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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 42, *Photography*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 15740:2008), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

— as the vendor extension ID registry formerly maintained by the I3A has been transferred to another organization, term 3.21 (I3A) was removed and the remaining terms renumbered;

— in 9.5.1, the fourth and fifth sentences were amended and combined to reflect that a new organization assigns and maintains VendorExtensionIDs.

Introduction

This third edition of ISO 15740 (hereinafter designated PTP v1.1) provides optional support for new increased performance and compatibility. All new constructs are fully backward compatible with the first edition (hereinafter designated PTP v1.0) and are optional. See 5.5.2 for standard version.

For the purposes of this International Standard, digital still photography devices (DSPDs) are defined as devices with persistent storage which capture a digital two-dimensional image at a discrete point in time. Most DSPDs include interfaces that can be used to connect to a host computer or other imaging device, such as a printer. A number of high speed interface transports has been developed, including USB, TCP/IP and IEEE 1394 (FireWire). This International Standard is designed to provide requirements for communicating with DSPDs. This includes communications with any type of device, including host computers, direct printers and other DSPDs over a suitable transport. The requirements include standard image referencing behaviour, operations, responses, events, device properties, data sets and data formats to ensure interoperability. This International Standard also provides optional operations and formats, as well as extension mechanisms.

This International Standard specifies the following:

— behaviour requirements for DSPDs; this includes the baseline features a device needs to support in order to provide interoperability over conforming transports;

— functional requirements needed by a transport to facilitate the creation of a transport-dependent implementation specification that conforms to this International Standard;

— a high-level protocol for communicating with and between DSPDs consisting of operation, data and response phases;

— sets of suggested data codes and their usages including

  — OperationCodes,

  — ResponseCodes,

  — ObjectFormatCodes,

  — DevicePropCodes,

  — EventCodes,

  — required data sets and their usages,

  — a means of describing data object associations and filesystems and

  — mechanisms for implementing extensibility.

This International Standard does not attempt to define any of the following:

— any sort of device discovery, enumeration or transport aggregation methods; implementation of this functionality is left to the transports and the platforms upon which support for this International Standard is implemented;

— an application programming interface; this is left to the platforms upon which support for this International Standard is implemented.

This International Standard has been designed to appropriately support popular image formats used in digital still cameras, including the Exif and TIFF/EP formats defined in ISO 12234-1[15] and ISO 12234-2, as well as the Design Rule for Camera Filesystem (DCF) and the Digital Print Order Format (DPOF).

The technical content of this International Standard is closely related to PIMA 15740:2000. The main difference is that PIMA 15740:2000 includes an informative annex describing a USB implementation of

ISO 15740. This information is not included in this International Standard, which instead references the USB still device class document developed by the Device Working Group of the USB Implementers Forum.

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— Performance Enhancements:

  — Support for retrieval of ObjectHandles in enumerated chunks, via specification of three new optional operations and a new response code. This may reduce long response times for some initiators that possess large numbers of objects.

  — Support for optional arbitrary resizing prior to image transmission via specification of a new operation GetResizedImageObject. In PTP v1.0, image sizes might be requested in full-resolution or thumbnail size only.

  — Support for arrays of data sets. This can be used to reduce the number of required transactions necessary for device characterization from being a function of the number of objects on the device to one.

  — An optional fast file characterization operation called GetFilesystemManifest that exploits data set arrays to request, in a single transaction, only the minimum data required to characterize a typical filesystem. Many initiators, particularly in printing scenarios, are interested in fast filesystem characterization for access to a specifically named file in a particular place. This capability can significantly improve end-user workflow latency. This single operation replaces the typical series of many GetObjectInfo requests with a binary filesystem manifest. This manifest is defined as a simple array of a subset of the standard ObjectInfo data set called the ObjectFilesystemInfo data set. This operation replaces the need for many GetObjectInfo calls, while also avoiding the need for responders to perform many internal file-opens on the fly, or to cache ObjectInfo image data that is often held persistently only "inside" internal image files (e.g. TIFF tags inside EXIF JPEGs), to quickly communicate only the fast filesystem information.

— Compatibility Enhancements:

  — An optional mechanism to support multiple vendor extension sets. This is specified via the new VendorExtensionMap data set, and two new optional operations that may be invoked outside of a session (GetVendorExtensionMaps and GetVendorDeviceInfo).

  — The optional fast file characterization method GetFilesystemManifest natively supports extremely large objects, by requiring 8-bytes for object size (UINT64), as opposed to the standard 4-bytes.

  — A new standard ObjectFormatCode to support the Digital Negative file format (DNG).

— Feature Enhancement:

  — An optional mechanism for handling streaming content. This is specified via the new StreamInfo data set, as well as the supporting GetStreamInfo and GetStream operations, as well as some optional new supporting DeviceProperties. This is described in a new Clause 14.

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1 Scope

This International Standard provides a common communication protocol for exchanging images with and between digital still photography devices (DSPDs). This includes communication between DSPDs and host computers, printers, other digital still devices, telecommunications kiosks and image storage and display devices.

This protocol is transport- and platform-independent.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

ISO 12234-2, *Electronic still-picture imaging — Removable memory — Part 2: TIFF/EP image data format*

ISO/IEC 10646, *Information technology — Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)*

ISO/IEC 10918-1:1994, *Information technology — Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images: Requirements and guidelines*

IEC 61966-2-1, *Multimedia systems and equipment — Colour measurement and management — Part 2-1: Colour management — Default RGB colour space — sRGB*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1
album
end-user-created object used to logically group data objects according to some user-defined criteria

Note 1 to entry: An album might or might not be a physical folder in a filesystem. In this International Standard, an album is a type of association.

3.2
association
logical construct used to expose a relationship between discrete objects

Note 1 to entry: Associations are used to indicate that separate data objects are related. Associations are represented like folders, and can be nested using a standard branched hierarchical tree structure.

EXAMPLE A time sequence, or user-defined groupings by content or capture session.

3.3
connection
transport-provided mechanism for establishing paths for transferring data between devices

3.4
datacode
16-bit unsigned integer whose Most Significant Nibble (4 bits) is used to indicate the category of code and whether the code value is standard or vendor-extended

3.5
data object
image or other type of data that typically exists in persistent storage of a DSPD or other device

3.6
dataset
transport-independent collection of one or more individual data items with known interpretations

Note 1 to entry: Data sets are not necessarily opaque nor atomic to transport implementations.

3.7
Design Rule for Camera Filesystem
DCF
standard convention for camera filesystems which specifies the file format, foldering and naming conventions in order to promote file interoperability between conforming digital photography devices

3.8
device discovery
act of determining the set of all devices present on a particular transport or platform that are physically or logically accessible

3.9
digital still photography device
DSPD
device with persistent storage which captures a two-dimensional digital still image

3.10
Digital Print Order Format
DPOF
standardized ASCII file stored on removable media along with the image files that indicates how many copies of which images should be printed

Note 1 to entry: DPOF also allows index prints, cropping, and text overlays to be specified.

3.11
enumeration
act of creating an ordered increasing numerical list that contains one representative element for each member of a set

3.12
Exif/JPEG
compressed file format for digital cameras in which the images are compressed using the baseline JPEG standard described in ISO 12234-2

Note 1 to entry: In Exif, metadata and thumbnail images are stored using TIFF tags within an application segment at the beginning of the JPEG file.

3.13
folder
optional sub-structure in a hierarchical storage area that can contain data objects

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