
**Graphic technology — Metadata
for graphic arts workflow — XMP
metadata for image and document
proofing**

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— the references in [Clause 2](#) and the Bibliography have been updated.

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Introduction

This document describes a set of metadata that can be used to communicate the approval status for images or documents that are used for Graphic Arts print production workflow.

It is based on the soft-proofing ticket defined by the Ghent PDF Workgroup which uses XMP. This specification includes the specification of the Ghent PDF Workgroup soft-proofing ticket and extends it to include metadata required for the image preparation stage of the workflow.

The intent of this metadata is to track who has approved the image or document, how the proof was prepared, and what the viewing conditions were during the approval. To achieve this, the approver is identified along with the document output conditions, the software used for the approval and details of the device configuration.

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Graphic technology — Metadata for graphic arts workflow — XMP metadata for image and document proofing

1 Scope

This document specifies the set of metadata to be used to communicate the approval status, proof preparation and viewing parameters for images and documents that are used in the graphic arts print production workflow.

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 15076-1, *Image technology colour management — Architecture, profile format and data structure — Part 1: Based on ICC.1:2010*

ISO 16684-1, *Graphic technology — Extensible metadata platform (XMP) — Part 1: Data model, serialization and core properties*

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

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1.1

ICC CMYK Characterization Data Registry

central registry for CMYK print characterisation data maintained by the ICC

3.1.2

ICC Profile

set of colorimetric transforms prepared according to ICC.1 or ISO 15076-1

3.1.3

PDF/X

file format for reliable exchange of print-ready data defined in ISO 15930

3.1.4

XMP

Extensible Metadata Platform

standard format for the creation, processing, and interchange of metadata as defined by ISO 16684-1

3.2 Abbreviated terms

- GWG Ghent PDF Workgroup (see www.gwg.org)
- ICC International Color Consortium (see www.color.org)
- URI Uniform Resource Identifier (defined in IETF RFC 3986)

4 Requirements

4.1 General

XMP shall be used to store information about the image and document preparation and approval and shall conform to the requirements of ISO 16684-1 and additional requirements as defined by this document.

This metadata shall be added, as described in ISO 16684-1, as an XMP packet to the image or document to which it refers.

4.2 Namespace

The namespace URI for XMP properties and fields defined in this document shall be <http://gwg.org/spt/xmlns/>.

The preferred namespace prefix is **spt**.

4.3 XMP packet structure

An XMP packet conforming to this document shall include either the ImageApprovals property or the ProofingApprovals property but not both. An XMP packet conforming to this document may contain other XMP properties.

4.4 ImageApprovals property

The ImageApprovals property shall be a non-empty ordered array of ImageApproval records as specified in [Table 1](#).

The ImageApprovals record shall contain entries for all fields marked as *Required* and where appropriate should contain entries for those fields marked as *Optional*.

NOTE There is currently no defined purpose to the ImageApprovals order. An ordered array is used for compatibility with earlier GWG specifications.

The fields of the ImageApproval record are shown in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — ImageApproval record

Name	Type	Field content
PrintingConditionIdentifier	open Choice of Text	<i>Required</i> . The Reference Name for the printing condition that was used when the image was approved. This is an open choice - preferred options are those indicated in the ICC CMYK Characterization Data Registry (see www.color.org).
PrintingConditionDescription	Text	<i>Required</i> . A non-empty human readable string that describes the printing condition.

Table 1 (continued)

Name	Type	Field content
PrintingConditionProfileID	Text	<i>Required.</i> The ICC Profile ID of the printing condition profile used when the image was approved. Note that if the ICC Profile ID was not set (i.e. is zero) the profile ID shall be calculated as described in ISO 15076 (ICC profile format specification). The 16 byte ICC profile ID shall be expressed as a hexadecimal text string with dash separators between every 8 characters (4 bytes) making a total string length of 35 characters.
RenderingIntent	closed Choice of Text	<i>Required.</i> The rendering intent used when approving the image; closed choice of <i>AbsoluteColorimetric</i> , <i>RelativeColorimetric</i> , <i>Perceptual</i> or <i>Saturation</i> . NOTE If using BlackPointCompensation as defined in ISO 18619, then RenderingIntent cannot be AbsoluteColorimetric.
BlackPointCompensation	Boolean	<i>Required.</i> Indicates whether BlackPoint Compensation was used when the image was approved. BlackPoint Compensation should be performed as described in ISO 18619.
ApproverName	ProperName	<i>Required.</i> A human readable name.
ApprovalDevice	closed Choice of Text	<i>Required.</i> Closed choice of <i>Monitor</i> or <i>Printer</i> .
ApprovalStatus	closed Choice of Text	<i>Required.</i> The status of approval; closed choice of <i>Approved</i> or <i>Rejected</i> .
ApprovalDate	Date	<i>Required.</i> The date and time of approval.
ProofPrinters	ordered array of ProofPrinter records	<i>Required when hard copy proofing is performed.</i> One or more ProofPrinter records defined in 4.6 describing the hard copy proof
ProofingDevices	ordered array of ProofingDevice records	<i>Required when soft proofing is performed.</i> One or more ProofingDevice records defined in 4.7 describing the proofing device(s)

4.5 ProofingApprovals property

The ProofingApprovals property shall be a non-empty ordered array of ProofingApproval records as specified in [Table 2](#).

The ProofingApprovals record shall contain entries for all fields marked as *Required* and where appropriate should contain entries for those fields marked as *Optional*. When writing the ProofingApprovals record entries for those fields indicated as *Deprecated* should not be used – fields marked in this way indicate past usage and are provided in this document for information only.

NOTE There is currently no defined purpose to the ProofingApprovals order. An ordered array is used for compatibility with earlier GWG specifications.

The fields of the ProofingApproval record are shown in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — ProofingApproval record

Name	Type	Field content
UsePDFXOutputCondition	Boolean	<i>Required.</i> A flag that indicates that the output conditions used for proofing are exactly the one found in the OutputIntent of PDF/X, TIFF or JPEG.
OldOutputConditionIdentifier	Text	<i>Deprecated.</i> A string identifying the intended output device or production condition in human- or machine-readable form that was formerly used in PDF/X.
OldDestOutputProfile	Text	<i>Deprecated.</i> The ICC Profile data converted to Base64 notation (according to section 6.8 of RFC 2045) defining the transformation from the PDF document's source colors to output device colorants that was formerly used in PDF/X.
UseSimulation	Boolean	<i>Deprecated.</i> A flag that indicates that the document was approved using a simulation profile.
SimulationConditionIdentifier	Text	<i>Deprecated (was Required if UseSimulation is True).</i> A string identifying the simulation profile.
SimulationProfile	Text	<i>Deprecated (was Required if UseSimulation is True).</i> An ICC profile used for simulation. The ICC Profile data converted to Base64 notation (according to section 6.8 of RFC 2045).
ProofingUserName	ProperName	<i>Optional.</i> A human readable name.
ProofingUserLogin	Text	<i>Required.</i> A (non-empty) user identification used by the user to connect on the proofing software. ^a
ProofingSoftwarePlatform	open Choice of Text	<i>Required.</i> A (non-empty) human readable identification of the OS of the platform on which the proofing was performed. This is an open choice whose values include <i>MacOS</i> , <i>Windows</i> and <i>Linux</i> .
ProofingSoftwareVendor	Text	<i>Required.</i> A (non-empty) human readable identification of the vendor company that made the proofing solution.
ProofingSoftwareMake	Text	<i>Required.</i> A (non-empty) human readable name describing the proofing solution used.
ProofingSoftwareVersion	Text	<i>Optional.</i> The version number of the solution used to proof the file.
ProofingApprovalStatus	closed Choice of Text	<i>Required.</i> The status of approval; closed choice of <i>Approved</i> or <i>Rejected</i> .
ProofingApprovalDate	Date	<i>Required.</i> The date and time of approval.
ProofingDevices	ordered array of ProofingDevice records	<i>Required if soft proofing is performed.</i> One or more ProofingDevice records defined in 4.7 describing the proofing device(s)
ProofPrinters	ordered array of ProofPrinter records	<i>Required if hard copy proofing is performed.</i> One or more ProofPrinter records defined in 4.6 describing the hard copy proof printer

^a When hard copy proofs are used, this should identify the person responsible for reflecting the status of the proof in the electronic version of the proof.

4.6 ProofPrinter record

The use of the ProofPrinter record is optional. When used, the ProofPrinter record shall contain entries for all fields marked as *Required* in Table 3 and where appropriate should contain entries for those fields marked as *Optional*.

The fields of the ProofPrinter record are shown in Table 3.