

PDF/A-2 Standard Published by ISO! The New Standard Includes Great Technical Enhancements. Free Informative Webinar to Be Scheduled!

- PDF/A-2 allows JPEG2000 compression, supports transparency effects and layers, embedding of OpenType fonts, and digital signatures.
- It also allows archiving of sets of documents as individual documents in one file.

(Berlin). The PDF/A Competence Center is pleased to announce that the International Standards Organization (ISO) has published the second part of the PDF/A standard in the form of ISO 19005-2. This provides compression, archiving and effect enhancements, as well as allowing users to add digital signatures.

Version 2 of the PDF/A Standard is more advanced than the original as it is based on a more recent version, PDF 1.7 (ISO 32000-1), rather than PDF 1.4. This offers a number of useful technical innovations: highly efficient JPEG2000 compression, support for transparency effects and layers, and embedding of OpenType fonts as well as provisions for digital signatures in accordance with the PAdES (PDF Advanced Electronic Signatures) standard. It also offers the possibility to embed PDF/A files in PDF/A-2, allowing archiving of sets of documents as individual documents in a single file.

"PDF/A-1 remains in effect without limitation, and where PDF/A-1 features meet current requirements sufficiently well, there is no immediate reason to switch to PDF/A-2," explains Olaf Drümmer, chairman of the PDF/A Competence Center. "Users who may benefit from new features should familiarize themselves with PDF/A-2 in the near future."

More information about PDF/A can be found on the website of the PDF/A Competence Center (www.pdfa.org). The group will offer free webinars in German and English in a couple of weeks to introduce PDF/A-2.

The PDF/A-2 standard can be purchased from the ISO online store:

<http://www.iso.org/iso/search.htm?qt=19005-2&searchSubmit=Search&sort=rel&type=simple&published=on>

About the PDF/A Competence Center

The PDF/A Competence Center was established in 2006 as an international association to promote information and experience exchange in the field of long-term archiving in accordance with ISO 19005: PDF/A. The Board is made up of executives from callas software GmbH, Compart AG, Crawford Technologies Inc., intarsys consulting GmbH and LuraTech Europe GmbH. In less than two years, more than 100 companies and various experts from more than 20 countries have become PDF/A Competence Center members. The CEO is Olaf Drümmer, Managing Director of callas software GmbH. Duff Johnson is the executive vice chairman.

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