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# 1 Scope and Field of Application

This Part of the DICOM Standard facilitates the interchange of information between digital imaging computer systems in medical environments. This interchange will enhance diagnostic imaging and potentially other clinical applications. The multi-part DICOM Standard defines the services and data that shall be supplied to achieve this interchange of information.

This Part specifies:

- A structure for describing the relationship between the Media Storage Model (see PS3.10) and a specific physical media and media format
- Specific physical media characteristics and associated media formats





## 2 Normative References

The following standards contain provisions that, through references in this text, constitute provisions of this Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibilities of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

[ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2] ISO/IEC. 2016/05. 7.0. *Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards*. [http://www.iec.ch/members\\_experts/refdocs/iec/isoiecdir-2%7Bed7.0%7Den.pdf](http://www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs/iec/isoiecdir-2%7Bed7.0%7Den.pdf) .

ISO/IEC 10090 Continuous Composite Format and Cartridge Standard

ISO/IEC 10089 Continuous Composite Format and Cartridge Standard

ECMA-184 and ISO/IEC 13549 Continuous Composite Format and Cartridge Standard

ECMA-201 and ISO/IEC 13963:1995 Data Interchange on 90mm Optical Disk Cartridges - Capacity 230 MB Per Cartridge.

ISO/IEC DIS 14517 Data Interchange on 130mm Optical Disk Cartridges - Capacity 2.6GB Per Cartridge.

ISO/IEC DIS 15041 Data Interchange on 90mm Optical Disk Cartridges - Capacity 640 MB Per Cartridge

ANSI X3.171 - One and Two Sided High Density, Unformatted, 90 mm (3.5 in), 5.3 tpm (135 tpi), Flexible Disk Cartridge for 15916 bpr Use

ISO 9660: 1988 (E) Information processing - Volume and file structure of CD ROM for information interchange

ISO/IEC 10149 Information technology - Data interchange on read-only optical discs (CD-ROM), 1989

Part II: CD-WO version 2.0 in Orange Book

Note: This reference will be replaced by the corresponding ISO reference when available.

System Description CD-ROM XA (eXtended Architecture) Specification

Note: This reference will be replaced by the corresponding ISO reference when available.

Microsoft MS-DOS Programmer's Reference Version 6.0, Microsoft Press, Redmond WA, 1993. ISBN 1-55615-546-8.

OSTA Universal Disk Format Specification (UDF) Version 1.5. February 4, 1997.

OSTA Universal Disk Format Specification (UDF) Version 2.5. April 30, 2003.

OSTA Universal Disk Format Specification (UDF) Version 2.6. March 1, 2005.

ISO/IEC 13346:1995 - Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange.

ECMA 167 3rd Edition June 1997 - Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange.

Unicode Standard, Version 2.0 (ISBN 0-201-48345-9) Addison-Wesley.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc (DVD-RAM 4.7GB) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0.

Note: This reference will be replaced by the corresponding ISO or ECMA reference when available.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc (DVD-RAM 4.7GB) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 2.0.

Note: This reference will be replaced by the corresponding ISO or ECMA reference when available.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for General) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for General) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 2.0.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for Authoring) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for Authoring) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 2.0.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Read-Only Disc (DVD-ROM) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 1.13.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Read-Only Disc (DVD-ROM) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 1.13.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Re-Recordable (DVD-RW) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 1.1.

DVD Forum. DVD Specifications for Re-Recordable Disc (DVD-RW) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 1.0.

DVD+ Alliance. DVD+RW Physical Specifications, Version 1.1, September 2001.

DVD+ Alliance. DVD+RW Defect Management & Physical Formatting Specification, Version 1.0, December 2001.

DVD+ Alliance. DVD+R Physical Specifications, Version 1.1, August 2002.

Note: These references will be replaced by the corresponding ISO or ECMA reference when available.

Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Format 1.A Physical Format Specifications for BD-RE (2nd Edition, February 2006).

Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Recordable Format Part 1 Physical Specifications (February 2006).

Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ 1.C Physical Format Specifications for BD-ROM 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (March, 2007).

RFC3240, Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) - Application/dicom MIME Sub-type Registration

ISO/IEC IS 15286:1999 Data Interchange on 130mm Optical Disk Cartridges - Capacity 5.2GB Per Cartridge.

GIGAMO 2.3GB 90mm Magneto-Optical Disk System, Cherry Book2 version 1.0

Universal Serial Bus Specification Revision 2.0 USB Implementors Forum

Universal Serial Bus, Mass Storage Class, Specification Overview USB Implementors Forum

CF+ and CompactFlash Specification, Revision 1.4 or later CompactFlash Association

MMCA System Specification version 3.3.1 MultiMedia Card Association

SD Card specification version 1.0 SD Card Association

RFC1939 Post Office Protocol - Version 3 (POP3)

RFC2045 Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) Part One: Format of Internet Message Bodies

RFC2046 Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) Part Two: Media Types

RFC2821 Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)

RFC3464 An Extensible Message Format for Delivery Status Notifications

RFC3501 Internet Message Access Protocol - Version 4rev1 (IMAP4)

RFC3798 Message Disposition Notification

ZIP File Format Specification, PKWARE, Inc.

Microsoft Extensible Firmware Initiative FAT32 File System Specification, rev. 1.03, December 6, 2000

# 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Standard, the following definitions apply.

## 3.1 DICOM Media Storage and File Format Definitions

This Part of the Standard makes use of the following terms defined in PS3.10 of the DICOM Standard.

Media Storage Application Profile	See Media Storage Application Profile in PS3.10.
DICOM File Service	See DICOM File Service in PS3.10.
DICOM File	See DICOM File in PS3.10.
DICOMDIR File	See DICOMDIR File in PS3.10.
File	See File in PS3.10.
File ID	See File ID in PS3.10.
File-set	See File-set in PS3.10.

## 3.2 PC File System

PC File System	A PC file system is commonly used for storing and exchanging files on removable media. This file system is available as either standard or optional software for most models of personal computers. It is available as standard or optional software for most models of workstations. A public domain implementation of this file system, known as "mtools," was developed by the U.S. Army and is available from various public servers on the Internet.
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## 3.3 DICOM Service Class Definitions

This Part of the Standard makes use of the following terms defined in PS3.4 of the DICOM Standard:

Service Object Pair Instance (SOP Instance)	See Service-Object Pair Instance in PS3.4.
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# 4 Symbols and Abbreviations

The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this Part of the Standard.

<b>ACR</b>	American College of Radiology
<b>ANSI</b>	American National Standards Institute
<b>ASTM</b>	American Society for Testing and Materials
<b>BD</b>	Blu-ray Disc™
<b>BD-RE</b>	Blu-ray Disc™ Rewritable
<b>BD-R</b>	Blu-ray Disc™ Recordable
<b>CD</b>	Compact Disk
<b>CD-R</b>	Compact Disc - Recordable
<b>CD-ROM</b>	Compact Disk - Read Only
<b>CD-RW</b>	Compact Disk - Rewritable
<b>CD-WO</b>	Compact Disc - Write Once
<b>CEN</b>	Comite Europeen de Normalisation
<b>CF</b>	CompactFlash card
<b>DICOM</b>	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine
<b>DIS</b>	Draft International Standard
<b>DVD</b>	A trademark of the DVD Forum that is not an abbreviation
<b>DVD-R</b>	DVD Recordable
<b>DVD-RAM</b>	DVD-Random Access
<b>DVD-ROM</b>	DVD Read-Only Memory
<b>DVD-RW</b>	DVD Rewritable
<b>DVD+R</b>	DVD Plus Recordable
<b>DVD+RW</b>	DVD Plus Rewritable
<b>ECMA</b>	European Computer Manufacturers Association
<b>HL7</b>	Health Level 7
<b>IEC</b>	International Electrotechnical Commission
<b>IEEE</b>	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
<b>IMAP4</b>	Internet Message Access Protocol - Version 4
<b>ISO</b>	International Standards Organization
<b>IS&amp;C</b>	Image Save and Carry
<b>JIRA</b>	Japan Medical Imaging and Radiological Systems Industries Association

<b>MIME</b>	Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions
<b>MMC</b>	Multimedia Card
<b>NEMA</b>	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
<b>OSTA</b>	Optical Storage Technology Association
<b>POP3</b>	Post Office Protocol - Version 3
<b>SD</b>	Secure Digital card
<b>SMTP</b>	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
<b>UDF</b>	Universal Disk Format
<b>UID</b>	Unique Identifier
<b>USB</b>	Universal Serial Bus

# 5 Conventions

Words are capitalized in this document to help the reader understand that these words have been previously defined in Section 3 of this document and are to be interpreted with that meaning.





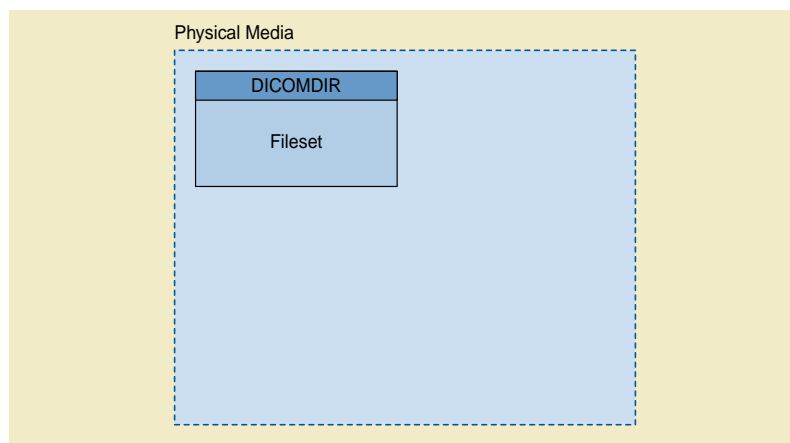
# 6 Relationship to the DICOM Media Storage Model

PS3.10 defines various media storage concepts. The implementation of these generic concepts on a specific medium and file system is defined in an annex. For each physical medium and file system a mapping is described between these media storage concepts and the specific physical media and file system facilities:

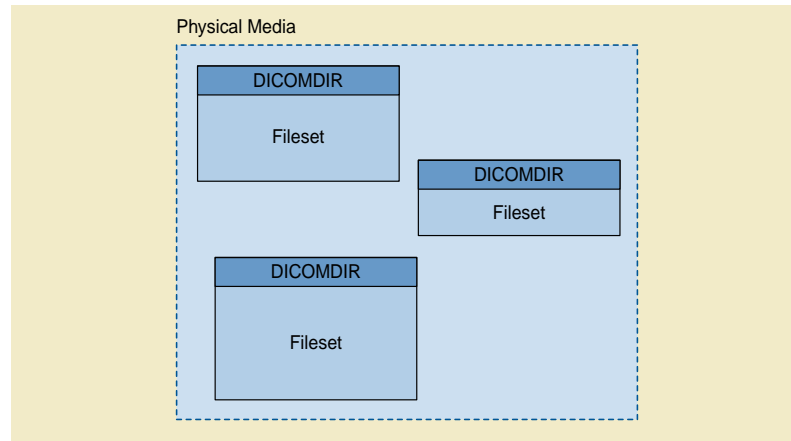
- a. File-set ID - The method for providing a File-set ID
- b. File ID - The method for mapping a DICOM File ID into a specific file system
- c. File creation/update date and time - The specific file system mechanisms used to provide this information
- d. File-set location

Processing of DICOM removable media requires that the DICOMDIR be in a known location. Most file systems provide a hierarchical directory structure with a root directory for an entire medium or medium partition. The annex defines where the DICOMDIR(s) are located. When only one File-set is permitted on one medium, the DICOMDIR shall be in the root directory of that medium. When multiple File-sets are permitted on a single medium, the annex will describe how File-sets are found and identified. When a File-set is permitted to span multiple pieces of physical media, the appropriate annex will describe how this is managed.

Figure 6-1 illustrates the structure of a DICOM removable medium that supports a single DICOM File-set per medium partition. Figure 6-2 illustrates the structure of a DICOM medium that supports multiple File-sets per partition. DICOM File-sets shall not intersect when media permit multiple File-sets.



**Figure 6-1. Media Supporting a Single File-set**



**Figure 6-2. Media Supporting Multiple File-sets**

Media and file systems that do not utilize the directory concept will specify the equivalent usage in these annexes that describe these media.

**Note**

Many applications will need to automatically create many image files and assign them unique File IDs. Maintaining File ID uniqueness without sacrificing performance will require some care. The approach of taking a basic name part, e.g., "IMAGE," and appending sequence numbers, e.g., "IMAGE001, IMAGE002, ..." can easily result in delays finding the next available File ID.

Some approaches that can rapidly generate unique File IDs include:

- a. Generating a unique sub-directory per sequence, then using increasing file numbering within the sub-directory
- b. Using a random number generator and seed, then using a prime hash function with probes to find unused file names. An eight character File ID component permits a large prime value for the hash
- c. Using the current time (in seconds, milliseconds) as a pseudo-random number to generate one of the File ID components, and resolving collisions with sequential or prime hash probes

All of these approaches result in File IDs that are of limited semantic content. The semantic information that describes file contents is in the DICOMDIR and the file contents to which it points.

# A PC File System (Normative)

## A.1 PC File System Mapping to Media Formats

Several of the removable media utilize the PC file system. For any media that use the PC file system, the following rules apply, except as overridden in the applicable annex.

### A.1.1 File-set ID Mapping

The PC File System mapping does not provide a File-set ID.

Note

On systems that permit user access to the media volume label, the volume label can be used to provide a File-set ID. Not all operating systems permit routine user access to this information.

### A.1.2 File ID Mapping

The PC File System provides a hierarchical structure for directories and files within directories. Each structure has a root directory that may contain references to both files and sub-directories. Sub-directories may contain references to both files and other sub-directories. The nomenclature for referring to files and directories in the PC File System is:

- a. \ - For the root directory
- b. \filename - For a file in the root directory
- c. \subdir\filename - For a file in the sub-directory subdir

The PC File System name corresponding to a File ID shall be the DICOM File ID prefixed with the character "\", with the "\" character separating File ID components.

Note

Example File ID mappings:

File ID	PC File system name
DICOMDIR	\DICOMDIR
FILENAME	\FILENAME
SUBDIR\FILENAME	\SUBDIR\FILENAME

The DICOMDIR file shall be in the root directory for media that do not support multiple file-sets on a single medium. DICOMDIR location is described for the multiple file-set situation in the annex for such media.

Note

It is recommended but not required that the File-set Descriptor File ID (0004,1141) be "README" (see PS3.10).

### A.1.3 File Management Information

The PC File System provides the following information for each file:

**Table A.1-1. PC File System File Information**

Filename	1 to 8 characters
Extension	0 to 3 characters
Time	Time of last modification (or creation)
Date	Date of last modification (or creation)

Size	Size of file (in bytes)
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The PC File System Filename shall correspond to a DICOM File ID Component. The PC File System Extension for a DICOM file shall not contain any characters. The PC File System date and time shall be used to provide the DICOM facilities for examining the modification or creation date and time. Unused characters in Filename and Extension (see Table A.1-1) should be filled with null characters.

Note

1. The PC File System does not specify or control the time base used for date and time. Coordination of reference time zones is outside the scope of this Standard.
2. The typical written form of a filename is filename.extension (e.g., "FILE.EXT"). The period between filename and extension is a convention used in most programs for entering and displaying the filename and extension. The period is not actually recorded on disk and is not permitted as part of a filename. A file with no extension is recorded as a file with zero extension characters (i.e., all null filled) although it is often written and displayed without the period.

The PC File system does not provide ownership or access control facilities. Write protection is addressed in the relevant physical media specific annex. Protection mechanisms are not available for the generic PC File System.

## A.2 Logical Format

The PC File System requires that the media be organized into sectors. The media specific value for bytes/sector and the mechanism for doing this is in each media annex.

The PC File System shall be organized as an "mtools" unpartitioned file system (see Note), using either 12-bit or 16-bit File Allocation Table (FAT). The layout of the boot sector shall be as shown in Table A.2-1. The FAT and related file structures are compatible with the DOS 4.0 and later file systems, and are described in detail in the Microsoft MS-DOS Programmer's Reference. Two byte integers shall be encoded in little endian.

Note

A PC File system may be either unpartitioned or partitioned. Traditionally, removable media such as floppy disks have been formatted as unpartitioned, and fixed media like hard disks have been formatted with a different form of Master Boot Record that specifies several partitions, each of which has the format of a complete unpartitioned system. When forms of removable media with larger capacity were introduced, some driver vendors chose to format them as unpartitioned, and others as partitioned. In order to facilitate interoperability with existing implementations this Part of the DICOM Standard currently specifies one format, the unpartitioned format. Some implementations of the PC DOS file system may experience difficulty reading or writing to large capacity unpartitioned removable media, and require special drivers.

The boot sector, sector 0 of track 0, shall be formatted as follows:

**Table A.2-1. Boot Sector**

Byte(s)	Value	Description
00 - 02	varies	Jump instruction to loader (NOPs) (see note 1)
03 - 10	"ddddddd"	The formatting DOS (vendor specific) (see note 2)
11 -12	see note 5	bytes/sector
13	see note 5	sectors/cluster
14 - 15	0001H	1 sector in boot record
16	02H	2 File Allocation Tables (FAT) (see note 3)
17 - 18	200H	512 root directory entries
19 - 20	0000H	Flag for more than 65536 sector/disk. Use offset 32 value
21	see note 5	Flag for disk type; F0H if not otherwise specified
22 -23	varies	sectors/FAT
24 - 25	see note 6	sectors/track

Byte(s)	Value	Description
26 - 27	see note 6	side (head) per disk
28 - 31	00000000	0 reserved or hidden sectors
32 - 35	varies	Total sector/disk. Varies from disk to disk
36 - 37	0000	Physical Drive number = 0
38	29H	Extended boot record signature = 41
39 - 42	undefined	Volume serial number (see note 4)
43 - 53	varies	The volume ID (vendor specific)
54 - 61	varies	The file system label
62 - 509	varies	Don't care. Any contents acceptable
510	55H	Signature flag - first byte
511	AAH	Signature flag - second byte

#### Note

1. These three bytes should either be EBH,00H,90H (indicating a relative jump) or 909090H indicating NOPs. The bytes are for booting off the optical drive, which DICOM does not standardize. Some programs use them to validate the disk. The use of EB0090H is known to be more commonly used and is the recommended choice. Readers of DICOM disks that use the PC File System should ignore this field.
2. While eight characters appear to be valid in this field, the use of "MSDOS4.0" is known to be the preferred choice for this string. Some systems, upon finding this field not set to "MSDOS4.0" will ignore the sectors/FAT field and use their own calculation. This may cause an error due to the calculation resulting in a different value than the sectors/FAT field. (MS-DOS is a trademark of Microsoft)
3. Two FATs are recommended. One FAT could also be used but again may cause some incompatibility.
4. The serial number may be any four bytes. A random or sequential number is preferred but is not required.
5. These values are specified in the annex for each particular type of media.
6. These values are nominally specified in the Annex for each particular type of media, but vary considerably between implementations, and should not affect interoperability.



# **B 1.44 MB Diskette (Normative)**

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.





# **C 90 mm 128MB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)**

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.



# **D 130 mm 650MB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)**

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.



# **E 130 mm 1.2GB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)**

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.



# F 120mm CD-R Medium (Normative)

The terms "CD-R" and "CD-WO" refer to the same medium and are used interchangeably. Originally this medium was designated CD-WO, but the most common vernacular today is CD-R. There are mixed references in this annex to accommodate the common CD-R usage unless a specific reference to CD-WO is required to reflect the historical documents accurately. The term "CD-ROM," when used in reference to a disc, is a disc fabricated with all the digital data already on it. "CD-R" media is a fabricated blank, with the ability to have digital data written to it. The term "CD-ROM" is also used to refer to a CD reader, e.g., "CD-ROM drive." A CD-ROM drive can read either CD-R discs or CD-ROM discs.

## Note

Capitalization in this annex is inconsistent with other DICOM standards in order to be consistent with historical usage for terms.

## F.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Format

Only one File-set shall be stored onto a single CD-R.

### F.1.1 DICOM File-set

The ISO 9660 Standard provides a Volume Identifier in byte position 41 to 72 of the Primary Volume Descriptor. A DICOM File-Set is defined to be one volume, and the File-Set ID shall be placed in the Volume Identifier, starting with byte position 41. Extra bytes within the Volume Identifier shall be spaces (20H).

The Volume Identifier for a File-Set ID consisting of zero characters shall consist of all spaces (20H).

## Note

1. The character set for File IDs and File-set IDs (see PS3.10) is a subset of the ISO 9660 character set, therefore no further restrictions need to be imposed.
2. Multiple ISO 9660 File-Sets on a single volume are achievable, but this profile does not support multiple file-sets.

### F.1.2 DICOM File ID Mapping

The ISO 9660 standard provides a hierarchical structure for directories and files within directories. Each volume has a root directory that may contain references to both files and sub-directories. Sub-directories may contain reference to both files and other sub-directories.

#### F.1.2.1 File ID

A volume may have at most 8 levels of directories, where the root directory is defined as level 1. The nomenclature for referring to a file in the ISO 9660 standard is dependent upon the receiving system. For the purposes of this document, the following notation will be used:

- a. / - For the root directory
- b. /FILENAME.;1 - For a file in the root directory
- c. /SUBDIR - For a sub-directory in the root directory
- d. /SUBDIR/FILENAME.;1 - For a file in the sub-directory

Given a File ID consisting of N components, referred to as Comp1 through CompN, then the corresponding ISO 9660 file shall be named /Comp1/.../CompN.;1

The ISO 9660 File Name Extension shall not be used.

The ISO 9660 standard requires the two separators "." and ";" to demarcate a "File Name Extension" and a "Version Number". To remain compatible with the ISO standard, the version number shall be 1.

## Note

1. The above specified file ID mapping corresponds to ISO 9660 Level 1 compliance. This ensures the greatest level of compatibility across receiving systems.
2. The following is an example of the DICOM to ISO 9660 file mapping:

DICOM File ID	ISO 9660 File Name
DICOMDIR	/DICOMDIR.;1
SUBDIRA\IMAGE1	/SUBDIRA\IMAGE1.;1

3. The ISO 9660 File Name written on the media as described above is not necessarily the name that an application will use in interacting with an operating system or CD-R writing utility. For example, the application will generally create a directory structure, and the OS or utility will create the correct full path file names with "/" characters. Similarly, the application generally will not need to append the dot character and ";1" version identifier to the name, as these will be added by the OS or utility to create an ISO 9660 compliant File Name. In fact, if the application appends ";1" to the name, and the OS or utility supports the Rock Ridge or Joliet extensions, those characters may be interpreted as part of the application specified file name rather than the file version identifier; a further file version identifier may be appended, resulting in an incorrect file name such as "/DICOMDIR.;1.;1".

### F.1.2.2 DICOMDIR File

A DICOMDIR file in a DICOM File-set shall reside in the root directory of the directory hierarchy, and shall be named /DICOMDIR.;1.

Multiple DICOMDIR files shall not be stored on a single volume under this annex.

### F.1.3 DICOM File Management Information

A Directory record in ISO 9660 provides for a Recording Data and Time field, which shall be set to the creation date of the file.

File modification data, file owner identification, and permissions are part of the ISO 9660 - Extended Attribute Record. The Extended Attribute Record is not required by this annex and shall be ignored at this time. To ensure future backwards compatibility and file accessibility, the Extended Attribute Record Length and File Flag of the Directory record shall be set as follows for each file. The Extended Attribute Record Length (byte position 2) shall be zero. The File Flags (byte position 26) shall have bit positions 3 and 4 set to zero.

## F.2 Media Formats

### F.2.1 Physical Format

The physical format of DICOM CD-R discs shall comply with the applicable definitions within ISO/IEC 10149, Part II: CD-WO in Orange Book and CD-ROM-XA (extended Architecture) (if Mode 1 sectors are not used), with the additional modifications described in Section F.2.1.1 and Section F.2.1.2.

#### F.2.1.1 Sector Format

All DICOM files and all data that comprise the ISO 9660 file system of the DICOM CD-R disc shall be stored either:

- within Mode 1 sectors, or
- within Mode 2, Form 1 sectors with CD-ROM-XA File Number = 0, Channel Number = 0 and Coding Information Byte = 0.

## Note

1. The physical storage capacity of a CD-R disc can be 74 minutes (630 MB) or 80 minutes (700 MB) when using the Mode 1 or Mode 2 Form 1 format. The capacity is fixed by the pre-grooved spiral track present on a blank CD-R. Some older CD players will not be able to read the 80 min capacity CD-R discs.
2. The DICOM Standard prohibits the use of Mode 2 Form 2 sectors. This format is used to record data on CD-Rs that exceed 74 minute capacity and can also be used for smaller capacity CD-Rs. CD-ROM-XA Mode 2 Form 2 sectors do



not have sector level error correction. This significantly decreases the reliability of the media and significantly increases the likelihood of data corruption.

### **F.2.1.2 Multi-session Format**

An area on the disc consisting of a Lead-In area, a Program area, and a Lead-Out area, is called a "Session." If a disc contains or is able to contain more than one session then this disc is called a "Multi-session" disk. If the Lead-In area contains a pointer to the next session, then the disc is appendable. The Lead-In and Lead-Out areas are written at the conclusion of writing the program Area. The process of writing the Lead-In and Lead-Out areas is commonly referred to as "Finalizing the Session." The last recorded session contains all the information needed to access the entire disc.

DICOM CD-R disc may contain multiple sessions. Data are added to a disc by opening and writing a new session. A disc is non-appendable if the last recorded session is designated as the "Final Session," as defined in Part II: CD-WO version 2.0, Section 5.5.2.

CD-ROM readers shall support Multi-session CDs.

CD-R writers may choose to support Multi-session writing.

## **F.2.2 Logical Format**

The logical format of CD-R shall conform to ISO 9660 level 1, with the extensions described in Section F.2.2.1 through Section F.2.2.2

### **F.2.2.1 System Identifier Field**

The ISO 9660 System Identifier Field of the PVD (Primary Volume Descriptor) shall contain "CD-RTOS CD-BRIDGE" if a CD-I (Compact Disc-Interactive) application is present. If a CD-I application is not present, then this field shall be padded with space characters.

### **F.2.2.2 System and Volume Descriptor Area**

The ISO 9660 System and Volume Descriptor Area (SVD) from the last session points to the set of ISO 9660 Path Tables and Directory Records that describes the file system of the DICOM CD-R disc. The SVD area starts at the first logical sector of each session and continues through to the first instance of the Volume Descriptor Set Terminator.

Adding, replacing or deleting files from the disc is accomplished by opening a new session and writing within the new session new data (if any), a new set of Path Tables, and Directory Records that reflect the changes, and an SVD area that points to the new set of Path Tables and Directory records.

## **F.3 Physical Media**

The physical medium shall be the 120 mm CD-R disc as defined in Part II: CD-WO Version 2.0 in the Orange Book.



# **G 90 mm 230MB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)**

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.



# **H 90 mm 540MB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)**

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.



# I 130 mm 2.3GB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.





# J UDF on 120 mm DVD-RAM Medium (Normative)

This Annex defines the use of the UDF 1.5 file system with DVD-RAM media.

## Note

1. Capitalization in this Annex may be inconsistent with usage elsewhere in the DICOM Standard in order to be consistent with historical usage for terms in referenced documents.
2. DVD-ROM is a pre-mastered medium, that is it is manufactured rather than written on a one-off basis by a medical device. While it is likely that a device conforming to this Annex will be able to read a UDF file system from DVD-ROM, it is not a requirement.

Universal Disk Format (UDF) version 1.5 is a profile of the ECMA 167 3rd edition file system.

## Note

1. The ECMA 167 3rd edition is more recent than ISO 13346:1995, which is equivalent to ECMA 167 2nd edition.
2. Though later revisions of UDF such as 2.0 are defined with additional features compared to 1.5, these features are not required to support recording of a DICOM file set.
3. A reader of a UDF 2.0 file system can also read a 1.5 or 1.02 file system.
4. A UDF 1.02 reader cannot read the Virtual Allocation Table (VAT) used to incrementally write a UDF 1.5 or later disk.
5. A UDF 1.5 file system reader can theoretically read those structures of a UDF 2.0 file system that are common to both versions. However, a UDF 1.5 reader cannot read the Named Streams or extended file entries that may be recorded on a UDF 2.0 file system.

Since a UDF 1.5 reader may completely reject a 2.0 disk based on the version number written on the media, without attempting to read compatible structures of the file system, it is not permitted to write DICOM media with a version greater than 1.5.

6. A writer (FSC or FSU) is not permitted to add structures from a later version of UDF to a file system that has been created with an earlier version of the file system.

## J.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Format

### J.1.1 Media Character Set

The character set used in UDF fields shall be the CS0 OSTA Compressed Unicode character set, required by the UDF standard.

## Note

1. The CS0 OSTA Unicode character set is defined in UDF and is a subset of Unicode 2.0.
2. UDF defines a specific form of compression of 8 and 16 bit Unicode characters that must be supported.
3. The character set defined elsewhere in this section for DICOM File-set fields is a subset of this character set. However other fields in the UDF file system, and other files in the UDF file system not in the DICOM File-set, may use characters beyond those defined by DICOM for File ID Components, including those encoded in 16 bits.

### J.1.2 DICOM File-set

One and only one DICOM File-set shall be stored on each side of a single piece of media.

A DICOM File-set is defined to be completely contained within one UDF File-set.

Only a single UDF File-set shall be present in the UDF Volume.

Each side of the media will comprise a single self-contained UDF Volume. That is the UDF Volume Set shall not consist of more than one UDF Volume.

Only a single UDF Partition shall be present on each side the media.

#### Note

Other partitions containing other file systems, possibly sharing the same data, may be present, such as an ISO-9660 bridge disk, a Mac HFS or Unix UFS hybrid disk, etc.

### **J.1.3 DICOM File ID Mapping**

The UDF Standard provides a hierarchical structure for directories and files within directories. Each volume has a root directory that may contain references to both files and sub-directories. Sub-directories may contain reference to both files and other sub-directories.

#### **J.1.3.1 File ID**

PS3.10 defines a DICOM File ID Component as a string of 8 characters from a subset of the G0 repertoire of ISO 8859. Each of these File ID Components is mapped to a UDF File Identifier or Path Component in the OSTA CS0 character set.

#### Note

This mapping is a subset of the MS-DOS mapping specified in UDF.

Filename extensions are not used in DICOM File ID Components, hence a UDF File Identifier shall not contain a File Extension or the '.' that would precede such a File Extension.

The maximum number of levels of a Resolved Pathname in a UDF file-set shall be at most 8 levels, to comply with the definition of a DICOM File-set in PS3.10.

The File Version Number is always equal to 1, as specified by UDF.

#### Note

This file ID mapping is also compatible with ISO 9660 Level 1.

#### **J.1.3.2 DICOMDIR File**

A DICOMDIR file in a DICOM File-set shall reside in the root directory of the directory hierarchy, as specified in PS3.10.

#### **J.1.4 DICOM File Management Information**

No file management information beyond that specified in the UDF File Entry is required. In particular no Extended Attributes or Named Streams are required.

### **J.2 File System**

#### **J.2.1 UDF File System**

The reader shall be able to read a logical format conforming to UDF 1.02 or 1.5, as required by the UDF 1.5 standard.

The creator shall be able to create a logical format conforming to UDF 1.5.

The updater shall be able to update a logical format conforming to UDF 1.02 or 1.5, without updating the UDF revision level of the file system already recorded on the media, as required by the UDF 1.5 standard.

Options or extensions defined in UDF are required or restricted as specified in the following sub-sections, and in the media specific sub-sections.

### J.2.1.1 Interchange Levels

For the UDF Primary Volume Descriptor, both the Interchange Level and Maximum Interchange Level shall always be set to 2.

Note

1. This means that the volume is not and will never be, part of a multi-volume set.
2. The Interchange Level and Maximum Interchange Level in the File Set Descriptor are defined by UDF to always be 3. This is despite the fact that restrictions specified for the DICOM File-set may be very similar to lower Interchange Levels specified in ECMA 167.

### J.2.1.2 Virtual Partition Map and Allocation Tables

Creators and updaters shall not write UDF Virtual Partition Maps and Virtual Allocation Tables on DVD-RAM media.

### J.2.1.3 Sparable Partition Maps and Sparing Tables

Creators and updaters shall not write UDF Sparable Partition Maps and Sparing Tables on DVD-RAM media, since defect management is performed in the drive.

### J.2.1.4 System Dependent Requirements

The reader shall not depend on any system dependent requirements as specified in UDF to be able to read the DICOM File-set, and shall not behave differently if they are present. Any unrecognized system dependent requirements shall be gracefully ignored.

Note

1. For example, a particular form of file permissions, particular extended attributes or particular named streams may not be required or affect application behavior.
2. This does not mean that Extended Attributes or Named Streams may not be present and associated with files within the DICOM File-set.

### J.2.1.5 Permissions and File Characteristics

Creators and updaters shall always create permissions for files within the DICOM File Set such that all users may read, write and delete all files, and all users may access and delete all directories on all systems.

Note

1. These requirements are equivalent to setting a Unix permission of 644 for files and 755 for directories.
2. The intent of these requirements is that for DICOM interchange media, implementation specific access control is not used or required.

The UDF File Identifier Descriptor for files within the DICOM File Set shall not specify a File Characteristic of "hidden."

### J.2.1.6 File Types

The UDF File Types within the DICOM File Set shall only be files (that is a File Type of 0, meaning unspecified interpretation) or symbolic links to files (that is a File Type of 12).

## **J.3 Media Formats**

### **J.3.1 DVD-RAM**

#### **J.3.1.1 DVD-RAM Physical Format**

The physical format of DVD-RAM media shall comply with the applicable definitions within "DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc (DVD-RAM 4.7GB) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0" with the additional modifications described in the following sub-sections.

##### Note

Two physical forms of DVD-RAM are available, a double-sided variety (Type 1), and a single-sided variety (Type 2). Only Type 2 media can be removed from its cartridge and inserted in a conventional DVD-ROM drive.

##### **J.3.1.1.1 DVD-RAM Sector Format**

The sector format of DVD-RAM media shall comply with the applicable definitions in "DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc (DVD-RAM 4.7GB) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 2.0".

DVD-RAM is a truly random access media, providing random access to fixed length sectors, hence no multi-session or packet-written format is applicable.

##### **J.3.1.2 DVD-RAM Logical Format**

There are no requirements, restrictions, options or extensions to the logical format that are specific to this media type, beyond those specified in Section J.2.

##### **J.3.1.3 DVD-RAM Physical Media**

The physical medium shall be the 120 mm DVD-RAM medium as defined in "DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc (DVD-RAM 4.7GB) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0".

# K DICOM MIME Media (Normative)

## K.1 DICOM Mapping to MIME Formats

### K.1.1 DICOM File Set

One DICOM File set shall be contained in a MIME Multipart/mixed or Multipart/related Media Type, called "DICOM File set" MIME Entity.

Note

1. It may be necessary to fragment a message by using the Message/partial Media Type format.
2. A "DICOM File set" MIME Entity may contain MIME Parts other than Application/dicom, which may be ignored by the DICOM application.

### K.1.2 DICOM File

Each generic DICOM file shall be encoded as a MIME Application/dicom Media Type, called "DICOM File" MIME Part, with the following parameters:

- "id" is constructed from the DICOM File ID. The total length is limited to 71 characters (to avoid that the e-mail application splits the id string). Each component is limited to 8 characters. The delimiter is a forward slash "/". There is never a leading delimiter (i.e., this is not a traditional path from a root directory).

For example: "ROOTDIR/SUBDIR1/MRSCAN/A789FD07/19991024/ST00234/S00003/I00023"

- "name" is constructed from the last DICOM File ID component (that means the "file name" without "path" information) and the extension ".dcm" (except for the DICOMDIR).

For example: "I00023.dcm"

Note

1. Email clients typically use this parameter as the default name with which to save the file. If used for only one "DICOM File" Part (versus one DICOM File set), the length of this parameter is not restricted (unlike the "id" parameter).
2. This name can not be the same as the name inside the DICOMDIR where the file extension is forbidden.

The other fields of the header of this "DICOM File" MIME Part are respecting the general rules of MIME.

Note

1. RFC3240 describes under the heading of additional information that a Macintosh File Type Code of "DICM" be used for DICOM files.
2. Where Universal Type Identifiers (UTIs) are in use, it is recommended that a UTI of org.nema.dicom be used for DICOM files, which is defined here as conforming to public.data (not public.image, since not all DICOM files are images), and is defined to correspond to the tags 'DICM', .dcm and Application/dicom. The UTI property UTTypeIdentifier is "DICOM" and the UTI property UTTypeReferenceURL is <http://dicom.nema.org/>.

See also "[http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Carbon/Conceptual/understanding\\_utis/index.html](http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Carbon/Conceptual/understanding_utis/index.html)".

#### K.1.2.1 DICOMDIR

One and only one DICOMDIR File may be present in any "DICOM File set" MIME Entity. It is encoded as the generic "DICOM File" MIME Part, with a DICOM File ID set to "DICOMDIR" and the "id" parameter set to "DICOMDIR".

### **K.3 Logical Format**

The MIME logical format is used. The Content-Transfer-Encoding shall allow the transfer of binary information (e.g., typically base64 if the higher level does not allow transfer of binary information).

# L RFC3240 - Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (dicom) - Application/dicom MIME Sub-type Registration (Informative)

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## Abstract

This document describes the registration of the MIME sub-type application/dicom (Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine). The baseline encoding is defined by the DICOM Standards Committee in "Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine".

## 1. DICOM Definition

Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) specifies protocols and formats for the exchange of images, time-based waveforms, reports, and associated information for medical applications.

Individual DICOM objects (such as images) may be encapsulated in files and exchanged by e-mail using the Media Type defined herein. In addition, a set of DICOM files may be described by an index file, DICOMDIR, which may accompany the files that it references.

## 2. IANA Registration

MIME media type name: Application

MIME subtype name: dicom

### Required parameters:

"id" is constructed from a DICOM File ID (see DICOM PS3.11). The total length is limited to 71 characters. Each component is

limited to 8 characters. The delimiter is a forward slash "/". There is never a leading delimiter (i.e., this is not a traditional path from a root directory).

If a DICOMDIR (which provides an index of files) is included, then it will refer to other DICOM files in the file set by use of this File ID. The File ID is not encoded within each DICOM file. If a DICOMDIR is not present, then the "id" parameter may be absent. Note that the DICOMDIR will also have a Media Type of application/dicom and is distinguished from other files by its ID of "DICOMDIR".

For example:

```
"ROOTDIR/SUBDIR1/MRSCAN/A789FD07/19991024/ST00234/S00003/I00023"
```

Each component shall be character strings made of characters from a subset of the G0 repertoire of ISO 8859. This subset consists of uppercase alphabetic characters, numeric characters and underscore. The following characters are permissible:

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V,  
W, X, Y, Z (uppercase)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0 and \_ (underscore)

Optional parameters:

none

Encoding considerations:

The DICOM information is binary, therefore the encoding used shall support lossless transfer of binary information. Typically, the Content-Transfer-Encoding would be set to "Base64".

Multiple DICOM parts should be included as a Multipart/related entity [2387]. Receiving agents shall also support multiple parts as a Multipart/mixed entity. When multiple DICOM parts are included, one of the parts may be a DICOMDIR, in which case, all the files referred to by the DICOMDIR shall also be present. The DICOMDIR is not required to be the first Application/dicom part encoded in the message, in which case the optional "start" parameter should refer to the content-id of the part containing the DICOMDIR.

Multiple DICOM Application/dicom parts may be included with other types of parts as a Multipart/mixed entity.

Security considerations:

Application/dicom parts contain medical information, including individual demographic information. Accordingly, their exchange should be restricted to a secure network or within a secure wrapper that protects a patient's right to confidentiality according to local and national policy. The specific security mechanisms are outside the scope of this proposal. Such mechanisms as Secured MIME (S/MIME) [2633] or similar might be appropriate.

Interoperability considerations:



Because DICOM information is specific to the medical (imaging) domain, generic e-mail applications may not be able to interpret the information.

The Media Type has been designed in order to allow for

- (i) DICOM aware applications to interoperate,
- (ii) generic applications to save the files in a form recognizable as DICOM files, that a DICOM application may subsequently use.

Published specification:

The Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) Standard is a standard of the DICOM Standards Committee, published by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), 1300 N. 17th Street, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209 USA, (<http://medical.nema.org>).

Applications which use this media:

Biomedical imaging applications.

Additional information:

1. Magic number(s): "DICM" after 128 byte preamble indicates DICOM PS 3.10 file
2. File extension(s): ".dcm" is recommended for files saved to disk (other than DICOMDIR)
3. Macintosh file type code: Macintosh File Type "DICM" is recommended
4. Object Identifiers: none

Person to contact for further information:

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Intended usage:

Common

Interchange of biomedical images.

Author/Change controller:

DICOM Standards Committee

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## L.3 Example 2: DICOM File Set MIME Message (Informative)

```
From: "Dr Johnson" <drjohnson@provider.org>
To: "Dr Smith" <drsmith@provider.org>
Subject: DICOM MIME sub-type file set example
Date: Sat, 9 Mar 2002 16:24:27 +0100
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/mixed;
  boundary="-----_NextPart_000_0062_01C1C786.EA262CC0";
  start="<header1@provider.org>";
  type="text/plain"
```

This is a multi-part message in MIME format.

```
-----=_NextPart_000_0062_01C1C786.EA262CC0
Content-Type: text/plain;
  charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-ID: "<intro@provider.org>"
```

This is an example message containing a DICOM file set encoded following the DICOM MIME sub-type (RFC3240).

```
-----=_NextPart_000_0062_01C1C786.EA262CC0
Content-Type: text/plain;
  name="header1.txt"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Disposition: attachment;
  filename="header1.txt"
Content-ID: "<header1@provider.org>"
Content-Description: Header of the medical message
```

This is the header part of the message, which contains:

- a first text document (letter1)
- a DICOM file set part (dicomfileset1) including an additional = complementary note

This message was sent by Dr Johnson to Dr Smith.  
It relates to the patient: DICOM Nema (M) 01/01/1993

```
-----=_NextPart_000_0062_01C1C786.EA262CC0
Content-Type: multipart/related;
  boundary="-----_NextPart_000_0062_01C1C786.EA262CC1_13487";
  start="<dicomfileset1.dicomdir@provider.org>";
  type="application/dicom"
```

```
-----=_NextPart_000_0062_01C1C786.EA262CC1_13487
Content-Type: text/plain;
  name="dicomfileset1note1.txt"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Disposition: attachment;
  filename="dicomfileset1note1.txt"
Content-ID: "<dicomfileset1.note1@provider.org>"
Content-Description: Note for the images use
```

This is a simple note, for receivers who can not read images.  
These images are DICOM images and the DICOMDIR index related file.  
Please use a DICOM compatible application.  
DICOM is a Standard Mark of Nema ([www.nema.org](http://www.nema.org)).

```
-----=_NextPart_000_0062_01C1C786.EA262CC1_13487
```





# M 130 mm 4.1GB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)

## M.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Formats

Only one DICOM File-set shall be stored onto each side of a single 130 mm disk.

## M.2 Media Formats

The media format comprises two distinct components:

- a. The Recording format, which addresses magnetic recording, track definition, sector headers, etc.
- b. The Logical format, which addresses the organization of the data portion of sectors to support semantics of the file system.

### M.2.1 Recording Format

The low level formatting shall be done using the ISO/IEC 15286:1999 standard. The Secondary Defect List shall be used.

### M.2.2 Logical Format

The Logical Format for the 130 mm 4.1GB disk shall be the PC File System (see Annex A).

The boot sector defined in Annex A shall have the following values.

**Table M.2-1. Boot Parameter Values for 130mm 4.1GB Magneto-Optical Disk**

Byte(s)	Value	Description
11 - 12	0200H	512 bytes/sector
13	40H or 80H	Sectors / cluster, either 64 or 128. See Note.
21	F8H	Flag for disk type F8H = Hard Disk.
24 - 25	003EH (Nominal)	Nominally 62 sectors/track, but may vary, and any value should not affect interoperability.
26 - 27	0001H (Nominal)	Nominally 1 head, but may vary, and any value should not affect interoperability.

Note

Lower values would not utilize all the disk sectors on a side.

## M.3 Physical Media

The physical media shall be the 130 mm Magneto-Optical Re-writable Disk with 512 bytes per sector. It shall be compatible with the standard defined in the ISO/IEC 15286:1999 Data Interchange on 130mm Optical Disk Cartridges - Capacity 5.2GB Per Cartridge standard.

Note

The 4.1GB nomenclature refers to the capacity when formatted with 512 bytes per sector compared to the 5.2 GB nomenclature when formatted with 1024 bytes per sector.





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# **N 640 MB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)**

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.



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# O 1.3 GB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.



# P 120 mm DVD Medium (Normative)

This Annex defines the use of the UDF and ISO 9660 file systems with DVD media in such a manner as to require a reader to be capable of reading all of the physical media types and UDF and ISO 9660 file system versions that are defined in this Annex, and a creator to be able to create at least one of those types of media and file system.

The media types supported are DVD-ROM, DVD-R authoring and general, DVD-RW, DVD+R and DVD+RW.

## Note

1. Capitalization in this annex may be inconsistent with other DICOM standards in order to be consistent with historical usage for terms in referenced documents.
2. Mandatory support for reading both UDF and ISO 9660 is included to facilitate migration from legacy CD-R implementations, which use ISO 9660, as well as to support the industry standard file system for DVD, UDF.

Universal Disk Format (UDF) is a profile of the ECMA 167 3rd edition file system.

## Note

1. The ECMA 167 3rd edition is more recent than ISO 13346:1995, which is equivalent to ECMA 167 2nd edition.
2. A reader of a UDF 2.01 file system can also read a 2.0, 1.5 or 1.02 file system.

## P.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Format

### P.1.1 Media Character Set

The character set used in UDF fields shall be the CS0 OSTA Compressed Unicode character set, required by the UDF standard.

## Note

1. The CS0 OSTA Unicode character set is defined in UDF and is a subset of Unicode 2.0.
2. UDF defines a specific form of compression of 8 and 16 bit Unicode characters that must be supported.
3. The character set defined elsewhere in this section for DICOM File-set fields is a subset of this character set. However other fields in the UDF file system, and other files in the UDF file system not in the DICOM File-set, may use characters beyond those defined by DICOM for File ID Components, including those encoded in 16 bits.
4. The character set for File IDs and File-set IDs (see PS3.10) is a subset of the ISO 9660 character set, therefore no further restrictions need to be imposed for ISO 9660 file systems.

### P.1.2 DICOM File-set

One and only one DICOM File-set shall be stored on each side of a single piece of media.

A DICOM File-set is defined to be completely contained within one UDF or ISO 9660 File-set.

Only a single UDF or ISO 9660 File-set shall be present in the UDF Volume.

Each side of the media will comprise a single self-contained UDF or ISO 9660 Volume. That is the UDF or ISO 9660 Volume Set shall not consist of more than one UDF or ISO 9660 Volume.

Only a single UDF or ISO 9660 Partition shall be present on each side the media.

## Note

Other partitions containing other file systems, possibly sharing the same data, may be present, such as an ISO-9660 bridge disk, a Mac HFS or Unix UFS hybrid disk, etc.

### **P.1.3 DICOM File ID Mapping**

The UDF and ISO 9660 Standards provide a hierarchical structure for directories and files within directories. Each volume has a root directory that may contain references to both files and sub-directories. Sub-directories may contain reference to both files and other sub-directories.

#### **P.1.3.1 File ID**

PS3.10 defines a DICOM File ID Component as a string of 8 characters from a subset of the G0 repertoire of ISO 8859. Each of these File ID Components is mapped to a UDF File Identifier or Path Component in the OSTA CS0 character set.

Note

This mapping is a subset of the MS-DOS mapping specified in UDF.

Filename extensions are not used in DICOM File ID Components, hence an UDF or ISO 9660 File Identifier shall not contain a File Extension or the '.' that would precede such a File Extension.

The maximum number of levels of a Resolved Pathname in a UDF or ISO 9660 file-set shall be at most 8 levels, to comply with the definition of a DICOM File-set in PS3.10.

The File Version Number is always equal to 1, as specified by UDF or ISO 9660.

Note

This file ID mapping is also compatible with ISO 9660 Level 1.

#### **P.1.3.2 DICOMDIR File**

A DICOMDIR file in a DICOM File-set shall reside in the root directory of the directory hierarchy, as specified in PS3.10.

### **P.1.4 DICOM File Management Information**

No file management information beyond that specified in the UDF or ISO 9660 File Entry is required. In particular no Extended Attributes or Named Streams are required.

Note

Unlike the Annex of this Part specifying CD-R media, no restrictions or specifications with respect to ISO 9660 Recording Date and Time, file modification date, file owner identification and permissions, or other Extended Attribute Record values are specified, since these may be beyond the control of the DICOM application.

## **P.2 File System**

The reader shall be able to read a logical format conforming to UDF and ISO 9660 file systems, as defined below.

The creator shall be able to create a logical format conforming to UDF or ISO 9660 file systems or both, as defined below.

No requirements are defined for an updater.

Note

The intent of these requirements is to insist that a reader be able to read media created by any creator, but not to require that media created by a particular creator can necessarily be updated by a different updater.

### **P.2.1 UDF File System**

The reader shall be able to read a logical format conforming to UDF 1.02 or 1.5 or 2.0 or 2.01, as required by the UDF 2.01 standard.

The creator shall be able to create a logical format conforming to any one of UDF 1.02 or 1.5 or 2.0 or 2.01.

Options or extensions defined in UDF are required or restricted as specified in the following sub-sections, and in the media specific sub-sections.

#### Note

Though the names of the files within the DICOM File set are restricted by PS3.10, other files on the media may have longer file names.

### **P.2.1.1 Interchange Levels**

For the UDF Primary Volume Descriptor, both the Interchange Level and Maximum Interchange Level shall always be set to 2.

#### Note

1. This means that the volume is not and will never be, part of a multi-volume set.
2. The Interchange Level and Maximum Interchange Level in the File Set Descriptor are defined by UDF to always be 3. This is despite the fact that restrictions specified for the DICOM File-set may be very similar to lower Interchange Levels specified in ECMA 167.

### **P.2.1.2 Virtual Partition Map and Allocation Tables**

Creators and updaters may or may not write UDF Virtual Partition Maps and Virtual Allocation Tables depending on the appropriate choice for physical media.

All readers are required to support UDF Virtual Partition Maps and Virtual Allocation Tables.

### **P.2.1.3 Sparable Partition Maps and Sparing Tables**

Creators and updaters may or may not write UDF Sparable Partition Maps and Sparing Tables depending on the appropriate choice for physical media, since defect management may or may not be performed in the drive.

All readers are required to support UDF Sparable Partition Maps and Sparing Tables.

### **P.2.1.4 System Dependent Requirements**

The reader shall not depend on any system dependent requirements as specified in UDF to be able to read the DICOM File-set, and shall not behave differently if they are present. Any unrecognized system dependent requirements shall be gracefully ignored.

Creators and updaters writing to a version of UDF that supports Named Streams shall use the default stream to write each file within the DICOM File-set.

#### Note

1. For example, a particular form of file permissions, particular extended attributes or particular named streams may not be required or affect application behavior.
2. This does not mean that Extended Attributes or Named Streams may not be present and associated with files within the DICOM File-set.

### **P.2.1.5 Permissions and File Characteristics**

Creators and updaters shall always create permissions for files within the DICOM File Set such that all users may read, write and delete all files, and all users may access and delete all directories on all systems.

#### Note

1. These requirements are equivalent to setting a Unix permission of 644 for files and 755 for directories.
2. The intent of these requirements is that for DICOM interchange media, implementation specific access control is not used or required.

The UDF File Identifier Descriptor for files within the DICOM File Set shall not specify a File Characteristic of "hidden."

### **P.2.1.6 File Types**

The UDF File Types within the DICOM File Set shall only be files (that is a File Type of 0, meaning unspecified interpretation) or symbolic links to files (that is a File Type of 12).

### **P.2.2 ISO 9660 File System**

The reader shall be able to read a logical format conforming to ISO 9660 Level 1, 2 and 3, with or without Rockridge or Joliet Extensions, which may or may not be present.

The creator shall be able to create a logical format conforming to ISO 9660 Level 1, 2 or 3, and may or may not add Rockridge or Joliet Extensions.

#### Note

Though the files within the DICOM File set are restricted to names that conform to a subset of ISO 9660 Level 1, other files on the media may have longer file names. Unlike the Annex of this Part specifying CD-R media, strict Level 1 conformance of the file system is not required, since this has proven difficult to constrain in practice.

#### **P.2.2.1 Extended Attributes, Permissions and File Characteristics**

File modification data, file owner identification, and permissions are part of the ISO 9660 - Extended Attribute Record. Support of the Extended Attribute Record is not required.

If Extended Attribute Records are present, all files within the DICOM File Set shall have permissions such that all users may read all files, and all users may access all directories on all systems.

#### Note

The intent of these requirements is that for DICOM interchange media, implementation specific access control is not used or required.

## **P.3 Media Formats**

### **P.3.1 DVD**

#### **P.3.1.1 DVD Physical Format**

The physical format of DVD media shall comply with one of the following applicable definitions:

- DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for General) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0
- DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for Authoring) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0
- DVD Specifications for Read-Only Disc (DVD-ROM) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 1.13
- DVD Specifications for Re-Recordable (DVD-RW) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 1.1
- DVD+RW Physical Specifications, Version 1.1
- DVD+R Physical Specifications, Version 1.1

##### **P.3.1.1.1 DVD Sector Format**

The sector format of DVD media shall comply with one of the following applicable definitions:

- DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for General) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 2.0
- DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for Authoring) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 2.0



- DVD Specifications for Read-Only Disc (DVD-ROM) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 1.13
- DVD Specifications for Re-Recordable Disc (DVD-RW) : Part 2 - File System Specifications Version 1.0
- DVD+RW Defect Management & Physical Formatting Specification, Version 1.0

No restrictions are placed on the use of disc-at-once, track-at-once, multi-session or packet-written format if applicable to the physical media type, other than that any session should be finalized at the conclusion of writing the media in order to make it readable.

### **P.3.1.2 DVD Logical Format**

There are no requirements, restrictions, options or extensions to the logical format that are specific to this media type, beyond those specified in Section P.2.

### **P.3.1.3 DVD Physical Media**

The physical medium shall be the 120 mm DVD-R medium as defined in one of the following:

- DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for General) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0
- DVD Specifications for Recordable Disc (DVD-R for Authoring) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 2.0
- DVD Specifications for Read-Only Disc (DVD-ROM) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 1.13
- DVD Specifications for Re-Recordable (DVD-RW) : Part 1 - Physical Specifications Version 1.1
- DVD+RW Physical Specifications, Version 1.1
- DVD+R Physical Specifications, Version 1.1



# Q 90 mm 2.3 GB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)

## Q.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Formats

Only one DICOM File-set shall be stored onto a single 90mm disk.

## Q.2 Media Formats

The media format comprises two distinct components:

- a. The Recording format, which addresses magnetic recording, track definition, sector headers, etc.
- b. The Logical format, which addresses the organization of the data portion of sectors to support semantics of the file system.

### Q.2.1 Recording Format

The low level formatting shall be done using the GIGAMO standard. GIGAMO is published as a Sony-Fujitsu document and is currently not an ISO/IEC standard. The document specifying this formatting is the "GIGAMO 2.3GB 90mm Magneto-Optical Disk System in Cherry Book2 version 1.0". The Secondary Defect List shall be used.

### Q.2.2 Logical Format

The Logical Format for the 90mm 2.3GB disk shall be the PC File System (Annex A).

The boot sector defined in Annex A shall have the following values.

**Table Q.2-1. Boot Parameter Values for 90mm 2.3 GB Magneto-Optical Disk**

Byte(s)	Value	Description
11 - 12	0800H	2048 Bytes/Sector
13	08H, 10H, 20H, or 40H	Sectors / cluster, either 8, 16, 32, or 64
21	F8H	Flag for disk type F8H = Hard Disk
24-25	0019H (Nominal)	Nominally 25 sectors/track, but may vary, and any value should not affect interoperability
26-27	0001 (Nominal)	Nominally 1 head, but may vary, and any value should not affect interoperability.

Note

When formatted the total formatted capacity of the disk is approximately 2.02GB.

## Q.3 Physical Media

The physical media shall be the 90mm Magneto-Optical Rewritable disk with 2048 bytes per sector. It shall be compatible with the R/W Type cartridge defined in the "GIGAMO 2.3GB 90mm Magneto-Optical Disk System in Cherry Book2 version 1.0".



# R USB Connected Removable Devices

## R.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Formats

Only one DICOM file set shall be stored in the first partition of a partitioned device. If the device is not partitioned, only one DICOM file set shall be stored on the device.

### R.1.1 File System

The file system employed on these media shall be either the FAT16 file system or the FAT32 file system. The information in the boot sector of this partition shall be utilized by the file system to determine proper access to this media (see Microsoft Extensible Firmware Initiative FAT32 File System Specification).

File names used for DICOM files shall be further restricted to be in compliance with the File ID rules specified in PS3.10. The File ID shall be the same as the filename.

#### Note

These rules limit the character set to being a subset of the DICOM default G0 character set, limit the file names to be no more than 8 characters, and limit the directory tree to be no more than 8 levels deep. All of these restrictions are needed to comply with the most limited of the removable media.

## R.2 Media Formats

### R.2.1 Partitioning

These media may be partitioned or unpartitioned. The more common usage is partitioned.

#### Note

Operating system support for unpartitioned media varies. Most current operating systems expect partitioned media. Some restrict their support further and only support access to the first partition of this media. These support decisions are being driven by the high volume consumer items that utilize these mechanisms, such as digital cameras.

## R.3 Physical Media Interface

These devices may have a wide variety of overall physical characteristics. They shall provide a connector that complies with the USB 1.1 or 2.0 specifications for physical, electrical, signaling, and communications protocol. The electrical signaling and lower level USB protocol support shall comply with the USB 1.1 or 2.0 specifications. The device shall act as a Mass Storage Device, in accordance with the USB Mass Storage Class, as described in the Universal Serial Bus Mass Storage Class, Specification Overview and its subordinate and referenced documents.

#### Note

1. The USB base standard and the USB mass storage device standard includes specification for management of device addition and removal, and for negotiation of device command protocol capabilities. Support for these is normally part of the functions provided by the USB Mass Storage driver in an operating system.
2. The USB 2.0 specification specifies 3 speeds of operation, "low-speed", "full-speed" and "high-speed", which are fully interoperable, and this profile does not distinguish between the speeds.
3. The intent is to allow removable 1.1 and 2.0 USB media to interoperate with 1.1 and 2.0 USB devices.



# S CompactFlash Removable Devices

## S.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Formats

Only one DICOM file set shall be stored in the first partition of a partitioned device. If the device is not partitioned, only one DICOM file set shall be stored on the device.

### S.1.1 File System

The file system employed on these media shall be either the FAT16 file system or the FAT32 file system. The information in the boot sector of this partition shall be utilized by the file system to determine proper access to this media (see Microsoft Extensible Firmware Initiative FAT32 File System Specification).

File names shall be further restricted to be in compliance with the File ID rules specified in PS3.10. The File ID shall be the same as the filename.

#### Note

These rules limit the character set to being a subset of the DICOM default G0 character set, limit the file names to be no more than 8 characters, and limit the directory tree to be no more than 8 levels deep. All of these restrictions are needed to comply with the most limited of the removable media.

## S.2 Media Formats

### S.2.1 Partitioning

These media may be partitioned or unpartitioned. The more common usage is partitioned.

#### Note

Operating system support for unpartitioned media varies. Most current operating systems expect partitioned media. Some restrict their support further and only support access unpartitioned media or to the first partition of partitioned media.

## S.3 Physical Media Interface

The physical, electrical, signaling, and software interface shall comply with the CF+ and CompactFlash Specification.





# T Multimedia Card Removable Devices

## T.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Formats

Only one DICOM file set shall be stored in the first partition of a partitioned device. If the device is not partitioned, only one DICOM file set shall be stored on the device.

### T.1.1 File System

The file system employed on these media shall be the FAT16 file system. The cluster, sector, head, and related information obtained from the boot sector of this partition shall be utilized by the file system to determine proper access to this media (see Annex A).

File names shall be further restricted to be in compliance with the File ID rules specified in PS3.10. The File ID shall be the same as the filename.

#### Note

1. These rules limit the character set to being a subset of the DICOM default G0 character set, limit the file names to be no more than 8 characters, and limit the directory tree to be no more than 8 levels deep. All of these restrictions are needed to comply with the most limited of the removable media. The selection of FAT16 reflects the actual usage of these newer media.
2. Some operating systems default their format command for larger capacity media to FAT32. FAT32 is not always compatible with FAT16 and should not be used.

## T.2 Media Formats

### T.2.1 Partitioning

These media may be partitioned or unpartitioned. The more common usage is partitioned.

#### Note

Operating system support for unpartitioned media varies. Most current operating systems expect partitioned media. Some restrict their support further and only support access unpartitioned media or to the first partition of partitioned media.

## T.3 Physical Media Interface

The physical, electrical, signaling, and software interface shall comply with the MMCA System Specification 3.31, and shall in addition have the following characteristics:

- a. The size shall be a "normal" MMC card (24mm x 32mm x 1.4mm)
- b. The card shall be of the RW (Read/Write) class



# U Secure Digital Card Removable Devices

## U.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Formats

Only one DICOM file set shall be stored in the first partition of a partitioned device. If the device is not partitioned, only one DICOM file set shall be stored on the device.

### U.1.1 File System

The file system employed on these media shall be the FAT16 file system. The cluster, sector, head, and related information obtained from the boot sector of this partition shall be utilized by the file system to determine proper access to this media (see Annex A).

File names shall be further restricted to be in compliance with the File ID rules specified in PS3.10. The File ID shall be the same as the filename.

#### Note

1. These rules limit the character set to being a subset of the DICOM default G0 character set, limit the file names to be no more than 8 characters, and limit the directory tree to be no more than 8 levels deep. All of these restrictions are needed to comply with the most limited of the removable media. The selection of FAT16 reflects the actual usage of these newer media.
2. Some operating systems default their format command for larger capacity media to FAT32. FAT32 is not always compatible with FAT16 and should not be used.

## U.2 Media Formats

### U.2.1 Partitioning

These media may be partitioned or unpartitioned. The more common usage is partitioned.

#### Note

Operating system support for unpartitioned media varies. Most current operating systems expect partitioned media. Some restrict their support further and only support access unpartitioned media or to the first partition of partitioned media.

## U.3 Physical Media Interface

The physical, electrical, signaling, and software interface shall comply with the SD Card Specification 1.0 and shall in addition have the following characteristics:

- a. The size shall be a "normal" SD card (24mm x 32mm x 2.1mm)



# V ZIP File Media (Normative)

## V.1 DICOM Mapping to ZIP File

### V.1.1 DICOM File-set

One and only one DICOM File-set shall be contained in a ZIP File archive.

Each DICOM SOP Instance shall be encoded in accordance with the rules in PS3.10.

Note

A ZIP File may contain files that are not referenced by the DICOMDIR, which may be ignored by the DICOM application.

### V.1.2 DICOM File ID Mapping

The ZIP encoding preserves the hierarchical structure for directories and files within directories. Each volume has a root directory that may contain references to both files and sub-directories. Sub-directories may contain reference to both files and other sub-directories.

#### V.1.2.1 File ID

PS3.10 defines a DICOM File ID Component as a string of 8 characters from a subset of the G0 repertoire of ISO 8859.

Note

The use of long file names is prohibited.

Filename extensions are not used in DICOM File ID Components, hence a File Identifier shall not contain a File Extension or the '.' that would precede such a File Extension.

The maximum number of levels of a path name in a ZIP file-set shall be at most 8 levels, to comply with the definition of a DICOM File-set in PS3.10.

#### V.1.2.2 DICOMDIR

One and only one DICOMDIR File shall be present. The DICOMDIR shall be at the root directory of the File-set.

Note

The reason for the DICOMDIR is to serve as a manifest so that the recipient knows the full list of instances intended to be sent.

## V.2 Logical Format

The Zip file format shall be as described in the ZIP File Format Specification available from PKWARE. The following capabilities shall be used:

- The ZIP encoding shall preserve the directory structure.

Note

This specification may be found at <http://support.pkware.com/display/PKZIP/APPNOTE>.



# W Email Media (Normative)

## W.1 Email Media

This Media Format defines the interchange of other Media Formats, such as DICOM MIME or ZIP File, using email.

A Standard or Private Application Profile that uses this Email Media Format will specify the selection of the media profile to be transported.

A Standard or Private Application Profile that uses this Email Media Format specifies the MIME encoding requirements, to include:

- a. The content identification to be used,
- b. The attachment file identification to be used,
- c. The disposition to be used,
- d. Subject line content restrictions,
- e. Other restrictions, especially use of MIME compression, encryption, and digital signatures.

### Note

Subject lines are often modified automatically, e.g., by the addition of "Re:". Other routing information such as "for Doctor Fred" is also often included. Automatic and human recognition of the special nature of this email can be improved by requiring that some phrase like "DICOM-ZIP" be part of the subject line.

## W.2 Media Interchange Application Entities

### W.2.1 Sender of the Email

The sender Application Entity composes an email and sends that email using a standard email transmission protocol.

The sender shall compose an email in compliance with RFCs 2045 and 2046, as a MIME Encoded email. RFC2046 defines both MIME encoding and the mechanisms to be used for breaking up the email message if it is too large for the email system to send as a single email. The sender may request delivery acknowledgment and problem notification in accordance with RFCs 3464 and 3798, but shall be prepared for email recipients that do not implement RFCs 3464 and 3798. The sender shall send the email by means of Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (RFC2821).

### Note

The sender Application Entity does not need to be a single software program. For example, the attachment file may be created independently and then a generic email program used to manage attaching the file and sending the email.

### W.2.2 Recipient of the Email

The recipient Application Entity shall be able to receive an email by means of one or more of POP3 (RFC1939), IMAP4 (RFC3501), or SMTP (RFC2821), and extract the attachment specified in the Application Profile. The recipient shall comply with RFC2046, and may comply with RFCs 3464 and 3798.





# X 120 mm BD Medium (Normative)

This Annex defines the use of the UDF file systems with BD media in such a manner as to require a reader to be capable of reading all of the physical media types and UDF file system versions that are defined in this Annex, and a creator to be able to create at least one of those types of media and file system.

The media types supported are BD-RE and BD-R.

## Note

Capitalization in this annex may be inconsistent with other DICOM standards in order to be consistent with historical usage for terms in referenced documents.

Universal Disk Format (UDF) is a profile of the ECMA 167 3rd edition file system.

## Note

The ECMA 167 3rd edition is more recent than ISO 13346:1995, which is equivalent to ECMA 167 2nd edition.

## X.1 DICOM Mapping to Media Format

### X.1.1 Media Character Set

The character set used in UDF fields shall be the CS0 OSTA Compressed Unicode character set, required by the UDF standard.

#### Note

1. The CS0 OSTA Unicode character set is defined in UDF and is a subset of Unicode 2.0.
2. UDF defines a specific form of compression of 8 and 16 bit Unicode characters that must be supported.
3. The character set defined elsewhere in this section for DICOM File-set fields is a subset of this character set. However other fields in the UDF file system, and other files in the UDF file system not in the DICOM File-set, may use characters beyond those defined by DICOM for File ID Components, including those encoded in 16 bits.

### X.1.2 DICOM File-set

One and only one DICOM File-set shall be stored on each side of a single piece of media.

A DICOM File-set is defined to be completely contained within one UDF File-set.

Only a single UDF File-set shall be present in the UDF Volume.

Each side of the media will comprise a single self-contained UDF Volume. That is the UDF Volume Set shall not consist of more than one UDF Volume.

Only a single UDF Partition shall be present on each side of the media.

#### Note

Both sides of a single piece of media may be used for storing DICOM data, when separate DICOM File-sets are created.

### X.1.3 DICOM File ID Mapping

The UDF Standard provides a hierarchical structure for directories and files within directories. Each volume has a root directory that may contain references to both files and sub-directories. Sub-directories may contain reference to both files and other sub-directories.

### **X.1.3.1 File ID**

PS3.10 defines a DICOM File ID Component as a string of 8 characters from a subset of the G0 repertoire of ISO 8859. Each of these File ID Components is mapped to a UDF File Identifier or Path Component in the OSTA CS0 character set.

#### Note

This mapping is a subset of the MS-DOS mapping specified in UDF.

Filename extensions are not used in DICOM File ID Components, hence a UDF File Identifier shall not contain a File Extension or the '.' that would precede such a File Extension.

The maximum number of levels of a Resolved Path name in a UDF file-set shall be at most 8 levels, to comply with the definition of a DICOM File-set in PS3.10.

The File Version Number is always equal to 1, as specified by UDF.

### **X.1.3.2 DICOMDIR File**

A DICOMDIR file in a DICOM File-set shall reside in the root directory of the directory hierarchy, as specified in PS3.10.

### **X.1.4 DICOM File Management Information**

No file management information beyond that specified in the UDF File Entry is required. In particular no Extended Attributes or Named Streams are required.

## **X.2 File system**

### **X.2.1 UDF File System**

The reader shall be able to read a logical format conforming to UDF 2.5 on BD-RE media and shall be able to read a logical format conforming to UDF 2.6 on BD-R media.

The creator shall be able to create a logical format conforming to UDF 2.5 on BD-RE media and shall be able to create a logical format conforming to UDF 2.6 on BD-R media.

The updater shall be able to update a logical format conforming to UDF 2.5 on BD-RE media and shall be able to update a logical format conforming to UDF 2.6 on BD-R media, without updating the UDF revision level of the file system already recorded on the media.

Options or extensions defined in UDF are required or restricted as specified in the following sub-sections, and in the media specific sub-sections.

#### Note

1. Though the names of the files within the DICOM File-set are restricted by PS3.10, other files on the media may have longer file names up to 255 characters, which is the maximum for UDF 2.5 and UDF 2.6.
2. A Pseudo Overwrite Method is defined in the BD-R standard. It is used to make Write-Once media behave like rewritable media, hence sector format compatibility is ensured without multi-session or packet-written format. BD drives support Pseudo Overwrite management for BD-R. For Pseudo Overwrite Method the UDF version must be 2.6.

### **X.2.1.1 Interchange Levels**

For the UDF Primary Volume Descriptor, both the Interchange Level and Maximum Interchange Level shall always be set to 2.

#### Note

1. This means that the volume is not and will never be, part of a multi-volume set.

2. The Interchange Level and Maximum Interchange Level in the File Set Descriptor are defined by UDF to always be 3. This is despite the fact that restrictions specified for the DICOM File-set may be very similar to lower Interchange Levels specified in ECMA 167.

### **X.2.1.2 Virtual Partition Maps and Allocation Tables**

Creators and updaters shall not write UDF Virtual Partition Maps and Virtual Allocation Tables on BD-RE and BD-R media, since pseudo overwrite management is performed in the drive.

### **X.2.1.3 Sparable Partition Maps and Sparing Tables**

Creators and updaters shall not write UDF Sparable Partition Maps and Sparing Tables on BD-RE and BD-R media, since defect management is performed in the drive.

### **X.2.1.4 System Dependent Requirements**

The reader shall not depend on any system dependent requirements as specified in UDF to be able to read the DICOM File-set, and shall not behave differently if they are present. Any unrecognized system dependent requirements shall be gracefully ignored.

Creators and updaters writing to a version of UDF that supports Named Streams shall use the default stream to write each file within the DICOM File-set.

Note

1. For example, a particular form of file permissions, particular extended attributes or particular named streams may not be required or affect application behavior.
2. This does not mean that Extended Attributes or Named Streams may not be present and associated with files within the DICOM File-set.

### **X.2.1.5 Permissions and File Characteristics**

Creators and updaters shall always create permissions for files within the DICOM File Set such that all users may create, read, write and delete all files, and all users may access, create, modify and delete all directories on all systems.

Note

1. These requirements are equivalent to setting a Unix permission of 644 for files and 755 for directories.
2. The intent of these requirements is that for DICOM interchange media, implementation specific access control is not used or required.

The UDF File Identifier Descriptor for files within the DICOM File Set shall not specify a File Characteristic of "hidden."

### **X.2.1.6 File Types**

The UDF File Types within the DICOM File Set shall only be files (that is a File Type of 0, meaning unspecified interpretation) or symbolic links to files (that is a File Type of 12).

## **X.3 Media Formats**

### **X.3.1 Blu-ray Disc™**

#### **X.3.1.1 BD Physical Format**

The physical format of BD media shall comply with one of the following applicable definitions:

- Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Format 1.A Physical Format Specifications for BD-RE (2nd Edition, February 2006).

- Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Recordable Format Part 1 Physical Specifications (February 2006).

#### **X.3.1.1.1 BD Sector Format**

The sector format of BD media shall comply with one of the following applicable definitions:

- OSTA Universal Disk Format Specification (UDF) Version 2.5. April 30, 2003.
- OSTA Universal Disk Format Specification (UDF) Version 2.6. March 1, 2005.

##### Note

BD-RE is a truly random access medium, providing random access to fixed length sectors, hence no multi-session is applicable and packet-written format is not necessary.

#### **X.3.1.2 BD Logical Format**

There are no requirements, restrictions, options or extensions to the logical format that are specific to this media type, beyond those specified in Section X.2.

#### **X.3.1.3 BD Physical Media**

The physical medium shall be the 120 mm BD medium as defined in one of the following:

- Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Format 1.A Physical Format Specifications for BD-RE (2nd Edition, February 2006).
- Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Recordable Format Part 1 Physical Specifications (February 2006).