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1 Introduction  
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1.1 About this Specification

This is a description of a proposal to specify the content and structure of a group of industry-standard tag sets for the management of georeference or geocoded raster imagery using Aldus-Adobe's public domain Tagged-Image File Format (TIFF).

This specification closely follows the organization and structure of the TIFF specification document.

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1.1.1 Background

TIFF has emerged as one of the world's most popular raster file formats. But TIFF remains limited in cartographic applications, since no publicly available, stable structure for conveying geographic information presently exists in the public domain.

Several private solutions exist for recording cartographic information in TIFF tags. Intergraph has a mature and sophisticated geotie tag implementation, but this remains within the private TIFF tagset registered exclusively to Intergraph. Other companies (such as ESRI, and Island Graphics) have geographic solutions which are also proprietary or limited by specific application to their software's architecture.

Many GIS companies, raster data providers, and their clients have requested that the companies concerned with delivery and exploitation of raster geographic imagery develop a publicly available, platform interoperable standard for the support of geographic TIFF imagery. Such TIFF imagery would originate from satellite imaging platforms, aerial platforms, scans of aerial photography or paper maps, or as a result of geographic analysis. TIFF images which were supported by the public "geotie" tagset would be able to be read and positioned correctly in any GIS or digital mapping system which supports the "GeoTIFF" standard, as proposed in this document.

The savings to the users and providers of raster data and exploitation softwares are potentially significant. With a platform interoperable GeoTIFF file, companies could stop spending excessive development resource in support of any and all proprietary formats which are invented. Data providers may be able to produce off-the-shelf imagery

products which can be delivered in the "generic" TIFF format quickly and possibly at lower cost. End-users will have the advantage of developed software that exploits the GeoTIFF tags transparently. Most importantly, the same raster TIFF image which can be read and modified in one GIS environment may be equally exploitable in another GIS environment without requiring any file duplication or import/export operation.

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### 1.1.2 History

The initial efforts to define a TIFF "geotie" specification began under the leadership of Ed Grissom at Intergraph, and others in the early 1990's. In 1994 a formal GeoTIFF mailing-list was created and maintained by Niles Ritter at JPL, which quickly grew to over 140 subscribers from government and industry. The purpose of the list is to discuss common goals and interests in developing an industry-wide GeoTIFF standard, and culminated in a conference in March of 1995 hosted by SPOT Image, with representatives from USGS, Intergraph, ESRI, ERDAS, SoftDesk, MapInfo, NASA/JPL, and others, in which the current working proposal for GeoTIFF was outlined. The outline was condensed into a prerelease GeoTIFF specification document by Niles Ritter, and Mike Ruth of SPOT Image. Following discussions with Dr. Roger Lott of the European Petroleum Survey Group (EPSG), the GeoTIFF projection parametrization method was extensively modified, and brought into compatibility with both the POSC Epicentre model, and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) metadata approaches.

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### 1.1.3 Scope

The GeoTIFF spec defines a set of TIFF tags provided to describe all "Cartographic" information associated with TIFF imagery that originates from satellite imaging systems, scanned aerial photography, scanned maps, digital elevation models, or as a result of geographic analyses. Its aim is to allow means for tying a raster image to a known model space or map projection, and for describing those projections.

GeoTIFF does not intend to become a replacement for existing geographic data interchange standards, such as the USGS SDTS standard or the FGDC metadata standard. Rather, it aims to augment an existing popular raster-data format to support georeferencing and geocoding information.

The tags documented in this spec are to be considered completely orthogonal to the raster-data descriptions of the TIFF spec, and impose no restrictions on how the standard TIFF tags are to be interpreted, which color spaces or compression types are to be used, etc.

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### 1.1.4 Features

GeoTIFF fully complies with the TIFF 6.0 specifications, and its extensions do not in any way go against the TIFF recommendations, nor do they limit the scope of raster data supported by TIFF.

GeoTIFF uses a small set of reserved TIFF tags to store a broad range of georeferencing information, including UTM, US State Plane, National Grids, ARC, as well as the underlying projection types such as Transverse Mercator, Geographic, Lambert Conformal Conic, etc. No information is stored in private structures, IFD's or other mechanisms which would hide information from naive TIFF reading software.

GeoTIFF uses a "MetaTag" (GeoKey) approach to encode dozens of

information elements into just 6 tags, taking advantage of TIFF platform-independent data format representation to avoid cross-platform interchange difficulties. These keys are designed in a manner parallel to standard TIFF tags, and closely follow the TIFF discipline in their structure and layout. New keys may be defined as needs arise, within the current framework, and without requiring the allocation of new tags from Aldus/Adobe.

GeoTIFF uses numerical codes to describe projection types, coordinate systems, datums, ellipsoids, etc. The projection, datums and ellipsoid codes are derived from the EPSG list compiled by the Petrotechnical Open Software Company (POSC), and mechanisms for adding further international projections, datums and ellipsoids has been established. The GeoTIFF information content is designed to be compatible with the data decomposition approach used by the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) of the U.S. Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC).

While GeoTIFF provides a robust framework for specifying a broad class of existing Projected coordinate systems, it is also fully extensible, permitting internal, private or proprietary information storage. However, since this standard arose from the need to avoid multiple proprietary encoding systems, use of private implementations is to be discouraged.

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1.2 Revision Notes

This is the second (beta) release of GeoTIFF Revision 0.2, supporting the new EPSG 2.1 codes.

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1.2.1 Revision Nomenclature

A Revision of GeoTIFF specifications will be denoted by two integers separated by a decimal, indicating the Major and Minor revision numbers. GeoTIFF stores most of its information using a "Key-Code" pairing system; the Major revision number will only be incremented when a substantial addition or modification is made to the list of information Keys, while the Minor Revision number permits incremental augmentation of the list of valid codes.

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1.2.2 New Features

New EPSG 2.1 Codes installed.

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1.2.3 Clarifications

- o GeoTIFF-writers shall store the GeoKey entries in key-sorted order within the GeoKeyDirectoryTag. This is a change from preliminary discussions which permitted arbitrary order, and more closely follows the TIFF discipline.
- o The third value "ScaleZ" in ModelPixelScaleTag = (ScaleX, ScaleY, ScaleZ) shall by default be set to 0, not 1, as suggested in preliminary discussions. This is because most standard model spaces are 2-dimensional (flat), and therefore its vertical shape is independent of the pixel-value.
- o The code 32767 shall be used to imply "user-defined", rather than 16384. This avoids breaking up the reserved public GeoKey code space into two discontinuous ranges, 0-16383 and 16385-32767.
- o If a GeoKey is coded "undefined", then it is exactly that; no

parameters should be provided (e.g. EllipsoidSemiMajorAxis, etc).  
To provide parameters for a non-coded attribute, use "user-defined".

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1.2.4 Organizational changes

None.

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1.2.5 Changes in Requirements

Changes to this preliminary revision:

- o South Oriented Gauss Conformal is now a distinct code.

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1.2.6 Agenda for Future Development

A three-phase development of GeoTIFF approach is proposed in this document, which will be implemented with three Major Revisions: 0.x, 1.x and 2.x. Further revisions may occur as the need arises, though most will be in the form of incremental (minor) revisions.

Revision 0.1, representing the first "Beta" revision implementation, was released in June 1995 and is subject to the first beta implementation in code. An incremental 0.2 revision has been made. Incremental 0.x changes may also occur, and lists of additional Keys for the next Major revision will be collected by the GeoTIFF mailing list. The goal is to make 0.x as close to the baseline requirements as possible.

Revision 1.0, will be the first true "Baseline" revision, and is proposed to support well-documented, public, relatively simple Projected Coordinate Systems (PCS), including most commonly used and supported in the international public domains today, together with their underlying map-projection systems. Following the critiques of the 0.x Revision phase, the 1.0 Revision spec will be released in July 95 timeframe. As before, incremental 1.x augmentations to the "codes" list will be established, as well as discussions regarding the future "2.0" requirements.

The Revision 2.0 phase is proposed to extend the capability of the GeoTIFF tagsets beyond PCS projections into more complex map projection geometries, including single-project, single-vendor, or proprietary cartographic solutions.

TBD: Sounding Datums and related parameters for Digital Elevation Models (DEM's) and bathymetry -- Revision 2?

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1.3 Administration  
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1.3.1 Information and Support:

The most recent version of the GeoTIFF spec is available via anonymous FTP at:

<ftp://mtritter.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/tiff/geotiff/>

and is mirrored at the USGS:

<ftp://ftpmcmc.cr.usgs.gov/release/geotiff/>

Information and a hypertext version of the GeoTIFF spec is available via WWW at the following site:

<http://www-mipl.jpl.nasa.gov/~ndr/cartlab/geotiff/geotiff.html>

A mailing-list is currently active to discuss the on-going development of this standard. To subscribe to this list, send e-mail to:

[GeoTIFF-request@tazboy.jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:GeoTIFF-request@tazboy.jpl.nasa.gov)

with no subject and the body of the message reading:

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[geotiff@tazboy.jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:geotiff@tazboy.jpl.nasa.gov)

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### 1.3.2 Private Keys and Codes:

As with TIFF, in GeoTIFF private "GeoKeys" and codes may be used, starting with 32768 and above. Unlike the TIFF spec, however, these private key-spaces will not be reserved, and are only to be used for private, internal purposes.

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### 1.3.3 Proposed Revisions to GeoTIFF

Should a feature arise which is not currently supported, it should be formally proposed for addition to the GeoTIFF spec, through the official mailing-list.

The current maintainer of the GeoTIFF specification is Niles Ritter, though this may change at a later time. Projection codes are maintained through EPSG/POSC, and a mechanism for change/additions will be established through the GeoTIFF mailing list.

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## 2 Baseline GeoTIFF

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### 2.1 Notation

This spec follows the notation remarks of the TIFF 6.0 spec, regarding "is", "shall", "should", and "may"; the first two indicate mandatory requirements, "should" indicates a strong recommendation, while "may" indicates an option.

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### 2.2 GeoTIFF Design Considerations

Every effort has been made to adhere to the philosophy of TIFF data abstraction. The GeoTIFF tags conform to a hierarchical data structure of tags and keys, similar to the tags which have been implemented in the "basic" and "extended" TIFF tags already supported in TIFF Version 6 specification. The following are some points considered in the design of GeoTIFF:

- o Private binary structures, while permitted under the TIFF spec, are in general difficult to maintain, and are intrinsically platform-

dependent. Whenever possible, information should be sorted into their intrinsic data-types, and placed into appropriately named tags. Also, implementors of TIFF readers would be more willing to honor a new tag specification if it does not require parsing novel binary structures.

- o Any Tag value which is to be used as a "keyword" switch or modifier should be a SHORT type, rather than an ASCII string. This avoids common mistakes of mis-spelling a keyword, as well as facilitating an implementation in code using the "switch/case" features of most languages. In general, scanning ASCII strings for keywords (CaseINSensitive?) is a hazardous (not to mention slower and more complex) operation.
- o True "Extensibility" strongly suggests that the Tags defined have a sufficiently abstract definition so that the same tag and its values may be used and interpreted in different ways as more complex information spaces are developed. For example, the old SubFileType tag (255) had to be obsoleted and replaced with a NewSubFileType tag, because images began appearing which could not fit into the narrowly defined classes for that Tag. Conversely, the YCbCrSubsampling Tag has taken on new meaning and importance as the JPEG compression standard for TIFF becomes finalized.

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2.3 GeoTIFF Software Requirements

GeoTIFF requires support for all documented TIFF 6.0 tag data-types, and in particular requires the IEEE double-precision floating point "DOUBLE" type tag. Most of the parameters for georeferencing will not have sufficient accuracy with single-precision IEEE, nor with RATIONAL format storage. The only other alternative for storing high-precision values would be to encode as ASCII, but this does not conform to TIFF recommendations for data encoding.

It is worth emphasizing here that the TIFF spec indicates that TIFF-compliant readers shall honor the 'byte-order' indicator, meaning that 4-byte integers from files created on opposite order machines will be swapped in software, and that 8-byte DOUBLE's will be 8-byte swapped.

A GeoTIFF reader/writer, in addition to supporting the standard TIFF tag types, must also have an additional module which can parse the "Geokey" MetaTag information. A public-domain software package for performing this function will soon be available.

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2.4 GeoTIFF File and "Key" Structure

This section describes the abstract file-format and "GeoKey" data storage mechanism used in GeoTIFF. Uses of this mechanism for implementing georeferencing and geocoding is detailed in section 2.6 and section 2.7.

A GeoTIFF file is a TIFF 6.0 file, and inherits the file structure as described in the corresponding portion of the TIFF spec. All GeoTIFF specific information is encoded in several additional reserved TIFF tags, and contains no private Image File Directories (IFD's), binary structures or other private information invisible to standard TIFF readers.

The number and type of parameters that would be required to describe most popular projection types would, if implemented as separate TIFF tags, likely require dozens or even hundred of tags, exhausting the

limited resources of the TIFF tag-space. On the other hand, a private IFD, while providing thousands of free tags, is limited in that its tag-values are invisible to non-savvy TIFF readers (which don't know that the IFD\_OFFSET tag value points to a private IFD).

To avoid these problems, a GeoTIFF file stores projection parameters in a set of "Keys" which are virtually identical in function to a "Tag", but has one more level of abstraction above TIFF. Effectively, it is a sort of "Meta-Tag". A Key works with formatted tag-values of a TIFF file the way that a TIFF file deals with the raw bytes of a data file. Like a tag, a Key has an ID number ranging from 0 to 65535, but unlike TIFF tags, all key ID's are available for use in GeoTIFF parameter definitions.

The Keys in GeoTIFF (also call "GeoKeys") are all referenced from the GeoKeyDirectoryTag, which defined as follows:

GeoKeyDirectoryTag:

Tag = 34735 (87AF.H)  
Type = SHORT (2-byte unsigned short)  
N = variable, >= 4  
Alias: ProjectionInfoTag, CoordSystemInfoTag  
Owner: SPOT Image, Inc.

This tag may be used to store the GeoKey Directory, which defines and references the "GeoKeys", as described below.

The tag is an an array of unsigned SHORT values, which are primarily grouped into blocks of 4. The first 4 values are special, and contain GeoKey directory header information. The header values consist of the following information, in order:

Header={KeyDirectoryVersion, KeyRevision, MinorRevision, NumberOfKeys}

where

"KeyDirectoryVersion" indicates the current version of Key implementation, and will only change if this Tag's Key structure is changed. (Similar to the TIFFVersion (42)). The current DirectoryVersion number is 1. This value will most likely never change, and may be used to ensure that this is a valid Key-implementation.

"KeyRevision" indicates what revision of Key-Sets are used.

"MinorRevision" indicates what set of Key-codes are used. The complete revision number is denoted <KeyRevision>.<MinorRevision>

"NumberOfKeys" indicates how many Keys are defined by the rest of this Tag.

This header is immediately followed by a collection of <NumberOfKeys> KeyEntry sets, each of which is also 4-SHORTS long. Each KeyEntry is modeled on the "TIFFEntry" format of the TIFF directory header, and is of the form:

KeyEntry = { KeyID, TIFFTagLocation, Count, Value\_Offset }

where

"KeyID" gives the key-ID value of the Key (identical in function to TIFF tag ID, but completely independent of TIFF tag-space),



"TIFFTagLocation" indicates which TIFF tag contains the value(s) of the Key: if TIFFTagLocation is 0, then the value is SHORT, and is contained in the "Value\_Offset" entry. Otherwise, the type (format) of the value is implied by the TIFF-Type of the tag containing the value.

"Count" indicates the number of values in this key.

"Value\_Offset" Value\_Offset indicates the index-offset \*into\* the TagArray indicated by TIFFTagLocation, if it is nonzero. If TIFFTagLocation=0, then Value\_Offset contains the actual (SHORT) value of the Key, and Count=1 is implied. Note that the offset is not a byte-offset, but rather an index based on the natural data type of the specified tag array.

Following the KeyEntry definitions, the KeyDirectory tag may also contain additional values. For example, if a Key requires multiple SHORT values, they shall be placed at the end of this tag, and the KeyEntry will set TIFFTagLocation=GeoKeyDirectoryTag, with the Value\_Offset pointing to the location of the value(s).

All key-values which are not of type SHORT are to be stored in one of the following two tags, based on their format:

GeoDoubleParamsTag:  
Tag = 34736 (87B0.H)  
Type = DOUBLE (IEEE Double precision)  
N = variable  
Owner: SPOT Image, Inc.

This tag is used to store all of the DOUBLE valued GeoKeys, referenced by the GeoKeyDirectoryTag. The meaning of any value of this double array is determined from the GeoKeyDirectoryTag reference pointing to it. FLOAT values should first be converted to DOUBLE and stored here.

GeoAsciiParamsTag:  
Tag = 34737 (87B1.H)  
Type = ASCII  
Owner: SPOT Image, Inc.  
N = variable

This tag is used to store all of the ASCII valued GeoKeys, referenced by the GeoKeyDirectoryTag. Since keys use offsets into tags, any special comments may be placed at the beginning of this tag. For the most part, the only keys that are ASCII valued are "Citation" keys, giving documentation and references for obscure projections, datums, etc.

Note on ASCII Keys:

Special handling is required for ASCII-valued keys. While it is true that TIFF 6.0 permits multiple NULL-delimited strings within a single ASCII tag, the secondary strings might not appear in the output of naive "tiffdump" programs. For this reason, the null delimiter of each ASCII Key value shall be converted to a "|" (pipe) character before being installed back into the ASCII holding tag, so that a dump of the tag will look like this.

AsciiTag="first\_value|second\_value|etc...last\_value|"

A baseline GeoTIFF-reader must check for and convert the final "|" pipe

character of a key back into a NULL before returning it to the client software.

#### GeoKey Sort Order:

In the TIFF spec it is required that TIFF tags be written out to the file in tag-ID sorted order. This is done to avoid forcing software to perform N-squared sort operations when reading and writing tags.

To follow the TIFF philosophy, GeoTIFF-writers shall store the GeoKey entries in key-sorted order within the CoordSystemInfoTag.

#### Example:

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GeoKeyDirectoryTag=( 1,      1, 2,      6,
                    1024,    0, 1,      2,
                    1026, 34737,12,    0,
                    2048,    0, 1, 32767,
                    2049, 34737,14,    12,
                    2050,    0, 1,      6,
                    2051, 34736, 1,    0 )
GeoDoubleParamsTag(34736)=(1.5)
GeoAsciiParamsTag(34737)=("Custom File|My Geographic|")
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The first line indicates that this is a Version 1 GeoTIFF GeoKey directory, the keys are Rev. 1.2, and there are 6 Keys defined in this tag.

The next line indicates that the first Key (ID=1024 = GTModelTypeGeoKey) has the value 2 (Geographic), explicitly placed in the entry list (since TIFFTagLocation=0).

The next line indicates that the Key 1026 (the GTCitationGeoKey) is listed in the GeoAsciiParamsTag (34737) array, starting at offset 0 (the first in array), and running for 12 bytes and so has the value "Custom File" (the "|" is converted to a null delimiter at the end).

Going further down the list, the Key 2051 (GeogLinearUnitSizeGeoKey) is located in the GeoDoubleParamsTag (34736), at offset 0 and has the value 1.5; the value of key 2049 (GeogCitationGeoKey) is "My Geographic".

The TIFF layer handles all the problems of data structure, platform independence, format types, etc, by specifying byte-offsets, byte-order format and count, while the Key describes its key values at the TIFF level by specifying Tag number, array-index, and count. Since all TIFF information occurs in TIFF arrays of some sort, we have a robust method for storing anything in a Key that would occur in a Tag.

With this Key-value approach, there are 65536 Keys which have all the flexibility of TIFF tag, with the added advantage that a TIFF dump will provide all the information that exists in the GeoTIFF implementation.

This GeoKey mechanism will be used extensively in section 2.7, where the numerous parameters for defining Coordinate Systems and their underlying projections are defined.

#### +-----+ 2.5 Coordinate Systems in GeoTIFF

Geotiff has been designed so that standard map coordinate system

definitions can be readily stored in a single registered TIFF tag. It has also been designed to allow the description of coordinate system definitions which are non-standard, and for the description of transformations between coordinate systems, through the use of three or four additional TIFF tags.

However, in order for the information to be correctly exchanged between various clients and providers of GeoTIFF, it is important to establish a common system for describing map projections.

In the TIFF/GeoTIFF framework, there are essentially three different spaces upon which coordinate systems may be defined. The spaces are:

- 1) The raster space (Image space) R, used to reference the pixel values in an image,
- 2) The Device space D, and
- 3) The Model space, M, used to reference points on the earth.

In the sections that follow we shall discuss the relevance and use of each of these spaces, and their corresponding coordinate systems, from the standpoint of GeoTIFF.

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#### 2.5.1 Device Space and GeoTIFF

In standard TIFF 6.0 there are tags which relate raster space R with device space D, such as monitor, scanner or printer. The list of such tags consists of the following:

ResolutionUnit	(296)
XResolution	(282)
YResolution	(283)
Orientation	(274)
XPosition	(286)
YPosition	(287)

In Geotiff, provision is made to identify earth-referenced coordinate systems (model space M) and to relate M space with R space. This provision is independent of and can co-exist with the relationship between raster and device spaces. To emphasize the distinction, this spec shall not refer to "X" and "Y" raster coordinates, but rather to raster space "J" (row) and "I" (column) coordinate variables instead, as defined in section 2.5.2.2.

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#### 2.5.2 Raster Coordinate Systems

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##### 2.5.2.1 Raster Data

Raster data consists of spatially coherent, digitally stored numerical data, collected from sensors, scanners, or in other ways numerically derived. The manner in which this storage is implemented in a TIFF file is described in the standard TIFF specification.

Raster data values, as read in from a file, are organized by software into two dimensional arrays, the indices of the arrays being used as coordinates. There may also be additional indices for multispectral data, but these indices do not refer to spatial coordinates but spectral, and so of not of concern here.

Many different types of raster data may be georeferenced, and there may



If a point-pixel image were to be displayed on a display device with pixel cells having the same size as the raster spacing, then the upper-left corner of the displayed image would be located in raster space at (-0.5, -0.5).

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2.5.3 Model Coordinate Systems

The following methods of describing spatial model locations (as opposed to raster) are recognized in Geotiff:

- Geocentric coordinates
- Geographic coordinates
- Projected coordinates
- Vertical coordinates

Geographic, geocentric and projected coordinates are all imposed on models of the earth. To describe a location uniquely, a coordinate set must be referenced to an adequately defined coordinate system. If a coordinate system is from the Geotiff standard definitions, the only reference required is the standard coordinate system code/name. If the coordinate system is non-standard, it must be defined. The required definitions are described below.

Projected coordinates, local grid coordinates, and (usually) geographical coordinates, form two dimensional horizontal coordinate systems (i.e., horizontal with respect to the earth's surface). Height is not part of these systems. To describe a position in three dimensions it is necessary to consider height as a second one-dimensional vertical coordinate system.

To georeference an image in GeoTIFF, you must specify a Raster Space coordinate system, choose a horizontal model coordinate system, and a transformation between these two, as will be described in section 2.6

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2.5.3.1 Geographic Coordinate Systems

Geographic Coordinate Systems are those that relate angular latitude and longitude (and optionally geodetic height) to an actual point on the earth. The process by which this is accomplished is rather complex, and so we describe the components of the process in detail here.

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Ellipsoidal Models of the Earth

The geoid - the earth stripped of all topography - forms a reference surface for the earth. However, because it is related to the earth's gravity field, the geoid is a very complex surface; indeed, at a detailed level its description is not well known. The geoid is therefore not used in practical mapping.

It has been found that an oblate ellipsoid (an ellipse rotated about its minor axis) is a good approximation to the geoid and therefore a good model of the earth. Many approximations exist: several hundred ellipsoids have been defined for scientific purposes and about 30 are in day to day use for mapping. The size and shape of these ellipsoids can be defined through two parameters. Geotiff requires one of these to be

the semi-major axis (a),

and the second to be either

the inverse flattening (1/f)

or

the semi-minor axis (b).

Historical models exist which use a spherical approximation; such models are not recommended for modern applications, but if needed the size of a model sphere may be defined by specifying identical values for the semimajor and semiminor axes; the inverse flattening cannot be used as it becomes infinite for perfect spheres.

Other ellipsoid parameters needed for mapping applications, for example the square of the eccentricity, can easily be calculated by an application from the two defining parameters. Note that Geotiff uses the modern geodesy convention for the symbol (b) for the semi-minor axis. No provision is made for mapping other planets in which a tri-dimensional (triaxial) ellipsoid might be required, where (b) would represent the semi-major axis and (c) the semi-minor axis.

Numeric codes for ellipsoids regularly used for earth-mapping are included in the Geotiff reference lists.

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Latitude and Longitude

The coordinate axes of the system refererencing points on an ellipsoid are called latitude and longitude. More precisely, geodetic latitude and longitude are required in this Geotiff standard. A discussion of the

several other types of latitude and longitude is beyond the scope of this document as they are not required for conventional mapping.

Latitude is defined to be the angle subtended with the ellipsoid's equatorial plane by a perpendicular through the surface of the ellipsoid from a point. Latitude is positive if north of the equator, negative if south.

Longitude is defined to be the angle measured about the minor (polar) axis of the ellipsoid from a prime meridian (see below) to the meridian through a point, positive if east of the prime meridian and negative if west. Unlike latitude which has a natural origin at the equator, there is no feature on the ellipsoid which forms a natural origin for the measurement of longitude. The zero longitude can be any defined meridian. Historically, nations have used the meridian through their national astronomical observatories, giving rise to several prime meridians. By international convention, the meridian through Greenwich, England is the standard prime meridian. Longitude is only unambiguous if the longitude of its prime meridian relative to Greenwich is given. Prime meridians other than Greenwich which are sometimes used for earth mapping are included in the Geotiff reference lists.

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Geodetic Datums

As well as there being several ellipsoids in use to model the earth, any one particular ellipsoid can have its location and orientation relative to the earth defined in different ways. If the relationship between the ellipsoid and the earth is changed, then the geographical coordinates of a point will change.

Conversely, for geographical coordinates to uniquely describe a location the relationship between the earth and the ellipsoid must be defined. This relationship is described by a geodetic datum. An exact geodetic definition of geodetic datums is beyond the current scope of Geotiff. However the Geotiff standard requires that the geodetic datum being utilized be identified by numerical code. If required, defining parameters for the geodetic datum can be included as a citation.

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Defining Geographic Coordinate Systems

In summary, geographic coordinates are only unique if qualified by the code of the geographic coordinate system to which they belong. A geographic coordinate system has two axes, latitude and longitude, which are only unambiguous when both of the related prime meridian and geodetic datum are given, and in turn the geodetic datum definition includes the definition of an ellipsoid. The Geotiff standard includes a list of frequently used geographic coordinate systems and their component ellipsoids, geodetic datums and prime meridians. Within the Geotiff standard a geographic coordinate system can be identified either by

the code of a standard geographic coordinate system

or by

a user-defined system.

The user is expected to provide geographic coordinate system code/name, geodetic datum code/name, ellipsoid code (if in standard) or ellipsoid name and two defining parameters (a) and either (1/f) or (b), and prime meridian code (if in standard) or name and longitude relative to Greenwich.

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2.5.3.2 Geocentric Coordinate Systems

A geocentric coordinate system is a 3-dimensional coordinate system with its origin at or near the center of the earth and with 3 orthogonal axes. The Z-axis is in or parallel to the earth's axis of rotation (or to the axis around which the rotational axis precesses). The X-axis is in or parallel to the plane of the equator and passes through its intersection with the Greenwich meridian, and the Y-axis is in the plane of the equator forming a right-handed coordinate system with the X and Z axes.

Geocentric coordinate systems are not frequently used for describing locations, but they are often utilized as an intermediate step when transforming between geographic coordinate systems. (Coordinate system transformations are described in section 2.6 below).

In the Geotiff standard, a geocentric coordinate system can be identified, either

through the geographic code (which in turn implies a datum),

or

through a user-defined name.

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2.5.3.3 Projected Coordinate Systems

Although a geographical coordinate system is mathematically two dimensional, it describes a three dimensional object and cannot be represented on a plane surface without distortion. Map projections are transformations of geographical coordinates to plane coordinates in which the characteristics of the distortions are controlled. A map projection consists of a coordinate system transformation method and a set of defining parameters. A projected coordinate system (PCS) is a two dimensional (horizontal) coordinate set which, for a specific map projection, has a single and unambiguous transformation to a geographic coordinate system.

In GeoTIFF PCS's are defined using the POSC/EPSG system, in which the PCS planar coordinate system, the Geographic coordinate system, and the transformation between them, are broken down into simpler logical components. Here are schematic formulas showing how the Projected Coordinate Systems and Geographic Coordinates Systems are encoded:

```
Projected_CS = Geographic_CS + Projection
Geographic_CS = Angular_Unit + Geodetic_Datum + Prime_Meridian
Projection = Linear_Unit + Coord_Transf_Method + CT_Parameters
Coord_Transf_Method = { TransverseMercator | LambertCC | ... }
CT_Parameters = {OriginLatitude + StandardParallel+...}
```

(See also the Reference Parameters documentation in section 2.5.4). Notice that "Transverse Mercator" is not referred to as a "Projection", but rather as a "Coordinate Transformation Method"; in GeoTIFF, as in EPSG/POSC, the word "Projection" is reserved for particular, well-defined systems in which both the coordinate transformation method, its defining parameters, and their linear units are established.

Several tens of coordinate transformation methods have been developed. Many are very similar and for practical purposes can be considered to give identical results. For example in the Geotiff standard Gauss-Kruger and Gauss-Boaga projection types are considered to be of the type Transverse Mercator. Geotiff includes a listing of commonly used projection defining parameters.

Different algorithms require different defining parameters. A future version of Geotiff will include formulas for specific map projection algorithms recommended for use with listed projection parameters.

To limit the magnitude of distortions of projected coordinate systems, the boundaries of usage are sometimes restricted. To cover more extensive areas, two or more projected coordinate systems may be required. In some cases many of the defining parameters of a set of projected coordinate systems will be held constant.

The Geotiff standard does not impose a strict hierarchy onto such zoned systems such as US State Plane or UTM, but considers each zone to be a discrete projected coordinate system; the ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey code value alone is sufficient to identify the standard coordinate systems.

Within the Geotiff standard a projected coordinate system can be identified either by

the code of a standard projected coordinate system

or by

a user-defined system.



User-define projected coordinate systems may be defined by defining the Geographic Coordinate System, the coordinate transformation method and its associated parameters, as well as the planar system's linear units.

#### 2.5.3.4 Vertical Coordinate Systems

Many uses of Geotiff will be limited to a two-dimensional, horizontal, description of location for which geographic coordinate systems and projected coordinate systems are adequate. If a three-dimensional description of location is required Geotiff allows this either through the use of a geocentric coordinate system or by defining a vertical coordinate system and using this together with a geographic or projected coordinate system.

In general usage, elevations and depths are referenced to a surface at or close to the geoid. Through increasing use of satellite positioning systems the ellipsoid is increasingly being used as a vertical reference surface. The relationship between the geoid and an ellipsoid is in general not well known, but is required when coordinate system transformations are to be executed.

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2.5.4 Reference Parameters

Most of the numerical coding systems and coordinate system definitions are based on the hierarchical system developed by EPSG/POSC. The complete set of EPSG tables used in GeoTIFF is available via FTP to

`ftp://ftpmcmc.cr.usgs.gov/release/geotiff/tables`

or:

`ftp://mtritter.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/geotiff/tables`

Appended below is the README.TXT file that accompanies the tables of defining parameters for those codes:

```
+-----+
|           EPSG Geodesy Parameters           |
|           version 2.1, 2nd June 1995.       |
+-----+
```

The European Petroleum Survey Group (EPSG) has compiled and is distributing this set of parameters defining various geodetic and cartographic coordinate systems to encourage standardisation across the Exploration and Production segment of the oil industry. The data is included as reference data in the Geotiff data exchange specification, in Iris21 the Petroconsultants data model, and in Epicentre, the POSC data model. Parameters map directly to the POSC Epicentre model v2.0, except for data item codes which are included in the files for data management purposes. Geodetic datum parameters are embedded within the geographic coordinate system file. This has been done to ease parameter maintenance as there is a high correlation between geodetic datum names and geographic coordinate system names. The Projected Coordinate System v2.0 tabulation consists of systems associated with locally used projections. Systems utilising the popular UTM grid system have also been included.

Criteria used for material in these lists include:

- information must be in the public domain: "private" data is not included.
- data must be in current use.
- parameters are given to a precision consistent with coordinates being to a precision of one centimetre.

The user assumes the entire risk as to the accuracy and the use of this data. The data may be copied and distributed subject to the following conditions:

- 1) All data must then be copied without modification and all pages must be included;
- 2) All components of this data set must be distributed together;
- 3) The data may not be distributed for profit by any third party; and
- 4) Acknowledgement to the original source must be given.

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Data is distributed on MS-DOS formatted diskette in comma-separated record format. Additional copies may be obtained from Jean-Patrick Girbig at the address below at a cost of US\$100 to cover media and shipping, payment to be made in favour of Petroconsultants S.A at Union Banque Suisses, 1211 Geneve 11, Switzerland (compte number 403 458 60 K).

The data is to be made available on a bulletin board shortly.

#### Shipping List

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This data set consists of 8 files:

- PROJCS.CSV Tabulation of Projected Coordinate Systems to which map grid coordinates may be referenced.
- GEOGCS.CSV Tabulation of Geographic Coordinate Systems to which latitude and longitude coordinates may be referenced. This table includes the equivalent geocentric coordinate systems and also the geodetic datum, reference to which allows latitude and longitude or geocentric XYZ to uniquely describe a location on the earth.
- VERTCS.CSV Tabulation of Vertical Coordinate Systems to which heights or depths may be referenced. This table is currently in an early form.
- PROJ.CSV Tabulation of transformation methods and parameters through which Projected Coordinate Systems are defined and related to Geographic Coordinate Systems.

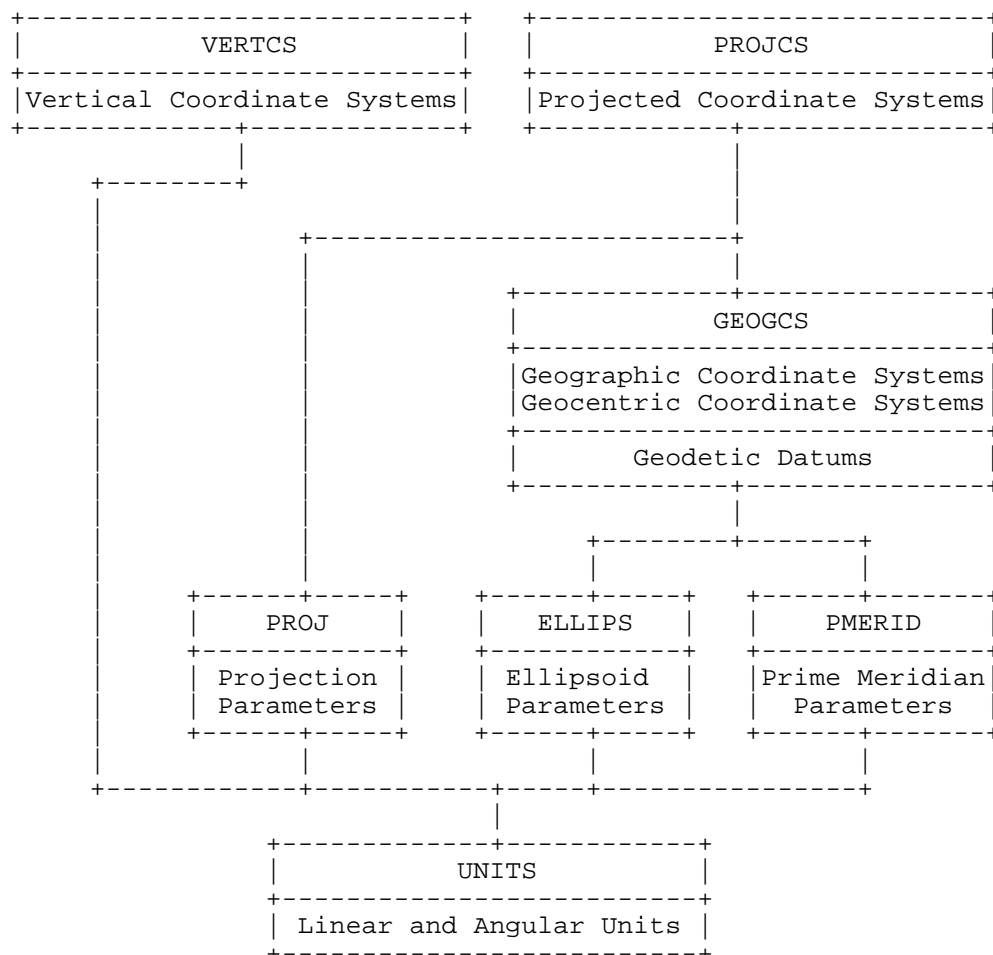
ELLIPS.CSV Tabulation of reference ellipsoids upon which geodetic datums are based.

PMERID.CSV Tabulation of prime meridians upon which geodetic datums are based.

UNITS.CSV Tabulation of length units used in Projected and Vertical Coordinate Systems and angle units used in Geographic Coordinate Systems.

README.TXT This file.

The data files (.CSV) have a heirarchical structure:



The parameter listings are "living documents" and will be updated by the EPSG from time to time. Any comment or suggestions for improvements should be directed to:

<p>Jean-Patrick Girbig,          Manager Cartography,          Petroconsultants S.A.,          PO Box 152,          24 Chemin de la Marie,          1258 Perly-Geneva,          Switzerland.</p>	<p>or</p>	<p>Roger Lott,          Head of Survey,          BP Exploration,          Uxbridge One,          Harefield Road,          Uxbridge,          Middlesex UB8 1PD,</p>
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England.

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Requests for the inclusion of new data should include supporting documentation. Requests for changing existing data should include reference to both the name and code of the item.

10th June 1995.

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2.6 Coordinate Transformations

The purpose of Geotiff is to allow the definitive identification of georeferenced locations within a raster dataset. This is generally accomplished through tying raster space coordinates to a model space coordinate system, when no further information is required. In the GeoTIFF nomenclature, "georeferencing" refers to tying raster space to a model space M, while "geocoding" refers to defining how the model space M assigns coordinates to points on the earth.

The three tags defined below may be used for defining the relationship between R and M, and the relationship may be diagrammed as:

```

      ModelPixelScaleTag
      ModelTiepointTag
R  ----- OR -----> M
(I,J,K) ModelTransformationTag (X,Y,Z)
```

The next section describes these Baseline georeferencing tags in detail.

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2.6.1 GeoTIFF Tags for Coordinate Transformations

For most common applications, the transformation between raster and model space may be defined with a set of raster-to-model tiepoints and scaling parameters. The following two tags may be used for this purpose:

ModelTiepointTag:

```

Tag = 33922 (8482.H)
Type = DOUBLE (IEEE Double precision)
N = 6*K, K = number of tiepoints
Alias: GeoreferenceTag
Owner: Intergraph
```

This tag stores raster->model tiepoint pairs in the order

```

ModelTiepointTag = (... ,I,J,K, X,Y,Z...),
```

where (I,J,K) is the point at location (I,J) in raster space with pixel-value K, and (X,Y,Z) is a vector in model space. In most cases the model space is only two-dimensional, in which case both K and Z should be set to zero; this third dimension is provided in anticipation of future support for 3D digital elevation models and vertical coordinate systems.

A raster image may be georeferenced simply by specifying its location, size and orientation in the model coordinate space M. This may be done by specifying the location of three of the four bounding corner points. However, tiepoints are only to be considered exact at the points

specified; thus defining such a set of bounding tiepoints does not imply that the model space locations of the interior of the image may be exactly computed by a linear interpolation of these tiepoints.

However, since the relationship between the Raster space and the model space will often be an exact, affine transformation, this relationship can be defined using one set of tiepoints and the "ModelPixelScaleTag", described below, which gives the vertical and horizontal raster grid cell size, specified in model units.

If possible, the first tiepoint placed in this tag shall be the one establishing the location of the point (0,0) in raster space. However, if this is not possible (for example, if (0,0) is goes to a part of model space in which the projection is ill-defined), then there is no particular order in which the tiepoints need be listed.

For orthorectification or mosaicking applications a large number of tiepoints may be specified on a mesh over the raster image. However, the definition of associated grid interpolation methods is not in the scope of the current GeoTIFF spec.

Remark: As mentioned in section 2.5.1, all GeoTIFF information is independent of the XPosition, YPosition, and Orientation tags of the standard TIFF 6.0 spec.

The next two tags are optional tags provided for defining exact affine transformations between raster and model space; baseline GeoTIFF files may use either, but shall never use both within the same TIFF image directory.

ModelPixelScaleTag:

```
Tag = 33550
Type = DOUBLE (IEEE Double precision)
N = 3
Owner: SoftDesk
```

This tag may be used to specify the size of raster pixel spacing in the model space units, when the raster space can be embedded in the model space coordinate system without rotation, and consists of the following 3 values:

ModelPixelScaleTag = (ScaleX, ScaleY, ScaleZ)

where ScaleX and ScaleY give the horizontal and vertical spacing of raster pixels. The ScaleZ is primarily used to map the pixel value of a digital elevation model into the correct Z-scale, and so for most other purposes this value should be zero (since most model spaces are 2-D, with Z=0).

A single tiepoint in the ModelTiepointTag, together with this tag, completely determine the relationship between raster and model space; thus they comprise the two tags which Baseline GeoTIFF files most often will use to place a raster image into a "standard position" in model space.

Like the Tiepoint tag, this tag information is independent of the XPosition, YPosition, Resolution and Orientation tags of the standard TIFF 6.0 spec. However, simple reversals of orientation between raster and model space (e.g. horizontal or vertical flips) may be indicated by reversal of sign in the corresponding component of the ModelPixelScaleTag. GeoTIFF compliant readers must honor this sign-

reversal convention.

This tag must not be used if the raster image requires rotation or shearing to place it into the standard model space. In such cases the transformation shall be defined with the more general ModelTransformationTag, defined below.

ModelTransformationTag

Tag = 33920 (8480.H)  
Type = DOUBLE  
N = 16  
Owner: Intergraph

This tag may be used to specify the transformation matrix between the raster space (and its dependent pixel-value space) and the (possibly 3D) model space. If specified, the tag shall have the following organization:

ModelTransformationTag = (a,b,c,d,e...m,n,o,p).

where

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{model} \\ \text{coords} = \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} - \\ X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \\ - \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \end{array} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{matrix} \\ \begin{array}{c} - \\ a \quad b \quad c \quad d \\ e \quad f \quad g \quad h \\ i \quad j \quad k \quad l \\ m \quad n \quad o \quad p \\ - \end{array} \end{array} * \begin{array}{c} \text{image} \\ \text{coords} \\ \begin{array}{c} - \\ I \\ J \\ K \\ 1 \\ - \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \end{array} \end{array}$$

By convention, and without loss of generality, the following parameters are currently hard-coded and will always be the same (but must be specified nonetheless):

$$m = n = o = 0, \quad p = 1.$$

For Baseline GeoTIFF, the model space is always 2-D, and so the matrix will have the more limited form:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{array}{c} - \\ X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \\ - \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \end{array} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} - \\ a \quad b \quad 0 \quad d \\ e \quad f \quad 0 \quad h \\ 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\ 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \\ - \end{array} \end{array} * \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} - \\ I \\ J \\ K \\ 1 \\ - \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \end{array} \end{array}$$

Values "d" and "h" will often be used to represent translations in X and Y, and so will not necessarily be zero. All 16 values should be specified, in all cases. Only the raster-to-model transformation is defined; if the inverse transformation is required it must be computed by the client, to the desired accuracy.

This matrix tag should not be used if the ModelTiepointTag and the ModelPixelScaleTag are already defined. If only a single tiepoint (I,J,K,X,Y,Z) is specified, and the ModelPixelScale = (Sx, Sy, Sz) is specified, then the corresponding transformation matrix may be computed from them as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} - & & & & - \\ & Sx & 0.0 & 0.0 & Tx \\ & 0.0 & -Sy & 0.0 & Ty \\ & 0.0 & 0.0 & Sz & Tz \\ & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 \\ - & & & & - \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} Tx = X - I/Sx \\ Ty = Y + J/Sy \\ Tz = Z - K/Sz \quad (\text{if not } 0) \end{array}$$

where the -Sy is due the reversal of direction from J increasing- down in raster space to Y increasing-up in model space. Like the Tiepoint tag, this tag information is independent of the XPosition, YPosition, and Orientation tags of the standard TIFF 6.0 spec.

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 2.6.2 Cookbook for Defining Transformations

Here is a 4-step guide to producing a set of Baseline GeoTIFF tags for defining coordinate transformation information of a raster dataset.

- Step 1: Establish the Raster Space coordinate system used: RasterPixelIsArea or RasterPixelIsPoint.
- Step 2: Establish/define the model space Type in which the image is to be georeferenced. Usually this will be a Projected Coordinate system (PCS). If you are geocoding this data set, then the model space is defined to be the corresponding geographic, geocentric or Projected coordinate system (skip to the "Cookbook" section 2.7.3 first to do determine this).
- Step 3: Identify the nature of the transformations needed to tie the raster data down to the model space coordinate system:
  - Case 1: The model-location of a raster point (x,y) is known, but not the scale or orientations:
    - Use the ModelTiepointTag to define the (X,Y,Z) coordinates of the known raster point.
  - Case 2: The location of three non-collinear raster points are known exactly, but the linearity of the transformation is not known.
    - Use the ModelTiepointTag to define the (X,Y,Z) coordinates of all three known raster points. Do not compute or define the ModelPixelScale or ModelTransformation tag.
  - Case 3: The position and scale of the data is known exactly, and no rotation or shearing is needed to fit into the model space.
    - Use the ModelTiepointTag to define the (X,Y,Z) coordinates of the known raster point, and the ModelPixelScaleTag to specify the scale.
  - Case 4: The raster data requires rotation and/or lateral shearing to

fit into the defined model space:

Use the ModelTransformation matrix to define the transformation.

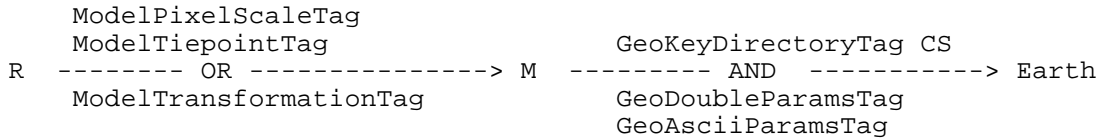
Case 5: The raster data cannot be fit into the model space with a simple affine transformation (rubber-sheeting required).

Use only the ModelTiepoint tag, and specify as many tiepoints as your application requires. Note, however, that this is not a Baseline GeoTIFF implementation, and should not be used for interchange; it is recommended that the image be geometrically rectified first, and put into a standard projected coordinate system.

Step 4: Install the defined tag values in the TIFF file and close it.

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2.7 Geocoding Raster Data  
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2.7.1 General Approach

A geocoded image is a georeferenced image as described in section 2.6, which also specifies a model space coordinate system (CS) between the model space M (to which the raster space has been tied) and the earth. The relationship can be diagrammed, including the associated TIFF tags, as follows:



The geocoding coordinate system is defined by the GeoKeyDirectoryTag, while the Georeferencing information (T) is defined by the ModelTiepointTag and the ModelPixelScale, or ModelTransformationTag. Since these two systems are independent of each other, the tags used to store the parameters are separated from each other in the GeoTIFF file to emphasize the orthogonality.

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2.7.2 GeoTIFF GeoKeys for Geocoding  
As mentioned above, all information regarding the Model Coordinate System used in the raster data is referenced from the GeoKeyDirectoryTag, which stores all of the GeoKey entries. In the Appendix, section 6.2 summarizes all of the GeoKeys defined for baseline GeoTIFF, and their corresponding codes are documented in section 6.3. Only the Keys themselves are documented here.

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Common Features  
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#### Public and Private Key and Code Ranges

GeoTIFF GeoKey ID's may take any value between 0 and 65535. Following TIFF general approach, the GeoKey ID's from 32768 and above are available for private implementations. However, no registry will be established for these keys or codes, so developers are warned to use them at their own risk.

The Key ID's from 0 to 32767 are reserved for use by the official



GeoTIFF spec, and are broken down into the following sub-domains:

[ 0, 1023]	Reserved
[ 1024, 2047]	GeoTIFF Configuration Keys
[ 2048, 3071]	Geographic/Geocentric CS Parameter Keys
[ 3072, 4095]	Projected CS Parameter Keys
[ 4096, 5119]	Vertical CS Parameter Keys
[ 5120, 32767]	Reserved
[32768, 65535]	Private use

GeoKey codes, like keys and tags, also range from 0 to 65535. Following the TIFF approach, all codes from 32768 and above are available for private user implementation. There will be no registry for these codes, however, and so developers must be sure that these tags will only be used internally. Use private codes at your own risk.

The codes from 0 to 32767 for all public GeoKeys are reserved by this GeoTIFF specification.

#### Common Public Code Values

For consistency, several key codes have the same meaning in all implemented GeoKeys possessing a SHORT numerical coding system:

0 = undefined  
32767 = user-defined

The "undefined" code means that this parameter is intentionally omitted, for whatever reason. For example, the datum used for a given map may be unknown, or the accuracy of a aerial photo is so low that to specify a particular datum would imply a higher accuracy than is in the data.

The "user-defined" code means that a feature is not among the standard list, and is being explicitly defined. In cases where this is meaningful, Geokey parameters have been supplied for the user to define this feature.

"User-Defined" requirements: In each section below a specification of the additional GeoKeys required for the "user-defined" option is given. In all cases the corresponding "Citation" key is strongly recommended, as per the FGDC Metadata standard regarding "local" types.

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GeoTIFF Configuration GeoKeys  
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These keys are to be used to establish the general configuration of this file's coordinate system, including the types of raster coordinate systems, model coordinate systems, and citations if any.

+-----+  
GTModelTypeGeoKey  
Key ID = 1024  
Type: SHORT (code)  
Values: Section 6.3.1.1 Codes

This GeoKey defines the general type of model Coordinate system used, and to which the raster space will be transformed: unknown, Geocentric (rarely used), Geographic, Projected Coordinate System, or user-defined. If the coordinate system is a PCS, then only the PCS code need be specified. If the coordinate system does not fit into one of the standard registered PCS'S, but it uses one of the standard projections

and datums, then its should be documented as a PCS model with "user-defined" type, requiring the specification of projection parameters, etc.

GeoKey requirements for User-Defined Model Type (not advisable):

GTCitationGeoKey

```
+-----+
GTRasterTypeGeoKey
Key ID = 1025
Type = Section 6.3.1.2 codes
```

This establishes the Raster Space coordinate system used; there are currently only two, namely RasterPixelIsPoint and RasterPixelIsArea. No user-defined raster spaces are currently supported. For variance in imaging display parameters, such as pixel aspect-ratios, use the standard TIFF 6.0 device-space tags instead.

```
+-----+
GTCitationGeoKey
Key ID = 1026
Type = ASCII
```

As with all the "Citation" GeoKeys, this is provided to give an ASCII reference to published documentation on the overall configuration of this GeoTIFF file.

```
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+-----+
Geographic CS Parameter GeoKeys
+-----+
+-----+
```

In general, the geographic coordinate system used will be implied by the projected coordinate system code. If however, this is a user-defined PCS, or the ModelType was chosen to be Geographic, then the system must be explicitly defined here, using the Horizontal datum code.

```
+-----+
GeographicTypeGeoKey
Key ID = 2048
Type = SHORT (code)
Values = Section 6.3.2.1 Codes
```

This key may be used to specify the code for the geographic coordinate system used to map lat-long to a specific ellipsoid over the earth.

GeoKey Requirements for User-Defined geographic CS:

```
    GeogCitationGeoKey
    GeogGeodeticDatumGeoKey
    GeogAngularUnitsGeoKey (if not degrees)
    GeogPrimeMeridianGeoKey (if not Greenwich)
```

```
+-----+
GeogCitationGeoKey
Key ID = 2049
Type = ASCII
Values = text
```

General citation and reference for all Geographic CS parameters.

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GeogGeodeticDatumGeoKey

Key ID = 2050

Type = SHORT (code)

Values = Section 6.3.2.2 Codes

This key may be used to specify the horizontal datum, defining the size, position and orientation of the reference ellipsoid used in user-defined geographic coordinate systems.

GeoKey Requirements for User-Defined Horizontal Datum:

GeogCitationGeoKey

GeogEllipsoidGeoKey

+-----+

GeogPrimeMeridianGeoKey

Key ID = 2051

Type = SHORT (code)

Units: Section 6.3.2.4 code

Allows specification of the location of the Prime meridian for user-defined geographic coordinate systems. The default standard is Greenwich, England.

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GeogLinearUnitsGeoKey

Key ID = 2052

Type = DOUBLE

Values: Section 6.3.1.3 Codes

Allows the definition of geocentric CS linear units for user-defined GCS.

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GeogLinearUnitSizeGeoKey

Key ID = 2053

Type = DOUBLE

Units: meters

Allows the definition of user-defined linear geocentric units, as measured in meters.

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GeogAngularUnitsGeoKey

Key ID = 2054

Type = SHORT (code)

Values = Section 6.3.1.4 Codes

This key may be used to specify the angular units of measurement used in user-defined geographic coordinate system.

GeoKey Requirements for "user-defined" units:

GeogCitationGeoKey

GeogAngularUnitSizeGeoKey

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GeogAngularUnitSizeGeoKey

Key ID = 2055

Type = DOUBLE

Units: radians

Allows the definition of user-defined angular geographic units, as measured in radians.

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GeogEllipsoidGeoKey  
Key ID = 2056  
Type = SHORT (code)  
Values = Section 6.3.2.3 Codes

This key may be used to specify the coded ellipsoid used in the geodetic datum of the Geographic Coordinate System.

GeoKey Requirements for User-Defined Ellipsoid:

GeogCitationGeoKey  
[GeogSemiMajorAxisGeoKey,  
[GeogSemiMinorAxisGeoKey | GeogInvFlatteningGeoKey] ]

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GeogSemiMajorAxisGeoKey  
Key ID = 2057  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: Geocentric CS Linear Units

Allows the specification of user-defined Ellipsoid Semi-Major Axis (a).

+-----+  
GeogSemiMinorAxisGeoKey  
Key ID = 2058  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: Geocentric CS Linear Units

Allows the specification of user-defined Ellipsoid Semi-Minor Axis (b).

+-----+  
GeogInvFlatteningGeoKey  
Key ID = 2059  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: none.

Allows the specification of the inverse of user-defined Ellipsoid's flattening parameter (f). The eccentricity-squared  $e^2$  of the ellipsoid is related to the non-inverted f by:

$$e^2 = 2*f - f^2$$

Note: if the ellipsoid is spherical the inverse-flattening becomes infinite; use the GeogSemiMinorAxisGeoKey instead, and set it equal to the semi-major axis length.

+-----+  
GeogAzimuthUnitsGeoKey  
Key ID = 2060  
Type = SHORT (code)  
Values = Section 6.3.1.4 Codes

This key may be used to specify the angular units of measurement used to defining azimuths, in geographic coordinate systems. These may be used for defining azimuthal parameters for some projection algorithms, and may not necessarily be the same angular units used for lat-long.

+-----+  
GeogPrimeMeridianLongGeoKey  
Key ID = 2061  
Type = DOUBLE

Units = GeogAngularUnits

This key allows definition of user-defined Prime Meridians, the location of which is defined by its longitude relative to Greenwich.

+-----+

+-----+  
Projected CS Parameter GeoKeys

+-----+

The PCS range of GeoKeys includes the projection and coordinate transformation keys as well. The projection keys are included in this block since they can only be used to define projected coordinate systems.

+-----+

ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey

Key ID = 3072

Type = SHORT (codes)

Values: Section 6.3.3.1 codes

This code is provided to specify the projected coordinate system.

GeoKey requirements for "user-defined" PCS families:

PCSCitationGeoKey

ProjectionGeoKey

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PCSCitationGeoKey

Key ID = 3073

Type = ASCII

As with all the "Citation" GeoKeys, this is provided to give an ASCII reference to published documentation on the Projected Coordinate System particularly if this is a "user-defined" PCS.

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+-----+  
Projection Definition GeoKeys

+-----+

With the exception of the first two keys, these are mostly projection-specific parameters, and only a few will be required for any particular projection type. Projected coordinate systems automatically imply a specific projection type, as well as specific parameters for that projection, and so the keys below will only be necessary for user-defined projected coordinate systems.

+-----+

ProjectionGeoKey

Key ID = 3074

Type = SHORT (code)

Values: Section 6.3.3.2 codes

Allows specification of the coded projection used. Note: this does not include the definition of the corresponding Geographic Coordinate System to which the projected CS is related; only the projection is defined here.

GeoKeys Required for "user-defined" Projections:

PCSCitationGeoKey

ProjCoordTransGeoKey  
ProjLinearUnitsGeoKey  
(additional parameters depending on ProjCoordTransGeoKey).

+-----+  
ProjCoordTransGeoKey  
Key ID = 3075  
Type = SHORT (code)  
Values: Section 6.3.3.3 codes

Allows specification of the coordinate transformation method used. Note:  
this does not include the definition of the corresponding Geographic  
Coordinate System to which the projected CS is related; only the  
transformation method is defined here.

GeoKeys Required for "user-defined" Coordinate Transformations:

PCSCitationGeoKey  
<additional parameter geokeys depending on the Coord. Trans. specified).

+-----+  
ProjLinearUnitsGeoKey  
Key ID = 3076  
Type = SHORT (code)  
Values: Section 6.3.1.3 codes

Defines linear units used by this projection.

+-----+  
ProjLinearUnitSizeGeoKey  
Key ID = 3077  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: meters

Defines size of user-defined linear units in meters.

+-----+  
ProjStdParallelGeoKey  
Key ID = 3078  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Latitude of primary Standard Parallel.

+-----+  
ProjStdParallel2GeoKey  
Key ID = 3079  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Latitude of second Standard Parallel, if required.

+-----+  
ProjOriginLongGeoKey  
Key ID = 3080  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Longitude of map-projection origin.

+-----+  
ProjOriginLatGeoKey  
Key ID = 3081  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Latitude of map-projection origin.

```

+-----+
ProjFalseEastingGeoKey
Key ID = 3082
Type = DOUBLE
Units: ProjLinearUnit

Gives the false easting coordinate of the map projection origin.
+-----+
ProjFalseNorthingGeoKey
Key ID = 3083
Type = DOUBLE
Units: ProjLinearUnit

Gives the false northing coordinate of the map projection origin.
+-----+
ProjFalseOriginLongGeoKey
Key ID = 3084
Type = DOUBLE
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Gives the longitude of the false origin.
+-----+
ProjFalseOriginLatGeoKey
Key ID = 3085
Type = DOUBLE
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Gives the latitude of the false origin.
+-----+
ProjFalseOriginEastingGeoKey
Key ID = 3086
Type = DOUBLE
Units: ProjLinearUnit

Gives the easting coordinate of the false origin. This is NOT the False
Easting.
+-----+
ProjFalseOriginNorthingGeoKey
Key ID = 3087
Type = DOUBLE
Units: ProjLinearUnit

Gives the northing coordinate of the false origin. This is NOT the False
Northing.
+-----+
ProjCenterLongGeoKey
Key ID = 3088
Type = DOUBLE
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Longitude of Center of Projection. Note that this is not necessarily the
origin of the projection.
+-----+
ProjCenterLatGeoKey
Key ID = 3089
Type = DOUBLE
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Latitude of Center of Projection. Note that this is not necessarily the
origin of the projection.
+-----+
ProjCenterEastingGeoKey

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Key ID = 3090  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: ProjLinearUnit

Gives the easting coordinate of the center. This is NOT the False Easting.

+-----+

ProjFalseOriginNorthingGeoKey  
Key ID = 3091  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: ProjLinearUnit

Gives the northing coordinate of the center. This is NOT the False Northing.

+-----+

ProjScaleAtOriginGeoKey  
Key ID = 3092  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: none

Scale at Origin. This is a ratio, so no units are required.

+-----+

ProjScaleAtCenterGeoKey  
Key ID = 3093  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: none

Scale at Center. This is a ratio, so no units are required.

+-----+

ProjAzimuthAngleGeoKey  
Key ID = 3094  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: GeogAzimuthUnit

Azimuth angle east of true north of the central line passing through the projection center (for elliptical (Hotine) Oblique Mercator). Note that this is the standard method of measuring azimuth, but is opposite the usual mathematical convention of positive indicating counter-clockwise.

+-----+

ProjStraightVertPoleLongGeoKey  
Key ID = 3095  
Type = DOUBLE  
Units: GeogAngularUnit

Longitude at Straight Vertical Pole. For polar stereographic.

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Vertical CS Parameter Keys

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Note: Vertical coordinate systems are not yet implemented. These sections are provided for future development, and any vertical coordinate systems in the current revision must be defined using the VerticalCitationGeoKey.

+-----+

VerticalCSTypeGeoKey  
Key ID = 4096  
Type = SHORT (code)  
Values = Section 6.3.4.1 Codes

This key may be used to specify the vertical coordinate system.



```
+-----+
VerticalCitationGeoKey
Key ID = 4097
Type = ASCII
Values = text
```

This key may be used to document the vertical coordinate system used, and its parameters.

```
+-----+
VerticalDatumGeoKey
Key ID = 4098
Type = SHORT (code)
Values = Section 6.3.4.2 codes
```

This key may be used to specify the vertical datum for the vertical coordinate system.

```
+-----+
VerticalUnitsGeoKey
Key ID = 4099
Type = SHORT (code)
Values = Section 6.3.1.3 Codes
```

This key may be used to specify the vertical units of measurement used in the geographic coordinate system, in cases where geographic CS's need to reference the vertical coordinate. This, together with the Citation key, comprise the only fully implemented keys in this section, at present.

```
+-----+
2.7.3 Cookbook for Geocoding Data
```

Step 1: Determine the Coordinate system type of the raster data, based on the nature of the data: pixels derived from scanners or other optical devices represent areas, and most commonly will use the RasterPixelIsArea coordinate system. Pixel data such as digital elevation models represent points, and will probably use RasterPixelIsPoint coordinates.

Store in: GTRasterTypeGeoKey

Step 2: Determine which class of model space coordinates are most natural for this dataset: Geographic, Geocentric, or Projected Coordinate System. Usually this will be PCS.

Store in: GTModelTypeGeoKey

Step 3: This step depends on the GTModelType:

case PCS: Determine the PCS projection system. Most of the PCS's used in standard State Plane and national grid systems are defined, so check this list first. UTM is not defined at this level, given the number of different GCS/datums used with UTM, and so it must be defined at the level of a Projection instead.

Store in: ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey, ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey

If coded, it will not be necessary to specify the Projection datum, etc for this case, since all of those parameters are determined by the ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey code. Skip to step 4 from here.

If none of the coded PCS's match your system, then this is a user-defined PCS. Use the Projection code list to check for standard projection systems (UTM may be handled at this level).

Store in: ProjectionGeoKey and skip to Geographic CS case.

If none of the Projection codes match your system, then this is a user-defined projection. Use the ProjCoordTransGeoKey to specify the coordinate transformation method (e.g. Transverse Mercator), and all of the associated parameters of that method. Also define the linear units used in the planar coordinate system.

Store in: ProjCoordTransGeoKey, ProjLinearUnitsGeoKey  
<and other CT related parameter keys>

Now continue on to define the Geographic CS, below.

case GEOCENTRIC:

case GEOGRAPHIC: Check the list of standard GCS's and use the corresponding code. To use a code both the Datum, Prime Meridian, and angular units must match those of the code.

Store in: GeographicTypeGeoKey and skip to Step 4.

If none of the coded GCS's match exactly, then this is a user-defined GCS. Check the list of standard datums, Prime Meridians, and angular units to define your system.

Store in: GeogGeodeticDatumGeoKey, GeogAngularUnitsGeoKey, GeogPrimeMeridianGeoKey and skip to Step 4.

If none of the datums match your system, you have a user-defined datum, which is an odd system, indeed. Use the GeogEllipsoidGeoKey to select the appropriate ellipsoid or use the GeogSemiMajorAxisGeoKey, GeogInvFlatteningGeoKey to define, and give a reference using the GeogCitationGeoKey.

Store in: GeogEllipsoidGeoKey, etc. and go to Step 4.

Step 4: Install the GeoKeys/codes into the GeoKeyDirectoryTag, and the DOUBLE and ASCII key values into the corresponding value-tags.

Step 5: Having completely defined the Raster & Model coordinate system, go to Cookbook section 2.6.2 and use the Georeferencing Tags to tie the raster image down onto the Model space.

```
+-----+
3  Examples
+-----+
```

Here are some examples of how GeoTIFF may be implemented at the Tag and GeoKey level, following the general "Cookbook" approach above.

```
+-----+
3.1 Common Examples
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3.1.1. UTM Projected Aerial Photo
```

We have an aerial photo which has been orthorectified and resampled to a UTM grid, zone 60, using WGS84 datum; the coordinates of the upper-left corner of the image is are given in easting/northing, as 350807.4m, 5316081.3m. The scanned map pixel scale is 100 meters/pixels (the actual dpi scanning ratio is irrelevant).

```

ModelTiepointTag      = ( 0, 0, 0, 350807.4, 5316081.3, 0.0)
ModelPixelScaleTag    = (100.0, 100.0, 0.0)
GeoKeyDirectoryTag:
  GTModelTypeGeoKey   = 1      (ModelTypeProjected)
  GTRasterTypeGeoKey  = 1      (RasterPixelIsArea)
  ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey = 32660 (PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_60N)
  PCSCitationGeoKey   = "UTM Zone 60 N with WGS84"

```

Notes:

- 1) We did not need to specify the GCS lat-long, since the PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_60N codes implies particular GCS and units already (WGS\_84 and meters). The citation was added just for documentation.
- 2) The "GeoKeyDirectoryTag" is expressed using the "GeoKey" structure defined above. At the TIFF level the tags look like this:

```

GeoKeyDirectoryTag=( 1,      0,      1,      4,
                    1024,    0,      1,      1,
                    1025,    0,      1,      1,
                    3072,    0,      1,      32660,
                    3073, 34737,    25,      0 )
GeoAsciiParamsTag(34737)=("UTM Zone 60 N with WGS84|")

```

For the rest of these examples we will only show the GeoKey-level dump, with the understanding that the actual TIFF-level tag representation can be determined from the documentation.

+-----+  
3.1.1.2. Standard State Plane

We have a USGS State Plane Map of Texas, Central Zone, using NAD83, correctly oriented. The map resolution is 1000 meters/pixel, at origin. There is a grid intersection line in the image at pixel location (50,100), and corresponds to the projected coordinate system easting/northing of (949465.0, 3070309.1).

```

ModelTiepointTag      = ( 50, 100, 0, 949465.0, 3070309.1, 0)
ModelPixelScaleTag    = (1000, 1000, 0)
GeoKeyDirectoryTag:
  GTModelTypeGeoKey   = 1      (ModelTypeProjected)
  GTRasterTypeGeoKey  = 1      (RasterPixelIsArea)
  ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey = 32139 (PCS_NAD83_Texas_Central)

```

Notice that in this case, since the PCS is a standard code, we do not need to define the GCS, datum, etc, since those are implied by the PCS code. Also, since this is NAD83, meters are used rather than US Survey feet (as in NAD 27).

+-----+  
3.1.1.3. Lambert Conformal Conic Aeronautical Chart

We have a 500 x 500 scanned aeronautical chart of Seattle, WA, using Lambert Conformal Conic projection, correctly oriented. The central meridian is at 120 degrees west. The map resolution is 1000 meters/pixel, at origin, and uses NAD27 datum. The standard parallels of the projection are at 41d20m N and 48d40m N. The latitude of the origin is at 45 degrees North, and occurs in the image at the raster coordinates (80,100). The origin is given a false easting and northing of 200000m, 1500000m.

```

ModelTiepointTag      = ( 80, 100, 0, 200000, 1500000, 0)
ModelPixelScaleTag    = (1000, 1000, 0)
GeoKeyDirectoryTag:
  GTModelTypeGeoKey   = 1      (ModelTypeProjected)
  GTRasterTypeGeoKey  = 1      (RasterPixelIsArea)
  GeographicTypeGeoKey = 4267   (GCS_NAD27)
  ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey = 32767 (user-defined)
  ProjectionGeoKey     = 32767 (user-defined)
  ProjLinearUnitsGeoKey = 1      (Linear_Meter)
  ProjCoordTransGeoKey = 8      (CT_LambertConfConic)
    ProjStdParallelGeoKey = 41.333
    ProjStdParallel2GeoKey = 48.666
    ProjCenterLongGeoKey  = -120.0
    ProjOriginLatGeoKey   = 45.0
    ProjFalseEastingGeoKey = 200000.0
    ProjFalseNorthingGeoKey = 1500000.0

```

Notice that the Tiepoint takes the false easting and northing into account when tying the raster point (50,100) to the projection origin.

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3.1.3. DMA ADRG Raster Graphic Map

The U.S. Defense Mapping Agency produces ARC digitized raster graphics datasets by scanning maps and geometrically resampling them into an equirectangular projection, so that they may be directly indexed with WGS84 geographic coordinates. The scale for one map is 0.2 degrees per pixel horizontally, 0.1 degrees per pixel vertically. If stored in a GeoTIFF file it contains the following information:

```

ModelTiepointTag=(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -120.0, 32.0, 0.0)
ModelPixelScale = (0.2, 0.1, 0.0)
GeoKeyDirectoryTag:
  GTModelTypeGeoKey   = 2      (ModelTypeGeographic)
  GTRasterTypeGeoKey  = 1      (RasterPixelIsArea)
  GeographicTypeGeoKey = 4326   (GCS_WGS_84)

```

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3.2 Less Common Examples  
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3.2.1. Unrectified Aerial photo, known tiepoints, in degrees.

We have an aerial photo, and know only the WGS84 GPS location of several points in the scene: the upper left corner is 120 degrees West, 32 degrees North, the lower-left corner is at 120 degrees West, 30 degrees 20 minutes North, and the lower-right hand corner of the image is at 116 degrees 40 minutes West, 30 degrees 20 minutes North. The photo is not geometrically corrected, however, and the complete projection is therefore not known.

```

ModelTiepointTag=( 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -120.0, 32.0, 0.0,
                  0.0, 1000.0, 0.0, -120.0, 30.33333, 0.0,

```

```

1000.0, 1000.0, 0.0, -116.6666667, 30.333333, 0.0)
GeoKeyDirectoryTag:
  GTModelTypeGeoKey      = 1 (ModelTypeGeographic)
  GTRasterTypeGeoKey     = 1 (RasterPixelIsArea)
  GeographicTypeGeoKey   = 4326 (GCS_WGS_84)

```

Remark: Since we have not specified the ModelPixelScaleTag, clients reading this GeoTIFF file are not permitted to infer that there is a simple linear relationship between the raster data and the geographic model coordinate space. The only points that are known to be exact are the ones specified in the tiepoint tag.

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3.2.2. Rotated Scanned Map

We have a scanned standard British National Grid, covering the 100km grid zone NZ. Consulting documentation for BNG we find that the southwest corner of the NZ zone has an easting, northing of 400000m, 500000m, relative to the BNG standard false origin. This scanned map has a resolution of 100 meter pixels, and was rotated 90 degrees to fit onto the scanner, so that the southwest corner is now the northwest corner. In this case we must use the ModelTransformation tag rather than the tiepoint/scale pair to map the raster data into model space:

```

ModelTransformationTag = (
    0, 100.0, 0, 400000.0,
  100.0, 0, 0, 500000.0,
    0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 1)
GeoKeyDirectoryTag:
  GTModelTypeGeoKey      = 1 (ModelTypeProjected)
  GTRasterTypeGeoKey     = 1 (RasterPixelIsArea)
  ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey  = 27700 (PCS_British_National_Grid)
  PCSCitationGeoKey     = "British National Grid, Zone NZ"

```

Remark: the matrix has 100.0 in the off-diagonals due to the 90 degree rotation; increasing I points north, and increasing J points east.

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3.2.3. Digital Elevation Model

The DMA stores digital elevation models using an equirectangular projection, so that it may be indexed with WGS84 geographic coordinates. Since elevation postings are point-values, the pixels should not be considered as filling areas, but as point-values at grid vertices. To accommodate the base elevation of the Angeles Crest forest, the pixel value of 0 corresponds to an elevation of 1000 meters relative to WGS84 reference ellipsoid. The upper left corner is at 120 degrees West, 32 degrees North, and has a pixel scale of 0.2 degrees/pixel longitude, 0.1 degrees/pixel latitude.

```

ModelTiepointTag=(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -120.0, 32.0, 1000.0)
ModelPixelScale = (0.2, 0.1, 1.0)
GeoKeyDirectoryTag:
  GTModelTypeGeoKey      = 2 (ModelTypeGeographic)
  GTRasterTypeGeoKey     = 2 (RasterPixelIsPoint)
  GeographicTypeGeoKey   = 4326 (GCS_WGS_84)
  VerticalCSTypeGeoKey    = 5030 (VertCS_WGS_84_ellipsoid)
  VerticalCitationGeoKey = "WGS 84 Ellipsoid"
  VerticalUnitsGeoKey     = 1 (Linear_Meter)

```

Remarks:

- 1) Note the "RasterPixelIsPoint" raster space, indicating that the DEM posting of the first pixel is at the raster point (0,0,0), and therefore corresponds to 120W,32N exactly.
- 2) The third value of the "PixelScale" is 1.0 to indicate that a single pixel-value unit corresponds to 1 meter, and the last tiepoint value indicates that base value zero indicates 1000m above the reference surface.

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 4 Extended GeoTIFF  
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This section is for future development TBD.

Possible additional GeoKeys for Revision 2.0:

PerspectHeightGeoKey	(General Vertical Nearsided Perspective)
SOMInclinAngleGeoKey	(SOM)
SOMAscendLongGeoKey	(SOM)
SOMRevPeriodGeoKey	(SOM)
SOMEndOfPathGeoKey	(SOM) ? is this needed ? SHORT
SOMRatioGeoKey	(SOM)
SOMPathNumGeoKey	(SOM) SHORT
SOMSatelliteNumGeoKey	(SOM) SHORT
OEAShapeMGeoKey	(Oblated Equal Area)
OEAShapeNGeoKey	(Oblated Equal Area)
OEARotationAngleGeoKey	(Oblated Equal Area)

Other items for consideration:

- o Digital Elevation Model information, such as Vertical Datums, Sounding Datums.
- o Accuracy Keys for linear, circular, and spherical errors, etc.
- o Source information, such as details of an original coordinate system and of transformations between it and the coordinate system in which data is being exchanged.

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<ftp://ftp.adobe.com/pub/adobe/DeveloperSupport/TechNotes/PDFfiles/TIFF6.pdf>

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U.S. Geological Survey  
526 National Center  
Reston, VA 22092

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6. Appendices  
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6.1 Tag ID Summary

Here are all of the TIFF tags (and their owners) that are used to store GeoTIFF information of any type. It is very unlikely that any other tags will be necessary in the future (since most additional information will be encoded as a GeoKey).

ModelPixelScaleTag	=	33550	(SoftDesk)
ModelTransformationTag	=	33920	(Intergraph)
ModelTiepointTag	=	33922	(Intergraph)
GeoKeyDirectoryTag	=	34735	(SPOT)
GeoDoubleParamsTag	=	34736	(SPOT)
GeoAsciiParamsTag	=	34737	(SPOT)

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6.2 Key ID Summary  
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6.2.1 GeoTIFF Configuration Keys

GTModelTypeGeoKey	=	1024	/* Section 6.3.1.1 Codes	*/
GTRasterTypeGeoKey	=	1025	/* Section 6.3.1.2 Codes	*/
GTCitationGeoKey	=	1026	/* documentation */	

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6.2.2 Geographic CS Parameter Keys

GeographicTypeGeoKey	= 2048	/* Section 6.3.2.1 Codes	*/
GeogCitationGeoKey	= 2049	/* documentation	*/
GeogGeodeticDatumGeoKey	= 2050	/* Section 6.3.2.2 Codes	*/
GeogPrimeMeridianGeoKey	= 2051	/* Section 6.3.2.4 codes	*/
GeogLinearUnitsGeoKey	= 2052	/* Section 6.3.1.3 Codes	*/
GeogLinearUnitSizeGeoKey	= 2053	/* meters	*/
GeogAngularUnitsGeoKey	= 2054	/* Section 6.3.1.4 Codes	*/
GeogAngularUnitSizeGeoKey	= 2055	/* radians	*/
GeogEllipsoidGeoKey	= 2056	/* Section 6.3.2.3 Codes	*/
GeogSemiMajorAxisGeoKey	= 2057	/* GeogLinearUnits	*/
GeogSemiMinorAxisGeoKey	= 2058	/* GeogLinearUnits	*/
GeogInvFlatteningGeoKey	= 2059	/* ratio	*/
GeogAzimuthUnitsGeoKey	= 2060	/* Section 6.3.1.4 Codes	*/
GeogPrimeMeridianLongGeoKey	= 2061	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/

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6.2.3 Projected CS Parameter Keys

ProjectedCSTypeGeoKey	= 3072	/* Section 6.3.3.1 codes	*/
PCSCitationGeoKey	= 3073	/* documentation	*/
ProjectionGeoKey	= 3074	/* Section 6.3.3.2 codes	*/
ProjCoordTransGeoKey	= 3075	/* Section 6.3.3.3 codes	*/
ProjLinearUnitsGeoKey	= 3076	/* Section 6.3.1.3 codes	*/
ProjLinearUnitSizeGeoKey	= 3077	/* meters	*/
ProjStdParallelGeoKey	= 3078	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/
ProjStdParallel2GeoKey	= 3079	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/
ProjOriginLongGeoKey	= 3080	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/
ProjOriginLatGeoKey	= 3081	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/
ProjFalseEastingGeoKey	= 3082	/* ProjLinearUnits	*/
ProjFalseNorthingGeoKey	= 3083	/* ProjLinearUnits	*/
ProjFalseOriginLongGeoKey	= 3084	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/
ProjFalseOriginLatGeoKey	= 3085	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/
ProjFalseOriginEastingGeoKey	= 3086	/* ProjLinearUnits	*/
ProjFalseOriginNorthingGeoKey	= 3087	/* ProjLinearUnits	*/
ProjCenterLongGeoKey	= 3088	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/
ProjCenterLatGeoKey	= 3089	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/
ProjCenterEastingGeoKey	= 3090	/* ProjLinearUnits	*/
ProjCenterNorthingGeoKey	= 3091	/* ProjLinearUnits	*/
ProjScaleAtOriginGeoKey	= 3092	/* ratio	*/
ProjScaleAtCenterGeoKey	= 3093	/* ratio	*/
ProjAzimuthAngleGeoKey	= 3094	/* GeogAzimuthUnit	*/
ProjStraightVertPoleLongGeoKey	= 3095	/* GeogAngularUnit	*/

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6.2.4 Vertical CS Keys

VerticalCSTypeGeoKey	= 4096	/* Section 6.3.4.1 codes	*/
VerticalCitationGeoKey	= 4097	/* documentation	*/
VerticalDatumGeoKey	= 4098	/* Section 6.3.4.2 codes	*/
VerticalUnitsGeoKey	= 4099	/* Section 6.3.1.3 codes	*/

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6.3 Key Code Summary

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6.3.1 GeoTIFF General Codes



This section includes the general "Configuration" key codes, as well as general codes which are used by more than one key (e.g. units codes).

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#### 6.3.1.1 Model Type Codes

Ranges:

```
0           = undefined
[  1, 32766] = GeoTIFF Reserved Codes
32767      = user-defined
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations
```

GeoTIFF defined CS Model Type Codes:

```
ModelTypeProjected   = 1  /* Projection Coordinate System      */
ModelTypeGeographic  = 2  /* Geographic latitude-longitude System */
ModelTypeGeocentric  = 3  /* Geocentric (X,Y,Z) Coordinate System */
```

Notes:

1. ModelTypeGeographic and ModelTypeProjected correspond to the FGDC metadata Geographic and Planar-Projected coordinate system types.

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#### 6.3.1.2 Raster Type Codes

Ranges:

```
0           = undefined
[  1, 1023] = Raster Type Codes (GeoTIFF Defined)
[1024, 32766] = Reserved
32767      = user-defined
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations
```

Values:

```
RasterPixelIsArea = 1
RasterPixelIsPoint = 2
```

Note: Use of "user-defined" or "undefined" raster codes is not recommended.

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#### 6.3.1.3 Linear Units Codes

There are several different kinds of units that may be used in geographically related raster data: linear units, angular units, units of time (e.g. for radar-return), CCD-voltages, etc. For this reason there will be a single, unique range for each kind of unit, broken down into the following currently defined ranges:

Ranges:

```
0           = undefined
[  1, 2000] = Obsolete GeoTIFF codes
[2001, 8999] = Reserved by GeoTIFF
[9000, 9099] = EPSG Linear Units.
[9100, 9199] = EPSG Angular Units.
32767      = user-defined unit
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations
```

Linear Unit Values (See the ESPG/POSC tables for definition):

```

Linear_Meter = 9001
Linear_Foot = 9002
Linear_Foot_US_Survey = 9003
Linear_Foot_Modified_American = 9004
Linear_Foot_Clarke = 9005
Linear_Foot_Indian = 9006
Linear_Link = 9007
Linear_Link_Benoit = 9008
Linear_Link_Sears = 9009
Linear_Chain_Benoit = 9010
Linear_Chain_Sears = 9011
Linear_Yard_Sears = 9012
Linear_Yard_Indian = 9013
Linear_Fathom = 9014
Linear_Mile_International_Nautical = 9015

```

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6.3.1.4 Angular Units Codes

These codes shall be used for any key that requires specification of an angular unit of measurement.

Angular Units

```

Angular_Radian = 9101
Angular_Degree = 9102
Angular_Arc_Minute = 9103
Angular_Arc_Second = 9104
Angular_Grad = 9105
Angular_Gon = 9106
Angular_DMS = 9107
Angular_DMS_Hemisphere = 9108

```

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6.3.2 Geographic CS Codes

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6.3.2.1 Geographic CS Type Codes

Note: A Geographic coordinate system consists of both a datum and a Prime Meridian. Some of the names are very similar, and differ only in the Prime Meridian, so be sure to use the correct one. The codes beginning with GCSE\_xxx are unspecified GCS which use ellipsoid (xxx); it is recommended that only the codes beginning with GCS\_ be used if possible.

Ranges:

```

0 = undefined
[ 1, 1000] = Obsolete EPSG/POSC Geographic Codes
[ 1001, 3999] = Reserved by GeoTIFF
[ 4000, 4199] = EPSG GCS Based on Ellipsoid only
[ 4200, 4999] = EPSG GCS Based on EPSG Datum
[ 5000, 32766] = Reserved by GeoTIFF
32767 = user-defined GCS
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations

```

Values:

Note: Geodetic datum using Greenwich PM have codes equal to the corresponding Datum code - 2000.

GCS\_Adindan = 4201  
GCS\_AGD66 = 4202  
GCS\_AGD84 = 4203  
GCS\_Ain\_el\_Abd = 4204  
GCS\_Afgooye = 4205  
GCS\_Agadez = 4206  
GCS\_Lisbon = 4207  
GCS\_Aratu = 4208  
GCS\_Arc\_1950 = 4209  
GCS\_Arc\_1960 = 4210  
GCS\_Batavia = 4211  
GCS\_Barbados = 4212  
GCS\_Beduaram = 4213  
GCS\_Beijing\_1954 = 4214  
GCS\_Belge\_1950 = 4215  
GCS\_Bermuda\_1957 = 4216  
GCS\_Bern\_1898 = 4217  
GCS\_Bogota = 4218  
GCS\_Bukit\_Rimpah = 4219  
GCS\_Camacupa = 4220  
GCS\_Campo\_Inchauspe = 4221  
GCS\_Cape = 4222  
GCS\_Carthage = 4223  
GCS\_Chua = 4224  
GCS\_Corrego\_Alegre = 4225  
GCS\_Cote\_d\_Ivoire = 4226  
GCS\_Deir\_ez\_Zor = 4227  
GCS\_Douala = 4228  
GCS\_Egypt\_1907 = 4229  
GCS\_ED50 = 4230  
GCS\_ED87 = 4231  
GCS\_Fahud = 4232  
GCS\_Gandajika\_1970 = 4233  
GCS\_Garoua = 4234  
GCS\_Guyane\_Francaise = 4235  
GCS\_Hu\_Tzu\_Shan = 4236  
GCS\_HD72 = 4237  
GCS\_ID74 = 4238  
GCS\_Indian\_1954 = 4239  
GCS\_Indian\_1975 = 4240  
GCS\_Jamaica\_1875 = 4241  
GCS\_JAD69 = 4242  
GCS\_Kalianpur = 4243  
GCS\_Kandawala = 4244  
GCS\_Kertau = 4245  
GCS\_KOC = 4246  
GCS\_La\_Canoa = 4247  
GCS\_PSAD56 = 4248  
GCS\_Lake = 4249  
GCS\_Leigon = 4250  
GCS\_Liberia\_1964 = 4251  
GCS\_Lome = 4252  
GCS\_Luzon\_1911 = 4253  
GCS\_Hito\_XVIII\_1963 = 4254  
GCS\_Herat\_North = 4255  
GCS\_Mahe\_1971 = 4256  
GCS\_Makassar = 4257  
GCS\_EUREF89 = 4258  
GCS\_Malongo\_1987 = 4259  
GCS\_Manoca = 4260  
GCS\_Merchich = 4261  
GCS\_Massawa = 4262

GCS\_Minna = 4263  
GCS\_Mhast = 4264  
GCS\_Monte\_Mario = 4265  
GCS\_M\_poraloko = 4266  
GCS\_NAD27 = 4267  
GCS\_NAD\_Michigan = 4268  
GCS\_NAD83 = 4269  
GCS\_Nahrwan\_1967 = 4270  
GCS\_Naparima\_1972 = 4271  
GCS\_GD49 = 4272  
GCS\_NGO\_1948 = 4273  
GCS\_Datum\_73 = 4274  
GCS\_NTF = 4275  
GCS\_NSWC\_9Z\_2 = 4276  
GCS\_OSGB\_1936 = 4277  
GCS\_OSGB70 = 4278  
GCS\_OS\_SN80 = 4279  
GCS\_Padang = 4280  
GCS\_Palestine\_1923 = 4281  
GCS\_Pointe\_Noire = 4282  
GCS\_GDA94 = 4283  
GCS\_Pulkovo\_1942 = 4284  
GCS\_Qatar = 4285  
GCS\_Qatar\_1948 = 4286  
GCS\_Qornoq = 4287  
GCS\_Loma\_Quintana = 4288  
GCS\_Amersfoort = 4289  
GCS\_RT38 = 4290  
GCS\_SAD69 = 4291  
GCS\_Sapper\_Hill\_1943 = 4292  
GCS\_Schwarzeck = 4293  
GCS\_Segora = 4294  
GCS\_Serindung = 4295  
GCS\_Sudan = 4296  
GCS\_Tananarive = 4297  
GCS\_Timbalai\_1948 = 4298  
GCS\_TM65 = 4299  
GCS\_TM75 = 4300  
GCS\_Tokyo = 4301  
GCS\_Trinidad\_1903 = 4302  
GCS\_TC\_1948 = 4303  
GCS\_Voirol\_1875 = 4304  
GCS\_Voirol\_Unifie = 4305  
GCS\_Bern\_1938 = 4306  
GCS\_Nord\_Sahara\_1959 = 4307  
GCS\_Stockholm\_1938 = 4308  
GCS\_Yacare = 4309  
GCS\_Yoff = 4310  
GCS\_Zanderij = 4311  
GCS\_MGI = 4312  
GCS\_Belge\_1972 = 4313  
GCS\_DHDN = 4314  
GCS\_Conakry\_1905 = 4315  
GCS\_WGS\_72 = 4322  
GCS\_WGS\_72BE = 4324  
GCS\_WGS\_84 = 4326  
GCS\_Bern\_1898\_Bern = 4801  
GCS\_Bogota\_Bogota = 4802  
GCS\_Lisbon\_Lisbon = 4803  
GCS\_Makassar\_Jakarta = 4804  
GCS\_MGI\_Ferro = 4805  
GCS\_Monte\_Mario\_Rome = 4806

GCS\_NTF\_Paris = 4807  
 GCS\_Padang\_Jakarta = 4808  
 GCS\_Belge\_1950\_Brussels = 4809  
 GCS\_Tananarive\_Paris = 4810  
 GCS\_Voirol\_1875\_Paris = 4811  
 GCS\_Voirol\_Unifie\_Paris = 4812  
 GCS\_Batavia\_Jakarta = 4813  
 GCS\_ATF\_Paris = 4901  
 GCS\_NDG\_Paris = 4902

Ellipsoid-Only GCS:

Note: the numeric code is equal to the code of the corresponding EPSG ellipsoid, minus 3000.

GCSE\_Airy1830 = 4001  
 GCSE\_AiryModified1849 = 4002  
 GCSE\_AustralianNationalSpheroid = 4003  
 GCSE\_Bessel1841 = 4004  
 GCSE\_BesselModified = 4005  
 GCSE\_BesselNamibia = 4006  
 GCSE\_Clarke1858 = 4007  
 GCSE\_Clarke1866 = 4008  
 GCSE\_Clarke1866Michigan = 4009  
 GCSE\_Clarke1880\_Benoit = 4010  
 GCSE\_Clarke1880\_IGN = 4011  
 GCSE\_Clarke1880\_RGS = 4012  
 GCSE\_Clarke1880\_Arc = 4013  
 GCSE\_Clarke1880\_SGA1922 = 4014  
 GCSE\_Everest1830\_1937Adjustment = 4015  
 GCSE\_Everest1830\_1967Definition = 4016  
 GCSE\_Everest1830\_1975Definition = 4017  
 GCSE\_Everest1830Modified = 4018  
 GCSE\_GRS1980 = 4019  
 GCSE\_Helmert1906 = 4020  
 GCSE\_IndonesianNationalSpheroid = 4021  
 GCSE\_International1924 = 4022  
 GCSE\_International1967 = 4023  
 GCSE\_Krassowsky1940 = 4024  
 GCSE\_NWL9D = 4025  
 GCSE\_NWL10D = 4026  
 GCSE\_Plessis1817 = 4027  
 GCSE\_Struve1860 = 4028  
 GCSE\_WarOffice = 4029  
 GCSE\_WGS84 = 4030  
 GCSE\_GEM10C = 4031  
 GCSE\_OSU86F = 4032  
 GCSE\_OSU91A = 4033  
 GCSE\_Clarke1880 = 4034  
 GCSE\_Sphere = 4035

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6.3.2.2 Geodetic Datum Codes

Note: these codes do not include the Prime Meridian; if possible use the GCS codes above if the datum and Prime Meridian are on the list. Also, as with the GCS codes, the codes beginning with DatumE\_xxx refer only to the specified ellipsoid (xxx); if possible use instead the named datums beginning with Datum\_xxx

Ranges:

0 = undefined  
[ 1, 1000] = Obsolete EPSG/POSC Datum Codes  
[ 1001, 5999] = Reserved by GeoTIFF  
[ 6000, 6199] = EPSG Datum Based on Ellipsoid only  
[ 6200, 6999] = EPSG Datum Based on EPSG Datum  
[ 6322, 6327] = WGS Datum  
[ 6900, 6999] = Archaic Datum  
[ 7000, 32766] = Reserved by GeoTIFF  
32767 = user-defined GCS  
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations

Values:

Datum\_Adindan = 6201  
Datum\_Australian\_Geodetic\_Datum\_1966 = 6202  
Datum\_Australian\_Geodetic\_Datum\_1984 = 6203  
Datum\_Ain\_el\_Abd\_1970 = 6204  
Datum\_Afgooye = 6205  
Datum\_Agadez = 6206  
Datum\_Lisbon = 6207  
Datum\_Aratu = 6208  
Datum\_Arc\_1950 = 6209  
Datum\_Arc\_1960 = 6210  
Datum\_Batavia = 6211  
Datum\_Barbados = 6212  
Datum\_Beduaram = 6213  
Datum\_Beijing\_1954 = 6214  
Datum\_Reseau\_National\_Belge\_1950 = 6215  
Datum\_Bermuda\_1957 = 6216  
Datum\_Bern\_1898 = 6217  
Datum\_Bogota = 6218  
Datum\_Bukit\_Rimpah = 6219  
Datum\_Camacupa = 6220  
Datum\_Campo\_Inchauspe = 6221  
Datum\_Cape = 6222  
Datum\_Carthage = 6223  
Datum\_Chua = 6224  
Datum\_Corrego\_Alegre = 6225  
Datum\_Cote\_d'Ivoire = 6226  
Datum\_Deir\_ez\_Zor = 6227  
Datum\_Douala = 6228  
Datum\_Egypt\_1907 = 6229  
Datum\_European\_Datum\_1950 = 6230  
Datum\_European\_Datum\_1987 = 6231  
Datum\_Fahud = 6232  
Datum\_Gandajika\_1970 = 6233  
Datum\_Garoua = 6234  
Datum\_Guyane\_Francaise = 6235  
Datum\_Hu\_Tzu\_Shan = 6236  
Datum\_Hungarian\_Datum\_1972 = 6237  
Datum\_Indonesian\_Datum\_1974 = 6238  
Datum\_Indian\_1954 = 6239  
Datum\_Indian\_1975 = 6240  
Datum\_Jamaica\_1875 = 6241  
Datum\_Jamaica\_1969 = 6242  
Datum\_Kalianpur = 6243  
Datum\_Kandawala = 6244  
Datum\_Kertau = 6245  
Datum\_Kuwait\_Oil\_Company = 6246  
Datum\_La\_Canoa = 6247  
Datum\_Provisional\_S\_American\_Datum\_1956 = 6248  
Datum\_Lake = 6249

Datum\_Leigon = 6250  
Datum\_Liberia\_1964 = 6251  
Datum\_Lome = 6252  
Datum\_Luzon\_1911 = 6253  
Datum\_Hito\_XVIII\_1963 = 6254  
Datum\_Herat\_North = 6255  
Datum\_Mahe\_1971 = 6256  
Datum\_Makassar = 6257  
Datum\_European\_Reference\_System\_1989 = 6258  
Datum\_Malongo\_1987 = 6259  
Datum\_Manoca = 6260  
Datum\_Merchich = 6261  
Datum\_Massawa = 6262  
Datum\_Minna = 6263  
Datum\_Mhast = 6264  
Datum\_Monte\_Mario = 6265  
Datum\_M\_poraloko = 6266  
Datum\_North\_American\_Datum\_1927 = 6267  
Datum\_NAD\_Michigan = 6268  
Datum\_North\_American\_Datum\_1983 = 6269  
Datum\_Nahrwan\_1967 = 6270  
Datum\_Naparima\_1972 = 6271  
Datum\_New\_Zealand\_Geodetic\_Datum\_1949 = 6272  
Datum\_NGO\_1948 = 6273  
Datum\_Datum\_73 = 6274  
Datum\_Nouvelle\_Triangulation\_Francaise = 6275  
Datum\_NSWC\_9Z\_2 = 6276  
Datum\_OSGB\_1936 = 6277  
Datum\_OSGB\_1970\_SN = 6278  
Datum\_OS\_SN\_1980 = 6279  
Datum\_Padang\_1884 = 6280  
Datum\_Palestine\_1923 = 6281  
Datum\_Pointe\_Noire = 6282  
Datum\_Geocentric\_Datum\_of\_Australia\_1994 = 6283  
Datum\_Pulkovo\_1942 = 6284  
Datum\_Qatar = 6285  
Datum\_Qatar\_1948 = 6286  
Datum\_Qornoq = 6287  
Datum\_Loma\_Quintana = 6288  
Datum\_Amersfoort = 6289  
Datum\_RT38 = 6290  
Datum\_South\_American\_Datum\_1969 = 6291  
Datum\_Sapper\_Hill\_1943 = 6292  
Datum\_Schwarzeck = 6293  
Datum\_Segora = 6294  
Datum\_Serindung = 6295  
Datum\_Sudan = 6296  
Datum\_Tananarive\_1925 = 6297  
Datum\_Timbalai\_1948 = 6298  
Datum\_TM65 = 6299  
Datum\_TM75 = 6300  
Datum\_Tokyo = 6301  
Datum\_Trinidad\_1903 = 6302  
Datum\_Trucial\_Coast\_1948 = 6303  
Datum\_Voirol\_1875 = 6304  
Datum\_Voirol\_Unifie\_1960 = 6305  
Datum\_Bern\_1938 = 6306  
Datum\_Nord\_Sahara\_1959 = 6307  
Datum\_Stockholm\_1938 = 6308  
Datum\_Yacare = 6309  
Datum\_Yoff = 6310  
Datum\_Zanderij = 6311

```

Datum_Militar_Geographische_Institut = 6312
Datum_Reseau_National_Belge_1972 = 6313
Datum_Deutsche_Hauptdreiecksnetz = 6314
Datum_Conakry_1905 = 6315
Datum_WGS72 = 6322
Datum_WGS72_Transit_Broadcast_Ephemeris = 6324
Datum_WGS84 = 6326
Datum_Ancienne_Triangulation_Francaise = 6901
Datum_Nord_de_Guerre = 6902

```

Ellipsoid-Only Datum:

Note: the numeric code is equal to the corresponding ellipsoid code, minus 1000.

```

DatumE_Airy1830 = 6001
DatumE_AiryModified1849 = 6002
DatumE_AustralianNationalSpheroid = 6003
DatumE_Bessel1841 = 6004
DatumE_BesselModified = 6005
DatumE_BesselNamibia = 6006
DatumE_Clarke1858 = 6007
DatumE_Clarke1866 = 6008
DatumE_Clarke1866Michigan = 6009
DatumE_Clarke1880_Benoit = 6010
DatumE_Clarke1880_IGN = 6011
DatumE_Clarke1880_RGS = 6012
DatumE_Clarke1880_Arc = 6013
DatumE_Clarke1880_SGA1922 = 6014
DatumE_Everest1830_1937Adjustment = 6015
DatumE_Everest1830_1967Definition = 6016
DatumE_Everest1830_1975Definition = 6017
DatumE_Everest1830Modified = 6018
DatumE_GRS1980 = 6019
DatumE_Helmert1906 = 6020
DatumE_IndonesianNationalSpheroid = 6021
DatumE_International1924 = 6022
DatumE_International1967 = 6023
DatumE_Krassowsky1960 = 6024
DatumE_NWL9D = 6025
DatumE_NWL10D = 6026
DatumE_Plessis1817 = 6027
DatumE_Struve1860 = 6028
DatumE_WarOffice = 6029
DatumE_WGS84 = 6030
DatumE_GEM10C = 6031
DatumE_OSU86F = 6032
DatumE_OSU91A = 6033
DatumE_Clarke1880 = 6034
DatumE_Sphere = 6035

```

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6.3.2.3 Ellipsoid Codes

Ranges:

```

0 = undefined
[ 1, 1000] = Obsolete EPSG/POSC Ellipsoid codes
[1001, 6999] = Reserved by GeoTIFF
[7000, 7999] = EPSG Ellipsoid codes
[8000, 32766] = Reserved by GeoTIFF
32767 = user-defined

```



[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations

Values:

Ellipse\_Airy\_1830 = 7001  
Ellipse\_Airy\_Modified\_1849 = 7002  
Ellipse\_Australian\_National\_Spheroid = 7003  
Ellipse\_Bessel\_1841 = 7004  
Ellipse\_Bessel\_Modified = 7005  
Ellipse\_Bessel\_Namibia = 7006  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1858 = 7007  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1866 = 7008  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1866\_Michigan = 7009  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1880\_Benoit = 7010  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1880\_IGN = 7011  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1880\_RGS = 7012  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1880\_Arc = 7013  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1880\_SGA\_1922 = 7014  
Ellipse\_Everest\_1830\_1937\_Adjustment = 7015  
Ellipse\_Everest\_1830\_1967\_Definition = 7016  
Ellipse\_Everest\_1830\_1975\_Definition = 7017  
Ellipse\_Everest\_1830\_Modified = 7018  
Ellipse\_GRS\_1980 = 7019  
Ellipse\_Helmert\_1906 = 7020  
Ellipse\_Indonesian\_National\_Spheroid = 7021  
Ellipse\_International\_1924 = 7022  
Ellipse\_International\_1967 = 7023  
Ellipse\_Krassowsky\_1940 = 7024  
Ellipse\_NWL\_9D = 7025  
Ellipse\_NWL\_10D = 7026  
Ellipse\_Plessis\_1817 = 7027  
Ellipse\_Struve\_1860 = 7028  
Ellipse\_War\_Office = 7029  
Ellipse\_WGS\_84 = 7030  
Ellipse\_GEM\_10C = 7031  
Ellipse\_OSU86F = 7032  
Ellipse\_OSU91A = 7033  
Ellipse\_Clarke\_1880 = 7034  
Ellipse\_Sphere = 7035

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6.3.2.4 Prime Meridian Codes

Ranges:

0 = undefined  
[ 1, 100] = Obsolete EPSG/POSC Prime Meridian codes  
[ 101, 7999] = Reserved by GeoTIFF  
[ 8000, 8999] = EPSG Prime Meridian Codes  
[ 9000, 32766] = Reserved by GeoTIFF  
32767 = user-defined  
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations

Values:

PM\_Greenwich = 8901  
PM\_Lisbon = 8902  
PM\_Paris = 8903  
PM\_Bogota = 8904  
PM\_Madrid = 8905  
PM\_Rome = 8906  
PM\_Bern = 8907

PM\_Jakarta = 8908  
PM\_Ferro = 8909  
PM\_Brussels = 8910  
PM\_Stockholm = 8911

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6.3.3 Projected CS Codes

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6.3.3.1 Projected CS Type Codes

Ranges:

[ 1, 1000] = Obsolete EPSG/POSC Projection System Codes  
[20000, 32760] = EPSG Projection System codes  
32767 = user-defined  
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations

Special Ranges:

1. For PCS utilising GeogCS with code in range 4201 through 4321 (i.e. geodetic datum code 6201 through 6319): As far as is possible the PCS code will be of the format gggzz where ggg is (geodetic datum code -2000) and zz is zone.

2. For PCS utilising GeogCS with code out of range 4201 through 4321 (i.e. geodetic datum code 6201 through 6319). PCS code 20xxx where xxx is a sequential number.

3. Other:

WGS72 / UTM northern hemisphere: 322zz where zz is UTM zone number  
WGS72 / UTM southern hemisphere: 323zz where zz is UTM zone number  
WGS72BE / UTM northern hemisphere: 324zz where zz is UTM zone number  
WGS72BE / UTM southern hemisphere: 325zz where zz is UTM zone number  
WGS84 / UTM northern hemisphere: 326zz where zz is UTM zone number  
WGS84 / UTM southern hemisphere: 327zz where zz is UTM zone number  
US State Plane (NAD27): 267xx/320xx  
US State Plane (NAD83): 269xx/321xx

Values:

PCS\_Adindan\_UTM\_zone\_37N = 20137  
PCS\_Adindan\_UTM\_zone\_38N = 20138  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_48 = 20248  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_49 = 20249  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_50 = 20250  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_51 = 20251  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_52 = 20252  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_53 = 20253  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_54 = 20254  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_55 = 20255  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_56 = 20256  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_57 = 20257  
PCS\_AGD66\_AMG\_zone\_58 = 20258  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_48 = 20348  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_49 = 20349  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_50 = 20350  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_51 = 20351  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_52 = 20352  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_53 = 20353

PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_54 = 20354  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_55 = 20355  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_56 = 20356  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_57 = 20357  
PCS\_AGD84\_AMG\_zone\_58 = 20358  
PCS\_Ain\_el\_Abd\_UTM\_zone\_37N = 20437  
PCS\_Ain\_el\_Abd\_UTM\_zone\_38N = 20438  
PCS\_Ain\_el\_Abd\_UTM\_zone\_39N = 20439  
PCS\_Ain\_el\_Abd\_Bahrain\_Grid = 20499  
PCS\_Afgooye\_UTM\_zone\_38N = 20538  
PCS\_Afgooye\_UTM\_zone\_39N = 20539  
PCS\_Lisbon\_Portugese\_Grid = 20700  
PCS\_Aratu\_UTM\_zone\_22S = 20822  
PCS\_Aratu\_UTM\_zone\_23S = 20823  
PCS\_Aratu\_UTM\_zone\_24S = 20824  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo13 = 20973  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo15 = 20975  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo17 = 20977  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo19 = 20979  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo21 = 20981  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo23 = 20983  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo25 = 20985  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo27 = 20987  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo29 = 20989  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo31 = 20991  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo33 = 20993  
PCS\_Arc\_1950\_Lo35 = 20995  
PCS\_Batavia\_NEIEZ = 21100  
PCS\_Batavia\_UTM\_zone\_48S = 21148  
PCS\_Batavia\_UTM\_zone\_49S = 21149  
PCS\_Batavia\_UTM\_zone\_50S = 21150  
PCS\_Beijing\_Gauss\_zone\_13 = 21413  
PCS\_Beijing\_Gauss\_zone\_14 = 21414  
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PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_59N = 32659  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_60N = 32660  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_1S = 32701  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_2S = 32702  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_3S = 32703  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_4S = 32704  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_5S = 32705  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_6S = 32706  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_7S = 32707  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_8S = 32708  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_9S = 32709  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_10S = 32710  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_11S = 32711  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_12S = 32712  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_13S = 32713  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_14S = 32714  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_15S = 32715  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_16S = 32716  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_17S = 32717  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_18S = 32718  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_19S = 32719  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_20S = 32720  
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PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_23S = 32723  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_24S = 32724  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_25S = 32725  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_26S = 32726  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_27S = 32727  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_28S = 32728  
PCS\_WGS84\_UTM\_zone\_29S = 32729

```

PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_30S = 32730
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_31S = 32731
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_32S = 32732
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_33S = 32733
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_34S = 32734
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_35S = 32735
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_36S = 32736
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_37S = 32737
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_38S = 32738
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_39S = 32739
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_40S = 32740
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_41S = 32741
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_42S = 32742
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_43S = 32743
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_44S = 32744
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_45S = 32745
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_46S = 32746
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_47S = 32747
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_48S = 32748
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PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_50S = 32750
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_51S = 32751
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_52S = 32752
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_53S = 32753
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_54S = 32754
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_55S = 32755
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_56S = 32756
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_57S = 32757
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_58S = 32758
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_59S = 32759
PCS_WGS84_UTM_zone_60S = 32760

```

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6.3.3.2 Projection Codes

Note: Projections do not include GCS/datum definitions. If possible, use the PCS code for standard projected coordinate systems, and use this code only if nonstandard datums are required.

Ranges:

```

0 = undefined
[ 1, 9999] = Obsolete EPSG/POSC Projection codes
[10000, 19999] = EPSG/POSC Projection codes
32767 = user-defined
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations

```

Special Ranges:

```

US State Plane Format: 1sszz
    where ss is USC&GS State code
           zz is USC&GS zone code for NAD27 zones
           zz is (USC&GS zone code + 30) for NAD83 zones

```

Larger zoned systems (16000-17999)

```

UTM (North) Format: 160zz
UTM (South) Format: 161zz
zoned Universal Gauss-Kruger Format: 162zz
Universal Gauss-Kruger (unzoned) Format: 163zz
Australian Map Grid Format: 174zz
Southern African STM Format: 175zz

```

Smaller zoned systems: Format: 18ssz  
where ss is sequential system number  
z is zone code

Single zone projections Format: 199ss  
where ss is sequential system number

Values:

Proj\_Alabama\_CS27\_East = 10101  
Proj\_Alabama\_CS27\_West = 10102  
Proj\_Alabama\_CS83\_East = 10131  
Proj\_Alabama\_CS83\_West = 10132  
Proj\_Arizona\_Coordinate\_System\_east = 10201  
Proj\_Arizona\_Coordinate\_System\_Central = 10202  
Proj\_Arizona\_Coordinate\_System\_west = 10203  
Proj\_Arizona\_CS83\_east = 10231  
Proj\_Arizona\_CS83\_Central = 10232  
Proj\_Arizona\_CS83\_west = 10233  
Proj\_Arkansas\_CS27\_North = 10301  
Proj\_Arkansas\_CS27\_South = 10302  
Proj\_Arkansas\_CS83\_North = 10331  
Proj\_Arkansas\_CS83\_South = 10332  
Proj\_California\_CS27\_I = 10401  
Proj\_California\_CS27\_II = 10402  
Proj\_California\_CS27\_III = 10403  
Proj\_California\_CS27\_IV = 10404  
Proj\_California\_CS27\_V = 10405  
Proj\_California\_CS27\_VI = 10406  
Proj\_California\_CS27\_VII = 10407  
Proj\_California\_CS83\_1 = 10431  
Proj\_California\_CS83\_2 = 10432  
Proj\_California\_CS83\_3 = 10433  
Proj\_California\_CS83\_4 = 10434  
Proj\_California\_CS83\_5 = 10435  
Proj\_California\_CS83\_6 = 10436  
Proj\_Colorado\_CS27\_North = 10501  
Proj\_Colorado\_CS27\_Central = 10502  
Proj\_Colorado\_CS27\_South = 10503  
Proj\_Colorado\_CS83\_North = 10531  
Proj\_Colorado\_CS83\_Central = 10532  
Proj\_Colorado\_CS83\_South = 10533  
Proj\_Connecticut\_CS27 = 10600  
Proj\_Connecticut\_CS83 = 10630  
Proj\_Delaware\_CS27 = 10700  
Proj\_Delaware\_CS83 = 10730  
Proj\_Florida\_CS27\_East = 10901  
Proj\_Florida\_CS27\_West = 10902  
Proj\_Florida\_CS27\_North = 10903  
Proj\_Florida\_CS83\_East = 10931  
Proj\_Florida\_CS83\_West = 10932  
Proj\_Florida\_CS83\_North = 10933  
Proj\_Georgia\_CS27\_East = 11001  
Proj\_Georgia\_CS27\_West = 11002  
Proj\_Georgia\_CS83\_East = 11031  
Proj\_Georgia\_CS83\_West = 11032  
Proj\_Idaho\_CS27\_East = 11101  
Proj\_Idaho\_CS27\_Central = 11102  
Proj\_Idaho\_CS27\_West = 11103  
Proj\_Idaho\_CS83\_East = 11131  
Proj\_Idaho\_CS83\_Central = 11132  
Proj\_Idaho\_CS83\_West = 11133

Proj\_Illinois\_CS27\_East = 11201  
Proj\_Illinois\_CS27\_West = 11202  
Proj\_Illinois\_CS83\_East = 11231  
Proj\_Illinois\_CS83\_West = 11232  
Proj\_Indiana\_CS27\_East = 11301  
Proj\_Indiana\_CS27\_West = 11302  
Proj\_Indiana\_CS83\_East = 11331  
Proj\_Indiana\_CS83\_West = 11332  
Proj\_Iowa\_CS27\_North = 11401  
Proj\_Iowa\_CS27\_South = 11402  
Proj\_Iowa\_CS83\_North = 11431  
Proj\_Iowa\_CS83\_South = 11432  
Proj\_Kansas\_CS27\_North = 11501  
Proj\_Kansas\_CS27\_South = 11502  
Proj\_Kansas\_CS83\_North = 11531  
Proj\_Kansas\_CS83\_South = 11532  
Proj\_Kentucky\_CS27\_North = 11601  
Proj\_Kentucky\_CS27\_South = 11602  
Proj\_Kentucky\_CS83\_North = 11631  
Proj\_Kentucky\_CS83\_South = 11632  
Proj\_Louisiana\_CS27\_North = 11701  
Proj\_Louisiana\_CS27\_South = 11702  
Proj\_Louisiana\_CS83\_North = 11731  
Proj\_Louisiana\_CS83\_South = 11732  
Proj\_Maine\_CS27\_East = 11801  
Proj\_Maine\_CS27\_West = 11802  
Proj\_Maine\_CS83\_East = 11831  
Proj\_Maine\_CS83\_West = 11832  
Proj\_Maryland\_CS27 = 11900  
Proj\_Maryland\_CS83 = 11930  
Proj\_Massachusetts\_CS27\_Mainland = 12001  
Proj\_Massachusetts\_CS27\_Island = 12002  
Proj\_Massachusetts\_CS83\_Mainland = 12031  
Proj\_Massachusetts\_CS83\_Island = 12032  
Proj\_Michigan\_State\_Plane\_East = 12101  
Proj\_Michigan\_State\_Plane\_Old\_Central = 12102  
Proj\_Michigan\_State\_Plane\_West = 12103  
Proj\_Michigan\_CS27\_North = 12111  
Proj\_Michigan\_CS27\_Central = 12112  
Proj\_Michigan\_CS27\_South = 12113  
Proj\_Michigan\_CS83\_North = 12141  
Proj\_Michigan\_CS83\_Central = 12142  
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Proj\_Minnesota\_CS27\_South = 12203  
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Proj\_Minnesota\_CS83\_South = 12233  
Proj\_Mississippi\_CS27\_East = 12301  
Proj\_Mississippi\_CS27\_West = 12302  
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Proj\_Mississippi\_CS83\_West = 12332  
Proj\_Missouri\_CS27\_East = 12401  
Proj\_Missouri\_CS27\_Central = 12402  
Proj\_Missouri\_CS27\_West = 12403  
Proj\_Missouri\_CS83\_East = 12431  
Proj\_Missouri\_CS83\_Central = 12432  
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Proj\_Montana\_CS27\_South = 12503

Proj\_Montana\_CS83 = 12530  
Proj\_Nebraska\_CS27\_North = 12601  
Proj\_Nebraska\_CS27\_South = 12602  
Proj\_Nebraska\_CS83 = 12630  
Proj\_Nevada\_CS27\_East = 12701  
Proj\_Nevada\_CS27\_Central = 12702  
Proj\_Nevada\_CS27\_West = 12703  
Proj\_Nevada\_CS83\_East = 12731  
Proj\_Nevada\_CS83\_Central = 12732  
Proj\_Nevada\_CS83\_West = 12733  
Proj\_New\_Hampshire\_CS27 = 12800  
Proj\_New\_Hampshire\_CS83 = 12830  
Proj\_New\_Jersey\_CS27 = 12900  
Proj\_New\_Jersey\_CS83 = 12930  
Proj\_New\_Mexico\_CS27\_East = 13001  
Proj\_New\_Mexico\_CS27\_Central = 13002  
Proj\_New\_Mexico\_CS27\_West = 13003  
Proj\_New\_Mexico\_CS83\_East = 13031  
Proj\_New\_Mexico\_CS83\_Central = 13032  
Proj\_New\_Mexico\_CS83\_West = 13033  
Proj\_New\_York\_CS27\_East = 13101  
Proj\_New\_York\_CS27\_Central = 13102  
Proj\_New\_York\_CS27\_West = 13103  
Proj\_New\_York\_CS27\_Long\_Island = 13104  
Proj\_New\_York\_CS83\_East = 13131  
Proj\_New\_York\_CS83\_Central = 13132  
Proj\_New\_York\_CS83\_West = 13133  
Proj\_New\_York\_CS83\_Long\_Island = 13134  
Proj\_North\_Carolina\_CS27 = 13200  
Proj\_North\_Carolina\_CS83 = 13230  
Proj\_North\_Dakota\_CS27\_North = 13301  
Proj\_North\_Dakota\_CS27\_South = 13302  
Proj\_North\_Dakota\_CS83\_North = 13331  
Proj\_North\_Dakota\_CS83\_South = 13332  
Proj\_Ohio\_CS27\_North = 13401  
Proj\_Ohio\_CS27\_South = 13402  
Proj\_Ohio\_CS83\_North = 13431  
Proj\_Ohio\_CS83\_South = 13432  
Proj\_Oklahoma\_CS27\_North = 13501  
Proj\_Oklahoma\_CS27\_South = 13502  
Proj\_Oklahoma\_CS83\_North = 13531  
Proj\_Oklahoma\_CS83\_South = 13532  
Proj\_Oregon\_CS27\_North = 13601  
Proj\_Oregon\_CS27\_South = 13602  
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Proj\_Oregon\_CS83\_South = 13632  
Proj\_Pennsylvania\_CS27\_North = 13701  
Proj\_Pennsylvania\_CS27\_South = 13702  
Proj\_Pennsylvania\_CS83\_North = 13731  
Proj\_Pennsylvania\_CS83\_South = 13732  
Proj\_Rhode\_Island\_CS27 = 13800  
Proj\_Rhode\_Island\_CS83 = 13830  
Proj\_South\_Carolina\_CS27\_North = 13901  
Proj\_South\_Carolina\_CS27\_South = 13902  
Proj\_South\_Carolina\_CS83 = 13930  
Proj\_South\_Dakota\_CS27\_North = 14001  
Proj\_South\_Dakota\_CS27\_South = 14002  
Proj\_South\_Dakota\_CS83\_North = 14031  
Proj\_South\_Dakota\_CS83\_South = 14032  
Proj\_Tennessee\_CS27 = 14100  
Proj\_Tennessee\_CS83 = 14130  
Proj\_Texas\_CS27\_North = 14201

Proj\_Texas\_CS27\_North\_Central = 14202  
Proj\_Texas\_CS27\_Central = 14203  
Proj\_Texas\_CS27\_South\_Central = 14204  
Proj\_Texas\_CS27\_South = 14205  
Proj\_Texas\_CS83\_North = 14231  
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Proj\_Texas\_CS83\_Central = 14233  
Proj\_Texas\_CS83\_South\_Central = 14234  
Proj\_Texas\_CS83\_South = 14235  
Proj\_Utah\_CS27\_North = 14301  
Proj\_Utah\_CS27\_Central = 14302  
Proj\_Utah\_CS27\_South = 14303  
Proj\_Utah\_CS83\_North = 14331  
Proj\_Utah\_CS83\_Central = 14332  
Proj\_Utah\_CS83\_South = 14333  
Proj\_Vermont\_CS27 = 14400  
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Proj\_Virginia\_CS27\_North = 14501  
Proj\_Virginia\_CS27\_South = 14502  
Proj\_Virginia\_CS83\_North = 14531  
Proj\_Virginia\_CS83\_South = 14532  
Proj\_Washington\_CS27\_North = 14601  
Proj\_Washington\_CS27\_South = 14602  
Proj\_Washington\_CS83\_North = 14631  
Proj\_Washington\_CS83\_South = 14632  
Proj\_West\_Virginia\_CS27\_North = 14701  
Proj\_West\_Virginia\_CS27\_South = 14702  
Proj\_West\_Virginia\_CS83\_North = 14731  
Proj\_West\_Virginia\_CS83\_South = 14732  
Proj\_Wisconsin\_CS27\_North = 14801  
Proj\_Wisconsin\_CS27\_Central = 14802  
Proj\_Wisconsin\_CS27\_South = 14803  
Proj\_Wisconsin\_CS83\_North = 14831  
Proj\_Wisconsin\_CS83\_Central = 14832  
Proj\_Wisconsin\_CS83\_South = 14833  
Proj\_Wyoming\_CS27\_East = 14901  
Proj\_Wyoming\_CS27\_East\_Central = 14902  
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Proj\_Wyoming\_CS27\_West = 14904  
Proj\_Wyoming\_CS83\_East = 14931  
Proj\_Wyoming\_CS83\_East\_Central = 14932  
Proj\_Wyoming\_CS83\_West\_Central = 14933  
Proj\_Wyoming\_CS83\_West = 14934  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_1 = 15001  
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Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_3 = 15003  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_4 = 15004  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_5 = 15005  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_6 = 15006  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_7 = 15007  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_8 = 15008  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_9 = 15009  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS27\_10 = 15010  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_1 = 15031  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_2 = 15032  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_3 = 15033  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_4 = 15034  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_5 = 15035  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_6 = 15036  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_7 = 15037  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_8 = 15038  
Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_9 = 15039

Proj\_Alaska\_CS83\_10 = 15040  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS27\_1 = 15101  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS27\_2 = 15102  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS27\_3 = 15103  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS27\_4 = 15104  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS27\_5 = 15105  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS83\_1 = 15131  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS83\_2 = 15132  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS83\_3 = 15133  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS83\_4 = 15134  
 Proj\_Hawaii\_CS83\_5 = 15135  
 Proj\_Puerto\_Rico\_CS27 = 15201  
 Proj\_St\_Croix = 15202  
 Proj\_Puerto\_Rico\_Virgin\_Is = 15230  
 Proj\_BLM\_14N\_feet = 15914  
 Proj\_BLM\_15N\_feet = 15915  
 Proj\_BLM\_16N\_feet = 15916  
 Proj\_BLM\_17N\_feet = 15917  
 Proj\_Map\_Grid\_of\_Australia\_48 = 17348  
 Proj\_Map\_Grid\_of\_Australia\_49 = 17349  
 Proj\_Map\_Grid\_of\_Australia\_50 = 17350  
 Proj\_Map\_Grid\_of\_Australia\_51 = 17351  
 Proj\_Map\_Grid\_of\_Australia\_52 = 17352  
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 Proj\_Argentina\_4 = 18034  
 Proj\_Argentina\_5 = 18035  
 Proj\_Argentina\_6 = 18036  
 Proj\_Argentina\_7 = 18037  
 Proj\_Colombia\_3W = 18051  
 Proj\_Colombia\_Bogota = 18052  
 Proj\_Colombia\_3E = 18053  
 Proj\_Colombia\_6E = 18054  
 Proj\_Egypt\_Red\_Belt = 18072  
 Proj\_Egypt\_Purple\_Belt = 18073  
 Proj\_Extended\_Purple\_Belt = 18074  
 Proj\_New\_Zealand\_North\_Island\_Nat\_Grid = 18141  
 Proj\_New\_Zealand\_South\_Island\_Nat\_Grid = 18142  
 Proj\_Bahrain\_Grid = 19900  
 Proj\_Netherlands\_E\_Indies\_Equatorial = 19905  
 Proj\_RSO\_Borneo = 19912

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### 6.3.3.3 Coordinate Transformation Codes

#### Ranges:

```
0 = undefined
[ 1, 16383] = GeoTIFF Coordinate Transformation codes
[16384, 32766] = Reserved by GeoTIFF
32767 = user-defined
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations
```

#### Values:

```
CT_TransverseMercator = 1
CT_TransvMercator_Modified_Alaska = 2
CT_ObliqueMercator = 3
CT_ObliqueMercator_Laborde = 4
CT_ObliqueMercator_Rosenmund = 5
CT_ObliqueMercator_Spherical = 6
CT_Mercator = 7
CT_LambertConfConic = 8
CT_LambertConfConic_Helmert = 9
CT_LambertAzimEqualArea = 10
CT_AlbersEqualArea = 11
CT_AzimuthalEquidistant = 12
CT_EquidistantConic = 13
CT_Stereographic = 14
CT_PolarStereographic = 15
CT_ObliqueStereographic = 16
CT_Equirectangular = 17
CT_CassiniSoldner = 18
CT_Gnomonic = 19
CT_MillerCylindrical = 20
CT_Orthographic = 21
CT_Polyconic = 22
CT_Robinson = 23
CT_Sinusoidal = 24
CT_VanDerGrinten = 25
CT_NewZealandMapGrid = 26
CT_SouthOrientedGaussConformal = 27
```

#### Aliases:

```
CT_AlaskaConformal = CT_TransvMercator_Modified_Alaska
CT_TransvEquidistCylindrical = CT_CassiniSoldner
CT_ObliqueMercator_Hotine = CT_ObliqueMercator
CT_SwissObliqueCylindrical = CT_ObliqueMercator_Rosenmund
CT_GaussBoaga = CT_TransverseMercator
CT_GaussKruger = CT_TransverseMercator
```

### +-----+ 6.3.4 Vertical CS Codes

#### +-----+ 6.3.4.1 Vertical CS Type Codes

#### Ranges:

```
0 = undefined
[ 1, 4999] = Reserved
[ 5000, 5099] = EPSG Ellipsoid Vertical CS Codes
[ 5100, 5199] = EPSG Orthometric Vertical CS Codes
[ 5200, 5999] = Reserved EPSG
[ 6000, 32766] = Reserved
```

32767 = user-defined  
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations

Values:

VertCS\_Airy\_1830\_ellipsoid = 5001  
VertCS\_Airy\_Modified\_1849\_ellipsoid = 5002  
VertCS\_ANS\_ellipsoid = 5003  
VertCS\_Bessel\_1841\_ellipsoid = 5004  
VertCS\_Bessel\_Modified\_ellipsoid = 5005  
VertCS\_Bessel\_Namibia\_ellipsoid = 5006  
VertCS\_Clarke\_1858\_ellipsoid = 5007  
VertCS\_Clarke\_1866\_ellipsoid = 5008  
VertCS\_Clarke\_1880\_Benoit\_ellipsoid = 5010  
VertCS\_Clarke\_1880\_IGN\_ellipsoid = 5011  
VertCS\_Clarke\_1880\_RGS\_ellipsoid = 5012  
VertCS\_Clarke\_1880\_Arc\_ellipsoid = 5013  
VertCS\_Clarke\_1880\_SGA\_1922\_ellipsoid = 5014  
VertCS\_Everest\_1830\_1937\_Adjustment\_ellipsoid = 5015  
VertCS\_Everest\_1830\_1967\_Definition\_ellipsoid = 5016  
VertCS\_Everest\_1830\_1975\_Definition\_ellipsoid = 5017  
VertCS\_Everest\_1830\_Modified\_ellipsoid = 5018  
VertCS\_GRS\_1980\_ellipsoid = 5019  
VertCS\_Helmert\_1906\_ellipsoid = 5020  
VertCS\_INS\_ellipsoid = 5021  
VertCS\_International\_1924\_ellipsoid = 5022  
VertCS\_International\_1967\_ellipsoid = 5023  
VertCS\_Krassowsky\_1940\_ellipsoid = 5024  
VertCS\_NWL\_9D\_ellipsoid = 5025  
VertCS\_NWL\_10D\_ellipsoid = 5026  
VertCS\_Plessis\_1817\_ellipsoid = 5027  
VertCS\_Struve\_1860\_ellipsoid = 5028  
VertCS\_War\_Office\_ellipsoid = 5029  
VertCS\_WGS\_84\_ellipsoid = 5030  
VertCS\_GEM\_10C\_ellipsoid = 5031  
VertCS\_OSU86F\_ellipsoid = 5032  
VertCS\_OSU91A\_ellipsoid = 5033

Orthometric Vertical CS;

VertCS\_Newlyn = 5101  
VertCS\_North\_American\_Vertical\_Datum\_1929 = 5102  
VertCS\_North\_American\_Vertical\_Datum\_1988 = 5103  
VertCS\_Yellow\_Sea\_1956 = 5104  
VertCS\_Baltic\_Sea = 5105  
VertCS\_Caspian\_Sea = 5106

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6.3.4.2 Vertical CS Datum Codes

Ranges:

0 = undefined  
[ 1, 16383] = Vertical Datum Codes  
[16384, 32766] = Reserved  
32767 = user-defined  
[32768, 65535] = Private User Implementations

No vertical datum codes are currently defined, other than those implied by the corresponding Vertical CS code.

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ASCII - [American Standard Code for Information Interchange] The predominant character set encoding of present-day computers.

Cell - A rectangular area in Raster space, in which a single pixel value is filled.

Code - In GeoTIFF, a code is a value assigned to a GeoKey, and has one of 65536 possible values.

Coordinate System - A systematic way of assigning real (x,y,z..) coordinates to a surface or volume. In Geodetics the surface is an ellipsoid used to model the earth.

Datum - A mathematical approximation to all or part of the earth's surface. Defining a datum requires the definition of an ellipsoid, its location and orientation, as well as the area for which the datum is valid.

Device Space - A coordinate space referencing scanner, printers and display devices.

DOUBLE - 8-bit IEEE double precision floating point.  
Ellipsoid: A mathematically defined quadratic surface used to model the earth.

Flattening - For an ellipsoid with major and minor axis lengths (a,b), the flattening is defined by:

$$f = (a - b)/a$$

For the earth, the value of f is approximately

$$1/298.3$$

Geocoding - An image is geocoded if a precise algorithm for determining the earth-location of each point in the image is defined.

Geographic Coordinate System - A Geographic CS consists of a well-defined ellipsoidal datum, a Prime Meridian, and an angular unit, allowing the assignment of a Latitude-Longitude (and optionally, geodetic height) vector to a location on earth.

GeoKey - In GeoTIFF, a GeoKey is equivalent in function to a TIFF tag, but uses a different storage mechanism.

Georeferencing - An image is georeferenced if the location of its pixels in some model space is defined, but the transformation tying model space to the earth is not known.



