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Technical Information:

LSM-TIFF

The Tag Imaged File Format in the LSM

SYNOPSIS

The Carl Zeiss LSM creates images in the TIFF (Tag Image File Format) format. This format is also used to store LSM specific data with a privat tag.

WHAT IS TIFF?

Tiff is a file format that describes image data coming from scanners, frame grabbers and paint/photo retouch programs. The primary goal was to provide a rich environment within which the exchange of image data between application programs can be accomplished. This richness is required in order to take advantage of the varying capabilities of imaging devices. Though Tiff is a rich format, it can easily be used for simple applications as well.

However, most (and not only simple) Tiff applications do not support the full, rich Tiff standard and this is the reason for incompatibilities between different applications.

Tiff is capable of describing bi-level, grayscale, palette color and full color image data in several color spaces. It includes a number of compression schemes, is portable because it does not depend on particular operating systems or file systems and, allows privat tags to be defined that are specific to a particular application or organization.

FILE STRUCTURE

A Tiff file is a sequence of 8-bit bytes. Every Tiff file begins with an 8-byte Image File Header.

Image File Header

Bytes 0-1: byte order

0x4949

(=II) Intel byte order

0x4d4d

(=MM) Motorola byte order

Bytes 2-3: Tiff version
0x2a (=42) this Tiff version has never changed
Bytes 4-7: byte offset to the first Image File Directory.

Image File Directory

An IFD (= image file directory) consists of a 2-byte count of the number of entries, followed by a sequence of 12-byte field entries, followed by a 4-byte offset to the next IFD or 0 after the last IFD. So it is possible to save more than one IFD in one file. This means: more than one image can be found in one Tiff file. However, most of the Tiff applications use only the first IFD. Each 12-byte IFD entry has the following format:

Bytes 0-1: **Tag** that identifies the field
Bytes 2-3: **Type** of the field
Bytes 4-7: **Length** of the field
Bytes 8-11: **Value** Offset, file offset in bytes

The entries in an IFD are sorted in ascending order by Tag. The Value Offset is interpreted to contain the value instead of pointing to the value if the value fits into 4 bytes.

The usual field Types are:

1=BYTE 8-bit unsigned integer
2=ASCII 8-bit containing 7-bit ASCII code, null terminated
3=SHORT 16-bit unsigned integer
4=LONG 32-bit unsigned integer
5=RATIONAL Two LONGs, the first represents the numerator of a fraction, the second the denominator

There are more than 70 different Tags. Some of the most used are:

0x0100 ImageWidth
0x0101 ImageLength
0x0102 BitsPerSample
0x0103 Compression
0x0106 PhotometricInterpretation

So a valid 12-byte IFD entry look like:

0x0100 Tag=ImageWidth
0x0004 Type=LONG
0x0000.0001 Length=1
0x0000.0200 Value=0x200=512
This entry specifies an image x-size of 512 pixels.

The image data can be organized in one strip, line by line, starting at the left upper corner, or in more strips. One strip contains one or more lines of the image, so that the size of the strip is about 8kB. The start addresses of the strips can be found by the Tag StripOffsets. So it is easy to find the image data: Read the header, determine the byte order, find the first IFD, search for the Tag StripOffsets, find the first strip of image data.

For detailed information, please refer to:

TIFF, *Tag Image File Format, Revision 6.0, Draft 1, Feb 14, 1992*
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HOW THE LSM USES TIFF?

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THE LSM TIFF WRITER

We use the INTEL byte order only.

The LSM program stores images in in following Tiff classes:

Grayscale Images, Palette Color Images, RGB Full Color Images.

For **all classes** we store following tags:

NewSubfileType = 0, full resolution, no multipage, no mask

ImageWidth = image x size

ImageLength = image y size

Compression = 1, no compression

Make = "Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany"

Model = "Laser Scan Microscope"

Software = "ZIF 1.81 MAR-93", software version that generated this file

This means, that we always store an uncompressed full resolution image in the first IFD. With means of the Make, Model and Software Tags you can always specify the source of the specified image.

We use these tags for **Grayscale Images**:

BitsPerSample = 8

PhotometricInterpretation = 1, black is zero

StripOffsets = offset of the first strip

SamplesPerPixel = 1

StripByteCounts = byte count of one strip

You see, that we have only 8-bit images with black represented by the value 0. All the data is stored in one strip.

Palette Color Images have following tags:

BitsPerSample = 8

PhotometricInterpretation = 3, Palette Color

StripOffsets = offset of the first strip

SamplesPerPixel = 1

StripByteCounts = byte count of one strip

ColorMap = offset of the lookup table

The only difference is the lookup table that is stored as 768 16-bit values in a red-green-blue sequence.

RGB Full Color Images are specified by following tags:

BitsPerSample = 8,8,8

PhotometricInterpretation = 2, RGB

StripOffsets = offset of chunky data or offset of the 3 planes

SamplesPerPixel = 3

StripByteCounts = byte count of chunky data or 3 byte counts of 3 planes

PlanarConfiguration = 1 (chunky format, RGB pixel sequence) or
PlanarConfiguration = 2 (planar format, R G and B in seperate planes)

There is nearly no difference in speed between storing in chunky or in planar format. Especially for data export to other applications, chunky format is more accepted (see also the test list).

We don't use following tags:

RowsPerStrip, default is $2^{32}-1$, that is, the entire image is one strip.

ResolutionUnit

XResolution

YResolution

RowsPerStrip = 0xffff.ffff has been found to be a problem for the PhotoStyler Tiff reader, so we removed it and use the default value. The Resolution tags are normally required for all classes of Tiff images, but don't make sense for LSM images and have been left out. There is no problem for other Tiff readers with this missing tags.

Tests

This full resolution image (first IFD) has been accepted by a lot of applications:

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- MicroSoft PowerPoint 3.0 (no RGB planar format)
- Micrografx Designer 3.1
- Aldus PhotoStyler 1.1
- PaintShop Pro 1.0 (no RGB planar format)
- Carl Zeiss AxioDoc
- Shareware pv.exe (no RGB planar format)

Privat tags

Two new tags may be found in our Tiff files. One for the LSM settings and the other for an additional comment. A change was necessary, because ALDUS (the TIFF administrator) assigned us privat tags that will never be changed again.

34412=0x866c (former 0x9bc4) is made to store LSM specific information

34413=0x866d (former 0x9bc5) is made for an additional comment

The format of the LSM-information:

Offset	Type	Description
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0000h	WORD	Code 494Ch
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0002h	WORD	Version (0002h)
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0004h	WORD	Image type
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Bit 0/1	Number of 8 bit planes
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Bit 2/3	Number of channels per pixel
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Bit 4	0: Original data,
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	1: Calculated data (animation)
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		Bit 5	1: Time series
		Bit 6	Reserved (0 or 1)
		Bit 7	1: Image is part of sequence
		Bit 8	1: y-direction is Time
		Bit 9	1: x-direction is Time
0006h	WORD		Reserved
0008h	WORD		x size of image
000ah	WORD		y size of image
000ch	WORD		x position of ROI
000eh	WORD		x position of ROI
0010h	WORD		x size of image display mask
0012h	WORD		y size of image display mask
0014h	WORD		Reserved
0016h	WORD		Reserved
0018h	WORD		Image position number in a sequence
001ah	BYTE		Reserved
001bh	BYTE		Number of valid channel parameters (1..3)
001ch	BYTE		Number of lasers (1..4)
001dh	3 bytes		Reserved
0020h	float		x size of a pixel (μm or s)
0024h	float		y size of a pixel (μm or s)
0028h	float		z distance in a sequence (μm or s)
002ch	float		Sequence value (μm / s)
0030h	8 x WORD		List of laser lines (nm)

0040h	64 bytes		Channel parameters 1

0080h	64 bytes		Channel parameters 2 (if available)

00c0h	64 bytes		Channel parameters 3 (if available)

0100h	16 x char		User text 1
0110h	16 x char		User text 2
0120h	16 x char		Date and time text
0130h	16 x char		Beam splitter text (channel 1, should be valid for all)
0140h	time_t		The time in seconds since midnight (00:00:00), January 1, 1970, Universal Coordinated Time
0144h	WORD		Fraction of a second in milliseconds
0146h	short		Timezone difference in minutes
0148h	short		Daylight saving flag
014ah	float		Real scan time for one image (s)

014eh	2 bytes	Reserved
0150h	16 x char	Emission filter channel 1 text
0160h	16 x char	Emission filter channel 2 text (if available)
0170h	16 x char	Emission filter channel 3 text (if available)
0180h	32 x char	Reserved for lens decription text

Channel Parameters (64 bytes)

Offset	Type	Description
0000h	BYTE	Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Conv Refl 2 Conv Trans 3 Conv Overl 4 Conv Fluor 5 LSM Refl1 6 LSM Refl2 7 LSM Refl3 8 LSM Trans 9 OBIC 10 Extern
0001h	BYTE	Pinhole
0002h	BYTE	Emission filter
0003h	BYTE	Flags <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bit 0 TV Bit 1 Confocal Bit 2 Reserved Bit 3 Ratio
0004h	BYTE	Attenuation filter 1
0005h	BYTE	Attenuation filter 2
0006h	BYTE	Attenuation filter 3
0007h	BYTE	Laser (each bit represents one laser line)
0008h	BYTE	Scanning time
0009h	BYTE	Bandwidth
000ah	BYTE	Beam splitter
000bh	BYTE	Lens
000ch	BYTE	Scan function
000dh	BYTE	Averaging mode (reserved)
000eh	WORD	Number of averaging
0010h	WORD	Contrast
0012h	WORD	Brightness

0014h	long	x motor (in motor steps)
0018h	long	y motor (in motor steps)
001ch	long	z motor (in motor steps)
0020h	WORD	Zoom factor * 1000
0022h	short	Angle of rotation (0.1 degree)
0024h	WORD	Obic address 1
0026h	WORD	Obic address 2
0028h	short	Scan offset x
002ah	short	Scan offset y
002ch	BYTE	Attenuation filter 4
002dh	3 bytes	Reserved
0030h	float	Objective magnification
0034h	float	Objective apperture
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- do only accept BitPerSample = 8
- do not read compressed data
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Lsm - Tiff

This is a short description of Tiff (= Tag Image File Format) and how the LSM program uses it.

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RGB Full Color Images are specified by following tags:

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PhotometricInterpretation = 2, RGB
StripOffsets = offset of chunky data or offset of the 3 planes
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The format of the LSM-information:

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0000h	WORD	Code 494Ch
0002h	WORD	Version (0100h)
0004h	WORD	Image type
		Bit 0/1 Number of planes
		Bit 2/3 Number of channels
		Bit 4 0: Original data,1: Calculated data (anim.)
		Bit 5 1: Time series
		Bit 6 Reserved (0 or 1)
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001ch	BYTE	Number of laser lines
001dh	3 bytes	Reserved
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000bh	BYTE	Lens
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000dh	BYTE	Averaging mode (reserved)
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Samples:

See the Appendix for 4 sample headers, written by our Tiff writer.

cz_gray.tif is a 512*512 grayscale image

cz_color.tif is the same as cz_gray, with neon colors

cz_rgb1.tif is a 512*480 RGB image in the planar format

cz_rgb2.tif is a 512*480 RGB image in the chunky format

The LSM Tiff Reader

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Appendix

file - cz_gray.tif

Offset	Name	Value
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Header:

00000000	Byte Order	4949
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00000002  Version                002A
00000004  1st IFD Pointer            00000008

IFD:
00000008  Entry Count                000E
0000000A  NewSubfileType            00FE 0004 00000001 00000000
00000016  ImageWidth                 0100 0004 00000001 00000200
00000022  ImageLength                0101 0004 00000001 00000200
0000002E  BitsPerSample              0102 0003 00000001 0008
0000003A  Compression                0103 0003 00000001 0001
00000046  PhotometricInterpretation  0106 0003 00000001 0001
00000052  Make                       010F 0002 00000020 000000B6
0000005E  Model                      0110 0002 00000016 000000D6
0000006A  StripOffsets               0111 0004 00000001 00000122
00000076  SamplesPerPixel            0115 0003 00000001 0001
00000082  StripByteCounts            0117 0004 00000001 00040000
0000008E  SoftWare                   0131 0002 00000010 000000EC
0000009A  ?                           866C 0001 00000017 000000FC
000000A6  ?                           866D 0002 0000000F 00000113
000000B2  Next IFD Pointer           00000000
    
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Fields pointed to by the tags:

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000000B6  Make                       "Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany"
000000D6  Model                      "Laser Scan Microscope"
000000EC  SoftWare                    "ZIF 1.81 MAR-93"
000000FC  ?                           70 72 69 76 61 74 20 4C 53
                                         4D 20 69 6E 66 6F 72 6D 61
                                         74 69 6F 6E 00
00000113  ?                           "privat comment"
    
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file - cz_color.tif

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Offset      Name                Value
Header:
00000000  Byte Order              4949
00000002  Version                  002A
00000004  1st IFD Pointer          00000008
    
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IFD:
00000008  Entry Count              000F
0000000A  NewSubfileType            00FE 0004 00000001 00000000
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00000022  ImageLength                0101 0004 00000001 00000200
0000002E  BitsPerSample              0102 0003 00000001 0008
0000003A  Compression                0103 0003 00000001 0001
00000046  PhotometricInterpretation  0106 0003 00000001 0003
00000052  Make                       010F 0002 00000020 000000C2
0000005E  Model                      0110 0002 00000016 000000E2
0000006A  StripOffsets               0111 0004 00000001 0000073C
00000076  SamplesPerPixel            0115 0003 00000001 0001
00000082  StripByteCounts            0117 0004 00000001 00040000
0000008E  SoftWare                   0131 0002 00000010 000000F8
0000009A  ColorMap                   0140 0003 00000300 00000108
000000A6  ?                           866C 0001 00000017 00000708
000000B2  ?                           866D 0002 0000001D 0000071F
000000BE  Next IFD Pointer           00000000
    
```

Fields pointed to by the tags:

```

000000C2  Make                       "Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany"
000000E2  Model                      "Laser Scan Microscope"
000000F8  SoftWare                    "ZIF 1.81 MAR-93"
00000108  ColorMap                    0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
                                         0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
    
```

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                                0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
                                0000 ...
00000708 ?                      70 72 69 76 61 74 20 4C 53
                                4D 20 69 6E 66 6F 72 6D 61
                                74 69 6F 6E 00
0000071F ?                      "cz_gray.tif with neon colors"

```


file - cz_rgb1.tif

Offset Name Value

Header:

```

00000000  Byte Order                      4949
00000002  Version                          002A
00000004  1st IFD Pointer                 00000008

```

IFD:

```

00000008  Entry Count                      000F
0000000A  NewSubfileType                 00FE 0004 00000001 00000000
00000016  ImageWidth                      0100 0004 00000001 00000200
00000022  ImageLength                     0101 0004 00000001 000001E0
0000002E  BitsPerSample                   0102 0003 00000003 000000C2
0000003A  Compression                     0103 0003 00000001 0001
00000046  PhotometricInterpretation      0106 0003 00000001 0002
00000052  Make                             010F 0002 00000020 000000C8
0000005E  Model                            0110 0002 00000016 000000E8
0000006A  StripOffsets                    0111 0004 00000003 000000FE
00000076  SamplesPerPixel                 0115 0003 00000001 0003
00000082  StripByteCounts                 0117 0004 00000003 0000010A
0000008E  PlanarConfiguration            011C 0003 00000001 0002
0000009A  SoftWare                        0131 0002 00000010 00000116
000000A6  ?                                866C 0001 00000017 00000126
000000B2  ?                                866D 0002 00000026 0000013D
000000BE  Next IFD Pointer                00000000

```

Fields pointed to by the tags:

```

000000C2  BitsPerSample                    0008 0008 0008
000000C8  Make                             "Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany"
000000E8  Model                            "Laser Scan Microscope"
000000FE  StripOffsets                    00000163 0003C163 00078163
0000010A  StripByteCounts                0003C000 0003C000 0003C000
00000116  SoftWare                        "ZIF 1.81 MAR-93"
00000126  ?                                70 72 69 76 61 74 20 6C 73
                                6D 20 69 6E 66 6F 72 6D 61
                                74 69 6F 6E 00
0000013D  ?                                "Clara Schumann on the 100 DM
banknote"

```


file - cz_rgb2.tif

Offset Name Value

Header:

```

00000000  Byte Order                      4949
00000002  Version                          002A
00000004  1st IFD Pointer                 00000008

```

IFD:

```

00000008  Entry Count                      000F
0000000A  NewSubfileType                 00FE 0004 00000001 00000000
00000016  ImageWidth                      0100 0004 00000001 00000200
00000022  ImageLength                     0101 0004 00000001 000001E0

```


0000002E	BitsPerSample	0102	0003	00000003	000000C2
0000003A	Compression	0103	0003	00000001	0001
00000046	PhotometricInterpretation	0106	0003	00000001	0002
00000052	Make	010F	0002	00000020	000000C8
0000005E	Model	0110	0002	00000016	000000E8
0000006A	StripOffsets	0111	0004	00000001	0000014A
00000076	SamplesPerPixel	0115	0003	00000001	0003
00000082	StripByteCounts	0117	0004	00000001	000B4000
0000008E	PlanarConfiguration	011C	0003	00000001	0001
0000009A	SoftWare	0131	0002	00000010	000000FE
000000A6	?	866C	0001	00000017	0000010E
000000B2	?	866D	0002	00000025	00000125
000000BE	Next IFD Pointer	00000000			

Fields pointed to by the tags:

000000C2	BitsPerSample	0008	0008	0008	
000000C8	Make	"Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany"			
000000E8	Model	"Laser Scan Microscope"			
000000FE	SoftWare	"ZIF 1.81 MAR-93"			
0000010E	?	70	72	69	76 61 74 20 4C 53
		4D	20	69	6E 66 6F 72 6D 61
		74	69	6F	6E 00
00000125	?	"Cara Schumann on the 100 DM banknote"			

