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1 Introduction

1.1 Description

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API optimizes PDF documents to suit specific target needs such as electronic document exchange, archiving, or printing.

Many processes produce PDF documents that may not be optimized for their specific target application. E.g. the file size may deteriorate download times, or multiply embedded fonts may impede printing. In most of the cases, there is no advantage gained when trying to convert a PDF to some other file format. In contrary, document content may be compromised and file size may increase. Optimization, on the other hand, often leads to good results, or lets the user finely tune trade-offs.

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API not only provides easy configuration through the use of optimization profiles, but also flexible fine-grained control through various specific options.

1.2 Functions

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API reads an input document and writes the corresponding output document. Depending on the configured optimization options, various parts of the PDF are thereby processed as required.

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API is capable of removing redundant or alternative information, sub-setting and merging font programs, down-sampling images, intelligently choose optimal compression algorithms, and linearize the PDF for fast web view.
1.2.1 Features

- Easy configurability through optimization profiles, three of which are as follows:
  - Web profile
    - Remove redundant and unnecessary data for electronic document exchange
    - Down-sample, clip, and intelligently compress images
    - Merge and subset fonts
    - Linearize the output
    - Convert colors to RGB
  - Archive profile
    - Remove redundant and unnecessary data for archiving
    - Intelligently compress images
    - Merge and subset fonts
  - Print profile
    - Remove redundant and unnecessary data for printing
    - Down-sample, clip, and intelligently compress images
    - Merge and subset fonts
    - Convert colors to CMYK

- Features and fine grained configuration for optimizing images
  - Separately configurable compression of bi-tonal, indexed and continuous (i.e. color and gray-scale) images
  - Define threshold in dots per inch (DPI) for triggering image down-sampling
  - Define target image resolution in DPI for image down-sampling
  - Automatically select best compression type for each image
  - Configure enforcement of configured compression types
  - Color conversion to CMYK, RGB, or GrayScale
  - Remove invisible parts of images
  - Reduce the number of color channels used for images, image masks and soft masks if applicable
  - Convert soft masks to image masks if applicable
  - Perform mixed raster content (MRC) optimization for images
  - Choose color management engine
  - Remove images entirely and substitute by empty XObjects

- Features and fine grained configuration for optimizing fonts
  - Subset font programs to contain only the used glyphs
  - Merge compatible font programs and fonts
  - Compress Type 1 fonts (convert to CFF)
  - Remove font programs

- Features for optimizing page content
  - Remove unused resources
  - Automatic page content optimization
  - Flatten or remove page annotations and form fields

- Fine grained configuration for removal of:
  - Redundant objects
  - Embedded standard fonts (e.g. Courier, Arial, Times)
  - Embedded, non-symbolic fonts
  - Unnecessary file information
  - Article threads
  - Alternative images
  - Metadata
  - Page piece information
  - Output intent
  - Document structure tree including markup
  - Miniature page preview images
- Spider (web capture) information
- Features and configuration on file level
  - Read encrypted input files
  - Encrypt and set access authorization for the output file
  - Process memory-resident files
  - Automatic removal of obsolete objects stemming from previous changes to the file
  - Set minimum PDF version of the output file
  - Linearize output file for fast web view (not PDF 2.0)
- Listing and extraction features
  - List fonts and their properties
  - List and extract images and their properties
  - Extract number of pages
  - Error code

### 1.2.2 Formats

#### Input Formats

- PDF 1.x (PDF 1.0, …, PDF 1.7)
- PDF 2.0

#### Output Formats

- PDF 1.x (PDF 1.0, …, PDF 1.7)
- PDF 2.0

### 1.2.3 Conformance

Standards:

- ISO 32000-1 (PDF 1.7)
- ISO 32000-2 (PDF 2.0)

### 1.3 Interfaces

The following interfaces are available:

- C
- Java
- .NET Framework
- .NET Core
- COM

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1 Limited supported OS versions. [Operating Systems](#)
1.4 Operating Systems

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API is available for the following operating systems:

- Windows Client 7+ | x86 and x64
- Linux:
  - Red Hat, CentOS, Oracle Linux 7+ | x64
  - Fedora 29+ | x64
  - Debian 8+ | x64
  - Other: Linux kernel 2.6+, GCC toolset 4.8+ | x64
- macOS 10.10+ | x64

‘+’ indicates the minimum supported version.

1.5 How to Best Read this Manual

If you are reading this manual for the first time, i.e. would like to evaluate the software, the following steps are suggested.

1. Read the chapter Introduction to verify this product meets your requirements.
2. Identify what interface your programming language uses.
3. Read and follow the instructions in the chapter Installation and Deployment.
4. In the chapter Programming Interfaces find your programming language. Please note that not every language is covered in this manual.
   For most programming languages there is sample code available. For a start it is generally best to refer to these samples rather than writing code from scratch.
5. (Optional) Read the chapter User's Manual for general information about the API. Read the Interface Reference for specific information about the functions of the API.
2 Installation and Deployment

2.1 Windows

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API comes as a ZIP archive or as a NuGet package.

The installation of the software requires the following steps.

1. You need administrator rights to install this software.
2. Log in to your download account at http://www.pdf-tools.com. Select the product “PDF Optimizer API”. If you have no active downloads available or cannot log in, please contact pdfsales@pdf-tools.com for assistance.

You will find different versions of the product available. We suggest to download the version, which is selected by default. A different version can be selected using the combo box.

The product comes as a Zip Archive containing all files, or as a NuGet Package containing all files for development in .NET.

There is a 32 and a 64-bit version of the product available. While the 32-bit version runs on both, 32 and 64-bit platforms, the 64-bit version runs on 64-bit platforms only. The ZIP archive as well as the NuGet package contain both the 32-bit and the 64-bit version of the product.

3. If you are using the ZIP archive, do the following. Unzip the archive to a local folder, e.g. C:\Program Files\PDF Tools AG\.

This creates the following subdirectories (see also Zip Archive):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subdirectory</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bin</td>
<td>Contains the runtime executable binaries.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>doc</td>
<td>Contains documentation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>include</td>
<td>Contains header files to include in your C/C++ project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>jar</td>
<td>Contains Java archive files for Java components.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lib</td>
<td>Contains the object file library to include in your C/C++ project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>samples</td>
<td>Contains sample programs in various programming languages</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

4. The usage of the NuGet package is described in section NuGet Package.
5. (Optional) Register your license key using the License Management.
6. Identify which interface you are using. Perform the specific installation steps for that interface described in Interface Specific Installation Steps.
7. Make sure your platform meets the requirements regarding color spaces described in chapter Color Profiles.

2.2 Linux and macOS

This section describes installation steps required on Linux or macOS.

The Linux and macOS version of the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API provides two interfaces:

- Java interface
- Native C interface

Here is an overview of the files that come with the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API:
File Description

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bin/x64/libPdfOptimizeAPI.so</td>
<td>This is the shared library that contains the main functionality. The file's extension differs on macOS (.dylib instead of .so).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>doc/<em>.</em></td>
<td>Documentation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>include/<em>.</em></td>
<td>Contains header files to include in your C/C++ project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>jar/POLA.jar</td>
<td>Java API archive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>samples</td>
<td>Example code.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2.2.1 Linux

1. Unpack the archive in an installation directory, e.g. /opt/pdf-tools.com/
2. Verify that the GNU shared libraries required by the product are available on your system:

   ldd libPdfOptimizeAPI.so

In case the above reports any missing libraries you have three options:
   a. Download an archive that is linked to a different version of the GNU shared libraries and verify whether they are available on your system. Use any version whose requirements are met. Note that this option is not available for all platforms.
   b. Use your system’s package manager to install the missing libraries. It usually suffices to install the package libstdc++6.
   c. Use GNU shared libraries provided by PDF Tools AG:
      2. Download the GNU shared libraries for your platform.
      3. Install the libraries manually according your system’s documentation. This typically involves copying them to your library directory, e.g. /usr/lib or /usr/lib64, and running ldconfig.
      4. Verify that the GNU shared libraries required by the product are available on your system now.
3. Create a link to the shared library from one of the standard library directories, e.g:

   ln -s /opt/pdf-tools.com/bin/x64/libPdfOptimizeAPI.so /usr/lib

4. Optionally register your license key using the license manager.
5. Identify which interface you are using. Perform the specific installation steps for that interface described in Interface Specific Installation Steps.
6. Make sure your platform meets the requirements regarding color spaces described in chapter Color Profiles.

2.2.2 macOS

The shared library must have the extension .jnilib for use with Java. We suggest that you create a file link for this purpose by using the following command:

   ln libPdfOptimizeAPI.dylib libPdfOptimizeAPI.jnilib
### 2.3 Zip Archive

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API provides four different interfaces. The installation and deployment of the software depend on the interface you are using. The table below shows the supported interfaces and examples with which programming languages they can be used.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Interface</th>
<th>Programming Languages</th>
</tr>
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</table>
| .NET      | The MS software platform .NET can be used with any .NET capable programming language such as:  
  - C#  
  - VB .NET  
  - J#  
  - others  
  For a convenient way to use this interface, see [NuGet Package](#). |
| Java      | The Java interface is available on all platforms. |
| COM       | The component object model (COM) interface can be used with any COM-capable programming language, such as:  
  - MS Visual Basic  
  - MS Office Products such as Access or Excel (VBA)  
  - C++  
  - VBScript  
  - others  
  This interface is available in the Windows version only. |
| C         | The native C interface is for use with C and C++. This interface is available on all platforms. |

#### 2.3.1 Development

The software developer kit (SDK) contains all files that are used for developing the software. The role of each file with respect to the four different interfaces is shown in table **Files for Development**. The files are split in four categories:

- **Req.** This file is required for this interface.
- **Opt.** This file is optional. See also table [File Description](#) to identify which files are required for your application.
- **Doc.** This file is for documentation only.
- **Empty field** An empty field indicates this file is not used at all for this particular interface.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Files for Development</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>.NET</th>
<th>Java</th>
<th>COM</th>
<th>C</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>bin\*NET.dll</code></td>
<td>Req.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>bin\*NET.xml</code></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Doc.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Files for Development

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<th>Java</th>
<th>COM</th>
<th>C</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>doc\PdfOptimizeAPI.idl</code></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Doc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>doc\javadoc\*.*</code></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Doc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>include\pdfoptimizeapi_c.h</code></td>
<td>Req.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>include\*.*</code></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Opt.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>jar\POLA.jar</code></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Req.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>lib\&lt;platform&gt;\PdfOptimizeAPI.lib</code></td>
<td>Req.¹</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>samples\*.*</code></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Doc.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The purpose of the most important distributed files of is described in table [File Description](#).

### File Description

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<tr>
<td><code>bin\&lt;platform&gt;\PdfOptimizeAPI.dll</code></td>
<td>This is the DLL that contains the main functionality (required), where <code>&lt;platform&gt;</code> is either Win32 or x64 for the 23-bit or the 64-bit library respectively.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>bin\*NET.dll</code></td>
<td>The .NET assemblies are required when using the .NET interface. The files <code>bin\*NET.xml</code> contain the corresponding XML documentation for MS Visual Studio.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>doc\*.*</code></td>
<td>Various documentations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>include\*.*</code></td>
<td>Contains files to include in your C/C++ project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>lib\&lt;platform&gt;\PdfOptimizeAPI.lib</code></td>
<td>On Windows operating systems, the object file library needs to be linked to the C/C++ project.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>jar\POLA.jar</code></td>
<td>The Java API archive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>samples\*.*</code></td>
<td>Contains sample programs in different programming languages.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2.3.2 Deployment

For the deployment of the software only a subset of the files are required. Which files are required (Req.), optional (Opt.) or not used (empty field) for the four different interfaces is shown in the table below.

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¹ Not required for Linux or macOS.
² These files must reside in the same directory as PdfOptimizeAPI.dll.
### Files for Deployment

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>.NET</th>
<th>Java</th>
<th>COM</th>
<th>C</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bin&lt;platform&gt;\PdfOptimizeAPI.dll</td>
<td>Req.</td>
<td>Req.</td>
<td>Req.</td>
<td>Req.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bin*NET.dll</td>
<td>Req.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>jar\POLA.jar</td>
<td>Req.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The deployment of an application works as described below:

1. Identify the required files from your developed application (this may also include color profiles).
2. Identify all files that are required by your developed application.
3. Include all these files into an installation routine such as an MSI file or simple batch script.
4. Perform any interface-specific actions (e.g. registering when using the COM interface).

**Example:** This is a very simple example of how a COM application written in Visual Basic 6 could be deployed.

1. The developed and compiled application consists of the file `application.exe`. Color profiles are not used.
2. The application uses the COM interface and is distributed on Windows only.
   - The main DLL `PdfOptimizeAPI.dll` must be distributed.
3. All files are copied to the target location using a batch script. This script contains the following commands:

   ```
   copy application.exe %targetlocation%\.
   copy PdfOptimizeAPI.dll %targetlocation%\.
   ```

4. For COM, the main DLL needs to be registered in silent mode `/s` on the target system. This step requires Power-User privileges and is added to the batch script.

   ```
   regsvr32 /s %targetlocation%\PdfOptimizeAPI.dll.
   ```

### 2.4 NuGet Package

Nuget is a package manager that facilitates the integration of libraries for the software development in .NET. The nuget package for the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API contains all the libraries needed, managed and native.


In Visual Studio click on “Tools” and then “Options”. Select “NuGet Package Manager” and add the location of the downloaded package in “Package Sources”.

Right-click on a .NET project in Visual Studio and select “Manage NuGet Packages...”. Finally, select the package source that was defined above and browse to the desired package.


The required native libraries are loaded automatically. All project platforms are supported, including “AnyCPU”.

In order to use the software, you must first install a license key for the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API. To do this you have to download the product kit and use the license manager in it. See also [License Management](#).
2.5 Interface Specific Installation Steps

2.5.1 COM Interface

**Registration** Before you can use the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API component in your COM application program you have to register the component using the `regsvr32.exe` program that is provided with the Windows operating system. The following command shows the registration of PdfOptimizeAPI.dll. Note that in Windows Vista and later, the command needs to be executed from an administrator shell.

```
regsvr32 "C:\Program Files\PDF Tools AG\bin\<platform>\PdfOptimizeAPI.dll"
```

Where `<platform>` is `Win32` for the 32-bit and `x64` for the 64-bit version.

If you are using a 64-bit operating system and would like to register the 32-bit version of the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API, you need to use the `regsvr32` from the directory `%SystemRoot%\SysWOW64` instead of `%SystemRoot%\System32`.\(^4\)

If the registration process succeeds, a corresponding dialog window is displayed. The registration can also be done silently (e.g. for deployment) using the switch `/s`.

**Other Files** The other DLLs do not need to be registered, but for simplicity it is suggested that they reside in the same directory as the PdfOptimizeAPI.dll.

2.5.2 Java Interface

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API requires Java version 7 or higher.

**For compilation and execution** When using the Java interface, the Java wrapper `jar\POLA.jar` needs to be on the CLASSPATH. This can be done by either adding it to the environment variable CLASSPATH, or by specifying it using the switch `-classpath`:

```
javac -classpath ";;C:\Program Files\PDF Tools AG\jar\POLA.jar" sampleApplication.java
```

**For execution** Additionally the library `PdfOptimizeAPI.dll` needs be in one of the system's library directories\(^5\) or added to the Java system property `java.library.path`. This can be achieved by either adding it dynamically at program startup before using the API, or by specifying it using the switch `-Djava.library.path` when starting the Java VM. Choose the correct subdirectory (x64 or Win32 on Windows) depending on the platform of the Java VM\(^6\).

\(^4\) Otherwise you get the following message: LoadLibrary("PdfOptimizeAPI.dll") failed - The specified module could not be found.

\(^5\) On Windows defined by the environment variable PATH and e.g. on Linux defined by LD_LIBRARY_PATH.

\(^6\) If the wrong data model is used, there is an error message similar to this: “Can’t load IA 32-bit .dll on a AMD 64-bit platform”
Note that on Linux or macOS, the path separator usually is a colon and hence the above changes to something like:

```java
... -classpath "./path/to/POLA.jar" ...
```

### 2.5.3 .NET Interface

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API does not provide a pure .NET solution. Instead, it consists of a native library and .NET assemblies, which call the native library. This has to be accounted for when installing and deploying the tool.

It is recommended to use the NuGet Package. This ensures the correct handling of both the .NET assemblies and the native library.

Alternatively, the files in the Zip Archive can be used directly in a Visual Studio project targeting .NET Framework 2.0 or later. To achieve this, proceed as follows.

The .NET assemblies (*.NET.dll) are to be added as references to the project; They are needed at compile time. PdfOptimizeAPI.dll is not a .NET assembly, but a native library. It is not to be added as a reference to the project. Instead, it is loaded during execution of the application.

For the operating system to find and successfully load the native library PdfOptimizeAPI.dll, it must match the executing application’s bitness (32-bit versus 64-bit) and it must reside in either of the following directories:

- In the same directory as the application that uses the library.
- In a subdirectory `win-x86` or `Pathwin-x64` for 32-bit or 64-bit applications respectively.
- In a directory that is listed in the PATH environment variable.

In Visual Studio, when using the platforms “x86” or “x64”, the above can be achieved by adding the 32-bit or 64-bit PdfOptimizeAPI.dll respectively as an “existing item” to the project, and setting its property “Copy to output directory” to true. When using the “AnyCPU” platform, then you have to make sure by some other means that both the 32-bit and the 64-bit PdfOptimizeAPI.dll are copied to subdirectories `win-x86` and `win-x64` of the output directory respectively.

### 2.5.4 C Interface

- The header file `pdfoptimizeapi_c.h` needs to be included in the C/C++ program.
- On Windows operating systems, the library `PdfOptimizeAPI.lib` needs to be linked to the project.
- The dynamic link library `PdfOptimizeAPI.dll` needs to be in a path of executables (e.g. on the environment variable `%PATH%`).

### 2.6 Uninstall, Install a New Version

If you have used the ZIP file for the installation: In order to uninstall the product, undo all the steps done during installation, e.g. un-register using `regsvr32.exe /u`, delete all files, etc.

Installing a new version does not require to previously uninstall the old version. The files of the old version can directly be overwritten with the new version.

### 2.7 Color Profiles

The color conversion feature of the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API uses color profiles by default.
For calibrated color spaces (such color spaces with an associated ICC color profile) the color conversion is well defined. For the conversion of uncalibrated device color spaces (DeviceGray, DeviceRGB, DeviceCMYK) however, the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API requires appropriate color profiles. Therefore it is important, that the profiles are available and that they describe the colors of the device your input documents are intended for.

**Note:** When setting an alternative color management system such as Neugebauer, no color profiles are required.

If no color profiles are available, default profiles for both RGB and CMYK are generated on the fly by the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API.

### 2.7.1 Default Color Profiles

If no particular color profiles are set default profiles are used. For device RGB colors a color profile named "sRGB Color Space Profile.icm" and for device CMYK a profile named "USWebCoatedSWOP.icc" are searched for in the following directories:

**Windows**

1. `%SystemRoot%\System32\spool\drivers\color`
2. directory Icc, which must be a direct sub-directory of where the PdfOptimizeAPI.dll resides.

**Linux and macOS**

1. `$PDF_ICC_PATH` if the environment variable is defined
2. the current working directory

### 2.7.2 Get Other Color Profiles

Most systems have pre-installed color profiles available, for example on Windows at `%SystemRoot%\system32\spool\drivers\color\`. Color profiles can also be downloaded from the links provided in the directory bin\Icc\ or from the following websites:

- [http://www.color.org/srgbprofiles.html](http://www.color.org/srgbprofiles.html)

### 2.8 Note about the Evaluation License

With the evaluation license the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API automatically adds a watermark to the output files.
3 License Management

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API requires a valid license in order to run correctly. If no license key is set or the license is not valid, then most of the interface elements documented in Interface Reference will fail with an error code and error message indicating the reason.

More information about license management is available in the license key technote.

3.1 License Features

The functionality of the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API contains two areas to which the following license features are assigned:

- **Optimize** General optimization
- **Color** Optimizations involving color conversion

A license can include an arbitrary set of these features. The presence of any feature in a given license key can be checked in the license manager. The Interface Reference specifies in more detail which functions are included in which license features.
4 Programming Interfaces

4.1 Visual Basic 6

After installing the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API and registering the COM interface (see chapter Installation and Deployment), you find a Visual Basic 6 example PdfOptimizeAPI.vbp in the directory samples/VB/. You can either use this sample as a base for an application, or you can start from scratch.

If you start from scratch, here is a quick start guide for you:

1. First create a new Standard-Exe Visual Basic 6 project. Then include the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API component to your project.

2. Draw a new Command Button and optionally rename it if you like.

3. Double-click the command button and insert the few lines of code below. All that you need to change is the path of the file name.

Example: Simple Visual Basic Sample

```vbnet
Private Sub Command1_Click()
    Dim Opt As New PDFOPTIMIZEAPILib.PdfOptimize
    ' Open and analyze the input file.
    Opt.Open "C:\input.pdf"
    ' Optimize output
    Opt.ColorConversion = eConvRGB
    Opt.BitonalCompressions = eComprAttemptGroup4
    Opt.ContinuousCompressions = eComprAttemptJPEG + eComprAttemptJPEG2000
    Opt.ImageQuality = 75
    Opt.ResolutionDPI = 150
    Opt.ThresholdDPI = 225
    Opt.Linearize = True
    Opt.RemoveRedundantObjects = True
    Opt.SaveAs "C:\out.pdf", "owner", ePermPrint + ePermFillForms
    ' Terminate
    Opt.Close
```
4.2 ASP - VBScript

```vbscript
%@ Language=VBScript %
<%
    option explicit

    dim pdfOpt
    set pdfOpt = Server.CreateObject("PDFOPTIMIZEAPI.PDFOptimizer")

        Response.Write "<p>"
        Response.Write "Could not open input file." & "<br>"
    else
        pdfOpt.RemoveRedundantObjects = True
        pdfOpt.Linearize = True
        if not pdfOpt.SaveAs("C:\temp\optimized.pdf", vbNullString, vbNullString, 
            -1) then
            Response.Write "<p>"
            Response.Write "Could not save optimized file." & "<br>"
        else
            Response.Write "<p>"
            Response.Write "Optimized output file created <br>"
            Response.Write "</p>"
        end if
    end if
%>
```

4.3 .NET

There should be at least one .NET sample for MS Visual Studio available in the ZIP archive of the Windows version of the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API. The easiest for a quick start is to refer to this sample.

In order to create a new project from scratch, do the following steps:

1. Start Visual Studio and create a new C# or VB project.
2. Add references to the .NET assemblies.
   To do so, in the “Solution Explorer” right-click your project and select “Add Reference…”. The “Add Reference” dialog will appear. In the tab “Browse”, browse for the .NET assemblies libpdfNET.dll, RendererNET.dll, and PdfOptimizeNET.dll. Add them to the project as shown below:
3. Import namespaces (Note: This step is optional, but useful.)
4. Write your code.

Steps 3 and 4 are shown separately for C# and Visual Basic.

### 4.3.1 Visual Basic

3. Double-click "My Project" to view its properties. On the left hand side, select the menu "References". The .NET assemblies you added before should show up in the upper window. In the lower window import the namespaces `Pdftools.Pdf`, `PdfTools.PdfRenderer`, and `PdfTools.PdfOptimize`. You should now have settings similar as in the screenshot below:
4. The .NET interface can now be used as shown below:

**Example:**

```csharp
Dim opt As New Pdftools.PdfOptimize.Optimizer
opt.Open(...) 
... 
opt.Close()
```

### 4.3.2 C#

3. Add the following namespaces:

**Example:**

```csharp
using Pdftools.Pdf;
using Pdftools.PdfRenderer;
using Pdftools.PdfOptimize;
```

4. The .NET interface can now be used as shown below:
4.3.3 Deployment

This is a guideline on how to distribute a .NET project that uses the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API:

1. The project must be compiled using Microsoft Visual Studio. See also .NET Interface.
2. For deployment, all items in the project’s output directory (e.g. bin\Release) must be copied to the target computer. This includes the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API’s .NET assemblies (*.NET.dll) as well as the native library (PdfOptimizeAPI.dll) in its 32 bit or 64 bit version or both. The native library can alternatively be copied to a directory listed in the PATH environment variable, e.g. %SystemRoot%\System32.
3. It is crucial, that the native library PdfOptimizeAPI.dll is found at execution time, and that the native library’s format (32 bit versus 64 bit) matches the operating system.
4. The output directory may contain multiple versions of the native library, e.g. for Windows 32 bit, Windows 64 bit, MacOS 64 bit, and Linux 64 bit. Only the versions that match the target computer’s operating system need be deployed.
5. If required by the application, optional DLLs must be copied to the same folder. See Deployment for a list and description of optional DLLs.

4.3.4 Troubleshooting: TypeInitializationException

The most common issue when using the .NET interface is that the correct native DLL PdfOptimizeAPI.dll is not found at execution time. This normally manifests when the constructor is called for the first time and an exception of type System.TypeInitializationException is thrown.

This exception can have two possible causes, distinguishable by the inner exception (property InnerException):

- System.DllNotFoundException   Unable to load DLL PdfOptimizeAPI.dll: The specified module could not be found.
- System.BadImageFormatException An attempt was made to load a program with an incorrect format.

The following sections describe in more detail, how to resolve the respective issue.

Troubleshooting: DllNotFoundException

This means, that the native DLL PdfOptimizeAPI.dll could not be found at execution time.

Resolve this by either:
- using the NuGet Package,
- adding PdfOptimizeAPI.dll as an existing item to your project and set its property “Copy to output directory” to “Copy if newer”, or
- adding the directory where PdfOptimizeAPI.dll resides to the environment variable %Path%, or
- manually copying PdfOptimizeAPI.dll to the output directory of your project.
Troubleshooting: BadImageFormatException

The exception means, that the native DLL PdfOptimizeAPI.dll has the wrong "bitness" (i.e. platform 32 vs. 64 bit). There are two versions of PdfOptimizeAPI.dll available in the Zip Archive: one is 32-bit (directory bin\Win32) and the other 64-bit (directory bin\x64). It is crucial, that the platform of the native DLL matches the platform of the application's process.

(Using the NuGet Package normally ensures that the matching native DLL is loaded at execution time.)

The platform of the application's process is defined by the project's platform configuration for which there are 3 possibilities:

AnyCPU   This means, that the application will run as a 32-bit process on 32-bit Windows and as 64-bit process on 64-bit Windows. When using AnyCPU, then a different native DLL has to be used, depending on the Windows platform. This can be ensured either when installing the application by installing the matching native DLL, or at application start-up by determining the application's platform and ensuring the matching native DLL is loaded. The latter can be achieved by placing both the 32 bit and the 64 bit native DLL in subdirectories win-x86 and win-x64 of the application's directory respectively.

x86      This means, that the application will always run as 32-bit process, regardless of the platform of the Windows installation. The 32-bit DLL runs on all systems.

x64      This means, that the application will always run as 64-bit process. As a consequence the application will not run on a 32-bit Windows system.
5 User’s Manual

5.1 Overview of the API

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API requires a PDF document as input. In this manual, that document is referred to as input document. This input document is processed (optimized) and the result is stored into an output PDF document. (When only Extracting Resources then no output PDF document need be produced.)

Basically, the API is used as follows:

1. Create a PDFOptimizer object.
2. Configure optimization settings by setting various properties of this object.
3. Use the object (potentially several times) to process a PDF document.
4. Destroy the object.

Details about how to configure the optimizer is described in How to Optimize PDF Documents and subsequent sections as well as in the Interface Reference.

The optimization process consists of 3 main steps.

1. **Open document** The document is opened from a file (Open) or from memory (OpenMem). Decryption of encrypted documents is done automatically. For password-protected encryption, a user password must be provided.

2. **Analyze document** The document is analyzed. This is done automatically.

3. **Optimize and save as new document** The optimizer goes through the whole input document and constructs an output document. While doing so, the optimizer transforms objects of the input document according to the optimizer’s settings. Often not all the settings are relevant. E.g. if an input document contains color images only, the settings for monochrome and bi-tonal images are not used.

The output document is constructed either as a file (SaveAs) or as a block of memory (SaveInMemory). The output file name must be different from the input file name. The input document, be it a file or a block of memory, is never changed.

5.2 How to Optimize PDF Documents

5.2.1 Identify Target Application Area

PDF documents are used in a wide variety of application areas, all having different requirements. As a very first step, one should precisely identify the targeted application area. A few typical fields of application are described briefly below. However, PDF documents can also be used in other ways or in combinations of the ones listed below.

**Web**

All documents related to the web should be kept small in file size. As a consequence they take less storage on the web-server and can be transferred quicker, resulting in shorter download times.

In order to reduce the file size as much as possible, all information that is not required for displaying the document without a visual loss can be removed. This may include:

- Down-sampling images (ThresholdDPI, ResolutionDPI)
- Clipping images to their visible parts (ClipImages)
- Applying compressions algorithms with high compression ratios ([BitonalCompressions](#), [ContinuousCompressions](#), [IndexedCompressions](#))
- Collapsing redundant objects ([RemoveRedundantObjects](#))
- Removing unused resources ([OptimizeResources](#))
- Removing irrelevant information such as article threads, metadata, alternate images, document structure information, etc. ([Strip](#))
- Merging and sub-setting embedded font programs ([MergeEmbeddedFonts](#) and [SubsetFonts](#))
- Depending on the PDF documents to be optimized, font programs of embedded standard fonts can even be removed ([RemoveStandardFonts](#)).

Additionally, PDF documents can be linearized ([Linearize](#)). This is a method of preparing a PDF file in a way that pages can be accessed randomly via a PDF viewer web-browser plug-in, i.e. selected pages can be displayed before the whole file is downloaded. For this to work, the PDF viewer web-browser plug-in has to support correct interpretation of linearized PDF.

Documents which are intended to be displayed on a Computer display should be saved in ab RGB (red green blue) color space. RGB is the native form for any light-emitting device, such as computer monitor or television. An RGB image uses three channels and therefore takes up less space than a CMYK (cyan magenta yellow black) image which uses four channels. ([ColorConversion](#))

**Printing**

For printing applications the file size is not the highest priority. More important is to have a document which prints in a predictable way. This means that correct fonts should be used, colors should look as expected, images should be high in resolution, etc.

For that reason no data from the original document that is used for a well-defined re-production should be removed or altered. Fonts should not be un-embedded, images should not be down-sampled. (Of course there are always exceptions).

For many printing applications it may be advantageous to convert images to the CMYK color space because this is primarily used in systems that reflect light (such as printed paper). ([ColorConversion](#))

In certain documents, the same font is embedded multiple times. If, e.g., a PDF-producing software embeds the same font for each created page, then large multi-page documents contain many copies of a font program. Also, a document can contain a complete font program, of which only very few glyphs are used for display. In such situations, merging and sub-setting font programs can lead to faster printing. ([MergeEmbeddedFonts](#) and [SubsetFonts](#))

There are still further ways to decrease the file size:

- Clipping images to their visible parts ([ClipImages](#))
- Compressing uncompressed images, e.g. with a lossless compression type ([BitonalCompressions](#), [ContinuousCompressions](#), [IndexedCompressions](#), see also [Supported Image Compression Types](#))
- Collapsing redundant objects ([RemoveRedundantObjects](#))
- Removing unused resources ([OptimizeResources](#))
- Removing irrelevant information for printing, such as thumbnails, article threads, document structure information, etc. ([Strip](#))

**Archiving**

Archiving can have varying requisites, such as: Minimize the file size, maximize the reproducibility of the document, minimize the access time to find a specific archived document, etc.
The most common way for archiving a PDF is the PDF/A format, which is defined in the ISO Standard 19005. PDF/A requires fonts to be embedded, metadata to be included and prohibits certain features, like LZW or JPEG2000 compression or alternate images. The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API does not create PDF/A output but can be used, e.g., to reduce the file size prior to converting to PDF/A.

**Scanned Documents**

For certain types of scanned documents, MRC (mixed raster content) optimization can have a significant impact on file size while still preserve the visual appearance of the document. The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API supports MRC, see also [Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images](#).

**Special Requirements**

As an example for a specific requirement, the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API supports the restriction of compression types for images in a document to a given list of types. (See [ForceCompressionTypes](#), [BitonalCompressions](#), [ContinuousCompressions](#), and [IndexedCompressions](#).)

Another requirement may be to encrypt the resulting PDF and protect it by a user password and/or by an owner password. The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API provides both in the method [SaveAs](#).

PDF documents which mainly consist of scanned images to which an OCR (optical character recognition) layer is to be applied at a later time should be optimized in a way that the OCR process of the optimized document works as well as with the original. That means that image compression should either be lossless, or at least perceptually lossless. Perceptually lossless refers to a compression which is lossy, but its visual quality is high enough that neither the human eye nor an OCR engine can distinguish between original and optimized document. (See also [Supported Image Compression Types](#).)

### 5.2.2 Using Optimization Profiles

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API provides the notion of "optimization profiles" to quickly arrive at a configuration suitable for many application areas. Once the application area is defined, the optimization profile that best matches the requirements can be identified. See [TPDFOptimizationProfile](#) for all available profiles and their configuration values. The configuration is done by setting this profile ([Profile](#)) followed by adjusting individual settings that differ from the profile.

**Example:** Adapt the “web” profile to not down-sampling bi-tonal images.

```vbnet
Dim Opt As New PDFOPTIMIZEAPILib.PDFOptimizer
Opt.Profile = PDFOPTIMIZEAPILib.TPDFOptimizationProfile.eOptimizationProfileWeb
Opt.BitonalThresholdDPI = -1
'Do some optimization e.g. by calling Opt.Open(...) and Opt.SaveAs(...)
```

### 5.3 Optimizing Images

For the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API the target compression type of an image is specified by means of the properties [BitonalCompressions](#), [ContinuousCompressions](#), and [IndexedCompressions](#). Values of [TPDFComprAttempt](#) must be used to set these properties. Several values can be combined by means of a bitwise or operation.
5.3.1 Supported Image Compression Types

In PDF, up to 8 different ways of compressing binary data are supported. (See also PDF Reference 1.7, Chapter 3.3 for more information on these types.)

No Compression (Raw)

Raw means no compression is applied.

DCT (JPEG)

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<th>Joint Photographic Experts Group committee</th>
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<td>Version</td>
<td>PDF 1.2 and later, PDF/A-1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Color depth</td>
<td>8, 24 bits per pixel</td>
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<tr>
<td>Compression type</td>
<td>Lossy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compression algorithm</td>
<td>The image is broken up into blocks that are 8 by 8 samples. On each of these blocks and color channel a discrete cosine transformation (DCT) is applied and its coefficients are quantized. The visual quality of the resulting image depends on the loss of information defined by the step size of the quantization and on the image that is being compressed. The compression can be controlled via an image quality parameter—a value from 1 to 100 (default 75). Typical compression ratios are 15:1 (no perceptible loss of information) to 30:1.</td>
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<td>Application area</td>
<td>Sampled continuous-tone pictures (photographs)</td>
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Flate (ZIP)

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<td>1-8, 24 bits per pixel</td>
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<tr>
<td>Compression type</td>
<td>Lossless</td>
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<tr>
<td>Compression algorithm</td>
<td>A lossless data compression algorithm that uses a combination of the LZ77 algorithm and Huffman coding.</td>
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### LZW

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<td>Compression type</td>
<td>Lossless</td>
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<tr>
<td>Compression algorithm</td>
<td>An indexed based compression that is also used in the GIF and TIFF image formats.</td>
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<td>Application area</td>
<td>Gray-scale images, artificial images</td>
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### CCITT Fax Group 3 and 4

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Developer</th>
<th>International Telecommunications Union (ITU), formerly known as the Comité Consultatif International Téléphonique et Télégraphique</th>
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<td>1 bit per pixel</td>
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<tr>
<td>Compression type</td>
<td>Lossless</td>
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| Compression algorithm | **Group 3** 1-dimensional version of the CCITT Group 3 Huffman encoding algorithm.  
**Group 3 2D** 2-dimensional version of the CCITT Group 3 Huffman encoding algorithm.  
**Group 4** An advanced version of a bi-tonal algorithm based on the CCITT Fax Group 3 2D compression. |
| Application area | Line-art image, bi-tonal, faxes                                                                                                                                 |

### JBIG2

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<td>1 bit per pixel</td>
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<td>Compression type</td>
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Compression algorithm
The image is broken down into individual symbols, which are stored in a table. A symbol is added to the table if it does not exist yet. If a matching symbol already exists, it is used as a reference. This algorithm works especially well for images with a lot of similar symbols such as scanned text or images that use patterns. Generally JBIG2 provides a better compression ratio than CCITT Group 3 or Group 4 compression. Typical compression ratios for text pages are 20:1 to 50:1.

Application area
Line-art image, bi-tonal

JPEG2000

Developer
Joint Photographic Experts Group committee

Version
PDF 1.5 and later, PDF/A-2

Color depth
8, 24 bits per pixel

Compression type
Lossless if the image quality index is set to 100. Lossy otherwise

Compression algorithm
JPEG2000 is a wavelet-based image compression standard. It was developed with the intention of superseding the original discrete cosine transform-based JPEG standard.

Application area
Sampled continuous-tone pictures (photographs)

5.3.2 Relevant Factors for the File Size

The size of an image is basically determined by four factors:

The pixel mass
The total amount of pixels the image has. An image with a size of 600 by 800 pixels has 480’000 pixels total.

The color depth
How many bits are required to describe 1 pixel? The table below gives the answer for different types of images. For example, an RGB image with 600 by 800 pixels requires therefore 600 x 800 x 3 bytes = 1.44 Mbytes in uncompressed format.

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<th>Color Space</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bi-tonal</td>
<td>Black and white</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indexed</td>
<td>Colors are stored in an index table which usually holds 2 to 256 entries, e.g. GIF.</td>
<td>2-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grayscale</td>
<td>Monochrome</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Color RGB</td>
<td>Color using Red, Green, Blue</td>
<td>24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Color CMYK</td>
<td>Color using Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Key (=black)</td>
<td>32</td>
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</table>
The compression type  A compression algorithm can compress data (such as an image) to reduce its file size. Such an algorithm belongs to either of the following two classes:

**Lossless**  The original image can be restored exactly.

**Lossy**  The compression modifies the pixels. The original image cannot be restored from the compressed version. This is typically applied to photographic images where the human eye cannot distinguish whether the image was modified. The most common lossy compression is JPEG. The benefit of lossy compression is the higher compression ratio.

See also Supported Image Compression Types.

The content of the image  The simpler the image, the better it compresses. For most compression algorithms a simple image (e.g. completely white) compresses much better than a complex image (e.g. a photo).

Examples:

CCITT Fax compression was designed to compress black text written on a white background. The algorithm was optimized under the assumption that a page contains more white pixels than black pixels. Therefore a bi-tonal image with a lot of black does generally not compress as well as in image with more white even if they have the same pixel mass.

JBIG2 compression searches for patterns, and uses them multiple times. For example in a scanned text document the same few dozen of characters are used over and over again. The algorithm is optimized to save frequent patterns more efficiently than rare ones.

5.3.3 Provided Features for Optimizing Images

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API offers the following possibilities to optimize images:

**The pixel mass**  can be reduced. (It cannot be increased.) This is done by clipping (cropping) the image size to its visible extent and/or by reducing the image resolution.

The resolution defines how many pixels there are in given length of the image. The most common unit for resolution is DPI (dots per inch). If an image has a resolution of 200 DPI, it means when displayed at 100% zoom, there are 200 pixels for 1 inch of image. The higher the resolution, the “sharper” is the image. A monitor has usually a resolution of at least 96 DPI, a laser printer of at least 600 DPI. When the file size matters, a common resolution for color and grayscale images in PDF is 150 DPI (usually higher for bi-tonal).

The process of changing the amount of pixels an image has, is called re-sampling, or down-sampling when the result has less pixels than the original image.

In the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API down-sampling is applied by setting a target resolution and a threshold resolution. The default values are 150 DPI for the target resolution and 225 DPI for the threshold resolution. This means every image that has a resolution of 225 DPI or higher is potentially down-sampled to 150 DPI. Of course, the threshold resolution can be set equal to the target resolution. However there are many cases where down-sampling by just a little bit has disadvantages. In particular, lossy images (e.g. JPEG compression) lose visual quality every time they are newly compressed. On top of that the compressed output can be larger than the input because artifacts introduced by the previous compression(s) are now considered as part of the image which needs to be compressed and lead to a worse compression even when the resolution is reduced. Per default, the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API will, however, prevent such unnecessary re-sampling.

**The color depth**  can be modified for color images. The color depth can be left unchanged, set to Grayscale (8 bit), RGB (24 bit) or CMYK (32 bit). It cannot be changed to black and white (1 bit).
Note: In certain circumstances, the color depth of the image is not converted, e.g. if the resulting file size increases or if the image is pre-blended with a matte color.

The color complexity can be reduced. By “color complexity” we mean the following hierarchy of possible image pixel contents:

1. All pixels have the same color.
2. All pixels are either black or white.
3. All pixels are colored gray.
4. Pixels have differing colors.

By color complexity reduction we mean that images are converted to their lowest possible color complexity. E.g., a color image with only black and white pixels is converted to a bi-tonal image. Furthermore, an image with color complexity 1 (single color) is down-sampled to one pixel.

Color complexity reduction is also applied to masks and soft masks: Soft masks of complexity 2 (bi-tonal) are converted to masks. Masks and soft masks with complexity 1 (single color) whose color is such that the (soft) mask is opaque are removed.

Note: Currently, color complexity reduction is only carried out for images that have a device color space (DeviceRGB, DeviceGray, or DeviceCMYK) or an indexed color space whose base color space is a device color space.

The compression can be setup independently for the following three image compression types:

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Bi-tonal images usually contain text or black and white graphics, indexed images usually contain color graphics such as logos, while continuous images usually contain photographs.

For each of the above image types, several compression algorithms can be set. The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API tries all the given compression algorithms and takes the one that yields the smallest file size. Note that the more compression algorithms are set, the longer the process of optimizing images will take.

Furthermore, a more conservative image processing strategy can be enabled. This strategy prevents all the compression trials if the image has neither been clipped nor down-sampled nor undergone a color-conversion. Hence, if the image has not been altered, then the original image from the input document is taken.

The content of the image cannot be changed directly. However changing the resolution or applying a lossy compression algorithm modifies the content of the image.
5.3.4 Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images

Some raster images—typically scanned documents—consist mainly of text, possibly in several colors and interspersed with some pictures. Such images are difficult to compress with one single compression type because of the diverse or even conflicting features of different parts of the image.

MRC optimization is a way of breaking such images down into parts, such that each part is well suited for one type of a compression algorithm. With this approach, the resulting file size often can be reduced without significantly reducing the visual quality of the document.

Note: MRC optimization can only be enabled for continuous images, i.e. not for bi-tonal images and images with an indexed color space.

Note: Monochrome (gray-scale) images are treated as entire photographic regions, see also Phase 1: Cutting out Pictures.

Note: MRC optimization may yield unexpected results, e.g. because the input image is not suitable for MRC. As another example, images in the original PDF may be stored as small slices, and MRC optimization fails because the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API has no option to concatenate such image slices.

Note: A PDF that contains MRC-optimized images is not suited for optical character recognition (OCR) and image extraction.

In the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API, MRC optimization works in three phases as explained below.

Phase 1: Cutting out Pictures

In this phase, the input image is analyzed and rectangular areas containing photographic features are detected. Each detected region is cut out and placed as a separate image in the resulting PDF.

Depending on the input image it is possible that this phase decides that the whole input image consists of one photographic region covering the whole image. In this case, the second phase (Phase 2: Separation into Layers) is omitted.

On the other hand, it is possible, that actual photographic regions present in the input image are not recognized correctly. This can happen for example if a photographic region contains parts with uniform color.

For the cut-out images, a compression type can be set.

Note: The resulting cut pictures are neither down-sampled nor color-converted. Monochrome (gray-scale) images are always treated as entire photographic regions.
This first phase is optional and can be switched off using the property `MrcRecognizePictures`. Even when switched off, monochrome (gray-scale) images are still treated as photographic regions.

**Phase 2: Separation into Layers**

For this second phase the image is not supposed to contain any photographic features. Instead, the image is assumed to consist of text and graphic, potentially with varying color.

Now, the whole image is separated into two layers, a foreground and a background layer. Additionally, a mask is created, which can be thought of as a bi-tonal image that is not displayed directly but tells for each pixel whether to show the foreground layer or the background layer.

**Example:**

Let the image consist of a yellow background with black paragraph text and a title text in red. Then the resulting background layer contains the yellow color only. The foreground layer contains the black text color where the paragraph text is located and the red text color where the title is located. In the mask, pixels for which the foreground layer should be displayed are set to 1, the others are set to 0. I.e. the mask contains 1’s where the black and the red text is and 0’s everywhere else.

In the resulting PDF the foreground layer, the background layer and the mask are stored as three images and thus are allowed to have different resolution and different compression types. Since all the detailed features have been moved to the mask, it makes sense to down-sample the foreground and background layers and use a low image quality. The mask on the other hand is usually stored with a lossless compression type optimized for text.

**Phase 3: Reconstruction**

In this phase the results of phase 1 (the cut-out images) and phase 2 (the layers and the mask) are used to synthesize the desired result. If in phase 1, a single photographic region covering the entire image is detected, then the original image is used and the reconstruction is finished. Otherwise, the reconstruction first places the background layer, followed by the foreground layer with the mask. Finally if any cut-images are found they are placed at their respective locations on top of the foreground layer.

5.4 **Optimizing Fonts**

Every text in a PDF document is written with a font. This font can either be embedded or not embedded in the resources of the PDF. Embedded means a font program is embedded that describes how glyphs are drawn. If a font is not embedded the application rendering the PDF (e.g. 3-Heights® PDF Viewer or Adobe Acrobat) have to select a replacement font. Therefore the visual appearance of text written with an embedded font is determinable, whereas it is not when the font is not embedded.

A font program can be quite large. An embedded font which contains all WinAnsi characters has a size of about 20-100 Kbytes, if it contains a large Unicode range (e.g. Asian Characters) it can be several Mbytes, whereas an non embedded font requires much less.

This leads to the following ways to optimize fonts:

**Remove the embedded font:** Removing embedded fonts can reduce the file size of a document, particularly when the document contains many fonts. Removing fonts is best applied to (PDF-) standard fonts, such as Arial, Courier, Courier New, Helvetica, Times, Times New Roman. Removing fonts should not be applied to barcode fonts or fancy types.
Note: PDF/A requires fonts to be embedded.

Subset fonts: Only keep the information in the font program that is required to render the characters that are actually used in text in this document. All unused characters are removed.

Merge fonts: A document can have the same font, or a subset of it, embedded multiple times. This commonly occurs when multiple input documents are merged into one large output document. The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API Tool can merge these fonts into one font (if they can be merged).

5.5 Extracting Resources

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API can extract resources, such as images or fonts and save them to files in the file system. This is achieved as follows:

1. Configure the optimizer to extract images and/or fonts by setting `ExtractImages` and/or `ExtractFonts` to `true`.
2. Set the current working directory to the directory into which the files of extracted resources should be saved. How to set the current directory depends on the programming language and the operating system.
3. Open the PDF from which to extract resources by calling `Open` or `OpenMem`.
4. Execute the extraction by calling `SaveAs` or `SaveInMemory`. Note that it is not possible to extract resources without producing an optimized output PDF, either as a file or a memory block.

Example: Extracting resources in C#

```csharp
string inputPath = @"C:\Path\to\input.pdf";
string outputPath = @"C:\Path\to\output.pdf";
string extractionPath = @"C:\Path\to\extraction\directory";
using (Optimizer opt = new Optimizer())
{
    opt.ExtractFonts = true;
    opt.ExtractImages = true;

    System.IO.Directory.SetCurrentDirectory(extractionPath);

    if (!opt.Open(inputPath, ""))
    // Handle error

    if (!opt.SaveAs(outputPath, "", "", PDFPermission.ePermNoEncryption))
    // Handle error

    if (!opt.Close())
    // Handle error
}
```

These resources are extracted unaltered from the PDF document. In particular this means:

- Fonts are not converted to installable fonts, i.e. extracted fonts cannot be installed and used on the operating system. (That would in most cases also be a legal issue.)
- Images are extracted from the resources, without the context of the page. This means they do not inherit the resolution of the image on the page in the PDF document. (Note that the same image could be used multiple times in the document at different resolutions anyway). Also images on the PDF page could possibly be clipped.
(i.e. not the complete image is visible), or stretched or rotated, etc. All these PDF operators affecting the visual appearance of the image on the page are neglected.

## 5.6 Error Handling

Most methods of the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API can either succeed or fail depending on user input, state of the PDF Optimizer API, or the state of the underlying system. It is important to detect and handle these errors, to get accurate information about the nature and source of the issue at hand.

Methods communicate their level of success or failure using their return value. Which return values have to be interpreted as failures is documented in the chapter [Interface Reference](#). To identify the error on a programmatic level, check the property `ErrorCode`. The property `ErrorMessage` provides a human readable error message, describing the error.

**Example:**

```csharp
public Boolean Open(string file, string password)
{
    if (!opt.Open(file, password))
    {
        if (opt.ErrorCode == PDFErrorCode.PDF_E_PASSWORD)
        {
            password = InputBox.Show("Password incorrect. Enter correct password:");
            return Open(file, password);
        }
        else
        {
            MessageBox.Show(String.Format("Error {0}: {1}", doc.ErrorCode, doc.ErrorMessage));
            return false;
        }
    }
    [...]
}
```
6 Interface Reference

Note: This manual describes the COM interface only. Other interfaces (C, Java, .NET) however work similarly, i.e. they have calls with similar names and the call sequence to be used is the same as with COM.

Note: Methods and properties marked with a license feature are available if the listed feature is included in the license. See also License Features.

6.1 PDFOptimizer Interface

6.1.1 AutoLinearize

Property (get, set): Boolean AutoLinearize
Default: False
License feature: Optimize

Note: With this option enabled, non-Latin characters in the output file name are not supported.

Automatically decide whether to linearize the PDF output file for fast web access.

Applying linearization can lead to a large increase in file size for certain documents. Enabling this option lets the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API automatically apply linearization or refrain from doing so based on the estimated file size increase.

Also, with this option enabled, PDF 2.0 documents are automatically excluded from linearization.

See also Linearize for more information for linearized PDFs.

Note: If this property is set to True then the value given to Linearize is ignored.

6.1.2 BitonalCompression

[Deprecated] Property (get, set): TPDFCompression BitonalCompression

Deprecated in Version 4.6, use BitonalCompressions.
6.1.3 BitonalCompressions

Get or set the compression types for bi-tonal images. See also enumeration `TPDFComprAttempt`.

Several values can be combined with bitwise or operators. The following values are allowed:

- `eComprAttemptNone`
- `eComprAttemptRaw`
- `eComprAttemptFlate`
- `eComprAttemptLZW`
- `eComprAttemptGroup3`
- `eComprAttemptGroup4`
- `eComprAttemptSource`
- `eComprAttemptJBIG2`

Other values are ignored.

During optimization, all set compression types are tried and the one resulting in the least memory footprint is taken. Typically, CCITT Group 4 or JBIG2 is used for bi-tonal compression. Due to the simpler algorithm CCITT Group 4 has the advantage of being faster. JBIG2 can achieve compression ratios that are up to twice as high as CCITT Group 4 at the cost of longer computation time.

If BitonalCompressions is set to `eComprAttemptNone` then bi-tonal images are excluded from processing: They are neither re-sampled (BitonalResolutionDPI, BitonalThresholdDPI) nor clipped (ClipImages).

6.1.4 BitonalResolutionDPI

Get or set the target resolution in dots per inch (DPI) after down-sampling images for bi-tonal images. See also `ResolutionDPI`.

Note that down-sampling bi-tonal images is disabled if BitonalCompressions is set to `eComprAttemptNone`.

6.1.5 BitonalThresholdDPI

Get or set the threshold value for bi-tonal images. See also `ThresholdDPI`.
Get or set the threshold resolution in dots per inch (DPI) to selectively activate down-sampling for bi-tonal images. The value -1 deactivates down-sampling for bi-tonal images. See also ThresholdDPI.

Note that down-sampling bi-tonal images is disabled if BitonalCompressions is set to eComprAttemptNone.

6.1.6 ClipImages

**Property (get, set):** Boolean ClipImages

Default: False
License feature: Optimize

Get or set the option to clip images. When enabled, then invisible parts of images are clipped (cropped). While this does not affect visual parts of images, it may have a minor visual impact because clipped images are re-compressed. Pre-blended images are not clipped.

Enabling this property will also enable the OptimizeResources property.

Note that, regardless of this property's value, image clipping is disabled for those image types whose compression is set to eComprAttemptNone. See BitonalCompressions for bi-tonal images, ContinuousCompressions for color and gray-scale images, and IndexedCompressions for indexed (palleted) images.

6.1.7 Close

**Method:** Boolean Close()

Close an opened input file. If the document is already closed the method does nothing.

**Returns:**

True The file was closed successfully.
False Otherwise.

6.1.8 ColorCompression

**[Deprecated] Property (get, set):** TPDFCompression ColorCompression

Deprecated in Version 4.6, use ContinuousCompressions.
6.1.9 ColorConversion

**Property (get, set):** TPDFColorConversion ColorConversion

- Default: eConvNone
- License feature: Color

Get or set the color conversion. Color conversion is applied to images. Image can be not converted (eConvNone), converted to RGB (eConvRGB), to CMYK or gray scale. Color key masked images are not color converted. Pre-blended images can be converted from RGB to Grayscale, if ForceRecompression is set to True.

Color conversion is mostly used for specific application areas. E.g. in the printing industry the CMYK color space is used, since it represents the colors that printer devices commonly support. If colors are exclusively used for the monitor, the RGB color space should be used.

Note that, regardless of this property's state, color conversion is not done for image types whose compression is set to eComprAttemptNone. See ContinuousCompressions for color and gray-scale images and IndexedCompressions for indexed images.

6.1.10 ColorResolutionDPI

**Property (get, set):** Float ColorResolutionDPI

- Default: 150
- License feature: Optimize

Get or set the target resolution in dots per inch (DPI) after down-sampling images for color images. See also ResolutionDPI.

Note that down-sampling color images is disabled if ContinuousCompressions is set to eComprAttemptNone.

6.1.11 ColorThresholdDPI

**Property (get, set):** Float ColorThresholdDPI

- Default: -1
- License feature: Optimize

Get or set the threshold resolution in dots per inch (DPI) to selectively activate down-sampling for color images. The value -1 deactivates down-sampling for color images. See also ThresholdDPI.

Note that down-sampling color images is disabled if ContinuousCompressions is set to eComprAttemptNone.
6.1.12 ContinuousCompressions

Property (get, set): TPDFComprAttempt ContinuousCompressions
Default: eComprAttemptNone

Get or set the compression types to be tried for continuous images, i.e. RGB, CMYK, and gray-scale images. See also TPDFComprAttempt.

Several values can be combined with bitwise or operators. The following values are allowed:

- eComprAttemptNone
- eComprAttemptRaw
- eComprAttemptJPEG
- eComprAttemptFlat
- eComprAttemptJPEG2000
- eComprAttemptSource
- eComprAttemptMRC

Other values are ignored.

During optimization, all set compression types are tried and the one resulting in the least memory footprint is taken.

If ContinuousCompressions is set to eComprAttemptNone then color and gray-scale images are excluded from processing: They are not down-sampled (ColorResolutionDPI, ColorThresholdDPI, MonochromeResolutionDPI, MonochromeThresholdDPI), not color converted (ColorConversion), not clipped (ClipImages), and not reduced in color complexity (ReduceColorComplexity).

6.1.13 CompressionQuality

[Deprecated] Property (get, set): Single CompressionQuality

Deprecated, use ImageQuality instead.

6.1.14 ConvertToCFF

Property (get, set): Boolean ConvertToCFF
Default: False
License feature: Optimize

Convert embedded Type1 (PostScript) fonts to Type1C (Compact Font Format). This reduces the file size.

6.1.15 DitheringMode

Property (get, set): TPDFDitheringMode DitheringMode
Default: eDitherNone

This property is affected when setting a Profile.
This option enables or disables dithering when down-sampling bi-tonal images.

The only values supported are eDitherNone and eDitherFloydSteinberg.

Some bi-tonal images try to evoke the impression of different levels of gray by randomly setting pixels to black. If dithering is applied during down-sampling then the gray levels of such images are preserved better. If dithering is switched off then lines (e.g. text glyphs) are preserved better.

### 6.1.16 ErrorCode

**Property (get):** TPDFErrorCode ErrorCode

This property can be accessed to receive the latest error code. This value should only be read if a function call on the PDF Optimizer API has returned a value, which signals a failure of the function (see chapter Error Handling). See also enumeration TPDFErrorCode. PDF-Tools error codes are listed in the header file bseerror.h. Please note that only few of them are relevant for the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API.

### 6.1.17 ErrorMessage

**Property (get):** String ErrorMessage

Return the error message text associated with the last error (see property ErrorCode). This message can be used to inform the user about the error that has occurred. This value should only be read if a function call on the PDF Optimizer API has returned a value, which signals a failure of the function (see chapter Error Handling)

**Note:** Reading this property if no error has occurred, can yield Nothing if no message is available.

### 6.1.18 ExtractFonts

**Property (get, set):** Boolean ExtractFonts

- **Default:** False
- **License feature:** Optimize

Get or set whether to extract embedded fonts. Depending on the font type, the extracted font has one of the following three formats: fnt<objno>.ttf or fnt<objno>.pfb or fnt<objno>.cff, where <objno> is the number of the PDF object of the font.
### 6.1.19 ExtractImages

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Get or set whether to extract images. Depending on the compression, the extracted image has one of the following formats: `img<objno>.tif` or `img<objno>.jpg`, where `objno` is the number of the PDF object of the image.

### 6.1.20 FlattenSignatureFields

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A signature in a PDF consist of two parts:

a. The invisible digital signature in the PDF.
b. The visual appearance that was attributed to the signature.

Part (a) can be used by a viewing application, to verify that a document has not changed since it has been signed and report this to the user. Part (b) is merely a “decorative” element on the page without further significance.

When optimizing a PDF, the PDF is altered and hence the digital signature is broken. Therefore, the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API removes all signatures, including parts (a) and (b).

When the property `FlattenSignatureFields` is set to `True`, then digital signatures (parts (a)) are still removed, but their visual appearances (parts (b)) are flattened. I.e. the latter are retained and drawn as non-editable graphic onto the page.

*Note:* The resulting PDF can be misleading as it visually appears to be signed, but it has no digital signature and hence, a viewer application does not report any broken signature. In most cases, such a behavior is undesirable.

### 6.1.21 ForceCompressionTypes

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If this option is set, then re-compression of images is forced if an image in the input PDF has a compression type that differs from the compression types given in `ContinuousCompressions`, `BitonalCompressions`, or `IndexedCompressions`. Use this option if you want to allow only the given compression types for images in the output PDF.

This property is affected when setting a `Profile`. 
6.1.22 ForceRecompression

Property (get, set): Boolean ForceRecompression
Default: False
License feature: Optimize

If set, images whose compression setting differs from eComprAttemptNone (see BitonalCompressions, ContinuousCompressions, IndexedCompressions) are always re-compressed. If not set (default), images are only re-compressed if the resulting image is smaller than the original, i.e. requires less bytes to store in the file.

6.1.23 GetInfoEntry

Method: String GetInfoEntry(String Key)

Get a string from the document's Info dictionary or metadata.

Parameter:

Key [String] The key for which to get the value.

Returns:

The requested value or Nothing if the entry does not exist.
The value is extracted from the input document unless SetInfoEntry has been called priorly with the same Key.

6.1.24 GetPdf

Method: Variant GetPdf()

Get the output file from memory. See also method SaveInMemory.

Returns:

A byte array containing the output PDF. In certain programming languages, such as Visual Basic 6, the type of the byte array must explicitly be Variant.

6.1.25 ImageStratConserv

[Deprecated] Property (get, set): Boolean ImageStratConserv
Default: False
This property is affected when setting a Profile.

### 6.1.26 ImageQuality

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<th>Property (get, set): Single ImageQuality</th>
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Get or set the quality index of lossy compression types. This value ranges from 1 to 100 and is applied to JPEG and JPEG2000 compression. For JPEG2000, a quality index of 100 means lossless compression. JPEG compression is always lossy.

This property is affected when setting a Profile.

### 6.1.27 IndexedCompressions

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Get or set the compression types for images that have an indexed ("palette") color space. See also TPDFComprAttempt.

Several values can be combined with bitwise or operators. The following values are allowed:

- eComprAttemptNone
- eComprAttemptRaw
- eComprAttemptFlate
- eComprAttemptLZW
- eComprAttemptSource

Other values are ignored.

During optimization, all set compression types are tried and the one resulting in the least memory footprint is taken. If IndexedCompressions is set to eComprAttemptNone then indexed images are excluded from processing: They are not clipped (ClipImages), not color converted (ColorConversion), and not reduced in color complexity (ReduceColorComplexity).

This property is affected when setting a Profile.

### 6.1.28 LicenseIsValid

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**Note:** This property is ignored when `AutoLinearize` is set to `True`.

**Note:** With this option enabled, non-Latin characters in the output file name are not supported.

Get or set whether to linearize the PDF output file, i.e. optimize file for fast web access.

The 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API does not support linearization of PDF 2.0 documents. For such documents, processing fails. In order to automatically disable linearization for PDF 2.0 use `AutoLinearize`.

A linearized document has a slightly larger file size than a non-linearized file and provides the following main features:

- When a document is opened in a PDF viewer of a web browser, the first page can be viewed without downloading the entire PDF file. In contrast, a non-linearized PDF file must be downloaded completely before the first page can be displayed.
- When another page is requested by the user, that page is displayed as quickly as possible and incrementally as data arrives, without downloading the entire PDF file.

The above applies only if the PDF viewer supports fast viewing of linearized PDFs.

When enabling this option, then no PDF objects will be stored in object streams in the output PDF. For certain input documents this can lead to a significant increase of file size.

### 6.1.30 LinearizeFile

**Method:** `Boolean LinearizeFile(String FileName, String Password, String OutFileName, String UserPw, String OwnerPw, String PermissionFlags)`

**License feature:** Optimize

**Note:** With this option enabled, non-Latin characters in the input and output file name are not supported.

Linearize a PDF file and save the result as a new PDF file, which is optimized for fast web view. This is a standalone function and cannot be combined with any other functions or properties.

**Parameters:**

- **FileName** `[String]` The input PDF file name, i.e. the name of document that is read.
**Password** [String] (optional) The user or owner password of the input file name. A password must be provided if the input file is protected by a user password, otherwise an empty string can be passed as argument.

**OutFileName** [String] The output PDF file name, i.e. the name of the linearized document that is written.

**UserPw** [String] (optional) The user password of the output PDF file.

**OwnerPw** [String] (optional) The owner password of the output PDF file.

**PermissionFlags** [String] (optional) The permission flags if the document is encrypted and secured by an owner password.

Additional information about **UserPw**, **OwnerPw** and **PermissionFlags** can be founded the method **SaveAs**.

**Returns:**

**True** A linearized PDF file was successfully created.

**False** Otherwise.

### 6.1.31 ListFonts

**Method:** Boolean ListFonts(String FileName)

**License feature:** Optimize

List all fonts included in the document and write them as a list to a text file

**Parameter:**

**FileName** [String] The file name of the output text file, to which the information should be stored. The list contains the header line "FontName, FontType, Encoding, IsCID, IsEmbedded, IsSubsetted, Filename".

The meanings of these columns are:

**FontName** The name of the font, such as Arial-BoldMT or TimesNewRomanPS-BoldMT.

**FontType** The font type, such as TrueType or Type1

**Encoding** The encoding of the font, such as WinAnsiEncoding or MacRomanEncoding.

**IsCID** The font is CID (character identifier) keyed. This value is either CID or Non-CID.

**IsEmbedded** The font program for this font is embedded in the PDF document. This value is either Embedded or Non-Embedded.

**FileName** The file name of the font program. This is the name under which the font is saved to file in case the font is extracted and saved. Only embedded fonts can be extracted. The file name consists of the prefix fnt, the object number and the file type which is one of .ttf, .pfb or .cff.

Example: fnt38.ttf
Returns:

True  The font information was successfully extracted and written to the output text file.
False  Otherwise.

6.1.32 ListImages

Method:  Boolean ListImages(String FileName)

List all images included in the document and write them as a list to a text file.

Parameter:

FileName  [String]  The file name of the output text file, to which the information should be stored. The list contains the header line:

PageNumber, ObjectNumber, Width, Height, BitsPerComponent, ColorSpace, Resolution, Filter, ImageSize, CompressedSize, CompressionRatio, FileName

The meanings of these columns are

PageNumber  The page number in the PDF on which the image occurs.
ObjectName  The PDF object number which contains this image.
Width  The width of the image in dots (pixels).
Height  The height of the image in dots (pixels).
BitsPerComponent  The amount of bits that are used per component. This value is for example 1 for bi-tonal images and 8 for gray-scale and color images.
ColorSpace  The color space can be one of DeviceGray, DeviceRGB, DeviceCMYK, ICCBased, Indexed.
Resolution  The ratio of amount of pixels divided by the length of the image on the page.
  Example: An image is 300 dots (pixel) wide and takes 1 inch (2.54cm) on the page in the PDF. This image has a resolution of 300 DPI (dots per inch). If the same image is stretched to 2 inch, its resolution is 150 DPI.
Filter  The compression filter, for example: FlateDecode, DCTDecode, CCITTFaxDecode.
ImageSize  The size in bytes of the uncompressed image.
CompressedSize  The size in bytes of the compressed image.
CompressionRatio  The ratio compressed size divided by uncompressed size.
FileName  The file name of the image. This is the name under which the image is saved to file in case the image is extracted and saved. The file name consists of the prefix img, followed by the PDF object number, and the extension which is one of .jpg or .tif, depending on the extracted image type. Example: img19.jpg, img21.tif.
Returns:

True  The image information was successfully extracted and written to the output text file.
False  Otherwise.

6.1.33 MergeEmbeddedFonts

Property (get, set): Boolean MergeEmbeddedFonts
Default: False
License feature: Optimize

Merge embedded font programs. Font programs can be merged, if they originate from the same font, e.g. they are of the same type, have the same name and encoding. Merging of Type1 (PostScript) and TrueType fonts is supported.

6.1.34 MonochromeCompression

[Deprecated] Property (get, set): TPDFCompression MonochromeCompression

Deprecated in Version 4.6, use ContinuousCompressions.

6.1.35 MonochromeResolutionDPI

Property (get, set): Float MonochromeResolutionDPI
Default: 150
License feature: Optimize

Get or set target resolution in dots per inch (DPI) after down-sampling images for monochrome (gray-scale) images. See also ResolutionDPI.

Note that down-sampling monochrome images is disabled if ContinuousCompressions is set to eComprAttemptNone.

6.1.36 MonochromeThresholdDPI

Property (get, set): Float MonochromeThresholdDPI
Default: -1
License feature: Optimize
This property is affected when setting a Profile.

Get or set the threshold resolution in dots per inch (DPI) to selectively activate down-sampling for monochrome (gray-scale) images. The value -1 deactivates down-sampling for monochrome images. See also ThresholdDPI.

Note that down-sampling monochrome images is disabled if ContinuousCompressions is set to eComprAttemptNone.

### 6.1.37 MrcLayerCompression

**Property (get, set):** TPDFCompression MrcLayerCompression

Default: eComprJPEG2000

License feature: Optimize

Get or set the compression type for MRC foreground and background layers. See TPDFCompression for possible values. See also Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images.

This property is affected when setting a Profile.

### 6.1.38 MrcLayerQuality

**Property (get, set):** Short MrcLayerQuality

Default: 10

License feature: Optimize

Get or set the image quality for MRC foreground and background layers when using a lossy compression type. This is a value between 0 and 100.

See also Supported Image Compression Types, Relevant Factors for the File Size, and Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images.

This property is affected when setting a Profile.

### 6.1.39 MrcLayerResolutionDPI

**Property (get, set):** Float MrcLayerResolutionDPI

Default: 70

License feature: Optimize

Get or set the target resolution in DPI for down-sampling MRC foreground and background layers. If set to -1 then no down-sampling is performed. See also Provided Features for Optimizing Images and Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images.

This property is affected when setting a Profile.
6.1.40 MrcMaskCompression

**Property (get, set):** TPDFCompression MrcMaskCompression  
Default: eComprGroup4  
License feature: Optimize

Get or set the compression type for MRC masks. See TPDFCompression for possible values. See also Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images.

6.1.41 MrcPictCompression

**Property (get, set):** TPDFCompression MrcPictCompression  
Default: eComprJPEG  
License feature: Optimize

Get or set the compression type for MRC cut-out pictures. See TPDFCompression for possible values. When performing MRC, this is the compression applied to monochrome (gray-scale) images because they are treated as cut-out pictures. See also Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images.

6.1.42 MrcRecognizePictures

**Property (get, set):** Boolean MrcRecognizePictures  
Default: True  
License feature: Optimize

Get or set the option to recognize photographic regions when doing MRC. When set to False then Phase 1: Cutting out Pictures is omitted, i.e., no regions of photographic content are identified.

Regardless of this property’s setting, monochrome (gray-scale) images are always treated as entire photographic regions (cut-out pictures) by the MRC algorithm. See also Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images.

6.1.43 Open

**Method:** Boolean Open(String Filename, String Password)

Open a PDF file, i.e. make the objects contained in the document accessible. If another document is already open, it is closed first.
**Parameters:**

**Filename** [String]  The file name and optionally the file path, drive or server string according to the operating systems file name specification rules.

**Password** [String] (optional) The user or the owner password of the encrypted PDF document. If this parameter is left out an empty string is used as a default.

**Returns:**

**True**  The file could be successfully opened.

**False**  The file does not exist, it is corrupt, or the password is not valid. Use the properties **Error Code** and **ErrorMessage** for additional information.

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### 6.1.44 OpenMem

**Method:**  Boolean OpenMem(Variant MemBlock, String Password)

Open a PDF file, i.e. make the objects contained in the document accessible. If a document is already open, it is closed first.

**Parameters:**

**MemBlock**  [Variant]  The memory block containing the PDF file given as a one dimensional byte array.

**Password**  [String] (optional) The user or the owner password of the encrypted PDF document. If this parameter is left out an empty string is used as a default.

**Returns:**

**True**  The document could be successfully opened.

**False**  The document could not be opened, it is corrupt, or the password is not valid.

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### 6.1.45 OpenStream

**Method:**  Boolean OpenStream(Variant Stream, String Password)

Open a PDF file, i.e. make the objects contained in the document accessible. If a document is already open, it is closed first.

**Parameters:**

**Stream**  [Variant]  The stream providing the PDF file. The stream must support random access.
Password  [String] (optional) The user or the owner password of the encrypted PDF document. If this parameter is left out an empty string is used as a default.

Returns:

True  The document could be successfully opened.
False  The document could not be opened, it is corrupt, or the password is not valid.

6.1.46 OptimizeResources

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<th>Property (get, set):</th>
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Get or set whether resources should be optimized. If set, unused resources such as images, fonts, and color spaces are removed. Also content streams are re-built.

This property is affected when setting a Profile.

6.1.47 PageCount

| Property (get): | Long PageCount |

Get the number of total pages of the document. If no document is opened, it returns 0.

6.1.48 ProductVersion

| Property (get): | String ProductVersion |

Get the version of the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API in the format “A.C.D.E”.

6.1.49 Profile

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<th>Property (set):</th>
<th>TPDFOptimizationProfile Profile</th>
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<td>eOptimizationProfileDefault</td>
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With this property one of the predefined optimization profiles can be set. If a profile is set then all the properties listed in TPDFOptimizationProfile (table Profile Settings) are set to their respective values. Properties not listed in this table are left unchanged.

One way of quickly arriving at a specific setting is to first set the Profile and then adapt the configuration by setting some of the individual properties.
Example: In C#.

```csharp
using (Optimizer opt = new Optimizer())
{
    opt.Profile = PDFOptimizationProfile.eOptimizationProfileWeb;
    opt.Linearize = false;
    // ... perform some optimization now
}
```

### 6.1.50 ReduceColorComplexity

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<th>Property (get, set):</th>
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This property is used to enable color complexity reduction of images. (See also [Provided Features for Optimizing Images](#).) If enabled then images with device color spaces (DeviceRGB, DeviceCMYK, or DeviceGray) and indexed images with a device color space as base color space are analyzed and if possible converted as follows:

- An image with DeviceRGB or DeviceCMYK color space in which all pixels are gray is converted to a grayscale image with DeviceGray color space.
- An image that contains only black and white pixels is converted into a bitonal image.
- An image in which all the pixels have the same color is down-sampled to one pixel.

Furthermore, images’ masks and soft masks are optimized as follows:

- A soft mask that contains only black and white pixels is converted to a mask.
- A (soft) mask that is opaque is removed.

Note that color complexity reduction is disabled for those images whose compression type is set to eComprAttemptNone. See [ContinuousCompressions](#) and [IndexedCompressions](#).

### 6.1.51 RemoveImages

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<td>Default:</td>
<td>False</td>
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<td>License feature:</td>
<td>Optimize</td>
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When enabling this property, then images and stencil masks are substituted by empty form XObjects. Inline images are left untouched. Enabling this option disables all other image related processing.

**Warning:** Enabling this option usually alters the visual appearance of the document significantly.
### 6.1.52 RemoveNonSymbolicFonts

[Deprecated] **Property (get, set):** Boolean RemoveNonSymbolicFonts  
Default: **False**

This property has no effect.

### 6.1.53 RemoveRedundantObjects

**Property (get, set):** Boolean RemoveRedundantObjects  
Default: **False**  
License feature: **Optimize**

Get or set whether redundant objects should be removed. If this property is set to **True**, duplicate objects are removed in order to reduce the file size.

This property is affected when setting a **Profile**.

### 6.1.54 RemoveStandardFonts

**Property (get, set):** Boolean RemoveStandardFonts  
Default: **False**  
License feature: **Optimize**

Get or set whether to remove the font programs of all embedded standard fonts, such as Arial, Courier, CourierNew, Helvetica, Symbol, Times, Times-NewRoman and ZapfDingbats. (A complete list is given below.) The fonts are replaced with one of the 14 PDF Standard Fonts, all of which have no associated font program. Un-embedding a font decreases the file size.

A PDF Viewer must be able to display these 14 PDF Standard Fonts correctly. Therefore enabling this property usually should not visually alter the PDF when it is displayed.

Un-embedding the font works based on the font’s Unicode information. I.e. the un-embedded font’s characters are mapped to those of the original font with the same Unicode. Therefore, only fonts with Unicode information will be un-embedded by the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API. However, if a font’s Unicode information is not correct, un-embedding may lead to visual differences. Whether or not a font’s Unicode information is correct can be verified by extracting text that uses the font. Suitable tools for this purpose are for instance the 3-Heights® PDF Extract Tool or an interactive PDF viewer.

If the extracted text is meaningful, the font’s Unicode information is correct and unembedding of the font will not lead to visual differences.

**List of Candidate Font Base Names for Removing**

- Arial
- Arial,Bold
- Arial,Bolditalic
- Arial,Italic
- Arial-Bold
- Arial-BoldItalic
- Arial-BoldItalicMT
- Arial-BoldMT
- Arial-Italic
- Arial-ItalicMT
- ArialMT
- Courier
- Courier,Bold
- Courier,Bolditalic
- Courier,BoldOblique
6.1.55 ResolutionDPI

**Property (get, set):** Single ResolutionDPI

Default: (Different defaults apply to different image types)

License feature: Optimize

Get or set the resolution in DPI (dots per inch) after re-sampling images, image masks and image's soft masks.

This property affects all three image compression types (BitonalResolutionDPI, ColorResolutionDPI, MonochromeResolutionDPI).

A typical value for the resolution when optimizing for the web is 150 DPI. For printing typically no re-sampling is applied (see property ThresholdDPI). Pre-blended images, images with a color key mask, mask, and soft mask images are not re-sampled.

When getting ResolutionDPI, the property returns ColorResolutionDPI.

Note that down-sampling images is disabled for indexed images and for those images whose compression type is set to eComprAttemptNone. See BitonalCompressions, ContinuousCompressions.

6.1.56 SaveAs

**Method:** Boolean SaveAs(String FileName, String UserPw, String OwnerPw, TPDFPermission PermissionFlags)
Save the currently opened document.

**Parameters:**

**FileName [String]** The file name and optionally the file path, drive or server string according to the operating systems file name specification rules.

**UserPw [String]** (optional) Set the user password of the PDF document. If this parameter is omitted, the default password is used. Use "" to set no password.

**OwnerPw [String]** (optional) Set the owner password of the PDF document. If this parameter is omitted, the default password is used. Use "" to set no password.

**PermissionFlags [TPDFPermission]** (optional) The permission flags.

By default no encryption is used (-1). The permissions that can be granted are listed at the enumeration **TPDFPermission**. To not encrypt the output document, set PermissionFlags to **ePermNoEncryption**, user and owner password to "". In order to allow high quality printing, flags **ePermPrint** and **ePermDigitalPrint** need to be set.

**Returns:**

**True** The opened document could successfully be saved to file.

**False** Otherwise. One of the following occurred:

- The output file cannot be created.
- PDF_E_FILECREATE: Failed to create the file.

### 6.1.57 SaveInMemory

**Method:** Boolean SaveInMemory()

Save the output PDF in memory. After the **Close** call it can be accessed using the method **GetPdf**.

**Returns:**

**True** The document could be saved in memory successfully.

**False** Otherwise.

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7 This is not a complete list. If **SaveAs** returns **False**, it is recommended to abort the processing of the file and log the error code and error message.
6.1.58 **SaveAsStream**

**Method:** Boolean `SaveAsStream(Variant Stream, String UserPw, String OwnerPw)`

**Parameter:**

*Stream* [Variant] The stream the output file is written to. The stream must support read, write, and random access.

All other parameters and the return value are identical to the `SaveAs` method.

6.1.59 **SetCMSEngine**

**Method:** Boolean `SetCMSEngine(String CMSEngine)`

License feature: **Color**

Set the Color Management System (CMS) Engine. The following strings are supported:

"None" The algorithms specified in the PDF reference are used. This results in the maximum possible contrast.

"Neugebauer" The Neugebauer algorithm efficiently converts CMYK to RGB. It does not need any color profiles. The results, however, look similar to conversion using color profiles.

"1cms" (default): Use ICC color profiles. Default profiles are used for all unmanaged device color spaces as described in section **Color Profiles**.

*FileName* Providing a file name, a configurable version of the Neugebauer algorithm is applied. The coefficients can be defined in the text file. The default Neugebauer coefficients are listed below (Red, Green, Blue; Color):

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<th>Blue</th>
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<tr>
<td>0.996078, 0.996078, 0.996078 ; White</td>
<td>0.000000, 0.686275, 0.937255 ; C</td>
<td>0.925490, 0.149820, 0.560784 ; M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.000000, 0.949820, 0.066667 ; Y</td>
<td>0.215686, 0.203922, 0.207843 ; K</td>
<td>0.243137, 0.247059, 0.584314 ; CM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0.000000, 0.658824, 0.349020 ; CY</td>
<td>0.066667, 0.176471, 0.215686 ; CK</td>
<td>0.215686, 0.196878, 0.215686 ; MY</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.929412, 0.196878, 0.141176 ; MK</td>
<td>0.280000, 0.196878, 0.125490 ; YK</td>
<td>0.266667, 0.266667, 0.274510 ; CMY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0.133333, 0.098039, 0.160784 ; CMK</td>
<td>0.074510, 0.180392, 0.133333 ; CYK</td>
<td>0.215686, 0.121569, 0.113725 ; MYK</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.125490, 0.121569, 0.121569 ; CMYK</td>
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The Neugebauer algorithm mixes the colors based on the amount of color and the corresponding weighted coefficient. Altering the values for a pure color specifically changes the result for this pure color.

The color transition remains smooth.
6.1.60 SetInfoEntry

**Method:** Boolean `SetInfoEntry(String Key, String Value)`

Set a key-value pair in the document info dictionary. Values of predefined keys are also stored in the XMP metadata. Popular entries specified in the PDF Reference 1.7 and accepted by most PDF viewers are "Title", "Author", "Subject", "Creator" (sometimes referred to as Application), and "Producer" (sometimes referred to as PDF Creator).

**Parameters:**
- **Key** [String] The key as a string.
- **Value** [String] The value as a string.

**Example in C#:**

```csharp
opt.SetInfoEntry("Producer", "Me, myself, and I");
```

6.1.61 SetLicenseKey

**Method:** Boolean `SetLicenseKey(String LicenseKey)`

Set the license key.

6.1.62 SetVersion

**Method:** Boolean `SetVersion(String PDFVersion)`

Set the minimum PDF version of the created PDF output file. Supported values for the string are "1.1" to "1.7".

There are three parameters that influence the version of the PDF output file:
- The value set using this method
- The PDF version of the input file
- Other optimizer settings (e.g. JBIG2 requires PDF 1.4, JPEG2000 requires PDF 1.5)

The maximum of the three values above sets the PDF version in the output file.

**Example:** Input PDF is version 1.5 and the following settings are applied

```csharp
SetVersion("1.4")
```

The output file is PDF version 1.5.

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8 PDF 1.4 corresponds to Acrobat version 5, PDF 1.5 to Acrobat version 6, etc.
Example: Input PDF is version 1.4 or lower and the following settings are applied

```plaintext
SetVersion("1.4")
```

The output file is PDF version 1.4.

Example: Input PDF is version 1.3 and the following settings are applied

```plaintext
ColorCompression = eComprJPEG2000
SetVersion("1.4")
```

If `input.pdf` contains color images to which JPEG2000 compression is applied, the output file will be version 1.5. Otherwise it will be version 1.4.

### 6.1.63 Strip

**Property (get, set):** TPDFStripType Strip

- Default: 0
- License feature: Optimize

Get or set the stripping mode. This mode can be configured to remove unneeded data of a PDF document such as Threads, Metadata, the PieceInfo, the StructTreeRoot entry, embedded Thumbs and the SpiderInfo entry. Also this mode is used to indicate whether to flatten form fields, links, and other annotations. Multiple values of TPDFStripType can be combined with the bitwise or operator.

This property is affected when setting a Profile.

### 6.1.64 SubsetFonts

**Property (get, set):** Boolean SubsetFonts

- Default: false
- License feature: Optimize

This property influences two optimizations related to subsetted fonts:

- Subset embedded fonts.
- Merge embedded font programs of different subsets of the same font, granted they can be merged.

Sub-setting refers to removing those glyphs in a font that are not actually used in any text contained in the PDF.

This property is affected when setting a Profile.
6.1.65 ThresholdDPI

**Property (get, set):** Single ThresholdDPI
- **Default:** -1
- **License feature:** Optimize

Set the threshold in DPI (dots per inch) to selectively activate re-sampling. Only images with a resolution above the threshold DPI will be re-sampled.

The value -1 deactivates re-sampling.

This property affects all three image compression types *(BitonalThresholdDPI, ColorThresholdDPI, MonochromeThresholdDPI).*

A typical value for the threshold when optimizing for the web is **210** DPI. For printing typically no re-sampling is applied.

When getting ThresholdDPI, the property returns ColorThresholdDPI.

Note that down-sampling images is disabled for indexed images and for those images whose compression type is set to eComprAttemptNone. See BitonalCompressions, ContinuousCompressions.

6.1.66 UnembedFont

**Method:** Boolean UnembedFont(String FontName)
- **License feature:** Optimize

Remove the embedded font program for the font given in FontName.

**Warning:** The output document may not display correctly on certain systems.

6.2 Enumerations

**Note:** Depending on the interface, enumerations may have TPDF as prefix (COM, C) or PDF as prefix (.NET) or no prefix at all (Java).

6.2.1 TPDFColorConversion Enumeration

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<td>Const eConvNone</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<tr>
<td>Const eConvRGB</td>
<td>Red Green Blue</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Const eConvCMYK</td>
<td>Cyan Magenta Yellow Key</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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6.2.2 TPDFComprAttempt Enumeration

In contrast to TPDFCompression, TPDFComprAttempt is meant to be used as a bit-field, i.e. values can be composed with the bitwise or operator (Or in Visual Basic). Use this enumeration to compose values for the BitonalCompressions, ContinuousCompressions, and IndexedCompressions properties.

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<td>Exclude from processing</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<tr>
<td>eComprAttemptRaw</td>
<td>No Compression (Raw)</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<td>eComprAttemptJPEG</td>
<td>DCT (JPEG)</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<td>eComprAttemptFlate</td>
<td>Flate (ZIP)</td>
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<td>eComprAttemptLZW</td>
<td>LZW</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<td>eComprAttemptGroup3</td>
<td>CCITT Fax Group 3 ([CCITT Fax Group 3 and 4])</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<tr>
<td>eComprAttemptGroup3_2D</td>
<td>CCITT Fax Group 3 2D ([CCITT Fax Group 3 and 4])</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<td>eComprAttemptGroup4</td>
<td>CCITT Fax Group 4 ([CCITT Fax Group 3 and 4])</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<tr>
<td>eComprAttemptJBIG2</td>
<td>JBIG2 ([Supported in PDF 1.4 or later])</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eComprAttemptJPEG2000</td>
<td>JPEG2000 ([Supported in PDF 1.5 or later, not supported in PDF/A-1])</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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<td>eComprAttemptMRC</td>
<td>In contrast to the values 0-8, this is not a single compression format. Instead, this enables MRC optimization on color and monochrome images. (See Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images)</td>
<td>Optimize</td>
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<td>Application area: Scanned documents.</td>
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<tr>
<td>eComprAttemptSource</td>
<td>In contrast to the values 0-8, this is not a single compression format. Instead, this tells 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API to use the same compression as the original input image.</td>
<td>Optimize, Color</td>
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6.2.3 TPDFCompression Enumeration

Compression types as occurring in PDF.

Note: Not all image formats/color depths support all compression types. See also chapter Supported Image Compression Types.
6.2.4 TPDFErrorCode Enumeration

All TPDFErrorCode enumerations start with a prefix, such as PDF_, followed by a single letter which is one of S, E, W or I, an underscore and a descriptive text.

The single letter gives an indication of the severity of the error. These are: Success, Error, Warning and Information. In general, an error is returned if an operation could not be completed, e.g. no valid output file was created. A warning is returned if the operation was completed, but problems occurred in the process.

A list of all error codes is available in the C API's header file bseerror.h, the javadoc documentation of com.pdftools.NativeLibrary.ERRORCODE and the .NET documentation of Pdftools.Pdf.PDFErrorCode. Note that only a few are relevant for the 3-Heights® PDF Optimizer API, most of which are listed here:
6.2.5 **TPDFOptimizationProfile Enumeration**

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<tr>
<th>TPDFOptimizationProfile</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>eOptimizationProfileDefault</td>
<td>Minimal optimization. This is the default profile.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eOptimizationProfileWeb</td>
<td>Optimization for the Internet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eOptimizationProfilePrint</td>
<td>Optimization for print</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eOptimizationProfileArchive</td>
<td>Optimization for archiving purposes</td>
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<tr>
<td>eOptimizationProfileMax</td>
<td>Optimization for maximal memory size reduction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eOptimizationProfileMRC</td>
<td>MRC (Mixed Raster Content) optimization of images. See also <a href="#">Mixed Raster Content (MRC) Optimization for Images</a>.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Note:** When setting a profile with the property `Profile` then all the properties listed in Profile Settings are set to their respective value. Values not listed are left unchanged. Also note that gray values in parentheses, although set, have no effect because images are excluded from processing or image down-sampling is disabled due to a threshold set to -1.

**Note:** The license feature `Color` does support none of the following profiles but the `eOptimizationProfileDefault` profile.
## Profile Settings

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| BitonalThresholdDPI    | -1                         | 280                     | -1                        | -1                         | 220                     | -1                      |
| MonochromeResolutionDPI| (150)²                     | 150                     | (150)²                    | (150)²                     | 130                     | (150)²                  |
| MonochromeThresholdDPI | -1                         | 210                     | -1                        | -1                         | 180                     | -1                      |
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### 6.2.6 TPDFPermission Enumeration

An enumeration for permission flags. If a flag is set, the permission is granted.

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<td>ePermNoEncryption</td>
<td>Do not apply encryption. This enumeration value shall not be combined with other values. When using this enumeration set both passwords to an empty string or Nothing.</td>
</tr>
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These values, although set, have no effect because down-sampling of images is disabled.
### TPDFPermission Table

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<th>Permission</th>
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<td>ePermSameAsInput</td>
<td>Use the same permissions as present in the input file. This enumeration value shall not be combined with other values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ePermPrint</td>
<td>Low resolution printing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ePermModify</td>
<td>Changing the document</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ePermCopy</td>
<td>Content copying or extraction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ePermAnnotate</td>
<td>Annotations</td>
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<tr>
<td>ePermFillForms</td>
<td>Filling of form fields</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ePermSupportDisabilities</td>
<td>Support for disabilities</td>
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<tr>
<td>ePermAssemble</td>
<td>Document assembly</td>
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<tr>
<td>ePermDigitalPrint</td>
<td>High resolution printing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ePermAll</td>
<td>Grant all permissions</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Changing permissions or combining multiple permissions is done using a bitwise “or” operator.

**Note:** The special values `ePermSameAsInput` and `ePermNoEncryption` cannot be combined with any other values.

Changing the current permissions in Visual Basic should be done like this:

**Allow Printing**

```vbnet
Permission = Permission Or ePermPrint
```

**Prohibit Printing**

```vbnet
Permission = Permission And Not ePermPrint
```

To disable encryption you should overwrite all flags

```vbnet
Permission = ePermNoEncryption
```

### 6.2.7 TPDFStripType Enumeration

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<td>Strip document structure tree (incl. Mark-up)</td>
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<td>eStripThumb</td>
<td>Strip thumbnails</td>
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<tr>
<td>eStripSpider</td>
<td>Strip spider (web capture) info</td>
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<td>eStripAlternates</td>
<td>Strip alternate images</td>
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<tr>
<td>eStripForms</td>
<td>Strip and flatten form fields</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eStripLinks</td>
<td>Strip and flatten link annotations</td>
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<tr>
<td>eStripAnnots</td>
<td>Strip and flatten annotations except form fields and links</td>
</tr>
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<td>Strip and flatten form fields, links, and annotations. This implies</td>
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<td>Strip invisible annotations</td>
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<td>Strip the document output intents</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eStripAll</td>
<td>Strip everything (all of the above)</td>
</tr>
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7 Version History

Some of the documented changes below may be preceded by a marker that specifies the interface technologies the change applies to. E.g. [C, Java] applies to the C and the Java interface.

7.1 Changes in Version 6

- **Improved** processing of images with indexed color space. Down-sampling is now supported if color conversion is activated.
- **Changed** behavior for compressing images: Compression types are selected based on the output image's type, not on the input image's type. (The image type can change, e.g., if color conversion is activated.)
- **Changed** optimization profiles: In profiles "Web", "Print", "Archive", and "Max", the "Flate" compression is added to images of type "continuous".
- [Java] **Changed** minimal supported Java language version to 7 [previously 6].
- [PHP] **Removed** all versions of the PHP interface.
- [NET] **New** availability of this product as NuGet package for Windows, macOS and Linux.
- [NET] **New** support for .NET Core versions 1.0 and higher. The support is restricted to a subset of the operating systems supported by .NET Core, see Operating Systems.
- [NET] **Changed** platform support for NuGet packages: The platform "AnyCPU" is now supported for .NET Framework projects.
- [NET, C, Java] **New** OpenStream and SaveAsStream methods to facilitate the use of streams as input and output.

7.2 Changes in Version 5

- MRC improvements
  - **Improved** MRC background and foreground layer coloring.
  - **Changed** default value for MRC layer compression quality to 20 [previously 10].
  - **Changed** MRC behavior: monochrome (gray-scale) images are treated as entire photographic regions (cut-out pictures).
  - **Improved** MRC pre-processing: conversion to RGB is now possible.
  - **Changed** optimization profile eOptimizationProfileMRC: Now includes color conversion to RGB.
  - **Changed** behavior: Invisible annotations are not removed anymore by default.
  - **New** enum value eStripInvisibleAnnots to remove invisible annotations.
  - **New** additional supported operating system: Windows Server 2019.
  - [PHP] **New** extension PHP 7.3 (non thread safe) for Linux.

7.3 Changes in Version 4.12

- **Introduced** license features Optimize and Color.
- **Improved** MRC functionality supports images with differing resolution in horizontal and vertical direction.
- **Improved** file size reduction by using object streams for annotations and form fields by default.
- **Improved** runtime for certain document types.
- **New** support for encryption according to PDF 2.0 (revision 6, replaces deprecated revision 5).
- **New** HTTP proxy setting in the GUI license manager.
[.NET, C, COM, Java, PHP] New property **AutoLinearize** to automatically choose whether to linearize the output document or not.

[.NET, C, COM, Java, PHP] Changed property **Profile**: In the TPDFOptimizationProfile.eOptimizationProfileWeb optimization profile, linearization (Linearize property) is substituted by auto linearization (AutoLinearize property).

Changed values of the error codes **PDF_E_RICHTEXT** and **PDF_W_RICHTEXT**.

### 7.4 Changes in Version 4.11

- New support for the creation of appearance streams for free text annotations that contain rich text content.
- New support for reading and writing PDF 2.0 documents.
- New support for the creation of output files larger than 10GB (not PDF/A-1).
- Improved font subsetting of CFF and OpenType fonts.
- Improved repair of corrupt image streams.
- New treatment of the DocumentID. In contrast to the InstanceID the DocumentID of the output document is inherited from the input document.

[.NET, C, COM, Java, PHP] Changed enum TPDFPermission: Added a new value **ePermSameAsInput** to adopt the encryption parameters from the input document.

[.NET, C, COM, Java, PHP] New property **ErrorMessage**.

### 7.5 Changes in Version 4.10

- New support for down-sampling of non-shared Masks and SMasks.
- Improved removal of redundant objects: More types of dictionaries are included.
- New support for writing PDF objects into object streams. Most objects that are contained in object streams in the input document are now also stored in object streams in the output document. When enabling linearization, however, no objects are stored in object streams.
- New feature: If linearization and the removal of document structure information are both disabled, then any document structure elements, if present in the input document, are stored in objects streams in the output document.
- Improved robustness against corrupt input PDF documents.
- Improved annotation appearance generation for polyline, squiggly, and stamp annotations.
- [C] Clarified Error handling of TPdfStreamDescriptor functions.

[.NET, C, COM, Java, PHP] Changed enum TPDFOptimizationProfile: Added a new profile **eProfileArchive** to optimize for archiving purposes.

### 7.6 Changes in Version 4.9

- Improved support for and robustness against corrupt input PDF documents.
- Improved repair of embedded font programs that are corrupt.
- New support for OpenType font collections in installed font collection.
- Improved metadata generation for standard PDF properties.
- [C] Changed return value **pfGetLength** of TPDFStreamDescriptor to **pos_t**.

[PHP] New Interface for Windows and Linux. Supported versions are PHP 5.6 & 7.0 (Non Thread Safe). The PdfOptimizeAPI PHP Interface is contained in the 3-Heights® PDF Tools PHP5.6 Extension and the 3-Heights® PDF Tools PHP7.0 Extension.

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10 This has no effect on neither the .NET, Java, nor COM API
- [C] **Changed** 32-bit binaries on Windows that link to the API need to be recompiled due to a change of the used mangling scheme.
- [.NET, C, COM, Java] **New** property `FlattenSignatureFields`: Allows to flatten the visual appearance of digital signatures. (During optimization, digital signatures are always removed.)
- [.NET, C, COM, Java] **Changed** property `Profile`: Setting this property to `eOptimizationProfileMax` sets the property `ColorConversion` to `eConvRGB`.
- [.NET, C, COM, Java] **New** property `RemoveImages`: Remove images by replacing them with empty XObjects.

### 7.7 Changes in Version 4.8

- **Improved** content stream optimization.
- **Improved** creation of annotation appearances to use less memory and processing time.
- **Added** repair functionality for TrueType font programs whose glyphs are not ordered correctly.
- [.NET, C, COM, Java] **New** property `ReduceColorComplexity`: Reduce color complexity for images.
- [.NET, C, COM, Java] **Changed** property `Profile`: The profiles `eOptimizationProfileWeb`, `eOptimizationProfilePrint`, and `eOptimizationProfileMax` now include the property `ReduceColorComplexity`.
- [.NET] **Deprecated** method `GetLicenseIsValid`.
- [.NET] **New** property `LicenseIsValid`. 
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