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ClearCheck21 Image QA API



Purpose: Document Describes ClearCheck21 Image QA (IQA) API design principles.

Overview

[ASC X9](#) Standards Committee on Banking is an Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is responsible for standardization in the area of Financial Services.

Working with Financial Services Technology Consortium (FSTC), X9 developed more formal set of test definitions outlined in the following sources:

- Test specifications are defined in "Check Image Test Registry" documents in X9 Registry (<http://www.x9.org/standards/registry>)
- Reporting of test results is described in [X9.100-180-2006](#) standard "Specifications for Electronic Exchange of Check and Image Data". Specifically test reporting is described in Section "Image Test Detail Record (Type 56)"

Note that the Type 54 record, preserved for compatibility with old X9.37-2003 standard is not recommended for use in new applications. However, if needed, tests implemented in ClearCheck21 IQA can be used to set fields in the Type 54 record as well.

Inlite's ClearCheck21 IQA is a software component that is packaged as a set of Windows COM objects for easy integration in various applications.

Scope of Metrics

It performs the measurements and reports the metrics and flags as required by the FSTC IQA tests listed in the X9 registry. ClearCheck21 IQA implements the subset of FSTC tests that applies to bitonal images and is the most significant for the usability of check images. The scope of the testing exceeds the IQA metric requirements mandated by the Federal Reserve in Sep 2007 for exchange images.

The specific metrics implemented by ClearCheck21 IQA are shown below:

Metric/ Defect	X9 Registry Test Document	Measure
Undersize Image	Test_002	Image size in inches
Folded or Torn Document Corners	Test_003	Missing area in tenths of inches
Document Framing Error	Test_006	Extra scan area in tenths of inches
Excessive Document Skew	Test_013	Skew angle in degrees
Oversize Image	Test_001	Image size in inches
Image Too Light	Test_008	Pixel percentage
Image Too Dark	Test_007	Pixel percentage
Horizontal Streaks in Image	Test_015	Pixel percentage in scan line
Below Minimum Compressed Image Size	Test_011	Compressed image size in bytes
Above Maximum Compressed Image Size	Test_010	Compressed image size in bytes
Excessive "Spot Noise" in Image	Test_014	Count of noise spots
Front-Rear Image Dimension/Feature Mismatch	Test_009	Image size difference

ClearCheck21 IQA API

API reflects close relationships between ClearCheck21 IQA and X9 documents. The following demonstrates typical uses of API. Visual Basic 6 notation is use for simplicity,

Nomenclature

The nomenclature is represented as test/parameters/results. Sections are separated by ":"

- Definition source: If derived from the X9 registry, all names start with **x9**.
- The Test name is either:
 - Test X9 number and version separated by "-": e.g. `003.00-00`
 - OR
 - Test X9 XML name from registry: e.g. `FoldedTornDocCorners`
- Parameter name is either:
 - Parameter X9 Reference Number: e.g. `P1`
 - OR
 - Parameter X9 XML name from registry: e.g. `MaxCornerFoldBRHThreshold`
- Result name is either:
 - Result X9 Reference Number: e.g. `R1`
 - OR
 - Result X9 XML name from registry: e.g. `CornerFoldBRW`

Configuration

Configure the ClearCheck21 IQA process as follows. Note that the nomenclature offers several alternatives for convenience and clarity:

1. Create the IQA object:
`set oIQA = new ClearCheckIQA.IQA`
2. To save processing time, you may disable tests that should NOT be performed:
Using the test Number and Version
`oIQA.Front.Test("X9:011.00-00").Enabled = false`

OR using the XML name
`oIQA.Rear.Test("X9:ImageOutOfFocus").Enabled = false`

3. Specify the parameter values of the test, for the front and for the rear image tests:
Using the Test object:

```
oIQA.Front.Test("X9:UndersizeImageDimension").Parameter("P1").Value = _  
1234
```

OR using the Test Number/Version/Parameter Reference:

```
oIQA.Front.Parameter("X9:003.00-00:P1").Value = 1234
```

OR using the XML name:

```
oIQA.Rear.Parameter _  
( "X9:UndersizeImageDimension:MinImageHeightThreshold" ).Value = 1234
```

NOTE: If any parameter for a test is not set, test is not executed. To test if parameter is set:

```
bIsSet = oIQA.Front.Parameter("X9:003.00-00:P1").IsSet
```

To assign default value to a parameter:

```
oIQA.Front.Parameter("X9:003.00-00:P1").SetDefault
```

Check image processing

Execute test and obtained results for each check:

1. Assign images to front and back. For example check images is in 2-page TIFF file:

```
oIQA.Open("check.tif")
```

To open front and rear images from arbitrary files

```
oIQA.Front.Image.Open("imageFront.tif", 1)  
oIQA.Rear.Image.Open("imageRear.tif", 1)
```

2. Execute test as configured:

```
oIQA.DoTests
```

3. Retrieve and process front image results:

```
Dim oTest as CcTest  
` Retrieve results for front image  
for each oTest in oIQA.Front.Tests  
    ` Created application specific oType56 object  
    if (oTest.IsValid) then _  
        CreateType56 (oTest.ImageTestFlag, _  
            oTest.ImageTestNumber, oTest.ImageTestVersion, _  
            oTest.TestResultsLength, oTest.TestResults, _  
            oTest.TestParametersLength, oTest.TestParameters, _  
            oTest.UserTestDataLength, oTest.UserTestData)  
    next
```

Note: `CreateType56` method is customer application method that processes test results. For example it can prepare a Type 56 record to be added to a cash letter file.

4. Retrieve and process rear image results. Use the same syntax as shown above, replacing **Front** with **Rear**.

5. To implement your own pass/fail logic, results of each test can be obtained directly. To check if test result value was measured:

```
isValid = _  
    oIQA.Front.Test("X9:UndersizeImageDimension:ImageHeight").IsValid
```

To obtain value using test XML Name and Result Reference :

```
data = _  
    oIQA.Front.Test("X9:UndersizeImageDimension").Result("R1").Value
```

OR using Test Number/Version/Result Reference:

```
data = oIQA.Front.Result("X9:003.00-00:R1").Value
```

OR using Test Number/Version/XML Name:

```
data = oIQA.Front.Result("X9:003.00-00:ImageHeight").Value
```

OR using XML name:

```
data = _  
    oIQA.Rear.Result("X9:UndersizeImageDimension:ImageHeight").Value
```

Error Reporting

If errors are detected during test execution `DoTests` method return **false**, otherwise it returns **true**. Error information is reported in `ErrorText` properties. If no error is detected value of `ErrorText` property is an empty string.

```
If (oIQA.DoTests = false) then  
    errorFront = oIQA.Front.ErrorText  
    errorRear = oIQA.Rear.ErrorText  
End if
```