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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Core coding system*
- *Part 2: Extensions*
- *Part 3: Motion JPEG 2000*
- *Part 4: Conformance testing*
- *Part 5: Reference software*
- *Part 6: Compound image file format*

Annex A forms a normative part of this part of ISO/IEC 15444. Annexes B to E are for information only.

ISO/IEC 15444-3:2002(E)**Introduction**

This document specifies the use of the wavelet-based JPEG2000 codec for the coding and display of timed sequences of images. It has been defined by ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 29/WG 1 as part three of the JPEG2000 International Standard. In this specification, a file format is defined, and guidelines for the use of the JPEG2000 codec for timed sequences are supplied. The Motion JPEG2000 file format MJ2 is designed to contain one or more motion sequences of JPEG2000 images, with their timing, and also optional audio annotations, all composed into an overall presentation.

Motion JPEG2000 is expected to be used in a variety of applications, particularly where the codec is already available for other reasons, or where the high-quality frame-based approach, with no inter-frame coding, is appropriate. These application areas include:

- digital still cameras,
- error-prone environments such as wireless and the internet,
- PC-based video capturing,
- high quality digital video recording for professional broadcasting and motion picture production from film-based to digital systems,
- and high-resolution medical and satellite imaging.

Motion JPEG2000 is a flexible format, permitting a wide variety of usages, such as editing, display, interchange, and streaming.

The file structure is object-oriented; a file can be decomposed into constituent objects very simply, and the structure of the objects inferred directly from their type.

Media-data is not 'framed' by the file format; the file format declarations that give the size, type and position of media data units are not physically contiguous with the media data. This makes it possible to subset the media-data, and to use it in its natural state, without requiring it to be copied to make space for framing. The meta-data is used to describe the media data by reference, not by inclusion.

The file format does not require that a single presentation be in a single file. This enables both sub-setting and re-use of content. When combined with the non-framing approach, it also makes it possible to include media data in files not formatted to this specification (e.g. 'raw' files containing only media data and no declarative information, or file formats already in use in the media or computer industries).

The file format is based on a common set of designs and a rich set of possible structures and usages. The same format serves all usages; translation is not required. However, when used in a particular way (e.g. for local presentation), the file may need structuring in certain ways for optimal behavior (e.g. time-ordering of the data). No normative structuring rules are defined by this specification, unless a restricted profile is used.

Motion JPEG2000 is based on the MPEG-4 MP4 file format, and JPEG2000 is represented as a peer coding system to MPEG4 visual, in this specification.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the use of the wavelet-based JPEG2000 codec for the coding and display of timed sequences of images (motion sequences), possibly combined with audio, and composed into an overall presentation. In this specification, a file format is defined, and guidelines for the use of the JPEG2000 codec for motion sequences are supplied.

2 Normative references

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

ITU-T Rec.T.800 | ISO/IEC 15444-1, *Information technology – JPEG 2000 image coding system – Part 1: Core coding system*

ISO/IEC 14496-1:2001, *Information technology – Coding of audio-visual objects – Part 1: Systems*; particularly the MP4 file format: clause 13, and the syntax description language (SDL), clause 14

ISO 639-2:1998, *Codes for the representation of names of languages – Part 2: Alpha-3 code*

3 Definitions

- 3.1 **Box:** An object-oriented building block defined by a unique type identifier and length
- 3.2 **Chunk:** A contiguous set of samples for one track
- 3.3 **Container Box:** A box whose sole purpose is to contain and group a set of related boxes
- 3.4 **Hint Track:** A special track which does not contain media data. Instead it contains instructions for packaging one or more tracks into a streaming channel
- 3.5 **Hint:** A tool that is run on a file containing only media, to add one or more hint tracks to the file and so facilitate streaming
- 3.6 **Movie Box:** A container box whose sub-boxes define the meta-data for a presentation. ('moov')
- 3.7 **Media Data Box:** A container box which can hold the actual media data for a presentation ('mdat')
- 3.8 **Motion sequence:** A timed sequence of JPEG2000 images
- 3.9 **MJ2 File:** The name of the file format described in this specification
- 3.10 **Presentation:** One or more motion sequences (q.v.), possibly combined with audio
- 3.11 **Sample:** In non-hint tracks, a sample is an individual frame of video, or a compressed frame of audio. In hint tracks, a sample defines the formation of one or more streaming packets
- 3.12 **Sample Table:** A packed directory for the timing and physical layout of the samples in a track

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3.13 Track: A collection of related samples (q.v.) in an MJ2 file. For media data, a track corresponds to a sequence of images or sampled audio. For hint tracks, a track corresponds to a streaming channel

4 Compatibility and Technology derivation**4.1 Family Members**

This is a standalone specification; it defines the file format for MJ2. However, it stands as a member of a family of specifications with common formatting.

The other family members include:

- The JPEG2000 single image format, JP2.
- The MPEG-4 file format, MP4.
- The QuickTime file format, on which MP4 and this specification are based.

These specifications share a common definition for the structure of a file (a sequence of objects, called boxes here and atoms in MP4 and QuickTime), and a common definition of the general structure of an object (the size and type).

All these specifications require that readers ignore objects that are unrecognizable to them..

This specification takes precedence over those from which it inherits, in any case where there are differences or conflicts; however no such conflicts are known to exist.

4.2 MP4 Inheritance and Compatibility

Motion JPEG2000 is represented as a peer coding system to MPEG4 visual, in this specification. Data structures and concepts that are held in common with these other specifications are defined to be compatible with them. Most boxes (atoms in MP4) are defined identically; this includes:

Movie, Media Data, Track, Track Reference, Media, Media Header, Handler Reference, Media Information, Hint Media Header, Data Information, Data Reference, Sample Table, Time to Sample, Sample Size, Sample to Chunk, Chunk Offset, Free Space, Edit, Edit List, User Data, and Extension (UUID) boxes.

A number of boxes are used in a compatible fashion, but there are a number of fields in MP4 which, in that specification, have required initial values but are ignored on reading, which are used here. This includes:

Movie Header, Track Header, Video Media Header, Sound Media Header,

The format of the Sample Description Box itself is the same, but a new VideoSampleDescription Box for motion JPEG2000 is introduced within it; and likewise, a new Audio Sample Description format for raw audio is introduced.

4.3 JP2 Inheritance and Compatibility

The still image format, JP2, defines a number of boxes. The following boxes from that specification shall be present. If the JP2 specification requires a particular position (e.g. first in the file), that positioning shall be followed here:

- 1) The JP2 'family' signature box 'jP'.
- 2) The file type compatibility box 'ftyp'.

In the file type compatibility box, the brand shall be 'mjp2' for files conforming to this specification, and 'mjp2' shall be a member of the compatibility list.

It is permissible under this specification to make a file that adheres to both this specification and the JP2 specification. In that case:

- 1) The compatibility list shall include all the compatible brands
- 2) The objects (boxes or atoms) required by the JP2 specification shall also be present.
- 3) The objects (boxes or atoms) optional in the JP2 specification may also be present.

A still image reader, reading a file which contains both a presentation (conformant to this specification) and a still image, would 'see' only the still image. Likewise a motion reader would 'see' only the presentation. A more powerful reader may display both, or offer the user a choice.

The JP2 specification includes an optional IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) box which is therefore also optional in this specification. Among other issues this addresses unique identification and protection of content.

4.4 Conformance

Implementations of Motion JPEG2000 decoders shall support JPEG2000 image sequences, as well as raw and twos-complement audio if audio output is available. They may also support compressed audio, using MP4 formats, or other track types from MPEG-4. The support of such MPEG-4 tracks is not required; however, readers shall not fail if they are present. If MPEG-4 composition (BIFS) is used, then the simple composition used in this specification should also be set up in such a way that a reader not implementing BIFS will display a suitable result.

Files conformant with this specification shall contain at least one Motion JPEG2000 video track. They may contain more video tracks, uncompressed audio, or compressed MP4 audio.

4.5 Profiles and Levels

There are two tools for profiling Motion JPEG2000 files.

The first consists of the optional specification of tools and levels of the JPEG2000 coding system (codestream features). These are indicated in the optional sample description extension JP2 Profile Box (see below 5.3.16).

The second tool allows a file overall to be identified as belonging to a definition which forms a proper subset of the general specification. Such definitions might restrict such features as:

- the use of data references, and multiple files
- the layout order of the boxes, and the data within the boxes (e.g. that data is in time order and interleaved)
- the use of profiles of the JPEG2000 codestream
- the existence of other tracks, and their format (e.g. audio, MPEG-7, etc.).

The conformance to these restricted profiles is indicated in the file type box by the addition of the compatible profiles as brands within the compatibility list. "Annex A File and Codestream profiles" defines the available profiles in this specification.

5 File organization

5.1 Presentation structure

5.1.1 File Structure

A presentation may be contained in several files. One file contains the meta-data for the whole presentation, and is formatted to this specification. This file may also contain all the media data, whereupon the presentation is self-contained. The other files, if used, are not required to be formatted to this specification; they are used to contain media data, and may also contain unused media data, or other information. This specification concerns the structure of the presentation file only. The format of the media-data files is constrained by this specification only in that the media-data in the media files must be capable of description by the meta-data defined here.

These other files may be MJ2 files, JPEG2000 image files, MPEG-4 files containing JPEG2000 images, or other formats containing JPEG2000 images. Only the media data itself, such as the JPEG2000 images, is stored in these other files; all timing and framing (position and size) information is in the MJ2 file, so the ancillary files are essentially free-format.

If an MJ2 file contains hint tracks, the media tracks that reference the media data from which the hints were built shall remain in the file, even if the data within them is not directly referenced by the hint tracks.

5.1.2 Object Structure

The file is structured as a sequence of objects; some of these objects may contain other objects. The sequence of objects in the file shall contain exactly one presentation meta-data wrapper (the Movie Box). It is usually close to the beginning or end of the file, to permit its easy location. The other objects found at this level may be free space, or media data boxes.

The fields in the objects are stored with the most significant byte first, commonly known as network byte order or big-endian format.

5.1.3 Meta Data and Media Data

The meta-data is contained within the meta-data wrapper (the Movie Box); the media data is contained either in the same file, within Media Data Box(es), or in other files. The media data is composed of images or audio data; the media data objects, or media data files, may contain other un-referenced information.

5.1.4 Track Identifiers

The track identifiers used in an MJ2 file are unique within that file; no two tracks shall use the same identifier.

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The next track identifier value in the movie header generally contains a value one greater than the largest track identifier value found in the file. This enables easy generation of a track identifier under most circumstances. However, if this value is equal to ones (32-bit unsigned maxint), then a search for a free track identifier is needed for all additions.

5.1.5 Visual Composition

Composition of multiple image sequences in a 2D environment can be achieved by using multiple video tracks which overlap in time. Their composition is defined by the following structures:

- The matrix in the track header specifies their positioning and scaling.
- The layer field in the track header specifies the front-to-back ordering of the tracks.
- The graphics mode and opcolor fields in the video media header are used to specify the ways in which each track is composited onto the existing image (this compositing is performed from back to front).

Applications requiring more complex compositing may use the BIFS system from MPEG-4, optionally. The matrix, graphics mode, and layers should be setup so that a reader not implementing BIFS displays the desired result. Matrix values which occur in the headers specify a transformation of video images for presentation. The point (p,q) is transformed into (p', q') using the matrix as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p & q & 1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{vmatrix} a & b & u \\ c & d & v \\ x & y & w \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m & n & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m = ap + cq + x; \quad n = bp + dq + y; \quad z = up + vq + w;$$

$$p' = m/z; \quad q' = n/z$$

The coordinates {p,q} are on the decompressed frame, and {p', q'} are at the rendering output. Therefore, for example, the matrix {2,0,0, 0,2,0, 0,0,1} exactly doubles the pixel dimension of an image. The co-ordinates transformed by the matrix are not normalized in any way, and represent actual sample locations. Therefore {x,y} can, for example, be considered a translation vector for the image.

The co-ordinate origin is located at the upper left corner, and X values increase to the right, and Y values increase downwards. {p,q} and {p',q'} are to be taken as absolute pixel locations relative to the upper left hand corner of the original image (after scaling to the size determined by the track header's width and height) and the transformed (rendering) surface, respectively.

Each track is composed using its matrix as specified into an overall image; this is then transformed and composed according to the matrix at the movie level in the MovieHeaderBox. It is application-dependent whether the resulting image is 'clipped' to eliminate pixels, which have no display, to a vertical rectangular region within a window, for example. So for example, if only one video track is displayed and it has a translation to {20,30}, and a unity matrix is in the MovieHeaderBox, an application may choose not to display the empty "L" shaped region between the image and the origin.

All the values in a matrix are stored as 16.16 fixed-point values, except for u, v and w, which are stored as 2.30 fixed-point values. For upwards compatibility into the MPEG-4 BIFS (scene composition) system, matrices used here restrict (u,v,w) to be (0,0,1), for which the hex values are (0,0,0x40000000). This permits the simple composition used here to be mapped into BIFS if a scene later requires full scene management.

The values in the matrix are stored in the order {a,b,u, c,d,v, x,y,w}.

Tracks are composed to the presentation surface from back (highest layer number) to front (lowest layer number), against an indeterminate initial colour. There are various composition modes available; the backmost (first-rendered) track would normally use 'copy' as the initial image is indeterminate. Subsequent layers can then be composed on top in a variety of ways. The following table details the composition modes available. Note that (currently) only the 'transparent' mode uses the opcolor field.

Table 1 - Graphics Composition Modes

Mode	Code	Description
Copy	0x0	Copy the source image over the destination
Transparent	0x24	Replace the destination pixel with the source pixel if the source pixel isn't equal to the opcolor. (Also known as 'blue-screen').
Alpha	0x100	Replace the destination pixel with a blend of the source and destination pixels, with the proportion controlled by the alpha channel. The alpha channel is applied to all channels.
Pre-multiplied black alpha	0x102	Pre-multiplied with black means that the colour components of each pixel have already been blended with a black pixel, based on their alpha channel value. Effectively, this means that the image has already been combined with a black background, which must be removed before composition.
Component alpha	0x110	One or more alpha channels are present, which are applied to individual colour channels, and the image must be composed channel-by-channel

Images are only alpha-composed if both the graphics composition mode requests alpha composition, and the images contain alpha channels, as declared by the Channel Definition Box inside the JP2 Header Box. Therefore the graphics mode can be used to prevent alpha composition of an image with alpha channels, if that is desired.

If there is a single alpha channel applied to the entire image, then the value of the graphics must be 'Alpha' if that channel is a straight 'Opacity' channel, and must be 'Pre-multiplied black alpha' if that channel is a 'Pre-multiplied' opacity channel. If there are one or more alpha channels in the image which are applied to individual channels and not to the whole image, and alpha composition is desired, then the 'Component alpha' value must be used for the graphics mode. Support of 'Component alpha' composition is optional in Part 3 of this specification.

The alpha blending formulas are defined in Part 1 of this specification.

Note: use of the "transparent" opcode may yield unexpected results when the image codestreams are compressed in a non-reversible fashion, or are subject to scaling in quality or resolution, either during or after content production. Such operations are not guaranteed to preserve individual sample values precisely.

5.2 Meta-data Structure (Objects)

5.2.1 Box

The following represents the subset of the QuickTime file specification that is required to define an MJ2 file. An object in this terminology is a box.

Boxes start with a header which gives both size and type. The header permits compact or extended size (32 or 64 bits) and compact or extended types (32 bits or full UUIDs). The standard boxes all use compact types (32-bit) and most boxes will use the compact (32-bit) size. Typically only the media data box(es) need the 64-bit size.

The size is the entire size of the box, including the size and type header, fields, and all contained boxes. This facilitates general parsing of the file.

The definitions of boxes are given in the syntax description language (SDL) defined in MPEG-4 (see reference 0 in clause 2). Comments in the code fragments in this specification indicate informative material.

A number of boxes contain index value into sequences in other boxes. These indexes start with the value 1 (1 is the first entry in the sequence).

```
aligned(8) class Box (unsigned int(32) boxtype,
                    optional unsigned int(8)[16] extended-type) {
    unsigned int(32) size;
    unsigned int(32) type = boxtype;
    if (size==1) {
        unsigned int(64) largesize;
    } else if (size==0) {
        // box extends to end of file
    }
    if (boxtype=='uuid') {
        unsigned int(8)[16] usertype = extended-type;
    }
}
```