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Introduction

This document specifies a coded codestream format for storage of continuous-tone photographic content. JPEG XT is a scalable image coding system that builds on the legacy Rec. ITU-T T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1 coding system, also known as JPEG, but extends it in a backwards compatible way. This document specifies the commonly deployed components of the JPEG coding system. Additional parts of the ISO/IEC 18477 series extend on this baseline.

JPEG XT has been designed to be backwards compatible to legacy applications while at the same time having a small coding complexity; JPEG XT uses, whenever possible, functional blocks of Rec. ITU-T T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1, Rec. ITU-T T.86 | ISO/IEC 10918-4 and Rec. ITU-T T.871 | ISO/IEC 10918-5 to extend the functionality of the legacy JPEG coding system. It is optimized for good image quality and compression efficiency while also enabling low-complexity encoding and decoding implementations.

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Part 1:
Core coding system specification

1 Scope

This document specifies a coding format, referred to as JPEG XT, which is designed primarily for continuous-tone photographic content. This document defines the core coding system, which forms the basis for the entire ISO/IEC 18477 series.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Rec. ITU-T T.81 | ISO/IEC 10918-1:1994, *Information technology — Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 1: Requirements and guidelines*

Rec. ITU-T T.86 | ISO/IEC 10918-4, *Information technology — Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 4: Registration of JPEG profiles, SPIFF profiles, SPIFF tags, SPIFF colour spaces, APPn markers, SPIFF compression types and Registration Authorities (REGAUT)*

Rec. ITU-T T.871 | ISO/IEC 10918-5, *Information technology — Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images — Part 5: JPEG File Interchange Format (JFIF)*

3 Terms and definitions

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
bitstream
partially encoded or decoded sequence of bits comprising an entropy-coded segment

3.2
block
8×8 array of samples or an 8×8 array of DCT coefficient values of one component

3.3
byte
group of 8 bits

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