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**Abstract:** This document specifies an application of PDF (Portable Document Format) that has two important properties: First, it is an "image"-based format, and proper rendering of the document is represented by (binary or color) images. Second, the format is suitable for incremental generation and thus it is a "streaming" format. The subset is called "PDF/is", for "PDF Image-Streamable".

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PDF/is is formally a subset of PDF 1.4, and is intended to be fully compatible with software that reads PDF 1.4. There are "profiles" of PDF/is, which are distinguished primarily by the methods of image compression and/or techniques employed. The representations of image data employed are specified in the PDF 1.4 language reference [pdf], which in turn describes the PDF representation of image data specified by ITU-T recommendations for black-and-white facsimile ([t.4], [t.6]), ISO/IEG specifications for digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images [jpeg], and lossy/lossless coding of bi-level images [jbig2].

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PDF/is is intended to be useful within the IPPFAX protocol [reference], which is used to provide a synchronous, reliable exchange of image documents between senders and receivers. For this reason, PDF/is also includes an optional security features for digital signaturing.

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229 images [jpeg], and lossy/lossless coding of bi-level images [jbig2].

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232 reason, PDF/is also includes an optional security features for digital signaturing.

## 233 2 Terminology

234 This section defines terminology used throughout this document.

### 235 2.1 Conformance Terminology

236 Capitalized terms, such as **MUST**, **MUST NOT**, **REQUIRED**, **SHOULD**, **SHOULD NOT**, **MAY**,  
237 **NEED NOT**, **OPTIONAL**, and **PROHIBITED**, have special meaning relating to conformance as  
238 defined in RFC 2119 [rfc2119] and [rfc2911] section 12.1. If an implementation supports the  
239 extension defined in this document, then these terms apply; otherwise, they do not. These terms  
240 define conformance to *this document (and [rfc2911]) only*; they do not affect conformance to  
241 other documents, unless explicitly stated otherwise. To be more specific:

242 **REQUIRED (REQ)** - an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/is Producer or  
243 Consumer's implementation **MUST** support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or attribute  
244 value. See [rfc2911] "Appendix A - Terminology for a definition of "support".

245 **RECOMMENDED (REC)** - an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/is Producer or  
246 Consumer's implementation **SHOULD** support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or  
247 attribute value.

248 **OPTIONAL (OPT)** - an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/is Producer or  
249 Consumer's implementation **MAY** support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or attribute  
250 value.

251 **PROHIBITED (PROH)** - an adjective used to indicate that a conforming PDF/is Producer or  
252 Consumer's implementation **MUST NOT** support the indicated operation, object, attribute, or  
253 attribute value.



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

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

## 259 **2.2 Other Terminology**

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

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

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264 **Support** – A Producer has the capability of Implementing the feature specified, or the Consumer  
265 has the capability of understanding and acting on the Implementation.

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

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270 **Consumer** – This is the agent (software, hardware or some combination) that converts the  
271 Document into a displayed or printed form.

272 **Producer** -- This is the agent (software, hardware or some combination) that creates the  
273 Document.

274 **Forward-Reference** – In indirect object reference (See [pdf] Section 3.2.9) or a Resource Name  
275 (See Section 4.10) that refers to an object that appears later in the Document.

276 **Cache** – Consumer’s storage, either memory, disk, or the like, to hold Document data as it’s  
277 received from the Producer.

278 **Page-Relative Objects** – Objects that are indirectly referenced (See [pdf] Section 3.2.9) by either  
279 a ‘Page’ Dictionary or through a chain of object references that start with a reference from a  
280 ‘Page’ Dictionary.

281 **Discarded** – An adjective that describes a PDF object. An object is ‘Discarded’ when the  
282 Consumer no longer has access to the data within the object in question.

283 **Object Size** – The number of bytes required to represent an object in the Document. The size is  
284 calculated by subtracting the offset of the first byte of the line following the “endobj” of the object  
285 in question, from the offset of the first byte of the *object number* (See [pdf] Section 3.2.9).

286 **Imaging Area** – For the Producer, the Imaging Area of a page is the area specified by the Page  
287 Dictionary’s ‘MediaBox’. The Producer should use the actual area images from the source media  
288 for the ‘MediaBox’. This would be the size of the input media for an edge-to-edge scan, for  
289 example. For the Consumer, the Imaging Area is an area on the output media that will contain all  
290 of the page’s image content (the “inking” area). The Consumer usually uses the output media’s  
291 printable area as the Imaging Area but may constrain it further to match the Producer’s Imaging  
292 Area.

293 **Scaled Page** – When the Consumer’s Imaging Area does not match the Producer’s Imaging Area  
294 within 1/72 of an inch in either height **OR** width, the page is considered to be a Scaled Page.

- 295 **Horizontal Scaling Factor** – The Horizontal Scaling Factor is equal to the Consumer’s Imaging  
296 Area width divided by the Producer’s Imaging Area width, but MUST be 1.0 for a non-Scaled  
297 Page.
- 298 **Vertical Scaling Factor** – The Vertical Scaling Factor is equal to the Consumer’s Imaging Area  
299 height divided by the Producer’s Imaging Area height, but MUST be 1.0 for a non-Scaled Page.
- 300 **Originator Identifier** – An Image XObject that indicates information about the originator of the  
301 Document. See the protocol spec referencing this specification for details on what the ‘Originator  
302 Identifier’ MUST contain.
- 303 **Nearest-Neighbor Interpolation** – A two-dimensional interpolation of pixel values in which the  
304 amplitude of the interpolated sample is the amplitude of its nearest neighbor.
- 305 **Bilinear Interpolation** – A two-dimensional linear interpolation of pixel values based on the four  
306 pixels in a 2 x 2 pixel neighborhood.
- 307 **Bicubic Interpolation** – A two-dimensional cubic interpolation of pixel values based on the 16  
308 pixels in a 4 x 4 pixel neighborhood.

### 309 3 PDF Document Requirements

310 The following table specifies the required (REQ), prohibited (PROH), and optionally (OPT)  
311 Supported PDF objects/filters for a Producer and Consumer to be considered compliant with  
312 this specification. Requirements for a specific object/filter to be considered Supported can be  
313 found in the ‘PDF Object Requirements’ section of this specification.  
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315 **Table 3-1: PDF Object Requirements**

PDF Object/Filter	Producer	Consumer	Reference
‘ASCIHexDecode’ 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)
File specification	PROH	PROH	[pdf] Section (3.10)
Graphics State Parameter Dictionaries	PROH	PROH	[pdf] Section (4.3.4)
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 Xobjects	PROH	PROH	[pdf] Section (4.9)
Postscript Xobjects	PROH	PROH	[pdf] Section (4.10)
<a href="#">Font Objects</a>	OPT	OPT	[pdf] Section (5)
Transparency	PROH	PROH	[pdf] Section (7)

Name Tree	PROH	PROH	[pdf] Section (3.8.4)
Number Tree	PROH	PROH	[pdf] Section (3.8.5)
<a href="#">'FlateDecode' Filter</a>	OPT	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.3.3)
<a href="#">'CCITTFaxDecode' Filter</a>	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)
<a href="#">File Trailer</a>	REQ	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.4.4)
<a href="#">Document Catalog</a>	REQ	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.6.1)
<a href="#">Page Tree Nodes</a>	REQ	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.6.2)
<a href="#">Page Dictionary</a>	REQ	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.6.2)
<a href="#">Content Streams</a>	REQ	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.7.1)
<a href="#">Resource Dictionaries</a>	REQ	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.7.2)
<a href="#">Image XObjects</a>	REQ	REQ	[pdf] Section (4.7)
<a href="#">'JBIG2Decode' Filter</a>	OPT	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.3.6)
<a href="#">'DCTDecode' Filter</a>	OPT	REQ	[pdf] Section (3.3.7)
Encryption Dictionary	PROH	PROH	[pdf] Section (3.5)
'DeviceGray' Color Space	PROH	PROH	[pdf] pg. 182, See "ICCBased Color Space" section of this specification.
'DeviceRGB' Color Space	PROH	PROH	[pdf] pg. 184, See "ICCBased Color Space" section of this specification.
'Lab' Color Space	PROH	PROH	[pdf] pg. 187
<a href="#">'ICCBased' Color Space</a>	REQ	OPT, See 'ICCBased Color Space' Section.	[pdf] pg. 189
<a href="#">'Indexed' Color Space</a>	OPT	REQ	[pdf] pg. 199
<a href="#">Masked Images</a>	OPT	REQ	[pdf] Section (4.8.5)
<a href="#">Interactive Form Dictionary</a> and <a href="#">Annotation Field Dictionary</a> and <a href="#">Signature Dictionary</a> (Security Profile <DIG-SIG>)	OPT	OPT	[pdf] Section (8.6.1-3) [pdf-ppk] Section (2)
<a href="#">Cached Objects</a>	REQ	REQ	Section 3.4
<a href="#">Banding</a>	OPT	REQ	Section 3.3.11.3
Document Information Dictionary	OPT	OPT	[pdf] Section 9.2.1

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### 317 3.1 File Layout (Informative)

318 Given that a Document is fully compliant with this specification, the Document will, nominally,  
319 have the following layout:

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**Table 3-2: File Layout**

Object	
A	<a href="#">'PDF/is' Dictionary</a> .
B	<a href="#">Page Dictionary</a> for page 'n'
C	<a href="#">Content Stream</a> 'a' for page 'n'
D	<a href="#">Image XObject</a> 'x' for page 'n', stream 'a'
E	<a href="#">Color Space</a> for image 'x' (cached), if not already loaded
F	<a href="#">Image Mask</a> for image 'x', stream 'a', page 'n', if image is masked
G	[Repeat D-F for next Image 'x+1', stream 'a', page 'n', if present]
H	[Repeat C-G for next stream 'a+1' on page 'n', if present]

I	Content Stream Array for page 'n' (See <a href="#">Page Dictionary</a> )
J	<a href="#">Resource Dictionary</a> for page 'n'.
K	[Repeat B-J for next page 'n+1', if present]
L	<a href="#">Document Catalog</a>
M	<a href="#">Page Tree Node(s)</a>
N	<a href="#">Interactive Form Dictionary</a> (If digitally signed)
O	<a href="#">Annotation Field Dictionary</a> (If digitally signed)
P	<a href="#">Signature Dictionary</a> (If digitally signed)
Q	Cross-Reference Table (See [pdf] Section 3.4.3)
R	<a href="#">File Trailer</a>

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## 322 4 PDF Object Requirements

323 The following sub-sections describe the object field values of the REQUIRED and OPTIONAL  
324 PDF objects in PDF/Is. The numbers in '( )'s refer to section numbers in the PDF Specifications  
325 [pdf], unless otherwise noted. 'AS SPECIFIED' refers to the PDF Specification [pdf] unless  
326 otherwise noted.

327 All 'Required' and 'Optional' fields of a Document object (either specified here or referred to as  
328 'Required' or 'Optional' in [pdf] or [pdf-ppk]) MUST be Supported if the object in question is to be  
329 considered 'Supported by the Consumer'. This rule does not apply if the definition of an object  
330 specifically states the requirements for the Consumer.

331 Support for all 'Required' fields of a Document object (either specified here or referred to as  
332 'Required' in [pdf] or [pdf-ppk]) is REQUIRED if the object in question is to be considered  
333 'Supported by the Producer'. Support for all 'Optional' fields of a Document object is OPTIONAL  
334 for the Producer. This rule does not apply if the definition of an object specifically states the  
335 requirements for the Producer.

### 336 4.1 'PDF/Is' Dictionary

337 The 'PDF/Is' Dictionary is a new Dictionary object that is REQUIRED for a PDF/Is document.

338 The existence of this dictionary object is the one and only way to determine if the PDF in question  
339 is a PDF/Is Document. The references in this object to items referred to in the Document Trailer  
340 are necessary to satisfy 'Producer Requirement' #6, see Section 4.1.

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**Table 4-1: PDF/Is Dictionary**

Field	Type	Specification
'Type'	Name	MUST have a value of '/Fis_PDFIs'.
'Fis_Version'	Number	REQUIRED: A Real number of the format <b>MAJ_VER.MIN_VER</b> . (See below)
'Info'	Dictionary	MUST have same value as 'Info' field in the 'Document Trailer'. See [pdf] Table 3.12 for specification.
'ID'	Array	MUST have same value as 'ID' field in the 'Document Trailer'. See [pdf] Table 3.12 for specification.
'Fis_NextPage'	Dictionary	REQUIRED: MUST be an Indirect Object Reference to the first ' <a href="#">Page Dictionary</a> '.
'Fis_DSig'	Dictionary	OPTIONAL: MUST be an Indirect Object Reference to the

		' <a href="#">Signature Dictionary</a> ', if present.
'Fis_OrigID'	Dictionary	OPTIONAL: MUST be an Indirect Object Reference to the 'Originator Identifier' Image XObject, if present.
'Fis_Duplex'	Boolean	REQUIRED: MUST be 'false' unless the Document is known to be duplex and all odd numbered pages precede all even numbered pages (1, 3, 5, ..., $n*2 - 1$ , 2, 4, 6, ..., $n*2$ ) – note that the last page ( $n*2$ ) is optional since the Document may have an odd number of pages. See ' <a href="#">Page Ordering</a> '.

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

#### 345 4.1.1 Fis\_PDFis Key

##### 346 4.1.1.1 MAJ\_VER:

347 The 'major' version number of this PDF/is specification to which the Producer conforms to  
348 at the time the Document was created. The 'major' version of this specification is  
349 currently '1'.

##### 350 4.1.1.2 MIN\_VER:

351 The 'minor' version number of this PDF/is specification to which the Producer conforms to  
352 at the time the Document was created. The 'minor' version of this specification is  
353 currently '0'.

##### 354 4.1.1.3 Example

355 An example of the PDF/is Dictionary for an encrypted, digitally signed, Document that  
356 needs a 4 Megabyte cache might look like this:

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357     1 0 obj
358     <<
359         /Type /Fis_PDFis
360         /Fis_Version 1.0
361         /Encrypt 2 0 R
362         /Root 3 0 R
363         /Info 4 0 R
364         /ID [<8c41995c6e014675e850d36e6c2f6114><8c41995c6e014675e850d36e6c2f6114>]
365         /Fis_NextPage 5 0 R
366         /Fis_DSig 6 0 R
367     >>
368     endobj
```

#### 369 4.2 PDF/is Format Identification

370 To refer to this version of the PDF/is specification from another specification, the string  
371 "PDF/is-1.0" should be used.

372

#### 373 4.3 'CCITTFaxDecode' Filter

374 See [pdf] Section 3.3.5, [t.4], and [t.6]. Note that only 'Group 4' images are Supported by PDF/is,  
375 see 'K', below.

376

**Table 4-2: 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

377

#### 378 4.4 'JBIG2Decode' Filter

379 See [pdf] Section 3.3.6, [jbig2], and [t.89].

380

**Table 4-3: JBIG2Decode Filter**

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

381

- 382 • Consumers MUST support **Profile 1** (0x00000101 BASE), **Profile 2** (0x00000102 Upper  
383 Huffman), **Profile 3** (0x00000103 Lower Arithmetic) and **Profile 4** (0x00000104 Medium  
384 lossy/lossless arithmetic) as defined in [t.89]. Support for JBIG2 is OPTIONAL for the  
385 Producer. The Producer MUST NOT Implement any profile other than one of the four  
386 specified, above.
- 387 • All Consumers MUST support at least "Level 2" Memory (See [t.89], Table 1, Item 18).
- 388 • The Producer MUST adhere to the Function and Memory constraints as specified in  
389 [t.89].

390

#### 391 4.5 'DCTDecode' Filter

392 See [pdf] Section 3.3.7, [ps-jpeg], [ps], and [jpeg].

393 PDF/is supports both the JPEG Baseline DCT and Extended sequential DCT compressed image  
394 formats.

395

**Table 4-4: DCTDecode Filter**

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

396

397

- Images MUST NOT be encoded using 'Progressive JPEG'.

398

- Images MUST have either 1 or 3 color components.

399

400

- All 3 component images (RGB, or YUV) MUST have their component data 'interleaved'.  
See [jpeg] Section 4.8.1.

- 401 • YUV encoding (See [pdf] pg. 60) is the RECOMMENDED encoding for image data.  
402 Rationale: Separation of luminance and chrominance information can facilitate greater  
403 image compression and simplifies the process of converting color image data to  
404 grayscale for Consumers that do not support color.
- 405 • The Consumer MUST adhere to the Memory requirements specified in Section 11 “RAM  
406 Requirements” of [ps-jpeg] for the Consumers Supported image resolution(s).

#### 407 4.6 ‘FlateDecode’ Filter

408 See [pdf] Section 3.3.3.

409 ‘Flate’ encoding MUST NOT be used to compress image data. ‘Flate’ MAY only be used to  
410 compress non-image stream data, such as ‘[ICCBased Color Space](#)’ data, ‘[Indexed Color Space](#)’  
411 data, and ‘[Content Stream](#)’ data.

412 See [pdf] Table 3.7:

413 **Table 4-5: FlateDecode Filter**

Field	Specification
<All Fields>	PROHIBITED.

414

#### 415 4.7 File Trailer

416 See [pdf] Table 3.12.

417 **Table 4-6: File Trailer**

Field	Specification
‘Size’	AS SPECIFIED
‘Prev’	PROHIBITED
‘Root’	AS SPECIFIED
‘Encrypt’	PROHIBITED
‘Info’	OPTIONAL.
‘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. Support for ‘standard encryption’ may be added to a future version of this specification.

418

#### 419 4.8 Document Catalog

420 See [pdf] Table 3.16.

421

422 It should be noted that Page Attributes MUST NOT be Inherited (See [pdf] pg. 91) due to the  
423 nature of the ordering of the objects in this format. Rationale: Since the parent object (a Page  
424 Tree Node) of a Page Dictionary will not appear in the Document until after the page, streaming  
425 of the data for a page that has an inherited attribute would not be possible.  
426

427

**Table 4-7: Document Catalog**

Field	Specification
'Type'	AS SPECIFIED
'Version'	AS SPECIFIED
'Pages'	AS SPECIFIED
'PageLabels'	PROHIBITED
'Names'	PROHIBITED.
'Dests'	PROHIBITED.
'ViewerPreferences'	OPTIONAL for both Producer and Consumer.
'PageLayout'	OPTIONAL for both Producer and Consumer.
'PageMode'	OPTIONAL for both Producer and Consumer.
'Outlines'	PROHIBITED.
'Threads'	PROHIBITED.
'OpenAction'	PROHIBITED.
'AA'	PROHIBITED.
'URI'	PROHIBITED.
'AcroForm'	REQ if <DIG-SIG>, PROH otherwise. MUST point to a <a href="#">'Interactive Form Dictionary'</a>
'Metadata'	AS SPECIFIED.
'StructTreeRoot'	PROHIBITED.
'MarkInfo'	AS SPECIFIED., See below.
'Lang'	PROHIBITED.
'SpiderInfo'	PROHIBITED.
'OutputIntents'	PROHIBITED.
'Fis_header'	MUST be an indirect object reference to the 'PDF/is Dictionary'.

428

429

## 430 4.9 Page Tree Nodes

431 See [pdf] Table 3.17.

432

**Table 4-8: Page Tree Nodes**

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

433

434 If the Producer of a Document knows that the Document is being generated in some non  
435 sequential order, this fact SHOULD be conveyed by reordering the 'Kids' objects from the order in  
436 which they appear in the Document. Rationale: If the Producing device were scanning the pages  
437 of a duplexed document by scanning the fronts of all pages first (as an example), reordering the



438 'Kids' objects in this way would allow a Consumer that has random access to the Document (i.e.  
439 does not need to stream the data) the ability to display the pages in the proper order. If  
440 reordering is to be accomplished, the Page Dictionary of the front and back of the same page  
441 must have the same 'Parent' (Page Tree Node) entry in order to facilitate reorder, since all 'Kids'  
442 of a particular Page Tree Node have sequential page numbers.

443

#### 444 4.10 Page Dictionary

445 See [pdf] Table 3.18.

446

**Table 4-9: Page Dictionary**

Field	Specification
'Type'	AS SPECIFIED
'Parent'	AS SPECIFIED
'LastModified'	AS SPECIFIED
'Resources'	MUST NOT be inherited, otherwise AS SPECIFIED.
'MediaBox'	MUST NOT be inherited, otherwise AS SPECIFIED.
'CropBox'	PROHIBITED: Same as 'MediaBox'.
'BleedBox'	PROHIBITED.
'TrimBox'	PROHIBITED.
'ArtBox'	PROHIBITED.
'BoxColorInfo'	PROHIBITED.
'Contents'	REQUIRED: MUST be an Indirect Object Reference to an Array Object that contains Indirect Object References to all Content Streams on the page. The Array Object MUST be placed immediately before the <a href="#">Resource Dictionary</a> for the page.
'Rotate'	MUST NOT be inherited
'Group'	PROHIBITED.
'Thumb'	PROHIBITED.
'B'	PROHIBITED.
'Dur'	PROHIBITED.
'Trans'	PROHIBITED.
'Annots'	PROHIBITED.
'AA'	PROHIBITED.
'Metadata'	AS SPECIFIED.
'PieceInfo'	AS SPECIFIED.
'StructParents'	PROHIBITED.
'ID'	PROHIBITED.
'PZ'	OPTIONAL for both Producer and Consumer.
'SeparationInfo'	PROHIBITED.
'Fis_NextPage'	REQUIRED: An Indirect Object Reference to either: the next 'Page Dictionary'; or, if this is the last page in the Document, to the <a href="#">Document Catalog</a> .
'Fis_Duplex'	OPTIONAL: A 'boolean' object that defaults to 'false' and MUST be 'false' unless 'Fis_Duplex' in the 'PDF/is Dictionary' is 'true' and this is the first even numbered page in the Document.
'Fis_NextCS'	REQUIRED: MUST be an Indirect Object Reference to the first <a href="#">Content Stream</a> on the page.

447

448 **4.10.1 Page Ordering**

449 The Producer SHOULD order the pages in the Document sequentially from 1 to 'n'. For example,  
450 if the original document is duplex, the Producer SHOULD attempt to place the content from the  
451 back of page 1 (page 2) immediately after the content from page 1. This is preferable to placing  
452 content from all page fronts (odd number pages) followed by the content from all page backs  
453 (even numbered pages).

454  
455 If the Producer chooses not to follow this page ordering guideline, the Producer MUST place all of  
456 the page fronts in the Document before all of the page backs – all odd numbered pages MUST  
457 precede all even numbered pages. In addition, the Producer MUST indicate this fact by  
458 specifying '/Fis\_Duplex true' boolean object in the PDF/is Dictionary. The point at which the  
459 pages are flipped MUST be indicated by placing the '/Fis\_Duplex true' boolean object in the Page  
460 Dictionary of the first even numbered page.

461 **4.11 Content Streams**

462 See [pdf] Table 3.4.

463 **Table 4-10: Content Streams**

Field	Specification
'Length'	REQUIRED: MUST not be an Indirect Object Reference.
'Filter'	PROHIBITED.
'DecodeParms'	PROHIBITED.
'F'	PROHIBITED.
'FFilter'	PROHIBITED.
'FDecodeParms'	PROHIBITED.
'Fis_NextCS'	REQUIRED: MUST be an Indirect Object Reference to the next Content Stream for the current page or the 'Resource Dictionary' if this is the last Content Stream on the page.

464

465 The dictionary mapping of Resource Names to indirect object numbers used in the Content  
466 Streams and Resource Dictionary MUST follow the following rule:

467 All Resource Names (See [pdf] Section 3.7.2) MUST have their indirect object ID's as the trailing  
468 part of the Resource Name. Resource Names MUST NOT have any digits (0-9) anywhere else in  
469 their name. Names MUST start with a letter. Consumers SHOULD use this convention to avoid  
470 having to cache the entire page in order to gain access to the Resource Dictionary at the end of  
471 the page data. For example, a page with two images that are overlapping and masked, might  
472 look like this:

```
473     3 0 obj %Page dictionary for page 1
474     <<
475         /Type /Page
476         /Resources 4 0 R
477         /Contents 5 0 R
478         ...
479     >>
480     endobj
481
482     6 0 obj %Content for page 1
483     <</Length 45>>
484     stream
```

```
485         ...
486         /Im7 Do      % Image object at object number 7
487         /Im8 Do      % Image object at object number 8
488         /Fis_NextCS 4 0 R %Points to Res. Dict. - only one CS.
489     endstream
490 endobj
491
492 7 0 R
493 <<
494     /Type /XObject
495     /Colorspace /Cs9 % Color space at object number 9.
496     ...
497 >>
498 stream
499 ...
500 endstream
501 endobj
502
503 10 0 R
504 <<
505     /Type /XObject
506     /Mask 8 0 R
507     /Colorspace /Cs7
508     ...
509 >>
510 stream
511 ...
512 endstream
513 endobj
514
515 7 0 obj      %Color Space
516 <</Length 3450>>
517 stream
518 ...
519 endstream
520 endobj
521
522 8 0 obj      %Mask for image object 10.
523 ...
524 endobj
525
526 5 0 obj
527 [6 0 R]      %Array of Content Streams.
528 endobj
529
530 4 0 obj      %Resources for page 1
531 <<
532     /XObject << /Im9 9 0 R
533                /Im10 10 0 R >>
534     /ColorSpace << /Cs7 7 0 R >>
535 >>
536 endobj
537 //Page 2 would begin here...
538
```

539 Rationale: Since Indirect Object References from within Resource Dictionaries are prohibited  
540 (See [pdf] Section 3.7.2) we need a way to refer to these objects without requiring full buffering of  
541 a page. By requiring the objects to be written this way, the Consumer can process the Content  
542 Stream(s) and their associated Images and Color Spaces without requiring the Resource  
543 Dictionary. The Resource Dictionary must be written at the end of the page since it must refer to  
544 all objects that were used on the page.

545 See [pdf] Table 4.1:

546

**Table 4-11: Content Stream Operators**

Operators	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
DP	PROHIBITED except for 'Banding operator' and 'Cache operator', see below	[pdf] Table 9.8
BX	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 3.20
EX	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 3.20
BT	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.4
ET	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.4
'	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.6
"	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.4
T*	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.5
Tc	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.2
Td	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.5
TD	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.5
Tf	AS SPECIFIED, also see <a href="#">Font Objects</a>	[pdf] Table 5.2
Tj	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.6
TL	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.2
Tm	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.5
Tr	REQUIRED, and MUST be '3'	[pdf] Table 5.2
Ts	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.2
Tw	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.2
Tz	AS SPECIFIED	[pdf] Table 5.2
<All other Operators>	PROHIBITED	[pdf] Table A.1

547

548 Support for text operators (all operators beginning with the letter 'T', as well as the BT, ET, ',  
549 and " operators) are OPTIONAL for both the Producer and the Consumer. If text operators  
550 are found in a Document, the Consumer MAY ignore them as they do not affect the rendering  
551 of the page content since all text MUST be 'invisible' (Text Mode (Tr) == 3).

552 **4.11.1 'cm' Operator:**

553 See [pdf] Table 4.7 for definition of 'cm' operator. Note that all coordinates in PDF/Is are  
554 in the 'default user space' (See [pdf] pg. 138).

555 Given:

556  $W_i$  = Width (X-direction) of the Image in inches.

557  $H_i$  = Height (Y-direction) of the Image in inches.

558  $X_i$  = Horizontal translation, in inches, from the left edge of the page to the left edge of the  
559 image.

560  $Y_i$  = Vertical translation, in inches, from the bottom edge of the page to the bottom of the  
561 image.

562

563 The Producer MUST ensure that the following is true:

564  $S_x = W_i * 72$

565  $S_y = H_i * 72$

566  $T_x = X_i * 72$

567  $T_y = Y_i * 72$

568

#### 569 4.11.2 'Do' Operator:

570 See [pdf] Table 4.34 for definition of 'Do' operator.

571

#### 572 Image Resolution Calculations

573 Given:

574  $Img$  = The 'ImageXObject' associated with the 'Do' operator.

575  $Cm$  = The current 'cm' operation in effect for ' $Img$ '.

576  $Wp$  = 'Width' field of ' $Img$ '.

577  $Hp$  = 'Height' field of ' $Img$ '.

578  $Sx$  = 'Sx' value of ' $Cm$ '.

579  $Sy$  = 'Sy' value of ' $Cm$ '.

580

581 The following must be assumed by the Producer and the Consumer:

582  $(Wp * 72 / Sx)$  = The resolution, in the X-direction, of ' $Img$ ', in dots per inch.

583  $(Hp * 72 / Sy)$  = The resolution, in the Y-direction, of ' $Img$ ', in dots per inch.

#### 584 4.11.3 'DP' Operators:

585 See [pdf] Table 9.8 for a definition of the 'DP' Operator.

586 Only the 'Marked Content' flags 'Banding Operator' and the 'Cache operator' are  
587 permitted in PDF/is, all other flags are PROHIBITED.

#### 588 4.11.3.1 'Banding' Operator:

589 Banding facilitates the creation of a complex series of images on a PDF/is page to a  
590 Consumer that may be memory constrained and unable to otherwise display the page. If  
591 the Producer of the Document is able to determine that the current page's image layering  
592 (or "masking") will violate the [cache memory](#) constraints of the Consumer; the Consumer  
593 MUST break up the current page into non-overlapping regions to be displayed ('Banding')  
594 or free up resources using the 'Cache Operator' (see below). Banding is specified in one  
595 of the [content streams](#) of the page.

596

597 All images or masks in the content stream in a particular 'Band' do not overlay, and are  
598 not overlaid by, any images or masks in any other 'Band'.

599

600 To indicate that a new 'Band' is beginning, the content stream MUST contain the  
601 following operator syntax, exactly as shown:

602  $/Fis\_band<</Fis\_band [Y]>> DP$

603

604 Where:

605  $Y$ : A 'Real Numeric Object' (See [pdf] Section 3.2.2) of the minimum Y-coordinate value  
606 that this band will contain.

- 607 And:  
608 All coordinate values are in the 'default user space' (See [pdf] pg. 138) coordinate system  
609 (0,0 is lower left), at 72 units per inch, relative to the Page Dictionary's 'MediaBox'.  
610  
611 • Bands may only progress from top to bottom (highest to lowest Y coordinate).  
612 • The last Band on the page MUST not have a Banding operator since the close of  
613 the Content Stream will indicate that the last band is to be rendered.  
614 • The extent of an image within a particular Band MUST meet the following  
615 requirements:  
616     o Its top edge MUST have a y-coordinate value less than the Y value of  
617     the previous Band.  
618     o Its bottom edge MUST have a y-coordinate greater than, or equal to the  
619     Y value of the current Band, or '0' if this is the last band.

620  
621 See the following examples to help illustrate this feature.

622  
623 For the examples, below:

624 N: [Y]

625 Where 'N' is the order in which the band appears in the Content Stream.

626 'Y' is the 'Y' value of the Band operator.

627  
628 Example #1: an 8.5" X 11" page (612x792 units), divided into 3 equal sized Bands:  
629

1: [528]
2: [264]
3: (No operator)

630  
631  
632

Example #2: and 11" X 17" page (792x1224 units), divided into 4 "bands":

1: [918]
2: [612]
3: [306]
4: (No operator)

633  
634  
635  
636  
637  
638

A 'Band Operator' MAY occur in any Content Stream for that page. If the page has more than one Content Stream it MUST be considered as described in [pdf] page 89, under 'Contents'.

639 To illustrate what a 'Banded' content stream might look like; here is the content stream  
640 for Example #2, above:

```
641 stream  
642 q  
643 792 0 0 306 0 1224 cm % region of first 'band'. 792 units  
644 wide, 306 units high,  
645 /Im1 Do % Display image in first band.  
646 /Fis_band <</Fis_band [918]>> DP % 'Band Operator'
```

```

647 Q
648 q
649 792 0 0 306 0 918 cm
650 /Im2 Do % Display image in second band.
651 /Fis_band <</Fis_band [612]>> DP
652 Q
653 q
654 792 0 0 306 0 612 cm
655 /Im3 Do % Display image in third band.
656 /Fis_band <</Fis_band [306]>> DP
657 Q
658 q
659 792 0 0 306 0 306 cm
660 /Im4 Do % Display image in last band.
661 endstream
662

```

#### 663 4.11.3.2 'Cache' Operator:

664 The 'Cache Operator' allows the Producer of the Document to specify that certain 'cached'  
665 objects (See '[Cached Objects](#)' section in this specification) may be released from the cache at a  
666 certain point in the content stream. See 'Cache Release' section in this document for use of this  
667 operation. This operation would allow a Consumer to Discard specified objects to free resources  
668 for image operations. This operator has the following syntax:

```
669 /Fis_cache <</Fis_cache [OBJECTS]>> DP
```

670  
671 Where 'OBJECTS' is an array of object ID references. For example:

```
672 /Fis_cache <</Fis_cache [23 0 R 34 0 R]>> DP
```

673 ...will release objects 23 and 34 from the cache.

674

#### 675 4.12 Resource Dictionaries

676 See [pdf] Table 3.21.

677

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

681

682 The 'Resource Dictionary' MUST be the last object for any given page. This is an indicator to the  
683 Consumer that the current page is complete.

684

**Table 4-12: Resource Dictionaries**

Field	Specification
'ExtGState'	PROHIBITED.
'ColorSpace'	PROHIBITED.
'Pattern'	PROHIBITED.
'Shading'	PROHIBITED.
'XObject'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Font'	AS SPECIFIED.
'ProcSet'	PROHIBITED.
'Properties'	PROHIBITED.

685

#### 686 4.13 ICCBased Color Space

687 See [pdf] Table 4.16 & Table 3.4.

688

**Table 4-13: ICCBased Color Space**

Field	Specification
'N'	MUST have a value of '3'.
'Alternate'	PROHIBITED, Implies '/DeviceRGB' (See [pdf]).
'Range'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Metadata'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Length'	REQUIRED. MUST NOT be an indirect object reference.
'Filter'	PROHIBITED.
'DecodeParms'	PROHIBITED.
'F'	PROHIBITED.
'FFilter'	PROHIBITED.
'FDecodeParms'	PROHIBITED.

689

690 The following rules MUST be adhered to:

- 691 • All color image data MUST be 'sRGB' color data (See [srgb]). Color images MUST use  
692 the 'sRGB' standard ICC profile [srgb-icc].
- 693 • The [srgb-icc] profile MUST be Implemented in the Document, unmodified.
- 694 • The profile MUST be Implemented after its first reference (See [Producer Conformance](#)  
695 [Requirement #6](#)) and SHOULD be cached (See '[Cached Objects](#)') for further references.

696

697 Since the color image data meets the 'sRGB' specification, the Consumer has the following two  
698 options:

- 699 **1** Tune the output device to use 'sRGB' image data. This would allow the  
700 Consumer to avoid having to implement a full ICC profile engine. The image data would  
701 be used directly which could greatly simplify the image data processing.
- 702 **2** Support ICC profiles. In this case, the Consumer does not need to know that the  
703 image data conforms to 'sRGB'; instead, the Consumer can process the data using an  
704 entirely ICC based color management approach (See [icc]). This method would be the  
705 choice for the Consumer that supports the full PDF specification [pdf].

706

#### 707 4.14 Indexed Color Space

708 See [pdf] Page 199.

709

710 An Indexed color space MAY be used for grayscale or color images, as necessary.

711

712 An Indexed Color Space object MUST take the following form:

713

714 [/Indexed *base hival lookup*]

715

716 Where:

717

718 'base' MUST be an array of the form:

719 [ /ICCBased *X* ]



720 Where 'X' is an indirect object reference to an ICCBased 'sRGB' color space (See  
721 [ICCBased Color Space](#)).

722 'hival' MUST be as defined on page 200 in [pdf].

723 'lookup' MUST be as defined on page 200 in [pdf] but MUST be a stream.

724

725 Example:

726

727 10 0 obj

728 [/Indexed [/ICCBased 12 0 R] 255 11 0 R]]

729

endobj

730

731 11 0 obj

732 <</Length 768>>

733

stream

734

...%256 color lookup table values in R-G-B order...

735

endstream

736

endobj

737

738 12 0 obj

739 %ICCBased 'sRGB' color space

740

...

741

#### 742 4.15 Image XObjects

743

744 See [pdf] Table 4.35 & Table 3.4 for description of the following table.

745

**Table 4-14: Image XObjects**

Field	Specification
'Type'	MUST be 'XObject'
'Subtype'	MUST be 'Image'
'Width'	AS SPECIFIED
'Height'	AS SPECIFIED
'ColorSpace'	AS SPECIFIED. Only 'ICCBased' or 'Indexed' color spaces are permitted.
'BitsPerComponent'	AS SPECIFIED
'Intent'	REQUIRED. 'Perceptual' is RECOMMENDED.
'ImageMask'	AS SPECIFIED
'Mask'	AS SPECIFIED, see below.
'SMask'	PROHIBITED.
'Decode'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Interpolate'	AS SPECIFIED. 'False' implies "Nearest-Neighbor Interpolation". 'True' implies 'Bilinear Interpolation' or 'Bicubic Interpolation' at the discretion of the Consumer. The actual method by which these are implemented is not specified.
'Alternates'	PROHIBITED.
'Name'	PROHIBITED.
'StructParent'	PROHIBITED.
'ID'	PROHIBITED.
'OPI'	PROHIBITED.
'Metadata'	AS SPECIFIED.
'Length'	REQUIRED: MAY be an indirect object reference to a numeric object that

	MUST be the next object in the Document, See below.
'Filter'	REQUIRED: MUST be one of: 'DCTDecode', 'CCITTFaxDecode', or 'JBIG2Decode'. No other filters are allowed.
'DecodeParms'	AS SPECIFIED.
'F'	PROHIBITED.
'FFilter'	PROHIBITED.
'FDecodeParms'	PROHIBITED.

746

747 • An 'ImageMask', if indicated in an Image XObject, MUST appear in the Document before  
748 the Image XObject that references it.

749 • All image data, regardless of compress method (Filter), MUST be ordered as specified in  
750 Section 4.8.3 and in Figure 4.26 of [pdf], contrary to the 'Note' at the bottom of page 265  
751 of [pdf].

752 • Grayscale images MUST use an [Indexed Color Space](#).

753 • If the 'Length' specifier for a stream is an indirect object reference to a numeric object,  
754 the Producer MUST place the following comment on the line after the 'endstream'  
755 keyword:

756     o %ID['ID' field value from 'PDF/is Dictionary']

757 Using Section 4.1.1.3 as an example, we would have:

758 endstream

759 %ID[<8c41995c6e014675e850d36e6c2f6114><8c41995c6e014675e850d36e6c2f6114>]

760

761 Rationale: By placing this 'ID' at the end of the stream object a Consumer does not have  
762 to understand the format of the stream in order to find its end. The Consumer can simply  
763 search for the 'ID' string to determine where the stream ends. This is mainly useful when  
764 the Consumer is reading a newer version of the PDF/is document format that it does not  
765 understand.

## 766 4.16 Masked Images

767 See [pdf] Section 4.8.5.

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**Table 4-15: Masked Images**

Field	Specification
<All Fields>	AS SPECIFIED

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## 770 4.17 Interactive Form Dictionary

771 See [pdf] Table 8.47.

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**Table 4-16: Interactive Form Dictionary**

Field	Specification
'Fields'	MUST be an Array of indirect object reference(s) to ' <a href="#">Annotation Field Dictionary</a> '(s).
'NeedAppearances'	PROHIBITED
'SigFlags'	MUST be '3'

'CO'	PROHIBITED
'DR'	PROHIBITED
'DA'	PROHIBITED
'Q'	PROHIBITED

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774 **4.18 Font Objects**

775 'Font Objects' (See [pdf] Section 5.4) include both 'Font Dictionaries' ([pdf] Table 5.8) and 'Font  
776 Descriptors' ([pdf] Table 5.18).

777 Fonts can be used in PDF/is Documents only for text searching and extraction capabilities. All  
778 text MUST be invisible (See 'Tr' in [Content Streams](#)). As such, support for Font Objects is  
779 OPTIONAL for both the Producer and the Consumer. Since text is invisible, the Consumer need  
780 not Support Text Operators (in [Content Streams](#)) or Font Objects as they do not affect the  
781 rendered output.

782 Font Objects, if present, MUST follow the following rules:

- 783 • Embedded font programs ([pdf] Section 5.8) are PROHIBITED.
- 784 • All font 'SubTypes' ([pdf] Table 5.7) except 'TrueType' ([pdf] Section 5.5.2) and 'Type1'  
785 ([pdf] Section 5.5.1) are PROHIBITED.
- 786 • 'Font Dictionaries' MUST be implemented AS SPECIFIED in [pdf].
- 787 • 'Font Descriptors' MUST be Implemented AS SPECIFIED in [pdf].

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789 **4.19 Annotation Field Dictionary**

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

792 Only Digital Signature Annotations are allowed in PDF/is.

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**Table 4-17: Annotation Field Dictionary**

Field	Specification
'Type'	MUST be 'Annot'
'Subtype'	MUST be 'Widget'
'Contents'	PROHIBITED.
'P'	PROHIBITED.
'Rect'	MUST be '[0 0 0 0]'
'NM'	PROHIBITED.
'F'	PROHIBITED.
'BS'	PROHIBITED.
'Border'	PROHIBITED.
'AP'	PROHIBITED.
'AS'	PROHIBITED.
'C'	PROHIBITED.
'CA'	PROHIBITED.
'T'	PROHIBITED.
'Popup'	PROHIBITED.
'A'	PROHIBITED.

'AA'	PROHIBITED.
'StructParent'	PROHIBITED.
'FT'	MUST be 'Sig'
'Parent'	PROHIBITED.
'Kids'	PROHIBITED.
'T'	AS SPECIFIED.
'TU'	AS SPECIFIED.
'TM'	PROHIBITED.
'Ff'	MUST be '1'.
'V'	MUST be an indirect object reference to a <a href="#">'Signature Dictionary'</a> .
'DV'	PROHIBITED.
'AA'	PROHIBITED.

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## 796 4.20 Signature Dictionary

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

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

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**Table 4-18: Signature Dictionary**

Field	Specification
'Type'	MUST be 'Sig'
'Filter'	AS SPECIFIED.
'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.

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## 801 5 Object Lifetime

802 Some Consumer's may be limited in the amount of storage they may have to cache the  
803 Document as it's received from the Producer. This storage limitation may prohibit the Consumer  
804 from holding the entire Document before beginning to render the first page. To facilitate this  
805 storage constraint, PDF/is has a mechanism of "object lifetime". This mechanism defines how  
806 long an object must be held in storage before it is no longer needed.

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808 If a Document can be fully maintained in the Consumer's storage, i.e. the Consumer is a PC or  
809 some other device with large quantities of storage; the Document's Cross-Reference table should

810 be used to access objects as they are needed. In this case, the Consumer should follow the  
811 parsing model as spelled out in the PDF Reference [pdf].

812

813 If a Document cannot be fully maintained within the Consumers storage or if it is uncertain if it will  
814 be able to do so, the Document MUST be linearly parsed and the following parsing rules MUST  
815 be adhered to:

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817 • Documents MUST be parsed in order, from beginning to end.

818 • All Consumer's MUST have the ability to cache at least 4 Megabytes (4,194,304 bytes) of  
819 PDF/is Document data. This memory is in addition to any memory required for JBIG2  
820 image processing (2 Megabytes, See '[JBIG2Decode](#)' Section) and for raster image  
821 buffers on the Consuming device.

822

823 At the end of generation of each Dictionary Object (See [pdf] Section 3.2.6), the Producer MUST  
824 ensure that 4 Megabyte cache memory limit will not be exceeded when the Consumer reads  
825 the Document. If the Producer exceeds the limit as calculated using the formula shown below,  
826 the Document is Invalid. If the limit will be exceeded, the Producer MUST either reorganize the  
827 current page by using either "Banding", freeing up some "cached" objects, reducing the use of  
828 masked images (or lowering their resolution), or by using some other process in order to avoid  
829 breaking the cache buffer limit.

830 Calculation of the current cache buffer size MUST follow the following formula:

831 1) The current total Document size (in bytes) that has been created up to the point at which  
832 this calculation is being made.

833 2) Minus the 'Object Size' of all released 'Cached' objects (See "[Cached Objects](#)" Section of  
834 this specification), up to that point.

835 3) Minus the 'Object Size' of all non-cached 'Page-Relative Objects' for previous pages, not  
836 already accounted for by #2.

837 4) Minus the 'Object Size' of all non-cached 'Image XObjects' data for any previous 'Bands'  
838 on the current page; if the page is "[Banded](#)".

839 5) Minus the 'Object Size' of the last 'Image XObject' in the current 'Band', if the page is  
840 "Banded".

841 6) Minus the 'Object Size' of the 'Image XObject' for the current page, if the page is not  
842 "Banded".

843 Rationale: The last two items assume that the Consumer will process image data as it is  
844 received and will not need to cache these objects before rendering.

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## 846 6 Cached Objects

847 If a 'Page-Relative' object MAY be used on more than one page or in more than one 'Band', it will  
848 be necessary to specify the object as 'Cached'. This will allow an object to be used throughout  
849 the Document that otherwise would be discarded. This caching mechanism only applies to  
850 'Page-Relative' 'Dictionary Objects'; see [pdf] Section 3.2.6.

851 An object that is held in the Consumers cache by the 'Cache Hold' mechanism MUST be  
852 maintained in the cache until one of the following conditions is met:

853 • The '[Cache Operator](#)' is invoked on this object in a page's [Content Stream](#).

854 • The '[Document Catalog](#)' is reached.

855 To specify that a particular object should be 'cached', add the following Name Object (See [pdf]  
856 Section 3.2.4) to the Dictionary Object (See [pdf] Section 3.2.6) to be cached:

857 /Fis\_Cache

## 858 **7 Conformance Requirements**

859 This section specifies the conformance requirements for Consumers and Producers.

### 860 **7.1 Producer conformance requirements**

861 In order to conform to this specification, a Document Producer:

- 862 1. MUST specify the version of PDF (See [pdf] Section 3.4.1) as being 'PDF 1.4'.
- 863 2. MUST place the 'PDF/is Dictionary' as the first object in the PDF.
- 864 3. MUST NOT include any private 'PDF Name Registry' values/objects (See [pdf] –  
865 Appendix E) that affect printed output.
- 866 4. MUST place the objects: 'Interactive Form Dictionary', 'Annotation Field Dictionary' and  
867 'Digital Signature' objects as the last three objects (in that order) in the Document, if the  
868 Document is Digitally Signed. Note that in a situation where the Consumer cannot cache  
869 the entire document before rendering, the detection of a valid or invalid Digital Signature  
870 will only occur after rendering of the entire Document.
- 871 5. MUST ensure that there is at least one Forward-Reference to each object. The only  
872 object that does not have to follow this rule is the '[PDF/is Dictionary](#)'. Rationale: This will  
873 aid the Consumer with identifying objects as they are encountered in the data stream.
- 874 6. MUST ensure that all objects appear in the PDF AFTER the object in which they are first  
875 referenced (Satisfied by Requirement 6) and BEFORE the next 'Page Dictionary' unless  
876 the object is a Cached Object (See Section 3.4).
- 877 7. MUST ensure that all object identifiers ([pdf] Section 3.2.9) start at the beginning of a line.
- 878 8. MUST ensure that all 'endobj' keywords ([pdf] Section 3.2.9) start at the beginning of a  
879 line.
- 880 9. MUST NOT Linearize the Document. See [pdf] Appendix F.
- 881 10. MUST NOT Incrementally Update the Document. See [pdf] Section 3.4.5.
- 882 11. MUST only encoded images with resolutions of at least 300 but not more than 1200 dots  
883 per inch (dpi). It is RECOMMENDED that the Producer place images in the Document in  
884 the images original resolution, i.e. not scaled.
- 885 12. MAY include an 'Originator Identifier' image that MUST, if present, be displayed on, at  
886 least, the first page. The image MUST be referenced by the 'Fis\_OrigID' field in the  
887 'PDF/is Dictionary' and MUST be 'cached' if displayed on more than the first page.
- 888 13. MUST end all text lines with a PDF Reference specified 'EOL Marker' (See [pdf] pg. 26).

- 889 14. MUST not use multiple, sequential 'EOL Markers' (See [pdf] pg. 26), i.e. there should be  
890 no blank lines in the Document.
- 891 15. MUST only use either a space or a horizontal tab character as white space ([pdf] Table  
892 3.1).
- 893 16. MUST keep white-spaces to a single instance. Runs of multiple white-space characters  
894 are PROHIBITED.
- 895 17. MUST place the following five characters as the second line in the Document: %ããïó  
896 (Hex values 0x25, 0xE2, 0xE3, 0xCF, 0xD3)
- 897 18. MUST separate the 'xfer' keyword from the cross reference subsection header by a  
898 single EOL Marker (See [pdf] Section 3.4.3).
- 899 19. MUST NOT place any data following the '%%EOF' at the end of the Document.
- 900 20. MUST NOT place any data between the end of one Dictionary object and the beginning  
901 of the next Dictionary object.
- 902 21. MUST place an 'EOL Marker' after all 'stream' keywords.
- 903 22. MUST place an 'EOL Marker' before all 'endstream' keywords.
- 904 23. MUST place an 'EOL Marker' after all 'obj' keywords.
- 905 24. MUST place an 'EOL Marker' after all 'endobj' keywords.
- 906 25. MUST place all *object numbers*, *generation numbers*, and 'obj' keywords (See [pdf]  
907 Section 3.2.9) together on a single line and the individual items are each to be separated  
908 by a single white space character.

## 909 7.2 Consumer conformance requirements

910 In order to conform to this specification, a Document Consumer:

- 911 1. MUST Support all of the REQUIRED objects.
- 912 2. MUST Interpolate images up or down in resolution, as required, to properly match the  
913 Document's image resolution(s) to the Consumer's device capabilities.
- 914 3. MUST abide by the "Object Lifetime" rules in Section 3.4 if unable to Cache the entire  
915 Document.
- 916 4. MUST terminate processing of the Document if it is detected that the Document has been  
917 incrementally updated (See [pdf] Section 3.4.5) as these Documents are PROHIBITED.
- 918 5. MUST have a Horizontal Scaling Factor that is within 0.3% of the Vertical Scaling Factor  
919 for any particular page.
- 920 6. MUST have all Vertical and Horizontal Scaling Factors within the range of 0.9 and 1.1,  
921 inclusive for all pages.

- 922 7. MAY display the Originator Identifier where specified in a page's Content Stream.
- 923 8. MUST attempt to recover from an invalid Document. Any Document that does not  
924 conform to this specification is considered to be 'Invalid'. If a formatting error is  
925 encountered in a Document, the Consumer MUST attempt to recover from the error by  
926 following the rules shown below.
- 927 a. If the error was encountered in a stream, the Consumer MUST skip to the end of  
928 the stream ignoring all remaining data in the stream.
- 929 b. If the error was encountered in an object outside of a stream, the Consumer  
930 SHOULD skip to the end of the current object, if possible. If not possible, the  
931 Consumer MUST skip to the next Page Object.
- 932 It should be noted that skipping objects in this way will cause the current page to be  
933 invalid. The details of handling invalid pages are outside the scope of this  
934 specification. In addition, if some of the skipped objects were 'Cached' additional  
935 pages may also be invalid.

## 936 **8 Issues**

- 937 • None currently.

## 938 **9 Sample PDF/is Document**

939 The 'source' of the sample document in this section can be viewed with most text editors  
940 ('Wordpad' is a good choice) but should only be modified with a binary editor, as the stream data  
941 contained therein is not compatible with text editors. Comments on the format of the documents  
942 are contained within the documents themselves.

943  
944 This sample is a one page document. The page contains a 'CCITTFaxDecode' masked,  
945 'DCTDecode' color foreground image with a 'DCTDecode' gray scale background image.

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## 1041 16 Appendix A – Intellectual Property

1042 In addition to this section, see the 'Intellectual Property' or 'Patent' sections in the specifications  
1043 referred to by the [Normative References](#) in this specification for additional Intellectual Property  
1044 related issues.

### 1045 16.1 Patents – Unknown Status

1046 The following patents have been brought forward as possibly relevant intellectual property  
1047 pertaining to implementations of PDF/is. No formal statement has been made by the patent  
1048 holder(s) as to the relevance of these patents with respect to implementations of PDF/is.

1049 Patents listed here meet all of the following three criteria:

1050 1) The patent has been identified by someone who is familiar with the technical fields  
1051 relevant to this Specification, and who believes use of the invention covered by the patent  
1052 may be infringed upon by a particular implementation of this Specification.

1053 2) The patent has not been identified as being essential to PDF/is: the patent will not  
1054 necessarily be infringed upon by an implementation of PDF/is but some implementations  
1055 may do so.

1056 3) The patent holder has not explicitly made the intellectual property freely available as  
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## 1063 **16.2 Patents – Relevant and Essential**

1064 Currently, the only relevant and essential patents that pertain to implementations of PDF/is have  
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