalProperties": {
            "$ref": "glTFId.schema.json"
        },
        "description": "A plain JSON object specifying attributes displacements in a morph target, where each key corresponds to one of the three supported attribute semantic ('POSITION', 'NORMAL', or 'TANGENT') and each value is the index of the accessor containing the attribute displacements' data."
    },
    "minItems": 1
},
"extensions": { },
"extras": { }
},
"gltf_webgl": "'drawElements()' and 'drawArrays()'",
"required": [ "attributes" ]
```
A.28. JSON Schema for Node

```json
{
  "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
  "$id": "node.schema.json",
  "title": "Node",
  "type": "object",
  "description": "A node in the node hierarchy. When the node contains 'skin', all 'mesh.primitives' **MUST** contain 'JOINTS_0' and 'WEIGHTS_0' attributes. A node **MAY** have either a 'matrix' or any combination of 'translation'/'rotation'/'scale' (TRS) properties. TRS properties are converted to matrices and postmultiplied in the 'T * R * S' order to compose the transformation matrix; first the scale is applied to the vertices, then the rotation, and then the translation. If none are provided, the transform is the identity. When a node is targeted for animation (referenced by an animation.channel.target), 'matrix' **MUST NOT** be present."
  "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
  "properties": {
    "camera": {
      "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
      "description": "The index of the camera referenced by this node."
    },
    "children": {
      "type": "array",
      "description": "The indices of this node's children.",
      "items": {
        "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json"
      },
      "uniqueItems": true,
      "minItems": 1
    },
    "skin": {
      "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
      "description": "The index of the skin referenced by this node."
    },
    "gltf_detailedDescription": "The index of the skin referenced by this node. When a skin is referenced by a node within a scene, all joints used by the skin **MUST** belong to the same scene. When defined, 'mesh' **MUST** also be defined."
  },
  "matrix": {
    "type": "array",
    "description": "A floating-point 4x4 transformation matrix stored in column-major order.",
    "items": {
      "type": "number"
    },
    "minItems": 16,
    "maxItems": 16,
    "default": [ 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 ],
    "gltf_webgl": "`uniformMatrix4fv()` with the transpose parameter equal to false"
}
```

{
  "mesh": {
    "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
    "description": "The index of the mesh in this node."
  },
  "rotation": {
    "type": "array",
    "description": "The node's unit quaternion rotation in the order (x, y, z, w), where w is the scalar.",
    "items": {
      "type": "number",
      "minimum": -1.0,
      "maximum": 1.0
    },
    "minItems": 4,
    "maxItems": 4,
    "default": [ 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 ]
  },
  "scale": {
    "type": "array",
    "description": "The node's non-uniform scale, given as the scaling factors along the x, y, and z axes.",
    "items": {
      "type": "number"
    },
    "minItems": 3,
    "maxItems": 3,
    "default": [ 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 ]
  },
  "translation": {
    "type": "array",
    "description": "The node's translation along the x, y, and z axes.",
    "items": {
      "type": "number"
    },
    "minItems": 3,
    "maxItems": 3,
    "default": [ 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 ]
  },
  "weights": {
    "type": "array",
    "description": "The weights of the instantiated morph target. The number of array elements **MUST** match the number of morph targets of the referenced mesh. When defined, 'mesh' **MUST** also be defined.",
    "minItems": 1,
    "items": {
      "type": "number"
    }
  },
  "name": { },
  "extensions": { },
}
"extras": { }
},
"dependencies": {
    "weights": [ "mesh" ],
    "skin": [ "mesh" ]
},
"not": {
    "anyOf": [
        { "required": [ "matrix", "translation" ] },
        { "required": [ "matrix", "rotation" ] },
        { "required": [ "matrix", "scale" ] }
    ]
}
}
{  
"$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
$id": "sampler.schema.json",
"title": "Sampler",
"type": "object",
"description": "Texture sampler properties for filtering and wrapping modes.",
"allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
"properties": {
  "magFilter": {
    "description": "Magnification filter.",
    "gltf_webgl": "\'samplerParameteri()\' with pname equal to TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER",
    "anyOf": [ 
      { "const": 9728,
        "description": "NEAREST",
        "type": "integer"
      },
      { "const": 9729,
        "description": "LINEAR",
        "type": "integer"
      },
      { "type": "integer"
      }
    ]
  },
  "minFilter": {
    "description": "Minification filter.",
    "gltf_webgl": "\'samplerParameteri()\' with pname equal to TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER",
    "anyOf": [ 
      { "const": 9728,
        "description": "NEAREST",
        "type": "integer"
      },
      { "const": 9729,
        "description": "LINEAR",
        "type": "integer"
      },
      { "const": 9984,
        "description": "NEAREST_MIPMAP_NEAREST",
        "type": "integer"
      }
    ]
  }
}
{ "const": 9985,
  "description": "LINEAR_MIPMAP_NEAREST",
  "type": "integer"
},
{ "const": 9986,
  "description": "NEAREST_MIPMAP_LINEAR",
  "type": "integer"
},
{ "const": 9987,
  "description": "LINEAR_MIPMAP_LINEAR",
  "type": "integer"
},
{ "type": "integer"
}
]
},
"wrapS": {
  "description": "S (U) wrapping mode."
  "default": 10497,
  "gltf_detailedDescription": "S (U) wrapping mode. All valid values correspond to WebGL enums."
  "gltf_webgl": "samplerParameteri() with pname equal to TEXTURE_WRAP_S",
  "anyOf": [
  { "const": 33071,
    "description": "CLAMP_TO_EDGE",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  { "const": 33648,
    "description": "MIRRORED_REPEAT",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  { "const": 10497,
    "description": "REPEAT",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  { "type": "integer"
  }
  ]
},
"wrapT": {
  "description": "T (V) wrapping mode."
  "default": 10497,
  "gltf_webgl": "samplerParameteri() with pname equal to TEXTURE_WRAP_T",
"anyOf": [
  {
    "const": 33071,
    "description": "CLAMP_TO_EDGE",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "const": 33648,
    "description": "MIRRORED_REPEAT",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "const": 10497,
    "description": "REPEAT",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "type": "integer"
  }
],
"name": {},
"extensions": {},
"extras": {}
}
A.30. JSON Schema for Scene

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "scene.schema.json",
    "title": "Scene",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "The root nodes of a scene.",
    "allOf": [{ "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" }],
    "properties": {
        "nodes": {
            "type": "array",
            "description": "The indices of each root node.",
            "items": {
                "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json"
            },
            "uniqueItems": true,
            "minItems": 1
        },
        "name": { },
        "extensions": { },
        "extras": { }
    }
}
```
A.31. JSON Schema for Skin

```json
{
    "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
    "$id": "skin.schema.json",
    "title": "Skin",
    "type": "object",
    "description": "Joints and matrices defining a skin."

    "required": [ "joints" ]
}
```

`inverseBindMatrices`:
- allOf: [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
- description: "The index of the accessor containing the floating-point 4x4 inverse-bind matrices."
- gltf_detailedDescription: "The index of the accessor containing the floating-point 4x4 inverse-bind matrices. Its 'accessor.count' property **MUST** be greater than or equal to the number of elements of the 'joints' array. When undefined, each matrix is a 4x4 identity matrix."

`skeleton`:
- allOf: [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
- description: "The index of the node used as a skeleton root."
- gltf_detailedDescription: "The index of the node used as a skeleton root. The node **MUST** be the closest common root of the joints hierarchy or a direct or indirect parent node of the closest common root."

`joints`:
- type: "array",
- description: "Indices of skeleton nodes, used as joints in this skin."
- items: { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" },
- uniqueItems: true,
- minItems: 1,
- gltf_detailedDescription: "Indices of skeleton nodes, used as joints in this skin."
```

`name`: { },
`extensions`: { },
`extras`: { }
```
A.32. JSON Schema for Texture

```
{
   "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
   "$id": "texture.schema.json",
   "title": "Texture",
   "type": "object",
   "description": "A texture and its sampler."
   "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFChildOfRootProperty.schema.json" } ],
   "properties": {
      "sampler": {
         "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
         "description": "The index of the sampler used by this texture. When undefined, a sampler with repeat wrapping and auto filtering **SHOULD** be used."
      },
      "source": {
         "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
         "description": "The index of the image used by this texture. When undefined, an extension or other mechanism **SHOULD** supply an alternate texture source, otherwise behavior is undefined."
      },
      "name": { },
      "extensions": { },
      "extras": { }
   },
   "gltf_webgl": "createTexture(), deleteTexture(), bindTexture(), texImage2D(), and texParameterf()"
}
```
A.33. JSON Schema for Texture Info

```
{
  "$schema": "https://json-schema.org/draft/2020-12/schema",
  "$id": "textureInfo.schema.json",
  "title": "Texture Info",
  "type": "object",
  "description": "Reference to a texture.",
  "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFProperty.schema.json" } ],
  "properties": {
    "index": {
      "allOf": [ { "$ref": "glTFid.schema.json" } ],
      "description": "The index of the texture."
    },
    "texCoord": {
      "type": "integer",
      "description": "The set index of texture's TEXCOORD attribute used for texture coordinate mapping.",
      "default": 0,
      "minimum": 0,
      "gltf_detailedDescription": "This integer value is used to construct a string in the format 'TEXCOORD_<set index>' which is a reference to a key in 'mesh.primitives.attributes' (e.g. a value of '0' corresponds to 'TEXCOORD_0'). A mesh primitive **MUST** have the corresponding texture coordinate attributes for the material to be applicable to it."
    },
    "extensions": { },
    "extras": { }
  },
  "required": [ "index" ]
}
```
Appendix B: BRDF Implementation

B.1. General

This chapter presents the bidirectional scattering distribution function (BRDF) of the glTF 2.0 metallic-roughness material. The BRDF describes the reflective properties of the surface of a physically based material. For a pair of directions, the BRDF returns how much light from the incoming direction is scattered from the surface in the outgoing direction.

Note
See Pharr et al. (2016), Chapter 5.6 “Surface Reflection”, for an introduction to radiometry and the BRDF.

The BRDF of the metallic-roughness material is a linear interpolation of a metallic BRDF and a dielectric BRDF. The BRDFs share the parameters for roughness and base color. The blending factor \texttt{metallic} describes the metalness of the material.

\[
\text{material} = \text{mix} \left( \text{dielectric\_brdf}, \text{metal\_brdf}, \text{metallic} \right) \\
= (1.0 - \text{metallic}) \times \text{dielectric\_brdf} + \text{metallic} \times \text{metal\_brdf}
\]

Note
Such a material model based on a linear interpolation of metallic and dielectric components was introduced by Burley (2012) and adapted by many renderers, resulting in a wide range of applications supporting it.

Usually, a material is either metallic or dielectric. A texture provided for \texttt{metallic} with either 1.0 or 0.0 separates metallic from dielectric regions on the mesh. There are situations in which there is no clear separation. It may happen that due to anti-aliasing or mip-mapping there is a portion of metal and a portion of dielectric within a texel. Furthermore, a material composed of several semi-transparent layers may be represented as a blend between several single-layered materials (layering via parameter blending).

The logical structure of the material is presented below, using an abstract notation that describes the material as a directed acyclic graph (DAG). The vertices correspond to the basic building blocks of the material model: BRDFs, mixing operators, input parameters, and constants. This is followed by an informative sample implementation as a set of equations and source code for the BRDFs and mixing operators.

B.2. Material Structure

B.2.1. Metals

Metallic surfaces reflect most illumination, only a small portion of the light is absorbed by the material.
This effect is described by the Fresnel term \texttt{conductor\_fresnel} with the wavelength-dependent refractive index and extinction coefficient. To make parameterization simple, the metallic-roughness material combines the two quantities into a single, user-defined color value \texttt{baseColor} that defines the reflection color at normal incidence, also referred to as \textit{f0}. The reflection color at grazing incidence is called \textit{f90}. It is set to 1.0 because the grazing angle reflectance for any material approaches pure white in the limit. The conductor Fresnel term modulates the contribution of a specular BRDF parameterized by the \texttt{roughness} parameter.

\begin{verbatim}
metal\_brdf =
    conductor\_fresnel(
        f0 = baseColor,
        bsdf = specular\_brdf(
            \alpha = roughness ^ 2))
\end{verbatim}

\subsection*{B.2.2. Dielectrics}

Unlike metals, dielectric materials transmit most of the incident illumination into the interior of the object and the Fresnel term is parameterized only by the refractive index.

\begin{verbatim}
dielectric\_brdf =
    fresnel\_mix(
        ior = 1.5,
        base = diffuse\_brdf(
            color = baseColor),
        layer = specular\_brdf(
            \alpha = roughness ^ 2))
\end{verbatim}

This makes dielectrics like glass, oil, water or air transparent. Other dielectrics, like most plastic materials, are filled with particles that absorb or scatter most or all of the transmitted light, reducing the transparency and giving the surface its colorful appearance.

As a result, dielectric materials are modeled as a Fresnel-weighted combination of a specular BRDF, simulating the reflection at the surface, and a diffuse BRDF, simulating the transmitted portion of the light that is absorbed and scattered inside the object. The reflection roughness is given by the squared \texttt{roughness} of the material. The color of the diffuse BRDF comes from the \texttt{baseColor}. The amount of reflection compared to transmission is directional-dependent and as such determined by the Fresnel term. Its index of refraction is set to a fixed value of 1.5, a good compromise for most opaque, dielectric materials.
B.2.3. Microfacet Surfaces

The metal BRDF and the dielectric BRDF are based on a microfacet model.

Note

The theory behind microfacet models was developed in early works by Torrance and Sparrow (1967), Cook and Torrance (1982) and others.

A microfacet model describes the orientation of tiny facets (microfacets) on the surface as a statistical distribution. The distribution determines the orientation of the facets as a random perturbation around the normal direction of the surface. The perturbation strength depends on the roughness parameter and varies between 0.0 (smooth surface) and 1.0 (rough surface). A number of distribution functions have been proposed in the last decades.

The Trowbridge-Reitz / GGX microfacet distribution describes the microsurface as being composed of perfectly specular, infinitesimal oblate ellipsoids, whose half-height in the normal direction is $\alpha$ times the radius in the tangent plane. $\alpha = 1$ gives spheres, which results in uniform reflection in all directions. This reflection behavior corresponds to a rough surface. $\alpha = 0$ gives a perfectly specular surface.

Note

The Trowbridge-Reitz distribution was first described by Trowbridge and Reitz (1975). Later Walter et al. (2007) independently developed the same distribution and called it “GGX”. They show that it is a better fit for measured data than the Beckmann distribution used by Cook and Torrance (1982) due to its stronger tails.

The mapping $\alpha = \text{roughness}^2$ results in more perceptually linear changes in the roughness.

Note

This mapping was suggested by Burley (2012).

The distribution only describes the proportion of each normal on the microsurface. It does not describe how the normals are organized. For this we need a microsurface profile.
Note

The difference between distribution and profile is detailed by Heitz (2014), where he in addition provides an extensive study of common microfacet profiles. Based on this work, we suggest using the Smith microsurface profile (originally developed by Smith (1967)) and its corresponding masking-shadowing function. Heitz describes the Smith profile as the most accurate model for reflection from random height fields. It assumes that height and normal between neighboring points are not correlated, implying a random set of microfacets instead of a continuous surface.

Microfacet models often do not consider multiple scattering. The shadowing term suppresses light that intersects the microsurface a second time. Heitz et al. (2016) extended the Smith-based microfacet models to include a multiple scattering component, which significantly improves accuracy of predictions of the model. We suggest to incorporate multiple scattering whenever possible, either by making use of the unbiased stochastic evaluation introduced by Heitz, or one of the approximations presented later, for example by Kulla and Conty (2017) or Turquin (2019).

B.2.4. Complete Model

The BRDFs and mixing operators used in the metallic-roughness material are summarized in the following image.

The glTF Specification is designed to allow applications to choose different lighting implementations based on their requirements. Some implementations MAY focus on an accurate simulation of light transport while others MAY choose to deliver real-time performance. Therefore, any implementation that adheres to the rules for mixing BRDFs is conformant to the glTF Specification.

In a physically accurate light simulation, the BRDFs MUST follow some basic principles: the BRDF MUST be positive, reciprocal and energy conserving. This ensures that the visual output of the simulation is independent of the underlying rendering algorithm, if it is unbiased.

The unbiased light simulation with physically realistic BRDFs will be the ground-truth for approximations in real-time renderers that are often biased, but still give visually pleasing results.
B.3. Sample Implementation (Informative)

B.3.1. Overview

Often, renderers use approximations to solve the rendering equation, like the split-sum approximation for image based lighting, or simplify the math to save instructions and reduce register pressure. However, there are many ways to achieve good approximations, depending on the platform.

A sample implementation is available at https://github.com/KhronosGroup/glTF-Sample-Viewer/ and provides an example of a WebGL 2.0 implementation of a standard BRDF based on the glTF material parameters. To achieve high performance in real-time applications, this implementation uses several approximations and uses non-physical simplifications that break energy-conservation and reciprocity.

We use the following notation:

- \( \mathbf{V} \) is the normalized vector from the shading location to the eye
- \( \mathbf{L} \) is the normalized vector from the shading location to the light
- \( \mathbf{N} \) is the surface normal in the same space as the above values
- \( \mathbf{H} \) is the half vector, where \( \mathbf{H} = \text{normalize}(\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{V}) \)

B.3.2. Specular BRDF

The specular reflection \( \text{specular}_\text{brdf}(\alpha) \) is a microfacet BRDF

\[
\text{MicrofacetBRDF} = \frac{GD}{4|\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L}| |\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{V}|}
\]

with the Trowbridge-Reitz/GGX microfacet distribution

\[
D = \frac{\alpha^2 \chi^+(\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{H})}{\pi((\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{H})^2(\alpha^2 - 1) + 1)^2}
\]

and the separable form of the Smith joint masking-shadowing function

\[
G = \frac{2|\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L}| \chi^+(\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{L})}{|\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L}| + \sqrt{\alpha^2 + (1 - \alpha^2)(\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L})^2}} \frac{2|\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{V}| \chi^+(\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{V})}{|\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{V}| + \sqrt{\alpha^2 + (1 - \alpha^2)(\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{V})^2}}
\]

where \( \chi(x) \) denotes the Heaviside function: 1 if \( x > 0 \) and 0 if \( x \leq 0 \). See Heitz (2014) for a derivation of the formulas.

Introducing the visibility function

\[
V = \frac{G}{4|\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L}| |\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{V}|}
\]

simplifies the original microfacet BRDF to

\[
\text{MicrofacetBRDF} = VD
\]

with
Thus, we have the function

```cpp
function specular_brdf(\alpha) {
    return V * D
}
```

### B.3.3. Diffuse BRDF

The diffuse reflection `diffuse_brdf(color)` is a Lambertian BRDF

\[
\text{LambertianBRDF} = \frac{1}{\pi}
\]

multiplied with the `color`.

```cpp
function diffuse_brdf(color) {
    return \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \right) \times color
}
```

### B.3.4. Fresnel

An inexpensive approximation for the Fresnel term that can be used for conductors and dielectrics was developed by Schlick (1994):

\[
F = f_0 + (1 - f_0)(1 - |V \cdot H|)^5
\]

The conductor Fresnel `conductor_fresnel(f0, bsdf)` applies a view-dependent tint to a BSDF:

```cpp
function conductor_fresnel(f0, bsdf) {
    return bsdf \times (f0 + (1 - f0) \times (1 - \text{abs(VdotH)})^5)
}
```

For the dielectric BRDF a diffuse component `base` and a specular component `layer` are combined via `fresnel_mix(ior, base, layer)`. The `f0` color is now derived from the index of refraction `ior`.

```cpp
function fresnel_mix(ior, base, layer) {
    f0 = ((1-ior)/(1+ior))^2
    fr = f0 + (1 - f0)*(1 - \text{abs(VdotH)})^5
    return mix(base, layer, fr)
}
```

### B.3.5. Metal BRDF and Dielectric BRDF

Now that we have an implementation for all the functions used in the glTF metallic-roughness
material model, we are able to connect the functions according to the graph shown in section “Complete Model”. By substituting the mixing functions (fresnel_mix, conductor_fresnel) for the implementation, we arrive at the following BRDFs for the metal and the dielectric component:

\[
\text{metal\_brdf} = \text{specular\_brdf}(\text{roughness}^2) \ast (\text{baseColor\_rgb} + (1 - \text{baseColor\_rgb}) \ast (1 - \text{abs(VdotH)})^5)
\]

\[
\text{dielectric\_brdf} = \text{mix} (\text{diffuse\_brdf} (\text{baseColor\_rgb}), \text{specular\_brdf}(\text{roughness}^2), 0.04 + (1 - 0.04) \ast (1 - \text{abs(VdotH)})^5)
\]

Note that the dielectric index of refraction \(\text{ior} = 1.5\) is now \(f_0 = 0.04\).

Metal and dielectric are mixed according to the metalness:

\[
\text{material} = \text{mix} (\text{dielectric\_brdf}, \text{metal\_brdf}, \text{metallic})
\]

Taking advantage of the fact that \text{roughness} is shared between metal and dielectric and that the Schlick Fresnel is used, we can simplify the mix and arrive at the final BRDF for the material:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{const black} &= 0 \\
\text{c\_diff} &= \text{linterp} (\text{baseColor\_rgb}, \text{black}, \text{metallic}) \\
f_0 &= \text{linterp} (0.04, \text{baseColor\_rgb}, \text{metallic}) \\
\alpha &= \text{roughness}^2 \\
F &= f_0 + (1 - f_0) \ast (1 - \text{abs(VdotH)})^5 \\
f_{\text{diffuse}} &= (1 - F) \ast (1 / \pi) \ast \text{c\_diff} \\
f_{\text{specular}} &= F \ast D(\alpha) \ast G(\alpha) / (4 \ast \text{abs(VdotN)} \ast \text{abs(LdotN)}) \\
\text{material} &= f_{\text{diffuse}} + f_{\text{specular}}
\end{align*}
\]

**B.3.6. Discussion**

**B.3.6.1. Masking-Shadowing Term and Multiple Scattering**

The model for specular reflection can be improved in several ways. Heitz (2014) notes that a more accurate form of the masking-shadowing function takes the correlation between masking and shadowing due to the height of the microsurface into account. This correlation is accounted for in the height-correlated masking and shadowing function. Another improvement in accuracy can be achieved by modeling multiple scattering, see Section Microfacet Surfaces.

**B.3.6.2. Schlick’s Fresnel Approximation**

Although Schlick’s Fresnel is a good approximation for a wide range of metallic and dielectric materials, there are a couple of reasons to use a more sophisticated solution for the Fresnel term.

Metals often exhibit a “dip” in reflectance near grazing angles, which is not present in the Schlick
Fresnel. Lazányi and Szirmay-Kalos (2005) extend the Schlick Fresnel with an error term to account for it. Hoffman (2019) improves the parameterization of this term by introducing an artist-friendly $f_{82}$ color, the color at an angle of about $82^\circ$. An additional color parameter for metals was also introduced by Gulbrandsen (2014). Gulbrandson calls it "edge tint" and uses it in the full Fresnel equations instead of Schlick's approximation. Even though the full Fresnel equations should give a more accurate result, Hoffman shows that it is worse than Schlick's approximation in the context of RGB renderers. As we target RGB renderers and do not provide an additional color parameter for metals in glTF, we suggest to use the original Schlick Fresnel for metals.

The index of refraction of most dielectrics is 1.5. For that reason, the dielectric Fresnel term uses a fixed $f_0 = 0.04$. The Schlick Fresnel approximates the full Fresnel equations well for an index of refraction in the range $[1.2, 2.2]$. The main reason for a material to fall outside this range is transparency and nested objects. If a transparent object overlaps another transparent object and both have the same (or similar) index of refraction, the resulting ratio at the boundary is 1 (or close to 1). According to the full Fresnel equations, there is no (or almost no) reflection in this case. The reflection intensity computed from the Schlick Fresnel approximation will be too high. Implementations that care about accuracy in case of nested dielectrics are encouraged to use the full Fresnel equations for dielectrics. For metals Schlick's approximation is still a good choice.

B.3.6.3. Coupling Diffuse and Specular Reflection

While the coupling of diffuse and specular components in $\text{fresnel}_\text{mix}$ as proposed in this section is simple and cheap to compute, it is not very accurate and breaks a fundamental property that a physically based BRDF must fulfill — energy conservation. Energy conservation means that a BRDF must not reflect more light than it receives. Several fixes have been proposed, each with its own trade-offs regarding performance and quality.

Burley (2012) notes that a common solution found in many models calculates the diffuse Fresnel factor by evaluating the Fresnel term twice with view and light direction instead of the half vector: $(1 - F(N\text{dot}L)) \times (1 - F(N\text{dot}V))$. While this is energy-conserving, he notes that this weighting results in significant darkening at grazing angles, an effect they couldn't observe in their measurements. They propose some changes to the diffuse BRDF to make it better predict the measurements, but even the fixed version is still not energy conserving mathematically.

More recently, Jakob et al. (2014) developed a generic framework for computing BSDFs of layered materials, including multiple scattering within layers. Amongst much more complicated scenarios it also solves the special case of coupling diffuse and specular components, but it is too heavy for textured materials, even in offline rendering.

Kulla and Conty (2017) found a solution tailored to the special case of coupling diffuse and specular components, which is easy to compute. It requires the directional albedo of the Fresnel-weighted specular BRDF to be precomputed and tabulated, but they found that the function is smooth, and a low-resolution 3D texture (16³ pixels) is sufficient. Their coupled diffuse-specular model is not only energy-conserving, but also energy-preserving, meaning that if neither the specular nor the diffuse component absorb any energy, all energy is reflected.
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Appendix C: Spline Interpolation

glTF animations support cubic spline interpolation.

The keyframes of a cubic spline in glTF have input and output values where each input value corresponds to three output values of the same type: in-tangent, data point, and out-tangent.

An animation that uses cubic spline interpolation **MUST** have at least 2 keyframes.

Given a set of keyframes

Input \( t_k \) with Output in-tangent \( a_k \), point \( v_k \), and out-tangent \( b_k \) for \( k = 1, \ldots, n \)

a spline segment between two keyframes is represented in a cubic Hermite spline form:

\[
p(t) = (2 t^3 - 3 t^2 + 1) p_0 + (t^3 - 2 t^2 + t) m_0 + (-2 t^3 + 3 t^2) p_1 + (t^3 - t^2) m_1
\]

where

- \( t \) is a value between 0 and 1
- \( p_0 \) is the starting point at \( t = 0 \)
- \( m_0 \) is the scaled starting tangent at \( t = 0 \)
- \( p_1 \) is the ending point at \( t = 1 \)
- \( m_1 \) is the scaled ending tangent at \( t = 1 \)
- \( p(t) \) is the resulting point value

and where at input offset \( t_{\text{current}} \) with keyframe index \( k \)

\[
t = (t_{\text{current}} - t_k) / (t_{k+1} - t_k)
\]

\[
p_0 = v_k
\]

\[
m_0 = (t_{k+1} - t_k) b_k
\]

\[
p_1 = v_{k+1}
\]

\[
m_1 = (t_{k+1} - t_k) a_{k+1}
\]

The scalar-point multiplications are per point component.

When the sampler targets a node’s rotation property, the resulting \( p(t) \) quaternion **MUST** be normalized before applying the result to the node’s rotation.

When writing out rotation output values, exporters **SHOULD** take care to not write out values that can result in an invalid quaternion with all zero values.
 Implementation Note
This can be achieved by ensuring the output values never have both \(-q\) and \(q\) in the same spline.

The first in-tangent \(a_1\) and last out-tangent \(b_n\) **SHOULD** be zeros as they are not used in the spline calculations.