

PS3.12

**DICOM PS3.12 ~~2020e~~2020d - Media Formats and
Physical Media for Media Interchange**

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1 Scope and Field of Application

This Part of the DICOM Standard facilitates the interchange of information between digital imaging computer systems in medical environments. This interchange will enhance diagnostic imaging and potentially other clinical applications. The multi-part DICOM Standard defines the services and data that shall be supplied to achieve this interchange of information.

This Part specifies:

- A structure for describing the relationship between the Media Storage Model (see PS3.10) and a specific physical media and media format
- Specific physical media characteristics and associated media formats

Byte(s)	Value	Description
26 - 27	see note 6	side (head) per disk
28 - 31	00000000	0 reserved or hidden sectors
32 - 35	varies	Total sector/disk. Varies from disk to disk
36 - 37	0000	Physical Drive number = 0
38	29H	Extended boot record signature = 41
39 - 42	undefined	Volume serial number (see note 4)
43 - 53	varies	The volume ID (vendor specific)
54 - 61	varies	The file system label
62 - 509	varies	Don't care. Any contents acceptable
510	55H	Signature flag - first byte
511	AAH	Signature flag - second byte

Note

1. These three bytes should either be EBH,00H,90H (indicating a relative jump) or 909090H indicating NOPs. The bytes are for booting off the optical drive, which DICOM does not standardize. Some programs use them to validate the disk. The use of EB0090H is known to be more commonly used and is the recommended choice. Readers of DICOM disks that use the PC File System should ignore this field.
2. While eight characters appear to be valid in this field, the use of "MSDOS4.0" is known to be the preferred choice for this string. Some systems, upon finding this field not set to "MSDOS4.0" will ignore the sectors/FAT field and use their own calculation. This may cause an error due to the calculation resulting in a different value than the sectors/FAT field. (MS-DOS is a trademark of Microsoft)
3. Two FATs are recommended. One FAT could also be used but again may cause some incompatibility.
4. The serial number may be any four bytes. A random or sequential number is preferred but is not required.
5. These values are specified in the annex for each particular type of media.
6. These values are nominally specified in the Annex for each particular type of media, but vary considerably between implementations, and should not affect interoperability.

B 1.44 MB Diskette (Normative)

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.

K.3 Logical Format

The MIME logical format is used. The Content-Transfer-Encoding shall allow the transfer of binary information (e.g., typically base64 if the higher level does not allow transfer of binary information).

N 640 MB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.

O 1.3 GB Magneto-Optical Disk (Normative)

Retired. See PS 3.12-2004.

- Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Recordable Format Part 1 Physical Specifications (February 2006).

X.3.1.1.1 BD Sector Format

The sector format of BD media shall comply with one of the following applicable definitions:

- OSTA Universal Disk Format Specification (UDF) Version 2.5. April 30, 2003.
- OSTA Universal Disk Format Specification (UDF) Version 2.6. March 1, 2005.

Note

BD-RE is a truly random access medium, providing random access to fixed length sectors, hence no multi-session is applicable and packet-written format is not necessary.

X.3.1.2 BD Logical Format

There are no requirements, restrictions, options or extensions to the logical format that are specific to this media type, beyond those specified in Section X.2.

X.3.1.3 BD Physical Media

The physical medium shall be the 120 mm BD medium as defined in one of the following:

- Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Format 1.A Physical Format Specifications for BD-RE (2nd Edition, February 2006).
- Blu-ray Disc™ Association. White Paper Blu-ray Disc™ Recordable Format Part 1 Physical Specifications (February 2006).