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Abstract: This standard specifies a subset of PDF (Portable Document Format) 1.4 known as the PDF Image-Streamable Format (PDF/is) by formally defining a series of PDF/is “profiles” distinguished primarily by the method of image compression employed and color space used.

In summary PDF/is is an image document format intended for use by, but not limited to, the IPPFAX protocol, which is used to provide a synchronous, reliable exchange of image Documents between Senders and Receivers. PDF/is makes reference to the PDF 1.4 Reference [pdf], which describes the PDF representation of image data specified by the ITU-T Recommendations for black-and-white facsimile (see [T.4], [T.6]), the ISO/IEC Specifications for Digital Compression and Coding of Continuous-Tone Still Images (see [jpeg]), and Lossy/Lossless Coding of Bi-Level Images (see [jbig2]), and the general purpose Flate compression methods (see [RFC1950] and [RFC1951]).

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215 **1 Introduction**

216 In summary, PDF/Is is a raster image data format intended for use by, but not limited to, the
217 IPPFAX protocol. IPPFAX is used to provide a synchronous, reliable exchange of image
218 Documents between Senders and Receivers. PDF/Is makes reference to the PDF 1.4
219 specification [pdf], which describes the PDF (Portable Document Format) representation of image
220 data specified by the ITU-T Recommendations for black-and-white facsimile (see [T.4], [T.6]), the
221 ISO/IEC Specifications for Digital Compression and Coding of Continuous-Tone Still Images (see
222 [jpeg]), and Lossy/Lossless Coding of Bi-Level Images (see [jbig2]), and the general purpose
223 Flate compression methods (see [RFC1950] and [RFC1951]).
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225 PDF/Is is an image-only, streamable, subset specification of PDF 1.4 [pdf] and, as such, follows
226 all of the specification requirements of PDF.
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228 As a streamable version of PDF, it is not required that a Renderer of a PDF/Is document be able
229 to randomly access the PDF. The format has been adopted in such a way as to allow a Renderer
230 the ability to read the PDF/Is document from the beginning to end without the necessity to cache
231 more data than is necessary to print the current page with some exceptions, as noted.
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233 If a Document adhering to this specification is not encrypted (does not Implement Profiles 'STD-
234 ENC' nor 'PPK-ENC') it will Implement a conforming subset of the "PDF/X-3" specification (See
235 [pdf-x3]) for use in digital prepress data exchange.

236 **2 Terminology**

237 This section defines terminology used throughout this document.

238 **2.1 Conformance Terminology**

239 Capitalized terms, such as **MUST**, **MUST NOT**, **REQUIRED**, **SHOULD**, **SHOULD NOT**, **MAY**,
240 **NEED NOT**, **OPTIONAL**, and **PROHIBITED**, have special meaning relating to conformance as
241 defined in RFC 2119 [RFC2119] and [RFC2911] section 12.1. If an implementation supports the
242 extension defined in this document, then these terms apply; otherwise, they do not. These terms
243 define conformance to *this document (and [RFC2911]) only*; they do not affect conformance to
244 other documents, unless explicitly stated otherwise. To be more specific:

245 **REQUIRED (REQ)** - an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/Is Creator or Renderer's
246 implementation **MUST** support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or attribute value. See
247 [RFC2911] "Appendix A - Terminology for a definition of "support".

248 **RECOMMENDED (REC)** - an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/Is Creator or
249 Renderer's implementation **SHOULD** support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or attribute
250 value.

251 **OPTIONAL (OPT)** - an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/Is Creator or Renderer's
252 implementation **MAY** support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or attribute value.

253 **PROHIBITED (PROH)** - an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/Is Creator or
254 Renderer's implementation **MUST NOT** support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or
255 attribute value.

256 **IGNORED** – an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/is Creator or Renderer
257 implementation NEED NOT support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or attribute value;
258 but this feature MAY be added to a future version of this specification.

259 **AS SPECIFIED** – is used to indicate that a conforming PDF/is Creator or Render implementation
260 MUST, MAY, or MUST NOT support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or attribute value
261 as is defined in the indicated specification.

262 **OR** – a conjunction that specifies a logical ‘or’, implying that a choice of one or more of the
263 choices specified.

264 **XOR** – a conjunction that specifies a logical ‘exclusive or’, implying that a choice of one and only
265 one of the choices specified.

266 **2.2 Other Terminology**

267 The following terms are introduced and capitalized in order to indicate their specific meaning:

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269 **Implement** – The specified feature is present in the Document.

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271 **Support** – A Creator has the capability of Implementing the feature specified, or the Renderer
272 has the capability of understanding and acting on the Implementation.

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274 **Document** – The PDF/is-formatted electronic representation of a set of one or more pages that
275 the Sender sends to the Receiver.

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277 **Renderer** – This is the agent (software, hardware or some combination) that converts the
278 Document into a displayed or printed form.

279 **Creator** – This is the agent (software, hardware or some combination) that creates the
280 Document.

281 **Interpolation** – See ‘Interpolation’ in [pdf] pg. 273.

282 **Forward-Reference** – In indirect object reference (See [pdf] Section 3.2.9) to an object that
283 appears later in the Document.

284 **3 PDF/is Support**

285 **3.1.1 Image Profiles**

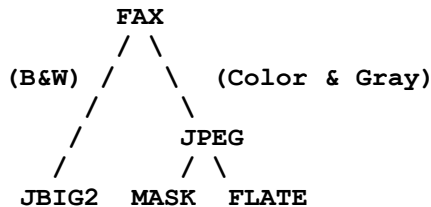
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287 The following tree diagram shows the relationship among PDF/is Image Profiles:

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Table 3-1: Image Profiles

Profile	Image Implementation	Reference
<FAX>	‘CCITTFaxDecode’ Filter	[pdf] Section 3.3.5
<FLATE>	‘FlateDecode’ Filter	[pdf] Section 3.3.3
<JBIG2>	‘JBIG2Decode’ Filter	[pdf] Section 3.3.6
<MASK>	Masked Images	[pdf] Section 4.8.5
<JPEG>	‘DCTDecode’ Filter	[pdf] Section 3.3.7

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All PDF/is Renderers and Creators MUST Support PDF/is Profile <FAX>, which is the root node of the tree. All color OR gray scale image Renderers and Creators of PDF/is MUST Support PDF/is Profile <JPEG>. Creators and Renderers that Support a particular profile MUST also Support those profiles on the path that connect it to the root node, and MAY optionally Support profiles not on the path connecting it to the root node. For example, a Creator or Renderer that Supports PDF/is Profile <FLATE> MUST also Support PDF/is Profiles <JPEG> and <FAX>, and MAY optionally Support PDF/is Profile <MASK>, OR <JBIG2>. For another example, a Creator or Renderer that Supports PDF/is Profile <JPEG> MUST also Support PDF/is Profile <FAX>, and MAY optionally Support PDF/is Profile <JBIG2>.

3.1.2 Security Profiles

There are several options that MAY be Supported by a Creator or Renderer with regard to security:

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Table 3-2: Security Profiles

Profile	Security Implementation	Reference
<STD-ENC>	‘Standard’ Encryption	[pdf] Section 3.5.2
<PPK-ENC>	‘PPKLite’ Encryption	[pdf-ppk] Section 3
<DIG-SIG>	Digital Signature	[pdf-ppk] Section 2.2

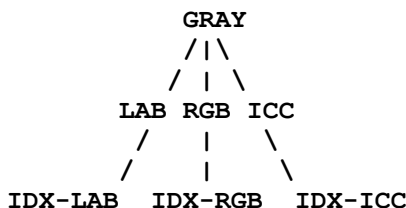
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3.1.3 Color Profiles

The following tree diagram shows the relationship among PDF/is Color Profiles:

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328 There are several color spaces that may be Supported by a Creator or Renderer. These Profiles
329 only apply to Creators or Renderers that Support Image Profiles <JPEG> or <FLATE>. All
330 PDF/is Renderers and Creators that Support Image Profiles <JPEG> OR <FLATE> MUST
331 Support PDF/is Color Profiles <GRAY> and <RGB>. Other Color Profiles are OPTIONAL.
332 Creators and Renderers that Support a particular profile MUST also Support those profiles on the
333 path that connect it to the root node, and MAY optionally Support profiles not on the path
334 connecting it to the root node. For example, a Creator or Renderer that Supports PDF/is Profile
335 <IDX>-<ICC> MUST also Support PDF/is Profiles <ICC> and <GRAY>, and MAY optionally
336 Support PDF/is Profile <LAB>, OR <RGB>, OR <IDX>-<LAB>, OR <IDX>-<ICC>.

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Table 3-3: Color Profiles

Profile	Color Space Implementation	Reference
<GRAY>	'CalGray'	[pdf] Page 182
<RGB>	'CalRGB'	[pdf] Page 184
<LAB>	'Lab'	[pdf] Page 187
<ICC>	'ICCBased'	[pdf] Page 189
<IDX-LAB>	'Indexed' and 'Lab'	[pdf] Page 199, 187
<IDX-RGB>	'Indexed' and 'CalRGB'	[pdf] Page 199, 184
<IDX-ICC>	'Indexed' and 'ICCBased'	[pdf] Page 199, 189

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<ICCBased> and <Indexed> Color Profiles SHOULD be compressed using a 'FlateDecode' Filter to minimize Document size (See [pdf] Section 3.3.3). If 'FlateDecode' is used in this manner, Profile <FLATE> MUST be specified as being Implemented in the Document.

344 3.2 PDF Object Requirements

345 For the table shown below, if an Object/Filter is not Implemented then its associated Profile is not
346 Implemented.

347 Key:

348 **Creator:** Creator Requirement.

349 **Renderer:** Render Requirement.

350 **Profile:** If the indicated 'PDF Object/Filter' is Implemented then the Document Implements the
351 indicated Profile.

352 **Dependencies:** In order to Implement the 'PDF Object/Filter' the Profiles indicated in the
353 Dependencies column MUST also be implemented. Note that a comma ',' in this column
354 indicates an 'and'.

Table 3-4: PDF Object Requirements

PDF Object/Filter	Creator	Renderer	Dependencies	Reference
'ASCIIHexDecode' Filter	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (3.3.1)
'ASCII85Decode' Filter	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (3.3.2)
'LZWDecode' Filter	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (3.3.3)
'RunLengthDecode' Filter	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (3.3.4)
Incremental Updates	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (3.4.5)
Functions	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (3.9)
Files	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (3.10)
Graphics State	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.3)
Path objects	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.4)
'DeviceGray' Color Space	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.5.3)
'DeviceRGB' Color Space	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.5.3)
'DeviceCMYK' Color Space	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.5.3)
Pattern Color Space	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.5.5)
Separation Color Space	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.5.5)
DeviceN Color Space	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.5.5)
Pattern Objects	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.6)
Inline Image Objects	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.8.6)
Form Objects	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.9)
Postscript Objects	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (4.10)
Text Objects	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (5)
Transparency	PROH	PROH		[pdf] Section (7)
'CCITTFaxDecode' Filter (Image Profile <FAX>)	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.3.5)
File Header	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.4.1)
Cross-Reference Table	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.4.3)
File Trailer	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.4.4)
Document Catalog	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.6.1)
Page Tree Nodes	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.6.2)
Page Objects	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.6.2)
Content Streams	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.7.1)
Resource Dictionaries	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (3.7.2)

Image XObjects	REQ	REQ		[pdf] Section (4.8)
'FlateDecode' Filter (Image Profile <FLATE>)	OPT	OPT	<JPEG>	[pdf] Section (3.3.3)
'JBIG2Decode' Filter (Image Profile <JBIG2>)	OPT	OPT		[pdf] Section (3.3.6)
'DCTDecode' Filter (Image Profile <JPEG>)	OPT	OPT	<GRAY>,<RGB>	[pdf] Section (3.3.7)
Encryption Dictionary 'Standard' Encryption (Security Profile <STD-ENC>)	OPT	OPT		[pdf] Section (3.5)
Encryption Dictionary 'PPKLite' Encryption (Security Profile <PPK-ENC>)	OPT	OPT	<STD-ENC>	[pdf-ppk] Section (3)
'CalGray' Color Space (Color Profile <GRAY>)	OPT	OPT	<JPEG>	[pdf] pg. 182
'CalRGB' Color Space (Color Profile <RGB>)	OPT	OPT	<JPEG>	[pdf] pg. 184
'Lab' Color Space (Color Profile <LAB>)	OPT	OPT	<JPEG>	[pdf] pg. 187
'ICCBased' Color Space (Color Profile <ICC>)	OPT	OPT	<JPEG>	[pdf] pg. 189
'Indexed' Color Space (Color Profile <IDX>)	OPT	OPT	<LAB> OR <RGB> OR <ICC>	[pdf] pg. 199
Masked Images (Image Profile <MASK>)	OPT	OPT	<JPEG>	[pdf] Section (4.8.5)
Interactive Form Dictionary and Annotation Field Dictionary and Signature Dictionary (Security Profile <DIG-SIG>)	OPT	OPT		[pdf] Section (8.6.1-3) [pdf-ppk] Section (2)
Cached Objects	OPT	REQ		Section 3.4

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358 3.3 PDF Field Specification

359 The following list describes the object field values of the REQUIRED and OPTIONAL PDF
 360 objects in PDF/Is. The numbers in '()'s refer to section numbers in the PDF Specifications
 361 [pdf], unless otherwise noted. 'AS SPECIFIED' refers to [pdf] unless otherwise noted.
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363 3.3.1 'PDF/Is' object

364 A new 'PDF Name Registry' (See [pdf] – Appendix E) object that is REQUIRED for a PDF/Is
 365 document. The existence of this dictionary object is the one and only way to determine if the PDF
 366 in question is a PDF/Is. Spec:

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Table 3-5: PDF/Is Object

KEY	TYPE	Specification
Fis_Profiles	Array of Numeric Objects	REQUIRED: An array consisting of [MAJ_VER MIN_VER IMAGES SECURITY COLOR MEMORY]
Encrypt	Dictionary	REQ_DEP<STD-ENC XOR PPK-ENC>: See 'Encrypt' key in [pdf] Table 3.12 for Specification.
Root	Dictionary	REQUIRED: See 'Root' key in [pdf] Table 3.12 for Specification.
Info	Dictionary	REQUIRED if 'File Trailer' Implements 'Info', otherwise

		PROHIBITED: See 'Info' key in [pdf] Table 3.12 for Specification.
Fis_NextPage	Dictionary	REQUIRED: An Indirect Object Reference to the first 'Page' object.

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369 See [pdf] Section 3.2.5 for definition of an 'Array Object'. See [pdf] Section 3.2.2 for definition
 370 of a 'Numeric Object'.

371 **3.3.1.1 Fis_Profiles Key**

372 **MAJ_VER:** The 'major' version number of this PDF/is specification to which the Creator
 373 conforms to at the time the Document was created. The 'major' version of this
 374 specification is currently '0'.

375 **MIN_VER:** The 'minor' version number of this PDF/is specification to which the Creator
 376 conforms to at the time the Document was created. The 'minor' version of this
 377 specification is currently '3'.

378 **IMAGES, SECURITY, COLOR:**

379 Each value in the array MUST be a 'Numeric Integer Object' (See [pdf] Section 3.2.2) that
 380 is the sum of all of the Integer equivalents of the binary 'Bit Positions' for the Profiles that
 381 are Implemented in the Document, as indicated under the appropriate section below.
 382 The 'Bit Positions' are numbered from 1 (low-order) to 32 (high-order). A '1' in a 'Bit
 383 Position' indicates the Profile is indicated. All other Bit Positions for each element MUST
 384 be 0. Note that PDF Numeric Integer Objects in fact are represented in signed twos-
 385 complement form.

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 387 For example, to indicate that the IMAGES Profiles 'FLATE' (bit position 3 or 100 binary)
 388 and 'MASK' (bit position 5, or 10000 binary), the value of '20' (10100 binary) should be
 389 used as the value for the 'IMAGES' field.

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 391 The Creator of the Document MUST NOT Implement a Profile that is not indicated in this
 392 field. The Creator of the Document MAY Implement all Profiles indicated in this field, but
 393 is NOT REQUIRED.

394 Rationale: Since this object must be Implemented at the beginning of the
 395 Document, it may not be known for certain which Profiles will be Implemented.
 396 This field is an advisory indicator to a Renderer as to which Profiles they MUST
 397 Support in order to be able to render the Document for certain. If all Profiles
 398 indicated are not Supported, the Document may still be rendered if a non-
 399 Supported Profile is indicated but is not actually Implemented in the Document.

400 Note that even though a Profile is higher in the Image Profile tree it SHOULD NOT be
 401 indicated in this object unless that feature is Implemented in the document. For example,
 402 if the document contained 'FLATE' (FlateDecode) images but no 'JPEG' (DCTDecode)
 403 images, only Profile 'FLATE' should be indicated.

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405 **Table 3-6: PDF/is Object 'IMAGES' Element**

Profile	Bit Position
<FAX>	1
<JBIG2>	2
<FLATE>	3

<JPEG>	4
<MASK>	5

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Table 3-7: PDF/is Object 'SECURITY' Element

Profile	Bit Position
<STD-ENC>	1
<PPK-ENC>	2
<DIG-SIG>	3

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Table 3-8: PDF/is Object 'COLOR' Element

Profile	Bit Position
<GRAY>	1
<RGB>	2
<LAB>	3
<ICC>	4
<IDX>	5

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410 **MEMORY:** A 'Numeric Object' that is the decimal value of the minimum amount of cache
 411 memory the Renderer will need to cache all objects necessary to render any particular
 412 page. This memory **MUST** be available for PDF/is data file caching and **MUST** not be
 413 part of any image processing or page buffer memory.

414 The value specified for 'MEMORY' is in addition to a base memory requirement of 2
 415 Megabytes (2²¹ bytes).

416

417 An example of the PDF/is object for a Document containing a CalRGB color space (Profile
 418 <RGB>), masked (Profile <MASK>), JPEG image (Profile <JPEG>) that's Standard
 419 encrypted (Profile <STD-ENC>) would look like this:

```

420     1 0 obj
421     <<
422         /Fis_Profiles [0 3 24 1 1 0]
423         /Encrypt 2 0 R
424         /Root 3 0 R
425         /Info 4 0 R
426         /Fis_NextPage 5 0 R
427     >>
428     endobj
429 
```

430 **3.3.2 'FlateDecode' Filter**

431 See [pdf] Section 3.3.3, [RFC1950], and [RFC1951].

432

Table 3-9: FlateDecode Filter

Field	Specification
<All Fields>	AS SPECIFIED

433

434 **3.3.3 ‘CCITTFaxDecode’ Filter**

435 See [pdf] Section 3.3.5, [T.4], and [T.6]. Note that only Group 4 images are Supported by PDF/is,
 436 see ‘K’, below.

437

Table 3-10: CCITTFaxDecode Filter

Field	Specification
‘K’	MUST have a value of -1.
‘EndOfLine’	AS SPECIFIED
‘EncodedByteAlign’	AS SPECIFIED
‘Columns’	AS SPECIFIED
‘Rows’	AS SPECIFIED
‘EndOfBlock’	AS SPECIFIED
‘BlackIs1’	AS SPECIFIED
‘DamagedRowsBeforeError’	AS SPECIFIED

438

439 **3.3.4 ‘JBIG2Decode’ Filter**

440 See [pdf] Section 3.3.6, [jbig2], and [T.89].

441

Table 3-11: JBIG2Decode Filter

Field	Specification
<All Details>	AS SPECIFIED, except as noted below.

442

- 443 • The Creator MUST NOT Implement any JBIG2 feature that is NOT specified in **Profile 4**
 444 (0x00000104 Medium lossy/lossless arithmetic) of [T.89].
- 445 • All Renderers MUST support at least “Level 2” Memory (See [T.89], Table 1, Item 18).
- 446 • The Creator MUST adhere to the Function and Memory constraints as specified in [T.89].

447

448 **3.3.5 ‘DCTDecode’ Filter**

449 See [pdf] Section 3.3.7, [ps-jpeg], [ps], and [jpeg]. PDF/is supports both the JPEG Baseline DCT
 450 and Extended sequential DCT compressed image formats.

451

Table 3-12: DCTDecode Filter

Field	Specification
<All Details>	AS SPECIFIED, except as noted below.

452

- 453 • Images MUST NOT have interleaved scans.
- 454 • Images MUST NOT be encoded using ‘Progressive JPEG’.
- 455 • The Renderer MUST adhere to the Memory requirements specified in Section 11 “RAM
 456 Requirements” of [ps-jpeg] for the Renderers Supported image resolution(s).

457 **3.3.6 File Trailer**

458 See [pdf] Table 3.12.

459

Table 3-13: File Trailer

Field	Specification
'Size'	AS SPECIFIED
'Prev'	PROHIBITED
'Root'	AS SPECIFIED
'Encrypt'	AS SPECIFIED, but PROHIBITED if the Document is to be PDF/X-3 Compliant (See [pdf-x3]).
'Info'	REQUIRED.
'ID'	REQUIRED. MUST use a pseudo-random number in place of 'File Size' when generating this value. See [pdf] Section 9.3 for guidelines on how to generate this value. Rationale: Using a random number in place of file size is due to the requirements of using this field in generating the encryption key for the 'standard encryption' algorithm ([pdf] Step 5 of Algorithm 3.2, pg. 78): file size will not be known at the time this field is needed.

460

461 **3.3.7 Encryption Dictionary**

462 See [pdf] Table 3.13 and [pdf-ppk] Table 3.

463

464 Note that if a Document is Standard encrypted (Profile <STD-ENC>), the 'ID' field of the [File](#)
 465 [Trailer](#) MUST be calculated before the Encryption Dictionary is written. The 'ID' MUST then be
 466 cached until the 'File Trailer' is written.

467

Table 3-14: Encryption Dictionary

Field	Specification
'Filter'	MUST have a value of either 'Standard' or 'Adobe.PPKLite'.
'V'	MUST have a value of '2'.
'Length'	AS SPECIFIED
'R'	AS SPECIFIED
'O'	REQ if <STD-ENC>, PROH otherwise
'U'	REQ if <STD-ENC>, PROH otherwise
'P'	REQ if <STD-ENC>, PROH otherwise
'SubFilter'	MUST be 'adbe.pkcs7.s4' if <PPK-ENC>, PROH otherwise
'Recipients'	REQ if <STD-ENC>, PROH otherwise

468

469 **3.3.8 Document Catalog**

470 See [pdf] Table 3.16.

471

Table 3-15: Document Catalog

Field	Specification
'Type'	AS SPECIFIED
'Version'	AS SPECIFIED
'Pages'	AS SPECIFIED

'PageLabels'	IGNORED
'Names'	IGNORED.
'Dests'	IGNORED.
'ViewerPreferences'	IGNORED.
'PageLayout'	IGNORED.
'PageMode'	IGNORED.
'Outlines'	IGNORED.
'Threads'	IGNORED.
'OpenAction'	IGNORED.
'AA'	IGNORED.
'URI'	IGNORED.
'AcroForm'	REQ if <DIG-SIG>, PROH otherwise
'Metadata'	IGNORED.
'StructTreeRoot'	IGNORED.
'MarkInfo'	IGNORED.
'Lang'	IGNORED.
'SpiderInfo'	IGNORED.
'OutputIntents'	PROHIBITED.

472

473 **3.3.9 Page Tree Nodes**

474 See [pdf] Table 3.17.

475

Table 3-16: Page Tree Nodes

Field	Specification
'Type'	AS SPECIFIED
'Parent'	AS SPECIFIED
'Kids'	AS SPECIFIED
'Count'	AS SPECIFIED
<All 'Page Object' Fields, see [pdf] Table 3.18>	PROHIBITED

476

477 **3.3.10 Page Objects**

478 See [pdf] Table 3.18.

479

Table 3-17: Page Objects

Field	Specification
'Type'	AS SPECIFIED
'Parent'	AS SPECIFIED
'LastModified'	AS SPECIFIED
'Resources'	MUST NOT be inherited
'MediaBox'	MUST NOT be inherited
'CropBox'	MUST NOT be inherited. If Present, the TrimBox MUST NOT extend beyond the boundaries of the CropBox.
'BleedBox'	AS SPECIFIED. If Present, the TrimBox MUST NOT extend beyond the boundaries of the BleedBox.
'TrimBox'	REQUIRED.
'ArtBox'	PROHIBITED.
'BoxColorInfo'	PROHIBITED.

'Contents'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Rotate'	MUST NOT be inherited
'Group'	PROHIBITED.
'Thumb'	IGNORED.
'B'	IGNORED.
'Dur'	IGNORED.
'Trans'	IGNORED.
'Annots'	IGNORED.
'AA'	IGNORED.
'Metadata'	IGNORED.
'PieceInfo'	IGNORED.
'StructParents'	IGNORED.
'ID'	IGNORED.
'PZ'	IGNORED.
'SeparationInfo'	PROHIBITED.
'Type'	AS SPECIFIED
'Fis_NextPage'	REQUIRED: An Indirect Object Reference to the next 'Page' object or a 'Page Node' if this is the last page.

480

481 **3.3.11 Content Stream Operators**

482 See [pdf] Table 4.1. A conforming Renderer MUST be able to parse the Content Stream
483 operators listed below, but only must be able to act upon the operators that are not listed as
484 IGNORED.

485

Table 3-18: Content Stream Operators

Field	Specification	Reference
'q'	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 4.7
'Q'	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 4.7
'cm'	MUST be [Sx 0 0 Sy Tx Ty], See Below	[pdf] Table 4.7
'Do'	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 4.34
'MP'	IGNORED	[pdf] Table 9.8
'DP'	IGNORED	[pdf] Table 9.8
'BMC'	IGNORED	[pdf] Table 9.8
'BDC'	IGNORED	[pdf] Table 9.8
'EMC'	IGNORED	[pdf] Table 9.8
'BX'	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 3.20
'EX'	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 3.20
<All other Operators>	PROHIBITED	

486

487 **cm:** See [pdf] Section 4.2.3.

488

Given:

489

Wi = Width (X-direction) of the Image in inches.

490

Hi = Height (Y-direction) of the Image in inches.

491

492 Xi = Horizontal translation, in inches, from the left edge of the page to the top of the
image.

493

Yi = Vertical translation, in inches, from the top edge of the page to the top of the image.

494

495 The Creator MUST ensure that the following is true:

496 $S_x = W_i * 72$

497 $S_y = H_i * 72$

498 $T_x = X_i * 72$

499 $T_y = Y_i * 72$

500

501 **Do:**

502 Given:

503 *Img* = The 'Image XObject' associated with the 'Do' operator.

504 *Cm* = The current 'cm' operation in effect for '*Img*'.

505 *Wp* = 'Width' field of '*Img*'.

506 *Hp* = 'Height' field of '*Img*'.

507 *Sx* = '*Sx*' value of '*Cm*'.

508 *Sy* = '*Sy*' value of '*Cm*'.

509

510 The following MAY be assumed by either the Creator or the Renderer:

511 $R_x = (W_p * 72 / S_x)$ = The resolution, in the X-direction, of '*Img*', in dots per inch.

512 $R_y = (H_p * 72 / S_y)$ = The resolution, in the Y-direction, of '*Img*', in dots per inch.

513

514 The values for *R_x* and *R_y* for all images in a conforming Document MUST have a value
515 greater than or equal to 200.

516

517 **3.3.12 Resource Dictionaries**

518 See [pdf] Table 3.21.

519

520 The Resource Dictionary MUST reference all Image XObjects and ColorSpaces that are used on
521 the current page. The position of the image objects, their masks, and color spaces with respect
522 to each other is defined in the Image XObject section of this specification.

523

Table 3-19: Resource Dictionaries

Field	Specification
'ExtGState'	PROHIBITED.
'ColorSpace'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Pattern'	PROHIBITED.
'Shading'	PROHIBITED.
'XObject'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Font'	PROHIBITED.
'ProcSet'	'Text' Proc Sets PROHIBITED, all others AS SPECIFIED.
'Properties'	IGNORED.

524

525 **3.3.13 Color Spaces**

526 See [pdf] Section 4.5.

527

Table 3-20: Color Spaces

Field	Specification
'Lab'	AS SPECIFIED
'DeviceGray'	PROHIBITED
'DeviceRGB'	PROHIBITED
'DeviceCMYK'	PROHIBITED
'CalGray'	AS SPECIFIED
'CalRGB'	AS SPECIFIED
'ICCBased'	AS SPECIFIED, but may be compressed using 'FlateDecode' if Profile <FLATE> is Implemented.
'Indexed'	AS SPECIFIED, but may be compressed using 'FlateDecode' if Profile <FLATE> is Implemented.
'Pattern'	PROHIBITED
'Separation'	PROHIBITED
'DeviceN'	PROHIBITED

528

529 **3.3.14 Image XObjects**

530

532 See [pdf] Table 4.35 for description of the following table.

533

Table 3-21: Image XObjects

Field	Specification
'Type'	MUST be 'XObject'
'Subtype'	MUST be 'Image'
'Width'	AS SPECIFIED
'Height'	AS SPECIFIED
'ColorSpace'	AS SPECIFIED, and see below.
'BitsPerComponent'	AS SPECIFIED
'Intent'	PROHIBITED.
'ImageMask'	AS SPECIFIED, if Profile <MASK>
'Mask'	AS SPECIFIED, if Profile <MASK>, and see below.
'SMask'	PROHIBITED.
'Decode'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Interpolate'	MUST be 'true'
'Alternates'	IGNORED
'Name'	IGNORED.
'StructParent'	IGNORED.
'ID'	IGNORED.
'OPI'	PROHIBITED.
'Metadata'	IGNORED.

534

- 535 • An 'ImageMask', if indicated in an Image XObject, MUST appear in the Document before
536 the Image XObject that references it.
- 537 • If an 'ICCBased' or 'Indexed' color space is indicated in an Image XObject, the data for
538 the color space MUST appear in the Document before the Image XObject that references
539 it.

540

541 **3.3.15 Masked Images**

542 See [pdf] Section 4.8.5.

543

Table 3-22: Masked Images

Field	Specification
<All Fields>	AS SPECIFIED

544

545 **3.3.16 Interactive Form Dictionary**

546 See [pdf] Table 8.47.

547

Table 3-23: Interactive Form Dictionary

Field	Specification
'Fields'	MUST be an indirect object of an 'Annotation Field Dictionary'.
'NeedAppearances'	PROHIBITED
'SigFlags'	MUST be '3'
'CO'	PROHIBITED
'DR'	PROHIBITED
'DA'	PROHIBITED
'Q'	PROHIBITED

548

549 **3.3.17 Annotation Field Dictionary**

550 See [pdf] Tables 8.10 & 8.49. This dictionary consists of entries from both a 'Annotation
551 Dictionary (Table 8.10) and a 'Field Dictionary' (Table 8.49).

552

Table 3-24: Annotation Field Dictionary

Field	Specification
'Type'	MUST be 'Annot'
'Subtype'	MUST be 'Widget'
'Contents'	IGNORED
'P'	IGNORED
'Rect'	MUST be '[0 0 0 0]'
'NM'	IGNORED
'F'	IGNORED
'BS'	IGNORED
'Border'	IGNORED
'AP'	IGNORED

'AS'	IGNORED
'C'	IGNORED
'CA'	IGNORED
'T'	IGNORED
'Popup'	IGNORED
'A'	IGNORED
'AA'	IGNORED
'StructParent'	IGNORED
'FT'	MUST be 'Sig'
'Parent'	PROHIBITED.
'Kids'	PROHIBITED.
'T'	AS SPECIFIED.
'TU'	AS SPECIFIED.
'TM'	IGNORED.
'Ff'	MUST be '1'.
'V'	MUST be an indirect object to a 'Signature Dictionary'.
'DV'	IGNORED.
'AA'	IGNORED.

553

554

555 **3.3.18 Signature Dictionary**

556 See [pdf] Table 8.60 and [pdf-ppk] Table 2.

557 The Digital Signature format MUST only be in the 'Raw Format', see [pdf-ppk] Section 2.2.

558

Table 3-25: Signature Dictionary

Field	Specification
'Type'	MUST be 'Sig'
'Filter'	MUST be 'Adobe.PPKLite'
'SubFilter'	MUST be 'adbe.x509.rsa_sha1'
'Name'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Reason'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Location'	AS SPECIFIED.
'M'	AS SPECIFIED.
'ByteRange'	PROHIBITED (Implies all bytes in the Document with the exclusion of the bytes represented by the value of the 'Cert' field. See [pdf] for this field)
'Contents'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Cert'	AS SPECIFIED.
'R'	AS SPECIFIED.
'V'	AS SPECIFIED.
'ADBE_Build'	AS SPECIFIED.
'ADBE_AuthType'	AS SPECIFIED.
'ADBE_PwdTime'	AS SPECIFIED.

559

560 **3.3.19 Document Information Dictionary**

561 See [pdf] Table 9.2.

562

Table 3-26: Document Information Dictionary

Field	Specification
'Title'	REQUIRED
'Author'	REQUIRED
'Subject'	AS SPECIFIED
'Keywords'	AS SPECIFIED
'Creator'	AS SPECIFIED
'Producer'	AS SPECIFIED
'CreationDate'	REQUIRED
'ModDate'	REQUIRED
'Trapped'	REQUIRED, MUST be either 'TRUE' or 'FALSE'. Partially Trapped files are PROHIBITED.
'GTS_PDFXVersion'	PROHIBITED if Profile <STD-ENC> or <PPK-ENC> is Implemented; otherwise MUST be "(PDF/X-3:2002)"

563

564 3.4 Cached Objects

565 If an object MAY be used for more than a single page, it may be practical to maintain the object in
 566 the Renderer's memory. To accomplish this, the Creator should invoke the 'Cache Hold'
 567 mechanism. Once an object is cached, it no longer has to abide by 'Creator Conformance
 568 Requirements' 7 and 8 (See Section 4.1).

569 An object that is held in the Renderers cache by the 'Cache Hold' mechanism MUST be
 570 maintained in the cache until one of the following conditions is met:

571 The 'Cache Release' mechanism is invoked.

572 The 'Document Catalog' is reached.

573 3.4.1 Cache Hold

574 To specify that an object should not be discarded once the current page is rendered, the object to
 575 be 'cached' should have the following 'Name Object' ([pdf] Section 3.2.4) in its 'Dictionary' ([pdf]
 576 Section 3.2.6):

577 /Fis_Cache

578 3.4.2 Cache Release

579 To release an object from the Renderer's memory; the following 'Name Object' MUST be placed
 580 in the 'Page Object' of the first page in which the object is no longer needed. For example, if the
 581 object is question was first found on page 1 and was last used on page 3, the 'Cache Release'
 582 should occur in the 'Page Object' for page 4.

583

584 /Fis_Cache OBJECTS

585 Where:

586 OBJECTS: is an array (contained in '[]'s) of indirect object references of the objects that were
 587 previously cached and are no longer needed. Indication of an object number that was never
 588 cached MUST be ignored.

589 Example:

590 3 0 obj

591 /Fis_Cache

%First object to be cached.

592

...

593 endobj

594

...

```

595      7 0 obj                %Second object to be cached.
596      /Fis_Cache
597      ...
598      endobj
599      ...                    %One or more Page objects in between.
600      45 0 obj
601      /Type /Page           %Page object
602      /Fis_Cache [3 0 R 7 0 R] %Objects 3 and 7 are no longer needed.
603      ...

```

604 **4 Conformance Requirements**

605 This section specifies the conformance requirements for Renderers and Creators.

606 **4.1 Creator conformance requirements**

607 In order to conform to this specification, a Document Creator:

- 608 1. MUST specify the version of PDF (See [pdf] Section 3.4.1) as being 'PDF 1.4'.
- 609 2. MUST place the 'PDF/is' object as the first object in the PDF.
- 610 3. MUST place any 'Encryption Dictionary' object as the second object in the PDF/is
611 Document, if the Document is encrypted.
- 612 4. MUST NOT include any private 'PDF Name Registry' values/objects (See [pdf] –
613 Appendix E) that effect printed output.
- 614 5. MUST place the objects: 'Interactive Form Dictionary', 'Field Dictionary' and 'Digital
615 Signature' object as the last three objects (in that order) in the Document, if the
616 Document is Digitally Signed. Note that in a situation where the Renderer cannot cache
617 the entire document before rendering, the detection of a valid or invalid Digital Signature
618 will only occur after rendering of the entire Document.
- 619 6. MUST ensure that each non-IGNORED object have at least one Forward-Reference to
620 such object. The only object that does not have to follow this rule is the '[PDF/is Object](#)'.
621 Rationale: This will aid the Renderer with knowing which objects will need to be cached
622 and which can be ignored.
- 623 7. MUST ensure that all non-IGNORED objects appear in the PDF AFTER the object in
624 which they are first referenced (Satisfied by Requirement 6) and BEFORE the next 'Page
625 Object' unless the object is a Cached Object (See Section 3.4).
- 626 8. MUST ensure that all object identifiers ([pdf] Section 3.2.9) start at the beginning of a line.
- 627 9. MUST ensure that all 'endobj' keywords ([pdf] Section 3.2.9) start at the beginning of a
628 line.
- 629 10. MUST ensure that all 'stream' data ([pdf] Section 3.2.7) does not contain a line beginning
630 with the word "endstream", aside from the required "endstream" that delimits the end of
631 the stream.

632 4.2 Renderer conformance requirements

633 In order to conform to this specification, a Document Renderer:

- 634 1. MUST Support all of the REQUIRED PDF/is objects.
- 635 2. MUST cache all REQUIRED or Supported OPTIONAL objects as they are encountered
636 (sequentially) in the Document until the next 'Page Object' is encountered. At that point,
637 the page can be rendered and the cache emptied of all non-Cached objects.
- 638 3. MUST Interpolate images up or down in resolution, as required, to match the Renderer's
639 Supported image resolution(s).
- 640 4. MAY ignore all IGNORED objects that the Creator added to the PDF/is Document.

641 4.3 File Layout

642 Given that a Document is fully compliant with this specification, a PDF/is Document will,
643 nominally, take on the following format:

644 **Table 4-1: File Layout**

	Object
A	Header (See [pdf], Section 3.4.1)
B	Encryption Object (if Profile <STD-ENC> XOR <PPK-ENC>)
C	Page object for page 1
D	Resources for page 1
E	Content object for page 1
F	Color Space(s) for page 1 (if Profile <FLATE> or <JPEG>)
G	Image Mask(s) for page 1 (if Profile <MASK>)
H	Image XObject(s) for page 1
I	[Repeat C – H for all remaining pages, in order]
J	Document Catalog
K	Page Node(s)
L	Interactive Form Dictionary (if Profile <DIG-SIG>)
M	Annotation Field Dictionary (if Profile <SIG-SIG>)
N	Signature Dictionary (if Profile <DIG-SIG>)
O	File Trailer

645

646 5 Issues

- 647 • None currently.

648 6 Sample PDF/is PDFs

649 The 'source' of all of the sample documents in this section can be viewed with any text editor but
650 should only be modified with a binary editor, as the stream data contained therein is not
651 compatible with text editors. Comments on the format of the documents are contained within the
652 documents themselves.

653

654 All of the samples are different versions of the same document.

655

656 1: The first sample is an unencrypted, single page, 'CCITTFaxDecode' masked, 'DCTDecode'
657 color ICCBased color space foreground image with a 'FlateDecode' gray scale Indexed
658 ICCBased color space background image. The images use 'FlateDecode' compression on the
659 'ICCBased' and 'Indexed' Color Spaces.

660 <ftp://pwg.org/pub/pwg/QUALDOCS/SamplePDFax/base-02.pdf>

661

662 2: The next sample has been encrypted with 'Standard' encryption. The 'user' password is
663 '12345'; the 'owner' password is '54321'. The document has also been Digitally Signed: the
664 document will fail a digital signature check since it has been tampered with. To see the digital
665 signature in Acrobat (or Acrobat Reader), select the 'Signature' tab on the left side of the screen.

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743 **13 Appendix A**

744 **13.1 Intellectual Property Statement – Adobe Systems Incorporated**

745 The following statement is in addition to the Intellectual Property Statement in the PDF Reference (See
746 [pdf] Section 1.4).

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781 implementation of the IPP FAX Standard. A claim is necessarily infringed hereunder only when a licensee
782 can prove that it is not possible to avoid infringing it because there is no non-infringing alternative for
783 implementing the required portions of the IPP FAX Standard. Existence of a non-infringing alternative
784 shall be judged based on the state of the art at the time a licensee implements the IPP FAX Standard.
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795 c) the implementation of technology developed elsewhere and merely incorporated by reference
796 into the IPP FAX Standard.
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800 other material that merely illustrates the requirements of the IPP FAX Standard.
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