JPEG XL
Next-generation image coding

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What is JPEG?

- Joint Photographic Experts Group
  - ISO/IEC
  - ITU-T
- Informally known as JPEG
  - WG1 in official communications
JPEG ecosystem revolutionized digital photography

1995-96 Technology and Engineering Emmy award (together with MPEG-2)

2019 Engineering Emmy award

Source: KPCB Internet Trends 2016 (June 2016).
**JPEG (ISO/IEC 10918)**

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<td>Specifies the core coding system, consisting of the well-known Huffman-coded DCT based lossy image format, but also including the arithmetic coding option, lossless coding and hierarchical coding.</td>
<td>Specifies conformance testing, and as such provides test procedures and test data to test JPEG encoders and decoders for conformance.</td>
<td>Specifies various extensions of the JPEG format, as such spatially variable quantization, tiling, selective refinement and the SPIFF file format.</td>
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<td>Registers known application markers, SPIFF tags profiles, compression types and registration authorities.</td>
<td>Specifies the JPEG File Interchange Format (JFIF) which includes the chroma upsampling and YCbCr to RGB transformation.</td>
<td>Specifies markers that refine the colour space interpretation of JPEG codestreams, such as to enable the embedding of ICC profiles and to allow the encoding in the CMYK colour model.</td>
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JPEG 2000

DICOM
Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine

DCI
Digital Cinema Initiatives, LLC

VSF
VIDEO SERVICES FORUM

2015 Technology and Engineering Emmy award (JPEG 2000 interoperability)
Part 1, Core coding system
Part 1 defines the core of JPEG 2000: the syntax of a JPEG 2000 codestream and the necessary steps involved in decoding JPEG 2000 images, with informative guidance for encoders. Part 1 also defines a basic file format called JPI, which allows metadata such as color space information and IP rights to be provided with a JPEG 2000 codestream.

Part 2, Extensions
Part 2 defines codestream and file format extensions to Coding technology extensions include: multi-component transformations; more flexible wavelet transform kernels and decomposition structures; alternate quantization schemes; and non-linear point transforms. The Part 2 JPI file format, extends the Part 1 JPEG 2000 file format to allow: more comprehensive color space descriptions and HDR sample representations; multiple codestreams; composition, cropping, geometric transforms and rich animations; descriptive metadata; and a rich metadata set for photographic imagery.

Part 3, Motion JPEG 2000 (MJ2 or MJ2P)
Part 3 defines a file format for motion sequences of JPEG 2000 images, where each image is coded independently within a JPEG 2000 codestream.

Part 4, Conformance
Part 4 specifies test procedures for both encoding and decoding processes defined in JPEG 2000 Part 1, including the definition of a set of decoder compliance classes. The Part 4 test files include both bare codestreams and JPI files.

Part 5, Reference software
Part 5 consists of two source code packages that implement Part 1. The implementations were developed alongside Part 1 and were used to test it. One is written in C and the other in Java. They are both available under open-source licenses.

Part 6, Compound image file format
Part 6 defines the JPM file format for multi-page document imaging, which uses the Mixed Raster Content (MRC) model of ISO/IEC 14495. JPM is an extension of the JPEG 2000 file format defined in Part 1. Although it is a member of the JPEG 2000 family, it supports the use of many other coding or compression technologies, including JBIG2 and JPEG.

Part 12, ISO Base Media File Format
Part 12 has common text with Part 12 of the MPEG-4 standard, ISO/IEC 14496-12. It is a joint JPEG and MPEG initiative to create a base file format for future applications. The format is a general format for timed sequences of media data. It uses the same underlying architecture as Apple’s QuickTime file format and the JPEG 2000 file format.

Part 13, Entry-level Encoder
Part 13 defines an entry-level encoder implementation of Part 1.

Part 15, HTJ2K (Under-development)
Part 15, which is under-development, specifies an alternate block coding algorithm that can be used in place of the existing block coding algorithm specified in Part 1. The alternate block coding algorithm is intended to offer a ten-fold increase in throughput at the expense of slightly reduced coding efficiency, while allowing mathematically lossless transcoding to/from codestreams that use the Part 1 block coding algorithm, and preserving Part 1 codestream syntax and features.
JPEG XR (ISO/IEC 29199)
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JPEG XT backward compatible compression

- Emphasis on backward computability with JPEG legacy
JPEG XT design principles

- **Two-layer coding**, with base layer a legacy JPEG coded LDR and enhancement layer with additional features
  - HDR coding
  - Lossless coding
  - Alpha channel coding
- **Enhancement layer uses as much as possible JPEG Legacy coding tools**
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<td>JPEG XT Part 1 specifies the base technology, and specifies as such the core JPEG as it is used nowadays, namely as a selection of features from ISO/IEC 10918-1, 10918-5 and 10918-6. Part 1 defines as what is commonly understood as JPEG today.</td>
<td>JPEG XT Part 2 is a backwards compatible extension of JPEG towards high-dynamic range photography using a legacy text-based encoding technology for its metadata.</td>
<td>JPEG XT Part 3 specifies an extensible boxed-based file format all following and future extensions of JPEG will be based on. The format specified in Part 3 is itself compatible to JFIF, ISO/IEC 10918-5, and thus can be read by all existing implementations.</td>
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<td>JPEG XT Part 6 defines extensions of JPEG for backwards compatible coding of integer samples between 9 and 16 bit precision. It uses the file format specified in Part 3.</td>
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<td>JPEG XT Part 7 uses the mechanism of Part 3 to extend JPEG for coding of HDR images, i.e. images consisting of floating point samples. It is a super-set of both Part 2 and Part 3 and offers additional coding tools addressing needs of low-complexity or hardware implementations.</td>
<td>JPEG XT Part 8 defines lossless coding mechanisms for integer and floating point samples. It is an extension of Part 6 and Part 7, allowing for scalable lossy to lossless compression.</td>
<td>JPEG XT Part 9 allows the lossy and lossless representation of alpha channels, thus enabling the coding of transparency information and conding of arbitrarily shaped images.</td>
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JPEG XT (ISO/IEC 18477)
JPEG XS (ISO/IEC 21122)

Part 1: Core coding system
JPEG XS Part 1 (ISO/IEC 21122-1) normatively defines how a compressed JPEG XS codestream can be transformed into a decoded image in a bit exact manner. Moreover, it informatively explains the key algorithms enabling an encoder to generate a JPEG XS codestream.

Part 2: Profiles and buffer models
JPEG XS Part 2 (ISO/IEC 21122-2) ensures interoperability between different implementations by specifying typical codestream parameterizations and properties. This allows deriving the hardware and software requirements for different purposes such as high compression ratios, low memory or low logic implementations. Moreover, implementation guidelines inform about how to achieve low latency implementations.

Part 3: Transport and container
JPEG XS Part 3 (ISO/IEC 21122-3) defines how to embed a JPEG XS codestream into a more descriptive file format. Moreover, it contains all definitions that are necessary to transport a JPEG XS codestream by means of a transmission channel using existing transmission protocols defined by different standardization bodies.

Part 4, Conformance testing
JPEG XS Part 4 defines conformance testing of JPEG XS.

Part 5, Reference software
JPEG XS Part 5 provides the JPEG XS reference software.
JPEG XS Light weight / Low Latency Image Coding

- Transparent quality
- Low complexity
- Low latency
- Modest compression
JPEG XS coding

Image → DC Offset, scaling, clamping → Multiple Component Transformation → Discrete Wavelet Transform

Entropy coding
- Significance coding
- Bitplane count coding
- Data coding
- Sign coding

Quantization

Rate prediction & control

Packing and codestream generation → codestream
Objective evaluations: single JPEG generation

JPEG XS outperforms VC-2 & DSC
JPEG XS outperforms JPEG
J2K Broadcast significantly better

JPEG XS and J2K tile-based allocation very close
Compared to Oct16:
- Apr17: +0.45 dB
- Apr17_2V: +0.8 dB
Advanced Image Coding (AIC)

- Advanced Image Coding
  - Part 1: Guidelines for codec evaluation
  - Part 2: Evaluation procedure for assessing visually lossless coding
  - Part 2 AMD1: Evaluation of high dynamic range content
  - Part 2 AMD2: Evaluation of image sequences
- **Call for information** issued in February 2015 to receive information on next generation still image compression with superior compression efficiency, as well as other useful features needed in future multimedia applications
- **PCS 2015 Feature Event** - Evaluation of current and future image compression technologies
- **ICIP 2016 Image Compression Grand Challenge** - Evaluation of innovative ideas for image compression technologies when compared to existing standards.
PCS 2015 image compression grand challenge

![Graph: MOS vs. Bit Rate for Woman Image](image1)

- BPG
- HEVC 444
- JP2K2 444
- VP9 420
- USC
- Daala
- Original

![Graph: MOS vs. Bit Rate for Bike Image](image2)

- BPG
- HEVC 444
- JP2K2 444
- VP9 420
- USC
- Daala
- Original
ICIP2016 GC subjective evaluation results

- **honolulu.ppm**
  - Y-axis: MOS
  - X-axis: bitrate [bpp]
  - Lines represent different compression methods:
    - JPEG (default)
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    - JPEG XR (444)
    - WebP
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    - JPEG XR (420)

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Standardize a new image coding format that:

- Offers state-of-the-art compression efficiency
- Offers support for low-end and high-end imaging applications
- Has the potential to replace JPEG (ISO/IEC 10918)
- Can be royalty free

JPEG XL
With a good JPEG encoder like mozjpeg the (de facto) JPEG standard is still quite good!

BUT... it has limitations:
• Only lossy
• Bad for non-photographs (sharp edges, text)
• No alpha channel (transparency)
• Only 8-bit (problem for wide-gamut)
• No animation
• Not quite state-of-the-art entropy coding (Huffman)
• At lower bitrates: obvious compression artifacts (blockiness, color banding, ringing, DCT noise)

Use PNG instead

This is why GIF is still around
There have been many attempts to replace JPEG

- JPEG 2000
- JPEG XR
- JPEG XT
- WebP
- BPG
- HEIF (HEIC)
- AVIF

Video codecs used as image codec

So far, none of them has really succeeded (yet)
(although some of them have had some success)
JPEG XL

Modest compression

Limitations (8 bit, 4:2:0)

No progressive, only sequential

Complexity

Patent mess

JPEG 2000

JPEG XR

JPEG XT

AV1

HEVC

webp
Next-Generation Image Compression (JPEG XL) Final Call for Proposals
April 23, 2018

The JPEG Committee has launched the Next-Generation Image Compression activity, also referred to as JPEG XL. This activity aims to develop a standard for image compression that offers substantially better compression efficiency than existing image formats (e.g. ~60% over JPEG-1), along with features desirable for web distribution and efficient compression of high-quality images.

The Next-Generation Image Compression activity has produced a final Call for Proposals, available in this document. Additional information on the CFP released at the 80th JPEG meeting in Berlin (July 2018) is available here.

To stay posted on the action plan for JPEG XL, please regularly consult our website at jpeg.org and/or subscribe to our email reflector.
Legacy image format friendly

JPEG
PNG24
PNG8
GIF

DCT coefficients
Pixels
Palette pixels

JPEG XL

No additional loss, always smaller than original!
Transform Color

XYB | YCbCr

Variable-size DCT 2/4/8/16/32

Reversible non-linear Haar (Squeeze)

Chroma from Luma

Loop filters
3x3 linear 7x8 adaptive

Adaptive quantization
[with stored remainders] [and improved dequant]

Prediction
DC→LF
AC LF→HF

Context modeling + entropy coding
Brotli | (MANI)ANS

JPEG XL Bitstream

Image features
Gradient, dot, spline

Lossy?

Reversible:
Palette | YCoCg | SubtractGreen | ChannelCompact

Lossless/DC prediction
simple | self-correcting

Specialized JPEG transcoder

JPEG

JPEG

Image
Compression efficiency

JPEG XL

Original

HEIF/HEIC

0.75 bpp
## JPEG XL Workplan

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