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i. Abstract

This Interface Standard is a profile of the OGC® GML Application Schema –Coverages version 1.0 [OC 09-146r2]. This document specifies the usage of the GeoTIFF data format for the encoding of GML coverages. This encoding is used by several OGC services like the Web Coverage Service (WCS) 2.0 Interface Standard – Core [OGC 09-110r4].

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iii. Document terms and definitions

This document uses the standard terms defined in Subclause 5.3 of [OGC 06-121r9], which is based on the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards. In particular, the word "shall" (not "must") is the verb form used to indicate a requirement to be strictly followed to conform to this standard.

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vii. Future work

It is foreseen to adapt and expand the support of coverages of type gmlcov: ReferenceableGridCoverage based on adopted extensions of GML and GMLCOV once available.

Introduction

Coverages represent digital geospatial information representing space/time-varying phenomena. OGC Abstract Topic 6 [OGC 07-011] – which is identical to ISO 19123 – defines an abstract model of coverages. Coverage instances may be encoded using the GML Application Schema – Coverages (GMLCOV) version 1.0 [OGC 09-146r2] which is based on the Geography Markup Language (GML) version 3.2 [OGC 07-036], an XML grammar written in XML Schema for the description of application schemas as well as the transport and storage of geographic information.

This profile of GMLCOV specifies the usage of the GeoTIFF data format for the encoding of GML coverages. It is based on the authoritative format specification available as GeoTIFF Format Specification which in turn is based on the TIFF specification.

This encoding is used by several OGC services like the Web Coverage Service (WCS) 2.0 Interface Standard – Core [OGC 09-110r4].

OGC® GML Application Schema - Coverages - GeoTIFF Coverage Encoding Profile

1 Scope

This *OGC*® *GML Application Schema - Coverages - GeoTIFF Coverage Encoding Profile* – henceforth abbreviated as "GMLCOV for GeoTIFF" specifies an encoding of coverages in the GeoTIFF data exchange format.

2 Conformance

This document establishes the following requirements and conformance class:

□ geotiff-coverage, of URI http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverage, of URI http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverage.

Standardization target of all conformance classes are concrete coverage instance documents, as generated by some service and/or consumed by some client.

URIs given in this document for each requirement or conformance test URIs are relative paths to be appended to the root http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverages/1.0.

Annex A lists the conformance tests which shall be exercised on any software artifact claiming to implement GMLCOV for GeoTIFF.

3 Normative references

This GMLCOV for GeoTIFF specification consists of the present document and an XML Schema. The complete specification is identified by OGC URI http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverages/1.0, the document has OGC URI http://www.opengis.net/doc/ISx/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverages/1.0.

The complete specification is available for download from http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/gmlcov; additionally, the XML Schema is posted online at http://schemas.opengis.net/gmlcov/geotiff/1.0 as part of the OGC schema repository. In the event of a discrepancy between bundled and schema repository versions of the XML Schema files, the schema repository shall be considered authoritative.

The following normative documents contain provisions that, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this specification. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies.

OGC 09-146r2, OGC® GML Application Schema – Coverages, version 1.0

Conformance classes used:

☐ gml-coverage

☐ multipart

□ special-format

OGC 07-036, OpenGIS® Geography Markup Language (GML) Encoding Standard, version 3.2

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RFC-3302, *RFC 3302, Tag Image File Format (TIFF) - image/tiff MIME Sub-type Registration*, 2002-09, available at http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3302 [2011-06-17]

4 Terms and definitions (normative)

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in the above references (in particular: GML AS – Coverages [OGC 09-146r2]) apply.

4.1 raster or image space

Space used to reference the pixel values in a grid or image (cf. GeoTIFF format specification [GeoTIFF]).

4.2 model space

Space used to reference points on the earth (cf. GeoTIFF format specification [GeoTIFF]).

5 Overview and conventions

5.1 Overview (informative)

The GeoTIFF format specification [GeoTIFF] extents the basic raster file format TIFF specification [TIFF] with georeferencing information using reserved TIFF tags. In doing

so the GeoTIFF format is fully compliant with the TIFF format. Thus software incapable of reading and interpreting these extension TIFF tags is still able to open a GeoTIFF format file by simply ignoring them.

A TIFF file is composed of the Image File Header (IFH) and one or multiple Image File Directories (IFDs) holding the actual data entries in 2D rectangular arrays of pixels.

Thus, the only coverage types supported by this specification are gmlcov: GridCoverage, gmlcov: RectifiedGridCoverage, gmlcov: ReferenceableGridCoverage, and any coverage type derived thereof with exactly 2 dimensions. Although techniques to store 3D or even higher dimensional coverages in TIFF files are known they are not considered herein.

For coverages of type gmlcov: GridCoverage the GeoTIFF format specification is not needed and simple TIFF files are used instead. However, this profile still applies.

Following the notation of the abstract coverage definition in the GML AS – Coverages [OGC 09-146r2] the domainSet is limited to 2 dimensions and the rangeType is limited according to the TIFF specification.

5.2 Namespace prefix conventions

The following namespaces are used in this document. The prefix abbreviations used constitute conventions used here, but are **not** normative. The namespaces to which the prefixes refer are normative, however.

Prefix	Namespace URI	Description
xsd	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema	XML Schema namespace
gml	http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2	GML 3.2.1
gmlcov	http://www.opengis.net/gmlcov/1.0	GML Application Schema – Coverages 1.0
geotiff	http://www.opengis.net/gmlcov/geotiff/1.0	GMLCOV – GeoTIFF Encoding Profile 1.0
wcs	http://www.opengis.net/wcs/2.0	WCS 2.0

Table 1 – Namespace mappings

5.3 Multiple representations

When multiple representations of the same information are given in a specification document these are consistent. Should this not be the case then this is considered an error, and the XML schema shall take precedence.

6 GeoTIFF coverage representation requirements class

Requirements class *geotiff-coverage* establishes how coverages are represented in the GeoTIFF encoding format. It further specifies how coverages can be requested e.g. from

a WCS by defining parameters for TIFF features like compression, tiling, etc. Its identifying URL is given by http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverage.

6.1 General

Coverages using GeoTIFF encoding shall follow both the TIFF and the GeoTIFF specifications.

Requirement 1 /req/geotiff-coverage/tiff-specification:

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** follow the TIFF specification [TIFF].

Note GeoTIFF encoded coverage instances may additionally follow one or more of the TIFF extensions [BigTIFF], [TIFF-TN2], [TIFF-TN], or [TIFF-TN3].

Requirement 2 /req/geotiff-coverage/type:

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance shall be of type gmlcov:GridCoverage, gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage, or gmlcov:ReferenceableGridCoverage, or a subtype thereof.

Dependency: http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV/1.0/conf/gml-coverage

Requirement 3 /req/geotiff-coverage/geotiff-specification:

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance and being of type gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage, or gmlcov:ReferenceableGridCoverage, or a subtype thereof **shall** follow the GeoTIFF specification [GeoTIFF] and shall contain the geo-referencing information of the coverage.

Note Coverages with type gmlcov: GridCoverage only need to adhere to the TIFF specification.

6.2 GeoTIFF identification

The GeoTIFF format shall be identified by the following URI or MIME type identifier, whenever a format identifier is required.

Note Extensive examples are available online at the same place as the accompanying XML schemas.

Requirement 4 /req/geotiff-coverage/uri:

If the usage of URIs is possible GeoTIFF encoding of a coverage **shall** be indicated by the following URI:

http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverages/1.0/conf/geotiff-coverage

Note Examples include the value of the xlink:role attribute of the gml:rangeParameters element in multipart GML coverage instances, or the ows:Profile element in WCS *GetCapabilities* responses.

Requirement 5 /req/geotiff-coverage/mime-type-identifier:

GeoTIFF encoding of a coverage **shall be** indicated by the following MIME type

identifier:

image/tiff

Note MIME sub-type image/tiff is defined in [RFC-3302].

Note Examples include the value of the Content-Type header in service responses, the formatSupported element in WCS *GetCapabilities* responses, the nativeFormat element in WCS *DescribeCoverage* responses, or the format parameter in WCS *GetCoverage* requests.

6.3 Mapping between GeoTIFF abstract model and GML AS abstract model

6.3.1 Domain

Requirement 6 /req/geotiff-coverage/dimensions:

The domain of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** have exactly 2 dimensions.

Requirement 7 /req/geotiff-coverage/crs:

The coordinate reference system identified by the value of the srsName attribute of the gml:Envelope element of the gml:boundedBy element of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance shall be the same as the coordinate reference system used in the GeoTIFF part.

Note The value of the srsName attribute of the Envelope element shall be inherited by all directly expressed geometries (see GML 3.2 [OGC 07-036] clause 9.10), i.e. for all range set values encoded in GeoTIFF.

Note "The coordinate reference system used in the GeoTIFF part" depends on the coverage's type. For the type <code>gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage</code> this is obvious, for the type <code>gmlcov:ReferenceableGridCoverage</code> this is the coordinate reference system used for the tiepoints, and finally for the type <code>gmlcov:GridCoverage</code> the coordinate reference system is limited to raster or image space ones anyway and thus "the GeoTIFF part" is in fact a pure TIFF part only.

Note GML 3.2 [OGC 07-036] does not define any concrete ReferenceableGrid and the ones added by Change Request OGC 07-112r3 are not suitable for usage with GeoTIFF encoding. Thus a new suitable one, e.g. ReferenceableGridByGCPs, is going to be proposed but will only be available in future.

Requirement 8 /req/geotiff-coverage/axis-ordering:

The value ordering of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** adhere to the axis order of the coordinate reference system identified by the value of the srsName attribute of the gml:Envelope element of the gml:boundedBy element.

Note This applies to all elements directly bound to a coordinate reference system i.e. the boundedBy, origin, and offsetVector elements but not to elements in raster or image space i.e. the grid.

Requirement 9 /req/geotiff-coverage/pixel-is-area:

The domain of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** respect the coverage's raster space as defined in the GeoTIFF specification [GeoTIFF] i.e. PixelIsArea or PixelIsPoint

Note The definition of grids in GML 3.2 [OGC 07-036] clause 19.2.2 which GMLCOV is based on reads as: "When a grid point is used to represent a sample space (e.g. image pixel), the grid point represents the center of the sample space (see ISO 19123:2005, 8.2.2)."

Note GMLCOV does not store the raster type i.e. PixelIsArea or PixelIsPoint information in its current version. However, Requirement 9 above specifies that the gml:boundedBy element shall respect the raster type i.e. it shall include the half pixel border in case of PixelIsArea (see also Figure 1) but not in case of PixelIsPoint. In other words, in case of PixelIsArea the gml:boundedBy element is decreased by the half of both gml:offsetVector elements in the gml:lowerCorner coordinate and increased by the half of both gml:offsetVector elements in the gml:upperCorner coordinate compared to the case of PixelIsPoint. The gml:origin element stays the same independently of the raster space.

Examples: The following XML fragments show the boundedBy and the domainSet elements describing the domain of sample coverages respecting the axis ordering of the used CRS:

☐ Default axis order (easting, northing) using PixelIsArea:

```
<aml:boundedBv>
  <gml:Envelope srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/3857"</pre>
axisLabels="x y" uomLabels="m m" srsDimension="2">
    <gml:lowerCorner>100 50/gml:lowerCorner>
    <gml:upperCorner>500 350/gml:upperCorner>
  </gml:Envelope>
</gml:boundedBy>
<qml:domainSet>
  <qml:RectifiedGrid dimension="2" qml:id="grid grey">
    <qml:limits>
      <qml:GridEnvelope>
        <qml:low>0 0</qml:low>
        <qml:hiqh>39 29
      </gml:GridEnvelope>
    </qml:limits>
    <gml:axisLabels>x y
    <qml:origin>
      <qml:Point qml:id="grid origin grey"</pre>
srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/3857">
        <qml:pos>105 345
      </gml:Point>
    </qml:origin>
    <gml:offsetVector srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/</pre>
0/3857">10 0
    <qml:offsetVector srsName="http://www.openqis.net/def/crs/EPSG/</pre>
0/3857">0 -10
  </gml:RectifiedGrid>
</gml:domainSet>
☐ Default axis order using PixelIsPoint:
<qml:boundedBy>
  <qml:Envelope srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/3857"</pre>
axisLabels="x y" uomLabels="m m" srsDimension="2">
    <gml:lowerCorner>105 55/gml:lowerCorner>
    <gml:upperCorner>495 345
  </gml:Envelope>
</gml:boundedBy>
```

```
<qml:domainSet>
  ... (same as above)
</gml:domainSet>
☐ Reversed axis order (latitude, longitude) using PixelIsArea:
<qml:boundedBy>
  <gml:Envelope srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326"</pre>
axisLabels="lat long" uomLabels="deg deg" srsDimension="2">
    <qml:lowerCorner>
      0.000449157641044 0.00089831528412
    </gml:lowerCorner>
    <gml:upperCorner>
      0.003144103492834 0.00449157641984
    </gml:upperCorner>
  </gml:Envelope>
</gml:boundedBy>
<qml:domainSet>
  <qml:RectifiedGrid dimension="2" qml:id="grid grey">
    <qml:limits>
      <qml:GridEnvelope>
        <gml:low>0 0
        <gml:high>39 29
      </gml:GridEnvelope>
    </qml:limits>
    <gml:axisLabels>lat long
    <qml:origin>
      <gml:Point gml:id="grid origin grey"</pre>
srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326">
        <qml:pos>0.0030991877286375 0.0009432310483165/
      </gml:Point>
    </gml:origin>
    <gml:offsetVector srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/</pre>
0/4326">0 0.000089831528393</gml:offsetVector>
    <qml:offsetVector srsName="http://www.openqis.net/def/crs/EPSG/</pre>
0/4326">-0.000089831528393 0</gml:offsetVector>
  </gml:RectifiedGrid>
</gml:domainSet>
```

Note The complete examples corresponding to the XML fragments given above including GeoTIFF files are available online at the same place as the accompanying XML schemas.

The below simple figure provides an explanation of the relation between raster or image space (blue) and model space (orange) in the case of PixellsArea using the values from the examples above.

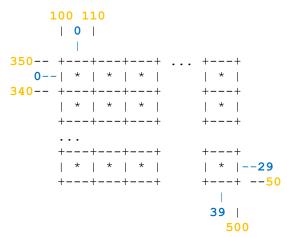


Figure 1: Relation between raster or pixel and model space in case of PixelIsArea

6.3.2 Range

Requirement 10 /reg/geotiff-coverage/range-ordering:

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance with more than one component in the rangeType **shall** order the components of the coverage's rangeType in the same order as given in the gml:rangeType element's document order.

Note The order of components, also called *bands*, within a composite rangeSet value corresponds to document order of the rangeType elements.

6.4 GeoTIFF parameters

6.4.1 Request

The following *GeoTIFF parameters* are defined for requesting GeoTIFF encoded coverages for example via WCS *GetCoverage* requests.

Note It is always possible for a given coverage instance to determine its current parameter values, i.e., the parameter values used at creation. Thus a GeoTIFF encoded coverage is self-describing.

Requirement 11 /req/geotiff-coverage/parameters-xml:

The structure of an XML request requesting a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** be extended as defined in Table 2 and the respective XML Schema being part of this standard.

Requirement 12 /req/geotiff-coverage/parameters-kvp:

The structure of a KVP request requesting a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** be extended as defined in Table 2 where the parameter names shall be prefixed with "geotiff: "for example geotiff: compression.

Note This prefix is used as namespace replacement in order to minimize the risk of reusing already defined KVP parameters.

Note It is recommended for server implementations to parse the format parameter first in order to have the right context for further parameters.

Table 2 – Parameters for requesting GeoTIFF encoded coverages

Name	Definition	Data Type	Multiplicit y
compression	Compression used	String, one of: "None", "PackBits", "Huffman", "LZW", "JPEG", "Deflate"	zero or one (optional)
<pre>jpeg_quality</pre>	Quality of compression; Allowed only in presence of "compression=JPEG"	Integer between 1 and 100	zero or one (optional)
predictor	Indicates if predictor is requested	String, one of: "None", "Horizontal", "FloatingPoint"	zero or one (optional)
interleave	Determines how the components of each pixel are stored (PlanarConfiguration in TIFF terminology with value 1 for chunky or pixel and value 2 for planar or band format)	String, one of: "Pixel", "Band"	zero or one (optional)
tiling	Indicates if tiling is requested	Boolean	zero or one (optional)
tileheight	Edge length of tiles in pixels (tiled storage only; TileLenght in TIFF terminology); Allowed only together with tiling being "true" and tilewidth being present	Integer being a multiple of 16 greater than zero	zero or one (optional)
tilewidth	Edge with of tiles in pixels (tiled storage only); Allowed only together with tiling being "true" and tileheight being present	Integer being a multiple of 16 greater than zero	zero or one (optional)

Note It is recommended for server implementations to take some measures to cope with large values for the tileheight and tilewidht parameters to prevent high resource consumption.

6.4.2 Response

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage shall encode the TIFF features as requested using the above defined GeoTIFF parameters.

Requirement 13 /req/geotiff-coverage/compression:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a compression GeoTIFF parameter **shall** consist of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage using the specified compression whereas the following mapping applies:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Value o</u>	of Compression TIFF tag Comment
None	1	No compression
PackBits	32773	As in [TIFF] section 9
CCITTRLE	2	As in [TIFF] section 10 (Modified Huffman compression)
LZW	5	As in [TIFF] section 13
JPEG	7	As in [TIFF-TN2]
Deflate	8	As in [TIFF-TN]

Requirement 14 /req/geotiff-coverage/jpeg:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a <code>jpeg_quality</code> and a <code>compression</code> parameter with value "JPEG" shall consist of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage using JPEG compression with the quality indicated.

Requirement 15 /req/geotiff-coverage/predictor:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a predictor parameter **shall** consist of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage using the specified predictor whereas the following mapping applies:

<u>Name</u>	Valı	ue of the Predictor TIFF tag	Comment
None	1	As in [TIFF] section 14	
Horizontal	2	As in [TIFF] section 14	
FloatingPoint	3	As in [TIFF-TN3]	

Note The predictor parameter is in practice only used together with LZW or Deflate compression.

Requirement 16 /reg/geotiff-coverage/interleave:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a interleave parameter **shall** consist of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage using the specified interleave method.

Requirement 17 /reg/geotiff-coverage/tiling:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a tiling and optionally a tileheight and a tilewidth parameter **shall** consist of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage with internal tiling using the specified height and width if present.

Note A server or service not implementing the requested feature is always free to respond with an exception.

6.4.3 Exceptions

Requirement 18 /req/geotiff-coverage/exceptions:

When a server or service encounters an error described in column "meaning of exception code" in Table 3 then it **shall** return the corresponding exception report message with the contents of the locator parameter value as specified in the right column of Table 3.

Table 3 – Exception codes for GeoTIFF paremeters

exceptionCode value	HTTP code	Meaning of code	locator value
CompressionNotSupported	404	Server does not support the requested compression.	Value of compression parameter.
CompressionInvalid	404	Invalid compression requested.	Value of compression parameter.
JpegQualityInvalid	404	Invalid JPEG quality requested.	Value of jpeg_quality parameter.
PredictorNotSupported	404	Server does not support the requested predictor.	Value of predictor parameter.
PredictorInvalid	404	Invalid predictor requested.	Value of predictor parameter.
InterleavingNotSupported	404	Server does not support the requested interleave method.	Value of interleave parameter.
InterleavingInvalid	404	Invalid interleaving requested.	Value of interleave parameter.
TilingNotSupported	404	Server does not support tiling.	_
TilingInvalid	404	Either tileheight, tilewidth, or both are missing or one or both are not a positive integer being a multiple of 16 and thus invalid.	Value of tileheight and tilewidth parameter.

Annex A (normative)

Abstract Test Suite

This Annex specifies an Abstract Test Suite which shall be passed in completeness by any implementation claiming conformance with this GeoTIFF coverage encoding profile.

Test identifiers below are relative to http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverages/1.0/.

A.1 Conformance Test Class: geotiff-coverage

The OGC URI identifier of this conformance class is: http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-coverages/1.0/conf/geotiff-coverage.

A.1.1 Prerequisites

Make sure that at least one GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance is available. Repeat the tests for each GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance available.

A.1.2 Follow TIFF specification

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/tiff-specification

Test Purpose: Requirement /reg/geotiff-coverage/tiff-specification:

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance shall follow the TIFF

specification [TIFF].

Test method: Validate the coverage instance under test against the TIFF specification.

Test passes if coverage instance is valid according to the TIFF

specification.

A.1.3 Correct coverage type

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/type

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/type:

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance shall be of type

gmlcov:GridCoverage, gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage, or gmlcov:ReferenceableGridCoverage, or a subtype thereof. **Dependency**: http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV/1.0/conf/gml-

coverage

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

check that its first part consists of a GML document of type

gmlcov:GridCoverage, gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage,

gmlcov: ReferenceableGridCoverage, or a subtype thereof.

Test passes if constraint evaluates to true.

A.1.4 Follow GeoTIFF specification

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/geotiff-specification

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/geotiff-specification:

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance and being of type

gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage, or

gmlcov: ReferenceableGridCoverage, or a subtype thereof shall follow the GeoTIFF specification [GeoTIFF] and shall contain the geo-

referencing information of the coverage.

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

and if its first part consists of a GML document of type

gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage,

gmlcov:ReferenceableGridCoverage, or a subtype thereof validate the coverage instance under test against the GeoTIFF

specification.

Test passes if coverage instance is of one of the listed types and is valid

according to the GeoTIFF specification.

A.1.5 Correct URI

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/uri

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/uri:

If the usage of URIs is possible GeoTIFF encoding of a coverage shall

be indicated by the following URI:

http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV geotiff-

coverages/1.0/conf/geotiff-coverage

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

check that the xlink:role attribute of the gml:rangeParameters element of the gml:File element of the gml:rangeSet element of its

first part has the value

"http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV_geotiff-

coverages/1.0/conf/geotiff-coverage".

Test passes if constraint evaluates to true.

A.1.6 Correct MIME type

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/mime-type-identifier

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/mime-type-identifier:

GeoTIFF encoding of a coverage shall be indicated by the following

MIME type identifier: image/tiff

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

check that the gml:mimeType element of the gml:File element of the gml:rangeSet element of its first part as well as the Content-Type

header of its second part have the value "image/tiff".

Test passes if constraints evaluate to true.

A.1.7 Correct dimensions

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/dimensions

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/dimensions:

The domain of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** have exactly

2 dimensions.

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

check that the dimension parameter of the gml:RectifiedGrid

element or of a subtype thereof or of a subtype of

gml:AbstractReferencealbeGrid of the gml:domainSet

element of its first part has the value "2".

Test passes if constraint evaluates to true.

A.1.8 Correct CRS

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/crs

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/crs:

The coordinate reference system identified by the value of the srsName attribute of the gml:Envelope element of the gml:boundedBy element of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance shall be the same as

the coordinate reference system used in the GeoTIFF part.

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

check that the srsName attribute of the gml:Envelope element of the gml:boundedBy element its first part defines the same coordinate reference system as the one used in the second part which in case of gmlcov:ReferenceableGridCoverage is the coordinate reference system used for the tiepoints and in case of gmlcov:GridCoverage

not present.

Test passes if constraint evaluates to true.

A.1.9 Correct axis ordering

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/axis-ordering

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/axis-ordering:

> The value ordering of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance shall adhere to the axis order of the coordinate reference system identified by the value of the srsName attribute of the gml: Envelope element of

the gml:boundedBy element.

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

> check that the coordinate reference system defined by the srsName attribute of the gml: Envelope element of the gml: boundedBy element of its first part defines the same axis ordering as the one used in

the second part.

Test passes if constraint evaluates to true.

A.1.10 Correct raster space

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/pixel-is-area

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/pixel-is-area:

> The domain of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance shall respect the coverage's raster space as defined in the GeoTIFF specification

[GeoTIFF] i.e. PixelIsArea or PixelIsPoint.

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

> check that the values used in the gml:lowerCorner and gml:upperCorner elements of gml:Envelope element of the gml:boundedBy element of its first part are respecting the raster space

setting used in the second part.

In case of PixelIsArea, type gmlcov: RectifiedGridCoverage, and grid axis parallel to the CRS axis the difference between the values used in the gml:lowerCorner and gml:Envelope elements shall be the same as the number of pixels defined in the gml:domainSet element multiplied with the respective value of the respective gml:offsetVector element taking into account the right axis

ordering.

In case of PixelIsPoint, type

gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage, and grid axis parallel to the

CRS axis the difference between the values used in the gml:lowerCorner and gml:Envelope elements shall be the same as the number of pixels defined in the gml:domainSet element minus 1 multiplied with the respective value of the respective gml:offsetVector element taking into account the right axis ordering.

Test passes if constraints evaluate to true.

A.1.11 Correct range order

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/range-ordering

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/range-ordering:

A GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance with more than one component in the rangeType **shall** order the components of the coverage's

rangeType in the same order as given in the gml:rangeType element's

document order.

Test method: If the coverage instance under test is encoded in a multipart message

check that the ordering used in the gmlcov:rangeType element of its

first part is the same as used in the second part.

Test passes if constraint evaluates to true.

A.1.12 Parameters XML

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/parameters-xml

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/parameters-xml:

The structure of an XML request requesting a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** be extended as defined in Table 2 and the

respective XML Schema being part of this standard.

Test method: Validate the GeoTIFF parameters present in the request if an XML

request was used to obtain the coverage instance under test.

Test passes if an XML request was used to obtain the coverage instance under test and the GeoTIFF parameters are valid according to the XML

schema and the coverage instance is encoded as requested.

A.1.13 Parameters KVP

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/parameters-kvp

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/parameters-kvp:

The structure of a KVP request requesting a GeoTIFF encoded coverage instance **shall** be extended as defined in Table 2 where the parameter

names shall be prefixed with "geotiff:" for example

geotiff:compression.

Test method: Validate the GeoTIFF parameters present in the request if a KVP

request was used to obtain the coverage instance under test.

Test passes if a KVP request was used to obtain the coverage instance under test and the GeoTIFF parameters are valid according to Table 2

and the coverage instance is encoded as requested.

A.1.14 Parameter for compression

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/compression

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/compression:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a compression GeoTIFF parameter **shall** consist of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage using the specified compression whereas

the following mapping applies:

Test method: Check the GeoTIFF parameters present in the request used to obtain the

coverage instance under test for the presence of the "compression" parameter. If found, verify that the coverage instance is encoded using

the requested compression.

Test passes if the "compression" parameter is present and the

coverage instance is encoded as requested.

A.1.15 Parameter for JPEG compression

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/jpeg

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/jpeg:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a <code>jpeg_quality</code> and a <code>compression</code> parameter with value "JPEG" shall consist of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage using JPEG

compression with the quality indicated.

Test method: Check the GeoTIFF parameters present in the request used to obtain the

coverage instance under test for the presence of the "compression"

and "jpeg quality" parameters. If found, verify that the

"compression" parameter has value "JPEG" and the coverage instance

is encoded using JPEG compression with the requested quality.

Test passes if the "compression" and "jpeg quality" parameters

are present and the coverage instance is encoded as requested.

A.1.16 Parameter for predictor

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/predictor

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/predictor:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a predictor parameter **shall** consist of a GeoTIFF

encoded coverage using the specified predictor

Test method: Check the GeoTIFF parameters present in the request used to obtain the

coverage instance under test for the presence of the "predictor" parameter. If found, verify that the coverage instance is encoded using

the requested predictor.

Test passes if the "predictor" parameter is present and the coverage

instance is encoded as requested.

A.1.17 Parameter for interleave

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/interleave

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/interleave:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage containing a interleave parameter **shall** consist of a GeoTIFF

encoded coverage using the specified interleave method.

Test method: Check the GeoTIFF parameters present in the request used to obtain the

coverage instance under test for the presence of the "interleave" parameter. If found, verify that the coverage instance is encoded using

the requested interleave method.

Test passes if the "interleave" parameter is present and the coverage

instance is encoded as requested.

A.1.18 Parameter for tiling

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/tiling

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/tiling:

The response to a successful request for a GeoTIFF encoded coverage

containing a tiling and optionally a tileheight and a

tilewidth parameter **shall** consist of a GeoTIFF encoded coverage with internal tiling using the specified height and width if present.

Test method: Check the GeoTIFF parameters present in the request used to obtain the

coverage instance under test for the presence of the "tiling"

parameter. If found and the value is true, check for the presence of the "tileheight" and "tilewidth" parameters and verify that the

coverage instance is encoded using the requested tiling.

Test passes if the "tiling" parameter and optionally the "tileheight" and "tilewidth" parameters are present and the coverage instance is encoded as requested.

A.1.19 Exceptions

Test id: /conf/geotiff-coverage/exceptions

Test Purpose: Requirement /req/geotiff-coverage/exceptions:

When a server or service encounters an error described in column "meaning of exception code" in Table 3 then it **shall** return the

corresponding exception report message with the contents of the locator

parameter value as specified in the right column of Table 3.

Test method: Validate possible exception responses obtained instead of coverage

instances.

Test passes if exceptions are using the relevant exceptionCode.

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Annex B (informative) Resources

B.1 Links

GeoTIFF at the Open Source Geospatial Foundation: http://geotiff.osgeo.org/

GeoTIFF mailing list: http://lists.maptools.org/mailman/listinfo/geotiff

GDAL – Geospatial Data Abstraction Library: http://www.gdal.org/

listgeo – Dump GeoTIFF Metadata: http://www.remotesensing.org/geotiff/listgeo.html

LibTIFF – TIFF Library and Utilities: http://www.remotesensing.org/libtiff/

B.2 Examples

This clause holds a valid example of a multipart GeoTIFF encoded coverage but omitting the GeoTIFF content itself as well as a WCS GetCoverage request including GeoTIFF parameters. Additionally the TIFF and GeoTIFF keys of the coverage are provided. These keys can easily be mapped to the GML part. The complete examples including the GeoTIFF content are available online at the same place as the accompanying XML schemas.

The following sketches a valid multipart coverage (contents of second part omitted):

```
Content-Type: Multipart/Related; boundary=wcs;
        start="GML-Part"
        type="application/gml+xml"
Content-Type: text/xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<qmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage</pre>
  xmlns:xsi=http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance
  xmlns:xlink=http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink
  xmlns:gml=http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2
  xmlns:gmlcov=http://www.opengis.net/gmlcov/1.0
  xmlns:swe=http://www.opengis.net/swe/2.0
  xsi:schemaLocation=http://www.opengis.net/gmlcov/1.0
http://schemas.opengis.net/gmlcov/1.0/gmlcovAll.xsd
  qml:id="grey">
  <qml:boundedBy>
    <qml:Envelope srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/3857"</pre>
axisLabels="x y" uomLabels="m m" srsDimension="2">
      <qml:lowerCorner>100 50/qml:lowerCorner>
      <qml:upperCorner>500 350/qml:upperCorner>
    </gml:Envelope>
  </gml:boundedBy>
  <qml:domainSet>
    <gml:RectifiedGrid dimension="2" gml:id="grid grey">
      <qml:limits>
```

```
<qml:GridEnvelope>
          <gml:low>0 0</pml:low>
          <qml:high>39 29
        </gml:GridEnvelope>
      </gml:limits>
      <gml:axisLabels>x y
      <qml:origin>
        <gml:Point gml:id="grid origin grey"</pre>
srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/3857">
         <qml:pos>105 345
        </gml:Point>
      </gml:origin>
      <gml:offsetVector srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/</pre>
3857">10 0</gml:offsetVector>
      <gml:offsetVector srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/</pre>
3857">0 -10</gml:offsetVector>
    </gml:RectifiedGrid>
  </gml:domainSet>
  <qml:rangeSet>
    <gml:File>
      <qml:rangeParameters xlink:href="cid:grey.tif"</pre>
xlink:role="http://www.opengis.net/spec/GMLCOV geotiff-
coverages/1.0/conf/geotiff-coverage" xlink:arcrole="fileReference"/>
      <gml:fileReference>cid:grey.tif
      <qml:fileStructure/>
      <gml:mimeType>image/tiff
    </gml:File>
  </gml:rangeSet>
  <qmlcov:rangeType>
    <swe:DataRecord>
      <swe:field name="grey">
        <swe:Quantity
definition="http://www.opengis.net/def/property/OGC/0/Radiance">
         <swe:description>Grey band</swe:description>
         <swe:nilValues/>
         <swe:uom code="W.m-2.sr-1.nm-1"/>
         <swe:constraint>
           <swe:AllowedValues>
             <swe:interval>0 255</swe:interval>
           </swe:AllowedValues>
         </swe:constraint>
        </swe:Quantity>
      </swe:field>
    </swe:DataRecord>
  </gmlcov:rangeType>
</gmlcov:RectifiedGridCoverage>
--wcs
Content-Type: image/tiff
Content-Description: coverage data
Content-Transfer-Encoding: binary
Content-ID: grey.tif
Content-Disposition: inline
II
--wcs--
```

Below the complete GeoTIFF information obtained via the listgeo command is shown:

```
Geotiff Information:
   Version: 1
  Key Revision: 1.0
   Tagged Information:
      ModelTiepointTag (2,3):
         0
                                          0
                         0
         100
                         350
                                          0
      ModelPixelScaleTag (1,3):
         10
      End Of Tags.
   Keyed Information:
      GTModelTypeGeoKey (Short,1): ModelTypeProjected
      GTRasterTypeGeoKey (Short,1): RasterPixelIsArea
      GTCitationGeoKey (Ascii,25): "WGS 84 / Pseudo-Mercator"
      GeogCitationGeoKey (Ascii,7): "WGS 84"
      GeogAngularUnitsGeoKey (Short,1): Angular Degree
      ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey (Short,1): Unknown-3857
      ProjLinearUnitsGeoKey (Short,1): Linear Meter
      End Of Keys.
   End Of Geotiff.
PCS = 3857 (WGS 84 / Pseudo-Mercator)
Projection = 3856 (Popular Visualisation Pseudo-Mercator)
Projection Method: CT Mercator
   ProjNatOriginLatGeoKey: 0.000000 ( 0d 0' 0.00"N)
   ProjNatOriginLongGeoKey: 0.000000 ( 0d 0' 0.00"E)
   ProjScaleAtNatOriginGeoKey: 1.000000
   ProjFalseEastingGeoKey: 0.000000 m
   ProjFalseNorthingGeoKey: 0.000000 m
GCS: 4326/WGS 84
Datum: 6326/World Geodetic System 1984
Ellipsoid: 7030/WGS 84 (6378137.00,6356752.31)
Prime Meridian: 8901/Greenwich (0.000000/ 0d 0' 0.00"E)
Projection Linear Units: 9001/metre (1.000000m)
Corner Coordinates:
Upper Left ( 100.000,
                            350.000) ( 0d 0' 3.23"E, 0d 0'11.40"N)
            ( 100.000,
Lower Left
                            50.000) ( 0d 0' 3.23"E, 0d 0' 1.63"N)
Upper Right ( 500.000,
                            350.000) ( 0d 0'16.17"E, 0d 0'11.40"N)
Lower Right ( 500.000, 50.000) ( 0d 0'16.17"E, 0d 0' 1.63"N)
Center
                 300.000, 200.000) ( 0d 0' 9.70"E, 0d 0' 6.51"N)
         (
The following shows the output of the gdalinfo command:
Driver: GTiff/GeoTIFF
Files: example 3857.tif
Size is 40, 30
Coordinate System is:
PROJCS["WGS 84 / Pseudo-Mercator",
    GEOGCS["WGS 84",
        DATUM["WGS 1984",
            SPHEROID["WGS 84",6378137,298.257223563,
```

AUTHORITY["EPSG", "7030"]],

```
AUTHORITY["EPSG", "6326"]],
        PRIMEM["Greenwich", 0],
        UNIT["degree", 0.0174532925199433],
        AUTHORITY ["EPSG", "4326"]],
    PROJECTION["Mercator 1SP"],
    PARAMETER ["central meridian", 0],
    PARAMETER["scale factor",1],
    PARAMETER["false easting",0],
    PARAMETER["false northing",0],
    AUTHORITY["EPSG","3857"],
    EXTENSION["PROJ4","+proj=merc +a=6378137 +b=6378137 +lat ts=0.0
+lon 0=0.0 + x 0=0.0 + y 0=0 + k=1.0 + units=m + nadgrids=@null + wktext
+no defs"],
    UNIT["metre",1,
        AUTHORITY["EPSG", "9001"]]]
Origin = (100.00000000000000, 350.00000000000000)
Pixel Size = (10.00000000000000,-10.0000000000000)
Metadata:
 AREA OR POINT=Area
Image Structure Metadata:
 INTERLEAVE=BAND
Corner Coordinates:
Upper Left ( 100.000, 350.000) ( 0d 0' 3.23"E, 0d 0'11.32"N)
Lower Left ( 100.000, 50.000) ( 0d 0' 3.23"E, 0d 0' 1.62"N)
Upper Right ( 500.000, 350.000) ( 0d 0'16.17"E, 0d 0'11.32"N)
Lower Right ( 500.000, 50.000) ( 0d 0'16.17"E, 0d 0' 1.62"N)
Center ( 300.000, 200.000) ( 0d 0' 9.70"E, 0d 0' 6.47"N)
Band 1 Block=40x30 Type=Byte, ColorInterp=Gray
The tiffinfo command outputs the following:
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, example 3857.tif: unknown field with tag
33550 (0x830e) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, example 3857.tif: unknown field with tag
33922 (0x8482) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, example_3857.tif: unknown field with tag
34735 (0x87af) encountered.
TIFFReadDirectory: Warning, example 3857.tif: unknown field with tag
34737 (0x87b1) encountered.
TIFF Directory at offset 0x8 (8)
  Image Width: 40 Image Length: 30
  Bits/Sample: 8
  Sample Format: unsigned integer
  Compression Scheme: None
  Photometric Interpretation: min-is-black
  Samples/Pixel: 1
  Rows/Strip: 30
  Planar Configuration: single image plane
  Tag 33550: 10.000000,10.000000,0.000000
  Tag 33922: 0.000000,0.000000,0.000000,100.000000,350.000000,0.000000
  Tag 34735:
1,1,0,7,1024,0,1,1,1025,0,1,1,1026,34737,25,0,2049,34737,7,25,2054,0,1,9
102,3072,0,1,3857,3076,0,1,9001
  Tag 34737: WGS 84 / Pseudo-Mercator | WGS 84 |
```

Finally the tiffdump command gives:

```
example 3857.tif:
Magic: 0x4949 <little-endian> Version: 0x2a
Directory 0: offset 8 (0x8) next 0 (0)
ImageWidth (256) SHORT (3) 1<40>
ImageLength (257) SHORT (3) 1<30>
BitsPerSample (258) SHORT (3) 1<8>
Compression (259) SHORT (3) 1<1>
Photometric (262) SHORT (3) 1<1>
StripOffsets (273) LONG (4) 1<363>
SamplesPerPixel (277) SHORT (3) 1<1>
RowsPerStrip (278) SHORT (3) 1<30>
StripByteCounts (279) LONG (4) 1<1200>
PlanarConfig (284) SHORT (3) 1<1>
SampleFormat (339) SHORT (3) 1<1>
33550 (0x830e) DOUBLE (12) 3<10 10 0>
33922 (0x8482) DOUBLE (12) 6<0 0 0 100 350 0>
34735 (0x87af) SHORT (3) 32<1 1 0 7 1024 0 1 1 1025 0 1 1 1026 34737 25
0 2049 34737 7 25 2054 0 1 9102 ...>
34737 (0x87b1) ASCII (2) 33<WGS 84 / Pseudo-Mercator ...>
```

The following is a valid WCS 2.0 GetCoverage request including some GeoTIFF parameters:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<wcs:GetCoverage</pre>
  xmlns:wcs="http://www.opengis.net/wcs/2.0"
  xmlns:geotiff="http://www.opengis.net/gmlcov/geotiff/1.0"
  xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/wcs/2.0
http://schemas.opengis.net/wcs/2.0/wcsAll.xsd
http://www.opengis.net/gmlcov/geotiff/1.0
http://schemas.opengis.net/gmlcov/geotiff/1.0/gmlcovGeotiff.xsd"
  service="WCS"
  version="2.0.1">
  <wcs:Extension>
    <geotiff:parameters>
      <geotiff:compression>JPEG/geotiff:compression>
      <geotiff:jpeg quality>75</geotiff:jpeg quality>
      <geotiff:predictor>None</geotiff:predictor>
      <geotiff:interleave>pixel</geotiff:interleave>
      <geotiff:tiling>true/geotiff:tiling>
      <geotiff:tileheight>256/geotiff:tileheight>
      <geotiff:tilewidth>256/geotiff:tilewidth>
    </geotiff:parameters>
  </wcs:Extension>
  <wcs:CoverageId>grey</wcs:CoverageId>
  <wcs:format>image/tiff</wcs:format>
  <wcs:mediaType>multipart/related</wcs:mediaType>
</wcs:GetCoverage>
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Annex C Bibliography

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Annex D: Revision history

Date	Release	Editor	Primary clauses modified	Description
2012-08-08	0.0.1	Stephan Meissl	All	First draft based on discussions in the WCS.SWG.
2012-08-13	0.0.2	Stephan Meissl, Peter Baumann	All	Minor corrections and format adaptions.
2012-08-22	0.0.3	Stephan Meissl	Clauses 6.3.1 and B.2	Added additional notes and examples as discussed in WCS.SWG teleconference.
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2013-06-26	0.0.6	Stephan Meissl	Clause 6.3.1	Adjusted Requirement 9 and associated note.
			All	Merged again with OGC 12-101 and renamed from Extension to Profile.
			All	Integrated comments received during public RFC period.