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Adding Intelligence to Media

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XMP & IPTC

- Key concepts to understanding XMP
- IIM & XMP legacy support
- IPTC4XMP: Using XMP to express IPTC
- Implementation considerations





What is XMP?

Technical description

"Adobe's Extensible Metadata Platform (XMP) is a <u>labeling</u> technology that allows you to <u>embed</u> data about a file, known as metadata, into the file itself."

Human description

"The message is in the medium"

- apologies to Marshall McLuhan





Metadata - Requirements

Open	Build on standards		
Extensible	Support custom schemas/vocabularies		
Universal	Support diverse file formats, databases & relevant containers		
International	Unicode, multilingual		
Robust	Keep metadata with asset		





Key Elements of XMP

Framework

XML structure for storing information

Packet

How and where information is stored and accessed

Specification

Description of & relationship to other standards

Custom Panels

Human interface interaction with metadata





Framework

- The structure to store & retrieve metadata
- Built on W3C recommendations (standards)
 - Open, accessible, understandable
 - Common language for information
- Uses XML for RDF description of data
 - Provides rich description of data
 - Ease of extensibility and interoperability
 - Non proprietary, non binary, text based
 - International support
 - Customization and standards support





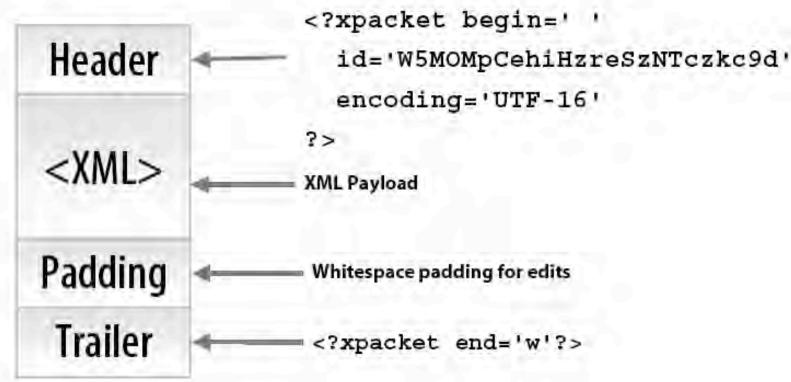
XMP Packet

- How and where metadata is stored
- XML window into binary world
 - Stored directly within file (also as 'side-cars' files)
 - Easily accessible for reading, writing, updates
- File format neutral
 - Stored in the custom data section of files
 - Storage location defined in specification
 - JPG, TIFF, GIF, PDF, EPS, DNG, PSD, AI, INDD, INDC
- Manifest support
 - Storage of document and object level metadata
- Legacy support
 - Via synchronization routines in applications





XMP packet







Specification

- Description and relationship to other standards
- Namespace & Schema definition
 - Defines 'built-in' properties supported within Adobe applications & XMP platform
- Relationship & support of standards
 - Includes support for Dublin Core, EXIF,...
 - Defines built-in mapping between properties
- Specification publicly available from Adobe
- Namespace
 - domain of property's existence & applicability
- Schema
 - Set of namespaces & properties to describe a standard
 - Expressed as human readable or by structure





Schema Support in XMP

- Get the latest spec from adobe.com/xmp
- Schema support
 - Dublin Core
 - Photoshop (IPTC subset)
 - EXIF
 - Basic XMP
 - Rights Management
 - Media Management
 - Job Ticket Management
 - XMP Page Text
 - Adobe PDF
- File format embedding guidelines





Custom panels

- Human interface with metadata
- Consistent metadata dialog across CS
 - Standard view of metadata within workflow
- Panels defined by text file
 - Defines the user readable label for properties
 - Describes the visual layout & interactivity
 - Defines the storage of metadata in properties
- Links data input to data storage structure
 - Data entered via panel is stored in XMP packet according to panel description
- Enables standards interoperability & customization





Custom panels

- Standards implementation
 - Panels can be created, distributed and installed
- Custom panel dialog
 - Create metadata templates for frequent, batch input
 - Access to most recently used items
- 3rd Party tools for customization
 - Pound Hill software for schema & panel development

```
group(placement: place_row, spacing: gSpace, horizontal: align_fill, reverse: rtl_aware)
{
    static_text(name: '$$$/lptcCore/CreatorCity=City:', vertical: align_top, font: font_big_right);
    edit_text(horizontal: align_fill, xmp_namespace: 'http://www.iptc.org/lptcCore/1.0/', 'CciAdrCity' );
}
```





- Demonstration of custom panels
- Demonstration of XMP storage structure





The story so far...

- Legacy support for IIM in Photoshop
 - IIM fields mapped to XMP namespace
- Subset of fields stored
 - TIFF tag locations
 - PSD files in image resource tags
 - Macintosh specific locations
- Photoshop will synchronize IIM with XMP
- Legacy data changes know via MD5
 - IIM record is uniquely 'remembered'
 - XMP updated if changed





IIM - XMP Mapping

Property	Туре	IIM Record	Alias
photoshop:Caption	Text	2:120 Caption/Abstract	dc:description/*[@xml:lang='x-default']
photoshop:Author	ProperName	2:80 By-line	dc:creator/*[1]
photoshop:Title	Text	2:05 Object Name	dc:title/*[@xml:lang='x-default']
photoshop:Keywords	bag Text	2:25 Keywords	dc:subject
photoshop:WebStatement	URL		xapRights:WebStatement
photoshop:Copyright	Text	2:116 Copyright Notice	dc:rights/*[@xml:lang='x-default']
photoshop:CaptionWriter	ProperName	2:122 Writer/Editor	
photoshop:Headline	Text	2:105 Headline	
photoshop:Instructions	Text	2:40 Special Instructions	
photoshop:AuthorsPosition	Text	2:85 By-line Title	
photoshop:Credit	Text	2:110 Credit	
photoshop:Source	Text	2:115 Source	
photoshop:DateCreated	Date	2:55 Date Created (1)	
photoshop:City	Text	2:90 City	
photoshop:State	Text	2:95 Province/State	
photoshop:Country	Text	2:101 Country/Primary Location Name	
photoshop:TransmissionReference	Text	2:103 Original Transmission Reference	
photoshop:Category	Text	2:15 Category (2)	
photoshop:Marked	Boolean		xapRights:Marked
photoshop:SupplementalCategories	bag Text	2:20 Supplemental Category	
photoshop:Urgency	Integer	2:10 Urgency (3)	
photoshop:JobName	Text		
photoshop:History (4)	Text		





IPTC4XMP Objectives

- Definition of Core properties
 - Review of existing IPTC properties
 - Identification of new properties
- Backward compatibility with IIM
 - Continue support of existing expression
 - Definition of new namespace for new properties
- Interoperability with existing standards
 - Continued support of namespace 'reuse'
- Coordination with partners & communities
 - IDEAlliance participation
 - Developer and partner participation
- Planning for implementation
 - Recommended property labels for users
 - Custom panel creation





Workgroup Summary

- Backward Compatibility
 - Existing IIM XMP support remains
 - Supported through photoshop namespace
- Clarification of existing properties
 - ByLine Title ->Creator Job Title
 - Caption Writer -> Caption/Description Writer
 - Transmission Ref -> Job ID
 - XMP:RightsUsageTerms -> Rights Usage Terms
- New properties -Supported through IPTC namespace
 - Creator contact information
 - ISO Country Code content related, ISO-3166
 - Intellectual Genre intellectual/journalistic characteristic
 - Location location of content subject
 - SubjectReference IPTC subjectCore ctl'd vocab





Next Steps

Update specification

- Public update of XMP specification
- Reference to IPTC4XMP schema definition

Custom panel creation

New panel definition based on working group recommendations

Distribution & Feedback

- Post panels on IPTC website for installation
- Support in existing & legacy Adobe products

Support in future Adobe products

Build in schema support in applications & SDK









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