
Subject: JPEG2000 compression ratios?

Posted by [Matt Feinstein](#) on Wed, 29 Sep 2004 12:14:19 GMT

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There's probably an 'obvious' answer to this, but I'm in need of a hint...

I'd like to figure out the possible image compression ratios that result from using different quality layers in JPEG2000-- but I don't see any obvious way of getting that out of the IDLffJPEG2000 object.

Matt Feinstein

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There is no virtue in believing something that can be proved to be true.

Subject: Re: JPEG2000 compression

Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Wed, 13 Apr 2005 16:24:10 GMT

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Posted by [Roberto Monaco](#) on Wed, 13 Apr 2005 19:55:20 GMT

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Yes, from the documentation you would expect N_LEVELS to be responsible for compression.

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```
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jp2->SetProperty, TILE_DIMENSIONS=[2048.,2048.]
jp2->SetData, image, /ORDER
obj_destroy, jp2
```

If I set N_LEVELS to 5 in the second line (the default) and run it again for the same image (same input file) I get both times jp2 files of the same dimension (31 MB) ?!?! I am obviously missing something here.

Perhaps one could define N levels and somehow store only some of these levels, discarding for example the 2 higher resolution levels? But I don't see a way of doing something like this, in SetData or elsewhere.

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By the way there is no compression property in 'IDLffJPEG2000' object structure.

Roberto

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Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Wed, 13 Apr 2005 23:27:06 GMT
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Well, it works for me:

```
jp2 = obj_new('IDLffJPEG2000', 'test1.jp2', /WRITE)
```

```
jp2->SetProperty, N_LEVELS=0
```

```
jp2->SetData, BYTSCL(DIST(1600,1200))
```

```
obj_destroy, jp2
```

```
jp2 = obj_new('IDLffJPEG2000', 'test2.jp2', /WRITE)
jp2->SetProperty, N_LEVELS=15
jp2->SetData, BYTSCL(DIST(1600,1200))
obj_destroy, jp2
```

test1.jp2 is 614KB
test2.jp2 is 13KB

Further, querying the image works as advertised too:

```
jp2 = obj_new('IDLffJPEG2000', 'test1.jp2', /READ)
jp2->GetProperty, N_LEVELS=nl
PRINT, nl
obj_destroy, jp2
```

```
% Compiled module: $MAIN$.
IDL> .GO
      0
```

```
jp2 = obj_new('IDLffJPEG2000', 'test2.jp2', /READ)
jp2->GetProperty, N_LEVELS=nl
PRINT, nl
obj_destroy, jp2
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```
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Why do you think it is a problem that "ALL the other properties" are exactly the same if you have taken the same image and saved it multiple

times, only changing the "compression factor"? What other properties should change?

My point was that I would assume that the image dimensions, color space, n_layers, offset and the other properties *wouldn't* change if you only changed the "compression factor" in photoshop.

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I know. I was relating N_LEVELS to what you called "compression factor" in photoshop.

-Rick

Subject: Re: JPEG2000 compression
Posted by [Emmanuel Christophe](#) on Thu, 14 Apr 2005 14:41:14 GMT
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> Thanks for any tips.
> Roberto
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I got this problem before, I only manage to get lossless jpeg2000 compression directly with IDL. I went around this problem by calling one free implementation of jpeg2000 (using spawn): jasper

;creating source j2k file from idl data (image)

```
im_jpeg=obj_new('IDLffJPEG2000',filenamesrc,/write)
im_jpeg->SetProperty, bit_depth=16, signed=1, reversible=1
im_jpeg->SetData, image
OBJ_DESTROY, im_jpeg
```

;compressing file

```
spawn,'jasper -f '+filenamesrc+'-F '+filamenew+' -T jpc -O rate=0.2'
```

;reopening in IDL

```
im_jpeg2=obj_new('IDLffJPEG2000',filamenew,/read)
imnew=intarr(ns,nl)
imnew=im_jpeg2->GetData()
```

Hope this help,
Emmanuel
