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TIFF (Tag Image File Format): Specifications (7 of 7)

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6. Examples

A binary image from a paint program might contain only SubfileType, ImageWidth, ImageLength, StripOffsets, and PhotometricInterpretation fields.

A typical line art scan might require that XResolution and YResolution be added to the above list.

7. Private Fields

An organization may wish to store with the image file information that is meaningful only to that organization. Tags numbered 32768 or higher are reserved for that purpose. Upon request, the administrator will allocate and register a block of private tags for an organization, to avoid possible conflicts with other organizations.

Private enumerated values can be accommodated in a similar fashion. Enumeration constants numbered 32768 or higher are reserved for private usage. Upon request, the administrator will allocate and register a block of enumerated values for a particular field, to avoid possible conflicts.

Tags and values which are allocated in the private number range are not prohibited from being included in a future revision of this specification. Several such instances can be found in this revision.

8. A List of Possible Future Enhancements

In the future TIFF will very likely be expanded to support more compression schemes, more photometric schemes, color lookup tables, and non-rectangular images. Please refer all questions regarding enhancements to TIFF to the contacts listed at the beginning of the document. Written submissions should be in Microsoft Windows Write format, to ensure timely and error-free incorporation into the specification.

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