

JPEG 2000 and Broadcast Applications

Illustrative sketch for a reversible (lossless) codestream

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What is this document?

This illustrative sketch is inspired by the JPEG 2000 Broadcast Profiles under development by the ISO/IEC still image working group (ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29/WG 1).¹ The profiles have not yet completed all of the steps in the ISO/IEC standards process and they are not yet available to the public.

The U.S. Federal Agencies Audio-Visual Digitization Working Group² requires an illustrative example of a broadcast profile to support the drafting of an MXF application specification (AS) for archiving and preservation.³ For this reason, this illustrative sketch has been compiled as an interim measure. In this context of a preservation-oriented MXF AS, the most desirable JPEG 2000 broadcast profiles are those that feature the *reversible wavelet transform* ("lossless compression"). The illustrative sketch that follows features the reversible transform. Meanwhile, readers should note that ISO/IEC JPEG 2000 Broadcast Profiles, when published, are expected to include examples that employ the *irreversible wavelet transforms* ("lossy compression").

Codestream restrictions for a broadcast-oriented reversible profile

The following listing presents several of the typical parameters of a JPEG 2000 profile. For comparison and for a look at a fully realized profile, readers may wish to review the two published profiles that support the digital cinema specification: ISO/IEC 15444-1:2004/Amd 1:2006.⁴

1. SIZ marker segment⁵

Profile Indication

0000 0011 0000 0110 for the reversible profile, high level

0000 0011 0000 0111 for the reversible profile, highest level

Tiles

1 or 4 tiles

If 1 tile

YTsiz + YTOsiz >= Ysiz

XTsiz + XTOsiz >= Xsiz

¹ http://www.iso.org/iso/iso_technical_committee.html?commid=45316

² <http://www.digitizationguidelines.gov/audio-visual/>

³ http://www.digitizationguidelines.gov/audio-visual/documents/MXF_app_spec.html

⁴ http://www.iso.org/iso/iso_catalogue/catalogue_tc/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=41719

⁵ *Marker segments* in JPEG 2000 files describe the characteristics of an image, e.g., size, number of components, tile size, etc. A marker segment consists of a two-byte marker and associated marker parameters. Marker segments appear as the main header for a codestream and may also appear as a tile-part header to provide information about a tile.

If 4 tiles

$$Y_{\text{siz}}/4 \leq Y_{\text{Tsiz}} + Y_{\text{TOsiz}} \leq Y_{\text{siz}}$$

$$X_{\text{siz}}/2 \leq X_{\text{Tsiz}} + X_{\text{TOsiz}} \leq X_{\text{siz}}$$

All tiles shall be of the same size

Image and tile origin

$$X_{\text{Osiz}} = Y_{\text{Osiz}} = X_{\text{TOsiz}} = Y_{\text{TOsiz}} = 0$$

Sub-sampling

($X_{\text{Rsiz}} = 1$ for all components) or

($X_{\text{Rsiz}1}=1$, $X_{\text{Rsiz}4}=1$ and $X_{\text{Rsiz}i}=2$ for remaining components)

$Y_{\text{Rsiz}}=1$

Number of components

$$C_{\text{siz}} \leq 4$$

Bitdepth

$$7 \leq S_{\text{siz}} \leq 11 \text{ (8-12 bits unsigned)}$$

2. RGN marker segments

Disallowed, i.e., no region of interest

3. Marker locations

Packed headers (PPM, PPT)

Disallowed

COD,⁶ COC,⁷ QCD,⁸ QCC⁹

Main header only

4. COD/COC marker segments

Number of decomposition levels

$$1 \leq NL \leq 5$$

Every component of every image of a codestream shall have the same number of wavelet transform levels. The number of deployed decomposition levels shall be set accordingly in all COD and COC markers.

Number of layers

Shall be exactly 1

Code-block size

$5 \leq x_{\text{cb}} \leq 7$ and $5 \leq y_{\text{cb}} \leq 6$ and restrictions in [relevant table] apply. Codeblock sizes shall be the same across all components. The x_{cb} and y_{cb} values shall be set accordingly in all COD and COC markers.

Code-block style

$$SP_{\text{cod}}, SP_{\text{coc}} = 0000 \ 0000$$

Transformation

5-3 Reversible Transform

⁶ COD = Coding style default marker

⁷ COC = Coding style component marker

⁸ QCD = Quantization default marker

⁹ QCC = Quantization component marker

Precinct size

PP_x = PP_y = 7 for NLLL band, else 8. The corresponding values shall be set accordingly in all COD and COC markers.

5. Progression order¹⁰

CPRL, POC marker disallowed

6. Tile-parts

≤16; One for each tile component

7. Tile-part lengths

TLM marker segments are required in each image

8. Application specific restrictions

Maximum Components Sampling Rate (MSamples/sec)¹¹

For example, reversible profile, high and highest level = 520

Maximum compressed (instantaneous) bit rate (Mbits/sec)

For example, at high levels = 1600

For example, reversible profile, highest level = unspecified

¹⁰ Progression order is a design choice in the use of JPEG 2000. The standard defines five progression orders or packet orderings, denoted as LRCP, RLCP, RPCL, PCRL, and CPRL. The letters L, R, C, and P stand for quality Layer, Resolution, Component, and spatial Position. The most common progression order for still image applications is LRCP, in which the primary sorting directive is by quality. The likely choice for broadcast applications, however, is CPRL. It and other "layer-last" progressions keep the code-stream contributions to each precinct in a single segment, which supports efficient management of code-block data.

¹¹ Sampling Rate = (average components/pixel) x (pixels/line) x (total lines/ frame) x (frames/sec); where average components is two for 4:2:2, three for 4:4:4 or 4:2:2:4, and four for 4:4:4:4.