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— Angled brackets inserted around 'total height' in the numerator of the second formula in A.4;

— ']' added to the line before '/Whitepoint' in A.8.

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Introduction

This document describes PDF/R (Raster), a strict subset of the PDF file format, for storing, transporting and exchanging multi-page raster-image documents, especially scanned documents and photographs. PDF/R provides the portability of PDF while offering the core functionality of TIFF. Bitonal, grayscale and RGB images are supported. Compression options include JPEG, lossless CCITT Group 4 Fax and uncompressed.

This document describes the restrictions that differentiate a PDF/R file from a standard PDF file. Additionally, it specifies (see Clause 5) that a comment is used to identify files claiming to be PDF/R files. There is no intention herein to claim any intellectual property that is not present in the existing PDF standard, nor claim any IP that is covered therein.

PDF/R is intended to be a standard format for storing, transporting and exchanging scanned documents. As a subset of PDF, it takes advantage of the widespread support for viewing, printing and processing PDF files. As a narrowly restricted subset of PDF, it is much simpler to generate and interpret, allowing it to replace the TIFF and JPEG file formats for capture and delivery of scanner output.

PDF/R imposes many restrictions on PDF content and layout, for the following benefits:

— files can be read and written without a full PDF parser or generator;

— files can be created efficiently from raster images;

— files can be generated using a fixed-size raster data buffer;

— images can be located and read efficiently with comparatively simple code;

— PDF/R files can be quickly and easily identified as such by software;

— PDF/R supports effective and readily available compression algorithms.

PDF/R has important advantages over the full PDF format for storing scanned documents:

— the raster image data can be recovered;

— a complex rendering engine is not required;

— it provides a precise, well-defined target, simplifying engineering design and testing.

PDF/R retains optional PDF security features useful for protecting content:

— encryption is allowed for implementations that need to protect document content at rest.

PDF/R retains optional PDF digital signature features useful for authenticating content:

— one or more digital signatures may be used for implementations that require verification of the document origin, authenticity, date or time of creation, and so on.

PDF/R has important advantages over TIFF and JPEG for storing scanned documents:

— compared to TIFF, it has far fewer and simpler variants;

— compared to TIFF, compression is simpler and better standardized and supported;

— compared to TIFF, PDF files can be natively viewed and printed on more platforms;

— unlike JPEG, it is natively multi-page and handles bitonal images.

PDF/R was created by collaboration between the TWAIN Working Group, which originated the PDF/R concept, and the PDF Association, which provided PDF technology expertise and perspective as well as means of communicating with the PDF software industry to ensure a diverse range of relevant viewpoints was represented.

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Part 1:
Use of ISO 32000 (PDF/R-1)

1 Scope

This document defines a subset of ISO 32000 suitable for storage, transport and exchange of multi-page raster-image documents, including but not limited to scanned documents. Bitonal, grayscale and RGB images are supported. Compression options for image data streams include JPEG, CCITT Group 4 Fax and uncompressed.

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 32000-1:2008, *Document management — Portable document format — Part 1: PDF 1.7*

ISO 32000-2[1]:2020, *Document management — Portable document format — Part 2: PDF 2.0*

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:

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

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

3.1
page image
image of one side of a *physical page* (3.2)

3.2
physical page
physical media object with two sides

3.3
unencrypted PDF/R file
file conforming to this PDF/R specification that does not contain an **Encrypt** dictionary in the trailer dictionary

3.4
encrypted PDF/R file
file conforming to this PDF/R specification that does contain an **Encrypt** dictionary in the trailer dictionary

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1) Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO DIS 32000-2.

4   Notation

PDF operators, PDF keywords, the names of keys in PDF dictionaries, and other predefined names are written in bold font; operands of PDF operators or values of dictionary keys are written in italic font. Some names can also be used as values, depending on the context, and so the styling of the content will be context-specific.

EXAMPLE 1   The *Sig* value for the **FT** key.

Token characters used to delimit objects and describe the structure of PDF files, as defined in ISO 32000-1:2008, 7.2.1, may be identified by their ISO/IEC 646-character name written in uppercase in bold font followed by a parenthetic two-digit hexadecimal character value with the suffix "h".

EXAMPLE 2   **CARRIAGE RETURN** (0Dh).

Text string characters, as defined in ISO 32000-1:2008, 7.9.2, may be identified by their ISO/IEC 10646[2)] character name written in uppercase in bold font followed by a parenthetic four-digit hexadecimal character code value with the prefix "U+".

EXAMPLE 3   **EN SPACE** (U+2002).

5   Version identification

A PDF file conforming to the PDF/R specification is identified by one comment line near the end of the file, immediately before the last occurrence of the line in the file containing the **startxref** key. The comment shall be:

%PDF-raster-x.y

where

"x" (the digit before the decimal point)   is the major version number

"y" (the digit after the decimal point)   is the minor version number

The PDF/R version number for PDF files conforming to this document shall be 1.0. New major versions may be incompatible with previous versions; new minor versions are expected to not break existing readers.

This comment line marks the file as intended to conform to this specification.

EXAMPLE

```
trailer
<<
/Info 58 0 R
/Size 59
/Root 1 0 R
/ID
[   <D7916DF85B0EE1998036EA145A1CE7B4>
<D7916DF85B0EE1998036EA145A1CE7B4>
]
>>
%PDF-raster-1.0
startxref
177317
%%EOF
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2)   Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/IEC DIS 10646.

6   Conformity requirements

6.1   General

A conforming PDF/R file shall conform to all requirements listed in 6.2, "PDF subset" to 6.8, "Encryption".

6.2   PDF subset

6.2.1   General

Conformity of unencrypted and encrypted PDF/R files only differs regarding the use of encryption. Encrypted PDF/R files make use of encryption features introduced in ISO 32000-2, and not available in ISO 32000-1. The definition of, and the requirements for, any other feature allowed in a PDF/R file do not differ between ISO 32000-1 and ISO 32000-2. For the sake of simplicity, all requirements for PDF/R files, with the exception of those for the use of encryption, are specified on the background of ISO 32000-1.

6.2.2   Unencrypted PDF/R files

A PDF/R-conforming file that is not encrypted shall adhere to all the requirements of ISO 32000-1 as modified by this document.

The header shall be one of the following:

— "%PDF-1.4";

— "%PDF-1.5";

— "%PDF-1.6";

— "%PDF-1.7".

NOTE   If the contents of the file are inconsistent with the version number in the header processing results will be implementation dependent.

No filters other than the following shall be used in an unencrypted PDF/R file:

— *FlateDecode*;

— *CCITTFaxDecode* (only for bitonal images);

— *DCTDecode* (only for 8-bit grayscale or RGB images).

6.2.3   Encrypted PDF/R files

A PDF/R-conforming file that is encrypted shall adhere to all requirements of ISO 32000-1, as modified by this document, with the following exceptions:

— the header shall be "%PDF-2.0";

— the file shall adhere to all requirements of ISO 32000-2:2020, 7.6, "Encryption", as modified by 6.8, "Encryption", in this document.

Only the following filters shall be allowed in an encrypted PDF/R file:

— *FlateDecode*;

— *CCITTFaxDecode* (only for bitonal images);

— *DCTDecode* (only for 8 bit grayscale or RGB images);

— *Crypt*.

6.2.4 Unencrypted and encrypted PDF/R files

All indirect references shall have a generation number equal to zero.

All objects referred to be indirect references shall be listed.

NOTE 1   This precludes indirect object references to a non-existent object as described in ISO 32000-1:2008, 7.3.9, "Null Object".

Stream dictionaries shall not contain a **Type** key with a value of *ObjStm*.

NOTE 2   This precludes the use of object streams described in ISO 32000-1:2008, 7.5.7, "Object streams".

6.3   Catalog dictionary

The **Catalog** dictionary shall contain the entries required by ISO 32000-1:2008, Table 28. It shall not contain any optional entries except zero, one or more of the following entries: **Version**, **ViewerPreferences**, **PageLayout**, **PageMode**, **AcroForm**, and **Metadata**.

6.4   Metadata

6.4.1   General

The **Catalog** dictionary of a conforming file may contain the **Metadata** key for which the value is a metadata stream as defined in ISO 32000-1:2008, 14.3.2.

Page dictionaries may contain the **Metadata** key for which the value is a metadata stream as defined in ISO 32000-1:2008, 14.3.2. This metadata stream, if present, shall contain entries with metadata specific to the page object.

6.4.2   Document level and page level metadata streams

The document level metadata stream and page level metadata streams may use properties defined in ISO 16684-1:2019 (XMP)[5] or custom properties. Where custom properties are used, namespaces shall be used in such a fashion that conflicts are avoided with other entries using the same property name. Each organization wishing to define and use its own custom properties shall define a suitable namespace based on a URL that is under the organization's control.

EXAMPLE 1   Examples for namespaces based on which custom properties can be defined:

—   http://ns.twain.org/ns/pdfraster/v1/extra_metadata

—   http://ns.twain.org/ns/pdfraster/v1/some_other_fields

—   http://ns.some_company.com/ns/pdf_raster/version_1/company_specific_fields

EXAMPLE 2   Properties using the same name that are based on different namespaces:

```
<rdf:Description
   rdf:about=""
   xmlns:org_a="http://ns.org_a.com/pdfraster/1.0/"
   xmlns:org_b="http://ns.org_b.com/pdfraster/1.0/"
   <org_a:JobID>ABC-123</org_a:JobID>
   <org_b:JobID>987-654-321:tre-hgf-bvc</org_b:JobID>
</rdf:Description>
```

The TWAIN Working Group provides guidance regarding metadata properties for scanned images[1].