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Foreword

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A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 18477 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

ISO/IEC 18477, also known under the name "JPEG XT", is a series of extensions of ISO/IEC 18477-1, a compression system for continuous tone digital still images which is backwards compatible with Rec. ITU-T T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1. That is, legacy applications conforming to Rec. ITU-T T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1 will be able to reconstruct streams generated by an encoder conforming to the ISO/IEC 18477 series, though will possibly not be able to reconstruct such streams in full dynamic range, full quality or other features defined in the ISO/IEC 18477 series.

This document offers implementations of various parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 standard that demonstrate the features and capabilities of JPEG XT. Its purpose is to act as a guideline for implementations and as a reference for conformance testing. As such, the implementations are conforming to the part of Rec. ITU-T T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1 that has been standardized as ISO/IEC 18477-1, i.e. it implements the baseline, extended sequential and progressive Huffman coding modes of the legacy standard together with common extensions such as Rec. ITU-T T.871 | ISO/IEC 10918-5, commonly known as JFIF. In addition, the reference software implementations also cover all other parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 standard, i.e., IDR coding, HDR coding, lossless and near-lossless coding and coding of alpha channels.

This document includes the source code for reference implementations of the ISO/IEC 18477 series of standards, available at http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/18477/-5/ed-1/en. They have been successfully complied and tested on Linux[1)] and Windows™[2)] operating systems at the time of writing.

Note that ISO/IEC 18477-1 does not include the arithmetic coding modes, the hierarchical coding modes and the lossless coding modes of Rec. ITU-T T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1.

1) Linux is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO or IEC of this product.

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Part 5:
Reference software

1 Scope

This document provides reference implementations of multiple parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series, also known under the name "JPEG XT". JPEG XT is designed primarily for compression of continuous-tone photographic content.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 18477-1, *Information technology — Scalable compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 1: Scalable compression and coding of continuous-tone still images*

ISO/IEC 18477-3, *Information technology — Scalable compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 3: Box file format*

ISO/IEC 18477-6, *Information technology — Scalable compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 6: IDR Integer Coding*

ISO/IEC 18477-7, *Information technology — Scalable compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 7: HDR Floating-Point Coding*

ISO/IEC 18477-8, *Information technology — Scalable compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 8: Lossless and near-lossless coding*

ISO/IEC 18477-9, *Information technology — Scalable compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 9: Alpha channel coding*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
codestream
sequence of bytes that conforms to or is to be checked for conformance with the codestream syntax specified in ISO/IEC 18477-1 and/or ISO/IEC 18477-3

3.2
decoder
embodiment of the decoding process specified in the ISO/IEC 18477 series or a process embodiment that is to be tested for conformance to the ISO/IEC 18477 series

3.3
encoder
process that produces *codestreams* (3.1) that conform to ISO/IEC 18477-1 or ISO/IEC 18477-3 or that are to be tested for conformance to the ISO/IEC 18477 series

3.4
pfm format
format similar to *ppm* (3.6) for carrying floating-point based colour images

Note 1 to entry: It is further specified in ISO/IEC 18477-4.

3.5
pnm format
superset of the *pfm* (3.4) and *ppm format* (3.6)

3.6
ppm format
portable pixmap format for carrying three-component integer sample based colour images specified in ISO/IEC 18477-4

4 Abbreviated terms

HDR high dynamic range

IDR intermediate dynamic range

LDR low dynamic range

PPM portable pixmap format

PFM portable floating-point format

TMO tone mapping operator

5 Conventions

5.1 Conformance language

This document consists of normative and informative text.

Normative text is that text which expresses mandatory requirements. The word "shall" is used to express mandatory requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform to this document and from which no deviation is permitted. A conforming implementation is one that fulfils all mandatory requirements.

Informative text is text that is potentially helpful to the user, but not indispensable and can be removed, changed or added editorially without affecting interoperability. All text in document is normative, with the following exceptions: the Introduction, any parts of the text that are explicitly labelled as "informative" and statements appearing with the preamble "NOTE" and behaviour described using the word "should". The word "should" is used to describe behaviour that is encouraged but is not required for conformance to this document.

The keywords "may" and "need not" indicate a course of action that is permissible in a conforming implementation.

The keyword "reserved" indicates a provision that is not specified at this time, shall not be used and may be specified in the future. The keyword "forbidden" indicates "reserved" and in addition indicates that the provision will never be specified in the future.

5.2 Typesetting

Regular face fonts as this text describe informative text that provides instructions, comments or details for the reader.

`Monospaced text as this paragraph indicates program input or output as necessary to either run the software or as generated by the software on the console.`

6 Reference software

6.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the following.

— Reference decoder software capable of decoding codestreams that conform to ISO/IEC 18477-1, ISO/IEC 18477-3, ISO/IEC 18477-6, ISO/IEC 18477-7, ISO/IEC 18477-8 and/or ISO/IEC 18477-9.

— Sample encoder software capable of producing codestreams that conform to one or multiple parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series.

The use of the reference software is not required for making an implementation of an encoder or decoder in conformance to any of the ISO/IEC 18477 series. Requirements established in ISO/IEC 18477-1, ISO/IEC 18477-3, ISO/IEC 18477-6, ISO/IEC 18477-7, ISO/IEC 18477-8 and ISO/IEC 18477-9 take precedence over the behaviour of the reference software.

6.2 Examples of use

Some examples of use for the reference decoder software implementations are as follows:

— as an illustration of how to perform the decoding processes specified in one or multiple parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series;

— as the starting basis for the implementation of a decoder that conforms to one or multiple parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series;

— for testing the conformance of a decoder implementation of one or multiple parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series with the procedures specified in ISO/IEC 18477-4. Details on reference testing can be found in ISO/IEC 18477-4;

— for (non-exhaustive) testing of the conformance of a codestream (or file) to the constraints specified in ISO/IEC 18477-3, ISO/IEC 18477-6, ISO/IEC 18477-7, ISO/IEC 18477-8 or ISO/IEC 18477-9.

NOTE 1 Attempting to decode a codestream under testing with a reference software implementation implements only a non-exhaustive test for conformance. The lack of detection of any conformance violation by any reference software implementation can therefore not be considered as a definite proof that the codestream under testing conforms to all constraints required for it to be conforming to one of the ISO/IEC 18477 standards.

Some examples of use for a reference encoder software are as follows:

— as an illustration of how to implement an encoding process that produces codestreams that are, depending on the settings of the software, conforming to one or multiple members of the software of the ISO/IEC 18477 series;

— as starting point for an implementation of an encoder that conforms to one or multiple members of the ISO/IEC 18477 series;

— as a means of generating codestreams conforming to one or multiple parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series for testing purposes;

— as a means of demonstrating and evaluating examples of the quality that can be achieved by an encoding process that conforms to multiple parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series.

NOTE 2 However, no guarantee of the quality that will be achieved by an encoder is provided by its conformance to one or multiple parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series as the conformance is only defined in terms of specific constraints imposed on the syntax of the generated codestream. In particular, while sample encoder software implementations may suffice to provide some illustrative examples of which quality can be achieved within the ISO/IEC 18477 series, they provide neither an assurance of minimum guaranteed image encoding quality nor maximum achievable image encoding quality.

NOTE 3 Similarly, the computation resource characteristics in terms of program or data memory usage, execution speed, etc. of sample software encoder or decoder implementations cannot be construed as a representative of the typical, minimal or maximal computational resource characteristics to be exhibited by implementations of some parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series.

6.3 General

The reference software implementations for the ISO/IEC 18477 series are provided at http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/18477/-5/ed-1/en.

— The file "reference1367abcd89.zip" contains a reference implementation for ISO/IEC 18477-1, ISO/IEC 18477-3, ISO/IEC 18477-6, ISO/IEC 18477-7 profiles A, B, C and D, ISO/IEC 18477-8 and ISO/IEC 18477-9. Unpacking and compilation of this software is explained in Annex A and guidance on how to use this software is given in Annex B.

— The file "reference7b.zip" contains a reference implementation for ISO/IEC 18477-7 profiles B. Unpacking and compilation of this software is explained in Annex C and guidance on how to use this software is given in Annex D.

Annex A
(informative)

Unpacking and compiling the reference software for ISO/IEC 18477-3 and ISO/IEC 18477-6 to ISO/IEC 18477-9

The source code of the software is provided in a ZIP archive at http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/18477/-5/ed-1/en. Unpacking a ZIP file is operating system specific. Under POSIX compliant operating systems, open a command line window and enter

```
unzip reference1367abcd89.zip
```

This will unpack all components of the software into the current directory.

To compile the software, follow these steps:

— For POSIX compliant operating systems, change into the directory the electronic attachment was unpacked into, then enter on the command line

```
./configure
make
```


This assumes that a POSIX compliant shell is available and the GNU compiler (make, gcc compiler and linker) are installed on the system. The reference software will then be built in the current directory and a binary named “jpeg” will be created.

— For Microsoft Windows™[2], the Visual Studio[4] VS2010™ or VS2013™ compiler suite provides another option for compling the software. A VS2010 solution file allowing loading and compiling the project can be found in the directory “vs10.0/jpeg”. A solution file for VS2013 can be found in the directory “vs12.0/jpeg”.

The compiler will generate a command line tool without any graphical interface that compresses images represented in pnm (Picture AnyMap) into JPEG XT and expands JPEG XT images into pnm-files. pnm-files can either represent integer colour data, using the .ppm file extension or floating-point data using the .pfm extension. The .ppm files contain three (or one) big-endian integers per pixel and the .pfm files three (or one) 32-bit IEC big-endian floating-point integers. Converting these formats to other formats is out of the scope of this document.

NOTE Some implementations of PPM or PFM readers use little-endian encoding or save the image bitmap upside down, i.e. with the bottom line of the image included as first data in the file. Such encodings are not supported by this software.