WWW2004: Semantic Web Implementation at Adobe







Adding Intelligence to Media

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What is XMP?

Technical description

"Adobe's Extensible Metadata Platform (XMP) is a <u>labeling</u> technology that allows you to <u>embed</u> data about a file, known as metadata, into the file itself."

WWW Description

"Adobe Systems Inc. has built into its products Adobe XMP (Extensible Metadata Platform), an RDF-based metadata system that links contextual information with content files."

- Tim Berners-Lee, yesterday





Imagine if your files could talk...

- You would know where they've been
 - Store contact info and e-commerce links
- Whether it's appropriate to use them
 - License usages, copyright notification
- They could tell you what happened to them
 - I've been cropped, rasterized, dithered...
- They could provide information on the contents
 - Map coordinates, people names, places, events
- Who their relatives and friends are
 - I'm related to or derivative of another file
- Where they are going
 - What expected next in the workflow
- XMP provides a common language for interchange





What are the Challenges?

- Capture
 - Accuracy, consistency, ease of use
- Compatibility
 - Dropped or locked metadata
- Overlapping Vocabularies
 - Colliding properties from different standards (e.g., author, creator)
- Extensibility
 - Limited to specific domains (file formats, db, industries)
 - Cost of adding new properties & translation updates
- Interoperability
 - Preservation across diverse file formats, devices, applications, databases
 - Translating industry specific terminology





Who cares about Metadata?

Content creators & producers

- Efficiently reuse & repurpose content
- Proper usage of media assets

Technology & design managers

- Interoperability with variety of vendors & systems
- Works with legacy systems
- Extensible for future developments

Content Syndicators

- Better ways to browse, search & retrieve media files
- Tighter integration & improved consumption of assets

Developers & integrators

- Interoperability & extensibility to expand opportunities
- Open flexibility not locked into proprietary technology





How does XMP address these Challenges?

- Neutrality
 - File format independent
 - XMP 'packet' is stored in existing custom data locations for file formats
- Speaking a common language
 - Open standards based framework
 - Uses XML & subset of RDF
- Building upon common vocabularies
 - Schemas & properties from Dublin Core, IPTC, EXIF
- Freely available 'language' resources
 - Open source license SDK available for free
- Open for discussion & dialog
 - Creative Suite optimized to speak XMP
 - Partners & products joining in the discussion
- User-friendly metadata collection and presentation
 - Customized UI screens across products





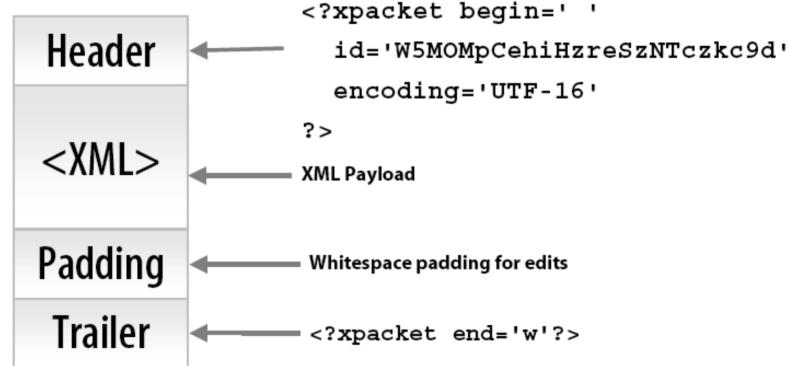
Schema Support in XMP

- Get the latest spec from adobe.com/xmp
- Schema support
 - Dublin Core
 - Basic XMP
 - Rights Management
 - Media Management
 - Job Ticket Management
 - XMP Page Text
 - Adobe PDF
 - Photoshop (IPTC subset)
 - EXIF
- Aliasing





XMP packet

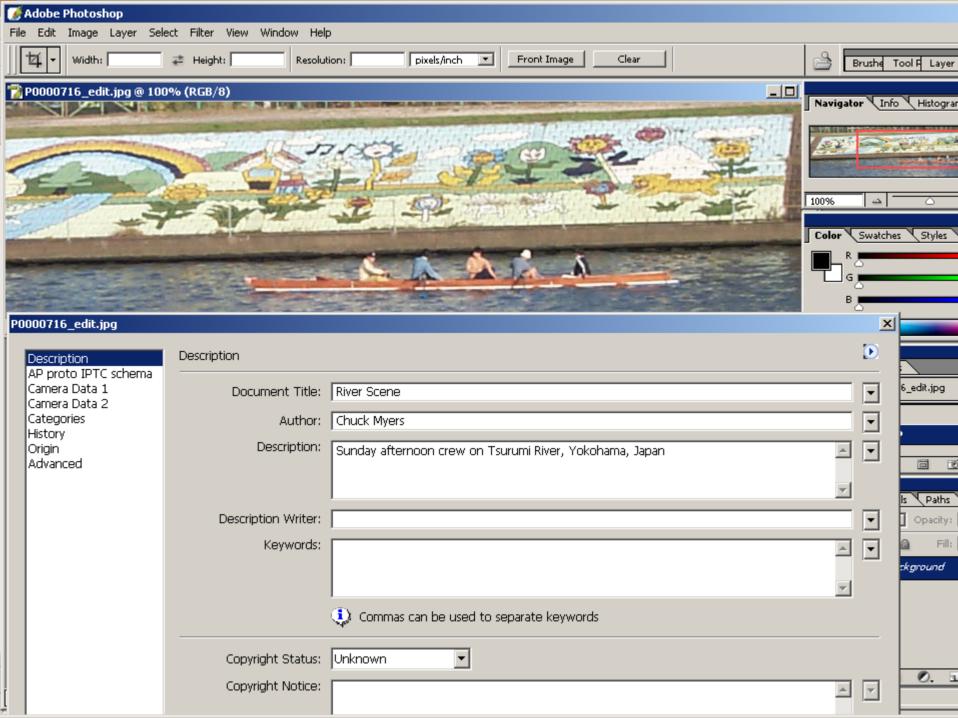


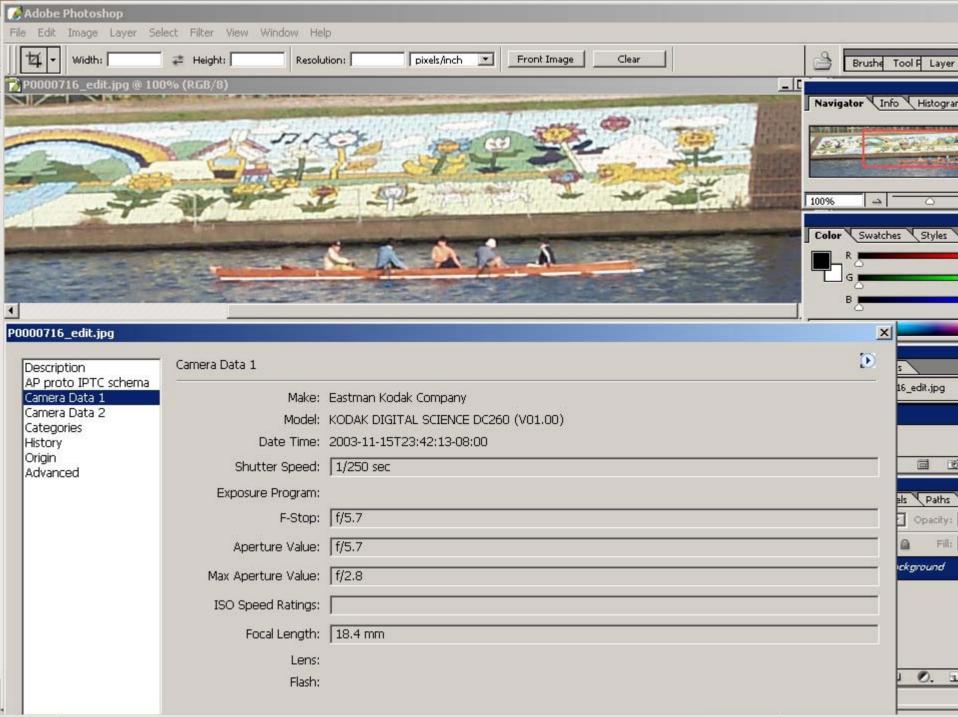


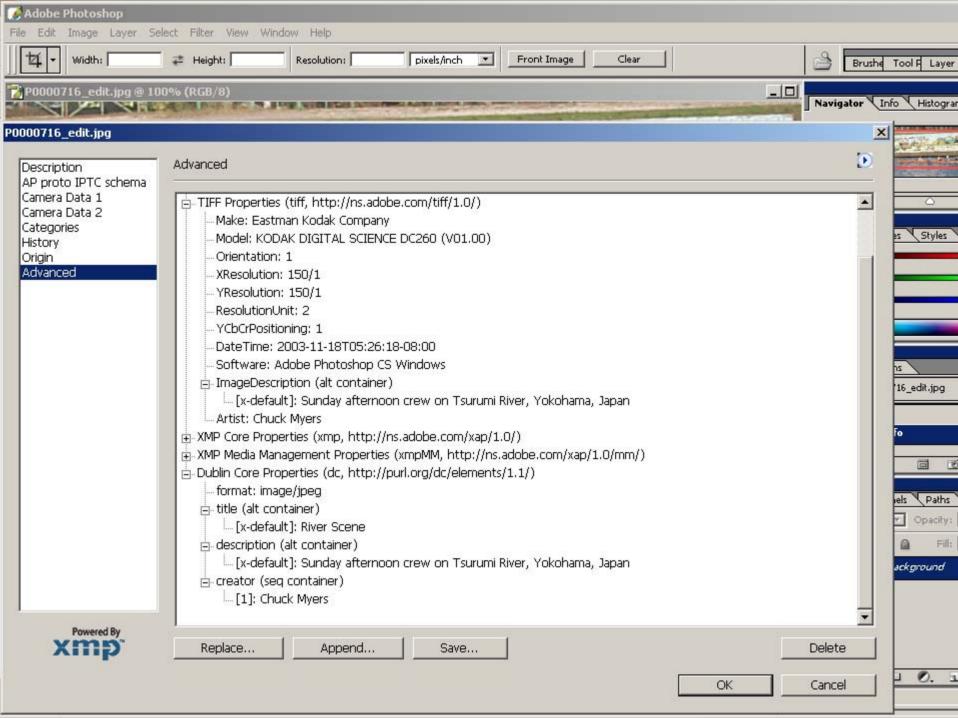
Demo: Photoshop CS

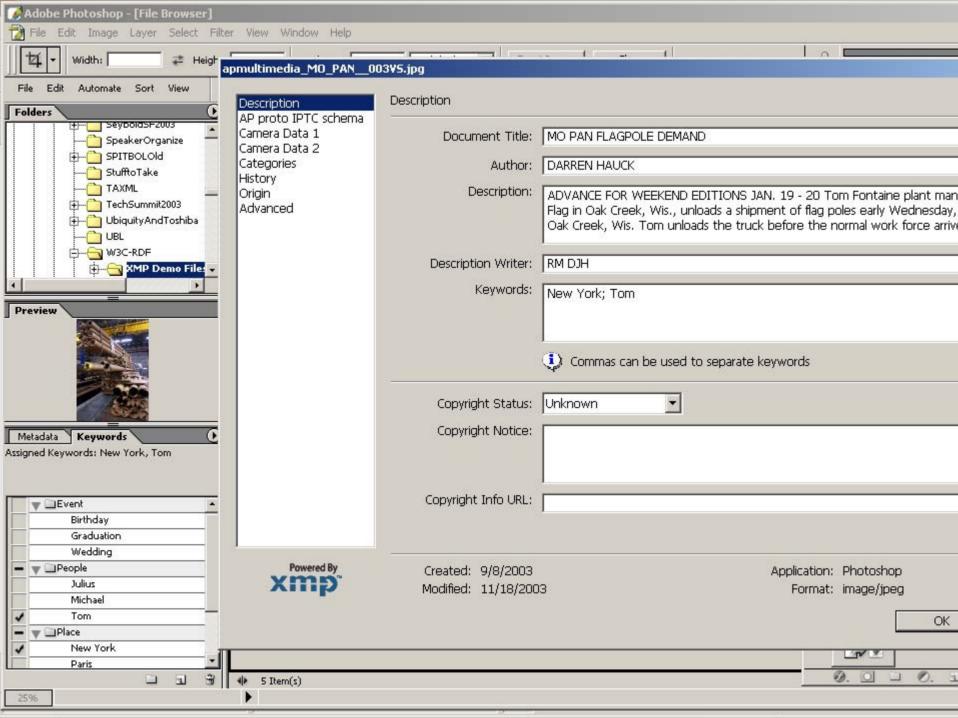
- Photo organization and tagging
 - Enhanced file browser metadata features
- Metadata template application
 - Copyright info, attribution
- Preservation across transformations
 - Camera EXIF info preserved from JPG to PSD
- Custom File Info Panel
 - Define custom UI and schemas

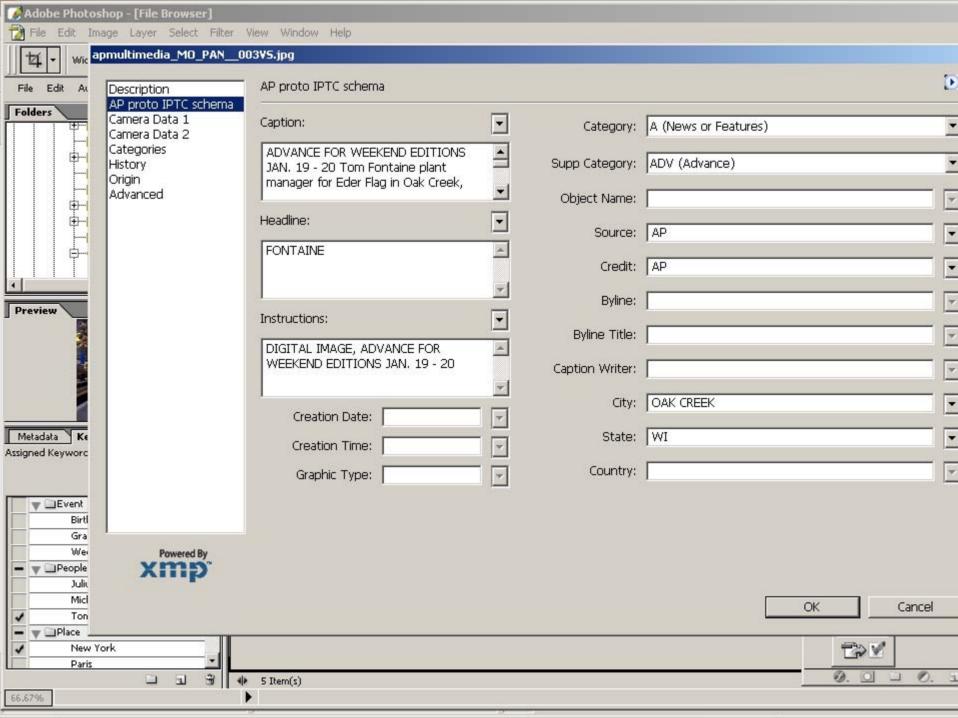














XMP in Adobe Products

- Creative Suite:
- Photoshop CS
- GoLive CS
- Illustrator CS
- InDesign CS
- InCopy CS

- Acrobat 6
- FrameMaker
- Adobe Graphics Server
- Adobe Document Server

As well as Quark publishing tools, through partners





Industry Support



- Ancept/Stellent
- Apago
- Artesia
- Context Media
- CoreMedia
- BearingPoint
- Data Technologies International (DTI)
- DeepBridge
- Documentum/EMC
- Extensis
- Getty Images
- IBM/NICA
- IfilterShop

- IxiaSoft
- Kodak
- MediaBin/Interwoven
- Media Systemen
- North Plains Systems
- Pindar Systems
- Pine Tree Systems
- Pound Hill Software
- Profium
- Sansui
- W3C
- WaveCorp/MediaBank
- WebWare/Insci
- Xerox





Other Standards Efforts building on XMP

- DISC to release first custom panel
 - Digital Image Submission Criteria for photographers submitting photos to magazines
 - http://www.disc-info.org/
- Creative Commons
 - Licensing for distributing and sharing content
 - http://creativecommons.org/technology/xmp-help
 - Embedding license with XMP in media
- PDF/A PDF for Digital Document Archive
 - Adopting XMP as metadata archive standard





Conclusions

- Users have business problems, not knowledge problems
- Once appropriately framed, support for metadata effort and products has been quite positive
- XMP (and RDF) is now in millions of files, providing source content for semantic web activities



Community Support & Resources

http://www.adobe.com/xmp

- Spec and SDK available via open source license
- Resources via XMP Web site
 - White papers
 - Datasheet
 - Conference presentations
 - Developers Toolkit
 - Online knowledgebase
- Community
 - Contributors free to add to the open source
 - Requests, bug-fixes, changes, enhancements





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