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ISO/CIE 10527	1991	CIE standard colorimetric observers	-	-
CIE 15.2	1986	Colorimetry	-	-
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- Part 1: General
- Part 2-1: Colour management – Default RGB colour space – sRGB
- Part 3: Equipment using cathode ray tubes
- Part 4: Equipment using liquid crystal display panels
- Part 5: Equipment using plasma display panels
- Part 6: Equipment for use on digital data projections
- Part 7: Colour printers
- Part 8: Colour scanners
- Part 9: Digital cameras
- Part 10: Colour image in network systems
- Part 11: Impaired video in network systems

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INTRODUCTION

The method of digitisation in this part of IEC 61966 is designed to complement current colour management strategies by enabling a method of handling colour in the operating systems, device drivers and the Internet that utilises a simple and robust device-independent colour definition. This will provide good quality and backward compatibility with minimum transmission and system overhead. Based on a calibrated colorimetric RGB colour space well suited to cathode ray tube (CRT) displays, flat panel displays, television, scanners, digital cameras, and printing systems, such a space can be supported with minimum cost to software and hardware vendors. While there does exist a difference in the underlying physical responses between CRT and flat panel technology, most flat panel displays have internal compensations to simulate CRT displays in order to be commercially viable. The intent is to promote its adoption, by showing the benefits of supporting a standard colour space and the suitability of this standard colour space, sRGB.

Recently, the International Color Consortium has proposed breakthrough solutions to problems in communicating colour in open systems. Yet the ICC profile format does not provide a complete solution for all situations.

Currently, the ICC has one means of tracking and ensuring that a colour is correctly mapped from the input to the output colour space. This is done by attaching a profile for the input colour space to the image in question. This is appropriate for the high-quality publishing industry. However, there is a broad range of users who do not require this level of flexibility and control in an embedded profile mechanism. Instead, it is possible to create a single, standard default colour-space definition that can be processed as an implicit ICC sRGB profile. Additionally, most existing file formats do not, and may never, support colour profile embedding, and finally, there is a broad range of uses that actually discourage people from appending any extra data to their files. A common standard RGB colour space addresses these issues and is useful and necessary. This approach maintains the advantage of a clear relationship with ICC colour management systems while minimising software processes and support requirements.

Application developers and users who do not want the overhead of embedding profiles with documents or images should convert them to a common colour space for storage. Currently, there is a plethora of RGB CRT-based colour spaces attempting to fill this void with little guidance or attempts at standardisation. There is a need to merge the many standard and non-standard RGB display spaces into a single standard RGB colour space. This standard dramatically improves the colour fidelity in the desktop environment by meeting this need. For example, if operating system vendors provide support for this standard RGB colour space, the input and output device vendors that support this standard colour space could easily and confidently communicate colour without further colour management overhead in the most common situations. The three major factors of this RGB space are the colorimetric RGB definition, the simple exponent value of 2,2, and the well-defined viewing conditions, along with a number of secondary details necessary to enable the clear and unambiguous communication of colour.