CS 161 Computer Security

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1 Overview

The FBI is after their man. They are convinced that Dr. Evil, a sinister hacker-wizard who has taken up residence in a converted missile silo, is up to no good. Recently, one FBI agent managed to infiltrate Dr. Evil's silo, bribe one of his minions, and make off with a dozen backup tapes of his data—but in the process the agent was caught, disappeared for two days, and came back with his Pinterest and Tumblr pages modified to redirect to a video of some Rick Astley song. That agent won't talk about what happened during those two days and flat-out refuses to ever set foot in Dr. Evil's silo again, so it looks like the FBI is going to have to make do with whatever data they've already got.

Unfortunately, a dozen backup tapes can hold an awful lot of data, as the FBI is discovering. They're frantically hiring developers to write forensic tools to analyze all the files on the backup tapes, in hopes that this might reveal useful intelligence about Dr. Evil's methods. They've hired you to write a forensic analysis tool that analyzes image files and extracts metadata in them. In particular, they want you to write a tool that will extract the textual metadata from (a) PNG images, and (b) JPEG images with Exif data, and print out this textual metadata. They plan to run your tool on all the image files from the backup tapes and have a team of FBI analysts look through your tool's output.

But be careful! This might all be a diabolical plan to set a trap for the FBI. For all we know, Dr. Evil might have hidden a few files on his backup tapes containing data maliciously crafted to attack your tool.

2 Your task

You must write a forensic metadata-extraction tool for PNG and JPEG-Exif images, while taking care to make sure your tool is secure against malicious inputs. The FBI purchasing officers have specified that your tool must be written in C and you should work in a team of two on this project. You may use the standard C library and a decompression library we specify, but you must not use any other software or libraries. (For instance, you may not copy, use, invoke, or link to other code found on the Internet.)

3 Requirements

Building. We provide a starter project with a Makefile, some skeleton code, and a few test cases. They can be downloaded from the course web page. You should modify png.c and jpg.c with your implementation. We recommend you start by implementing metadata extraction for PNG images, as the JPEG-Exif file format is more involved.

We will use the Makefile in the starter project to compile your program. Any Makefile you provide will be overwritten with our original copy, so don't modify the Makefile. You can test your code on hiveN.cs.berkeley.edu (where N is between 1 and 28).

Your program should accept a list of file names on the command line, and analyze each one, one at a time, in the order provided. For each file it should write to standard output the filename and then one line per element of meta data, as described below.

Make sure your program compiles. If your program does not compile, its empty executable will not do well on the following tests.

Your program needs to satisfy two core requirements: functionality and security. These are described below.

Functionality. When your program is invoked with a valid PNG file, or with a valid JPEG file containing Exif data, it must produce correct output. By "valid", we mean a file that complies with all of the requirements in Section 6. Note that if the input file is not valid, your program is not required to produce correct output, but it still must be memory-safe (see security below).

For valid PNG files, your program must print one line per tEXt, zTXt, or tIME chunk. These contain textual metadata, compressed textual data, and image creation time information, respectively.

For valid JPEG files containing Exif data, your program must print one line per Exif tag, for the following Exif tag types: DocumentName, ImageDescription, Make, Model, Software, DateTime, Artist, HostComputer, Copyright, RelatedSoundFile, DateTimeOriginal, DateTimeDigitized, MakerNote, UserComment, and ImageUniqueID.

The first line of output for each file must be of the form

File: foo.xxx

where foo.xxx is replaced with the filename.

Next, you should have one line of output per chunk/tag. This line should be of the form

Header: Value

where Header is the type of the data (for PNG, the key field; for JPEG, the tag type, such as DocumentName), and Value is the value of the data.

To help you, we have provided a set of functionality test cases along with the starter code. If you run make functionality-tests from the directory with your code, the Makefile we provided will automatically run your program against each of the functionality tests. You can find the test input in the tests/functionality directory, and the desired output in the tests/functionality/out directory.

Security. Your program must be free of memory-safety bugs, and may not take longer than 10 seconds to parse any file of size < 1 MB. (In effect, this means that your code should never get into an infinite loop.) There must be no input that can trigger any memory-safety bug or a timeout, even if the input file is invalid or maliciously constructed. We will attempt to break your program by running it on malicious files, so be ready!

Memory-safety bugs include all of the following: array out-of-bounds writes, array out-ofbounds reads, out-of-bounds reads or writes to any buffer, use of uninitialized data, accessing memory after it has been deallocated or is no longer valid, freeing memory twice, and freeing memory that was not allocated with malloc(). Your code must be completely free of all such bugs.¹ Integer overflow/underflow, signed/unsigned, and integer casting can also lead to memory-safety bugs, so be careful with them as well.

Security test cases. You also must write at least *five* security test cases for the PNG task. We will write several buggy variants of a PNG analyzer, each with a different memory-safety bug. Your test cases should be designed to exploit memory-safety bugs that might plausibly occur when writing a tool to extract metadata from PNG files. We will check whether your test cases do indeed reveal the bug in our known-buggy programs. You can get full points by detecting a memory-safety error in at least two of our known-buggy programs. Put your security test cases in the tests/security_my directory. You may specify up to 20 test cases; each file may be up to 1 MB long.

You do not need to write any test cases for the JPEG-Exif task.

Language. Your code must be written in C. Do not use assembly language, C++, or any other programming language. Do not spawn any other process. Do not use any library other than the standard C library and zlib (which is linked in, in the sample Makefile). Do not look for code online. Do not use other code or libraries found online. You may consult references, specifications, and other documents found online if you like, though we don't expect this to be necessary.

¹These kinds of bugs can typically be exploited to allow code injection. However, if we find a memorysafety bug in your code, we will not be testing whether there is a code injection exploit for that bug: if your code has a memory-safety bug, we will consider it vulnerable, period. Therefore, you must avoid all such bugs in your code, no matter what.

4 Grading Process

To submit. Submit your code and test cases by running submit proj1 from the directory where your code is, while logged into your class account. Only one of you needs to submit; you will be asked for the name of your partner when you submit.

To encourage equal work between teammates, after the project we will ask for separate feedback on the contribution and effectiveness of each partner. Both of you must respond to the survey at (TBD). This is mandatory.

Grading criteria. We will grade you on three criteria: functionality (for both PNG and JPEG Exif files), security (for both PNG and JPEG Exif files), and test case coverage (for your PNG test cases). Security will receive the highest weight, so make sure you have no memory safety bugs! But, you must pass at least half the functional tests for a format to get any security points for it.

We'll test functionality by running your program on a few test cases (the functionality tests) and checking that your program produces the right output. We have provided the functionality test cases with the starter code, so you can test in advance whether you will receive full points for functionality.

We will also have additional functionality tests that we keep hidden from you. The purpose of these tests is to detect submissions which hard coded the results for other functionality tests. If you fail these additional tests, we will look at your code. If we see that you have hard coded in the expected results, you will lose points. Otherwise (even if you failed the test) you will not lose any points.

Every few days we might run the autograder with some of our private test cases to give you partial early feedback, so it pays to start early and submit as soon as you have working code. The autograder will send you feedback by email to the email you listed when you registered your class account. After the deadline, we will run the autograder with all tests, email you a full report to your registered email, and record your grade in glookup.

We will penalize late submissions, as described on the course web page: if you submit less than 24 hours late, you will lose 10%; if you submit less than 48 hours, you will lose 20%; less than 72 hours, lose 40%; and no submissions will be accepted 72 hours or more after the deadline.

You should work in a group of two. You may not share your code or solutions with anyone other than your project partner. The maximum group size is two; you may not work in a group of three or larger.

5 Helpful tools and tips

The Valgrind tool and the ZLib library will be useful in writing your forensic analysis program. They are both installed on the hiveN.cs instructional machines. Our autograder will compile and run your code on those machines, so they would be good places to test your code.

You may also find a binary hex editor (i.e., a tool for reading and editing binary files) helpful for writing test cases. bless or ghex are useful for this purpose, if you have a graphical login. On a text-only connection, you can try hexedit or Emacs. On Emacs, M-x hexl-mode takes you to the binary editor. Unfortunately, hexedit and Emacs don't seem to let you insert characters (only overwrite existing characters).

If you want to calculate a CRC-32 checksum by hand, you can do this quickly with an interactive Python shell, as sketched below:

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$ python
>>> import zlib
>>> '%8.8X' % (zlib.crc32('tEXtTitle\OPngSuite') & Oxfffffff)
'4F55CF4C'
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So if we have a PNG tEXt chunk whose data is Title\OPngSuite, its CRC-32 checksum will be 0x4F55CF4C.

Using Valgrind. Valgrind is helpful for checking for memory safety bugs and diagnosing their full cause. Valgrind works by running your program, with extra checks added to each memory access to try to detect out-of-bounds reads/writes. You can run your program on an input foo.png using Valgrind, as follows:

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valgrind ./analyze foo.pn
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In other words, you just prepend valgrind to the command line.

If this test case triggers a buffer overrun, you might get an error message like this from Valgrind:

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==24677== Invalid write of size 1
==24677== at 0x400556: g (broken.c:11)
==24677== by 0x400563: h (broken.c:15)
==24677== by 0x40057E: main (broken.c:20)
==24677== Address 0x4c320a4 is 20 bytes after a block of size 80 alloc'd
==24677== at 0x4A06409: malloc (in /usr/lib64/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux
==24677== by 0x40053D: f (broken.c:7)
==24677== by 0x400579: main (broken.c:19)
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Here is how to interpret that example. Valgrind reports that this is a Invalid write, meaning that this was a write to an invalid memory address. Valgrind shows the call stack: main() called h(), which called g(), which caused the invalid memory access on line 11 of

broken.c. Valgrind also tells you that this was an attempt to write 20 bytes past the end of a 80-byte buffer, and it gives you the call stack when that buffer was allocated (namely, f() called malloc()).

For this exercise, we have provided a .valgrindrc file which customizes any invocation of valgrind. When you run:

valgrind ./analyze foo.pn

This will automatically add the flags --suppressions=./libz.supp --leak-check=no --track-origins This will give extra information about a certain kind of error message (use of uninitialized data). Valgrind detects a memory problem in ZLib's uncompress function that is expected behavior. The suppressions flag tells Valgrind to ignore this problem.

So, Valgrind can be helpful for testing. You can run your program on many nasty test cases (deliberately chosen to try to exercise potential security holes), using Valgrind, and Valgrind will tell you if it has detected any memory safety flaw.

However, Valgrind is not perfect. It does not detect all memory-safety bugs. In particular, it is especially weak at detecting overruns of stack buffers. We have set up the Makefile to compile your program with stack canaries, to make it more likely that you detect these problems during testing. If a stack buffer is overrun and this is detected by the stack canary mechanism, you will see a message like:

*** stack smashing detected ***: ./analyze terminated

Nonetheless, even with this addition, it is important to understand the limitations of testing: it can only find bugs that your test cases can trigger. This is especially true for security bugs, which are often hard to trigger accidentally. Therefore, your first line of defense should be to write your source code carefully and review it line-by-line for potential memory safety errors.

On your own machine. If you have your own Linux machine and you have apt-get, you can install Valgrind, zlib, bless, ghex, and hexedit as follows:

sudo apt-get install valgrind zlib1g-dev bless ghex hexedit

6 File Formats

You must support the PNG files and JPEG/Exif image file formats. Everything you need to know about these file formats is documented below.

Of course, we may run your program on arbitrary malicious inputs. Your program must never exhibit any memory safety bug on those inputs (but it doesn't need to produce useful output, if the input is not a valid PNG or JPEG/Exif file).

6.1 PNG file format

A PNG file starts with the 8 bytes $0x89 \ 0x50 \ 0x4e \ 0x47 \ 0x0d \ 0x0a \ 0x1a \ 0x0a$. The rest of the file is a sequence of chunks. The format of a chunk is:

field name	length	description
length	4 bytes	the length of the data field, in bytes (stored as big-endian integer)
$\operatorname{chunktype}$	4 bytes	4 ASCII characters identifying what kind of data this is
data	length bytes	
checksum	4 bytes	a CRC-32 checksum of the chunktype and data

The checksum is a CRC-32 checksum that is computed over the chunk type and the data (but *not* the length). Helpful hint: the crc32 function in zlib can be used to compute and check the validity of the CRC-32 checksum.

There are many possible chunktypes. You need to know about the following three: tEXt (0x74 0x45 0x58 0x74), zTXt (0x7A 0x54 0x58 0x74), and tIME (0x74 0x49 0x4D 0x45). These chunks may be found in any order in the file. There can be any number of tEXt and zTXt chunks, but there will never be more than one tIME chunk in a valid PNG file. There will also be many other chunks; you should skip over them.

The format of the data field in the **tEXt** chunk is:

field name	length	description
key nul value	1 byte	a sequence of characters always the byte $0x00$ ("\0") a sequence of characters

Thus, the tEXt chunk is a key-value pair. Neither the key nor the value are nul-terminated. There are no restrictions on the characters in the key and value, except that there should be no nul bytes.

The format of the **zTXt** chunk is similar:

field name	length	description
key	variable	a sequence of characters
nul	1 byte	always the byte $0x00$ ("\0")
$\operatorname{compressiontype}$	1 byte	always $0x00$, in this assignment
compressed value	variable	a sequence of characters, compressed

You only need to consider the case where the compressiontype byte is zero, in this assignment. As in the tEXt chunk, the key is a non-nul-terminated sequence of characters (bytes), with no restriction on what characters may be used except that there should be no nul bytes. The compressedvalue is compressed using zlib; you can use the uncompress() function from zlib to retrieve the original value. Once decompressed, the value is a non-nul-terminated

sequence of characters (bytes), with no restriction on what characters may be used except that there should be no nul bytes, just as in the **tEXt** chunk.

field name	length	description
year month day hour minute second	2 bytes 1 byte 1 byte 1 byte 1 byte 1 byte 1 byte	the year, as a 16-bit big-endian integer the month, as a 8-bit integer

The format of the data field in the tIME chunk is:

When you see this chunk, you should produce output like

Timestamp: 12/25/2004 2:39:2

For a detailed example of how a small PNG file is decoded, see the figure on the next page.

6.2 JPEG file format

A JPEG file consists of a sequence of variable-length chunks.

A chunk starts with a 2-byte marker, which indicates the type of the chunk. The marker is a 2-byte value in the range 0xff01 to 0xfffe; the first byte of the marker is always 0xff.

There are two formats for chunks: standard chunks and super chunks. Standard chunks have the following form:

field name	length	description
marker length data	2 bytes 2 bytes (length $- 2$) bytes	indicates the type of chunk the length of the chunk, not including the marker

Chunks with markers between 0xffd0 and 0xffda (inclusive) are super chunks. Super chunks are like standard chunks, except they do not have a length field. Instead, in a super chunk, the marker is followed by a variable-length stream of encoded data. The encoded data has been encoded so that every 0xff byte will be followed by a 0x00 byte. The length of the encoded data can be determined by looking for the next 0xff byte that's followed by something other than a 0x00 byte; when you find one, that must be a marker that starts a new chunk, which in turn identifies the end of the encoded data stream. The SOS (Start of Scan) chunk starts with marker 0xffda and is a super chunk. Any chunk that is not a super chunk (i.e., any chunk whose is below 0xffd0 or above 0xffda) is a standard chunk.



Length: Number of data bytes in a chunk



First 8 bytes of PNG file 👡

This is the hex dump of functionality_test.png with annotations explaining its meaning.

of the file		_					-	_			Chunk type: IHDR (4 bytes)
Chunk type:	00000000:	8950	4e47	0d0a	1a0a	0000	000d	4948	4452	.PNGIHDR	Length of $0xd = 13$ bytes
gAMA	00000010:										
	00000020:	2900	0000	0467	414d	4100	0186	a031	e896)gAMA1	13 bytes of irrelevant data
Length of 4 bytes	00000030:									tEXtTitle.P	Checksum (4 bytes)
	00000040:									ngSuiteOU.L1t	
4 data byt <mark>e</mark>	<mark>\$</mark> 00000050:	4558	7441	7574	686f	7200	5769	6c6c	656d	EXtAuthor.Willem	Chunk type: tEXt
Checksum	00000060:	2041	2e4a	2e20	7661	6e20	5363	6861	696b	A.J. van Schaik	Length of $0xe = 14$ bytes
	00000070:	0a28	7769	6c6c	656d	4073	6368	6169	6b2e	.(willem@schaik.	Data (14 bytes):
	0000080:	636f	6d29	8ecc	471f	0000	00bb	7a54	5874	com)GzTXt	Key: Title
	00000090:	4465	7363	7269	7074	696f	6e00	0078	9c2d	Descriptionx	1 null byte (0x00)
	000000a0:									O.D.~.ML	Value: PngSuite
	000000Ъ0:	5810	bf60	5c43	22dc	384a	0c55	ff1e	57ЪО	X'\C".8J.UW.	Checksum
	00000c0:	59be	7b77	7702	db52	b392	672b	b007	085d	Y.{wwRg+]	CheckSum
	000000d0:	7c3f	f242	4fe9	e026	e432	c30d	2edd	e149	?.BO&.2I	
	000000e0:	860f	b56c	efd0	4cad	1d7d	abe1	0b22	24dc	lL}"\$.	
	000000f0:	ae67	3cac	2de4	132e	85f5	3d07	4b4d	86bb	.g<=.KM	Chunk type: tIME
	00000100:	12bf	0e6b	ca2e	e30f	1c51	49c5	237c	c49a	kQI.#	
	00000110:	3d81	b426	0227	2a45	f4f7	1bbc	51e9	3502	=&.'*EQ.5.	Length of $0x7 = 7$ bytes
	00000120:	0a6f	ffe0	3ee1	a48a	7bf6	e32c	d553	0f50	.o>{,.S.P	Data (7 bytes):
	00000130:	6ddd	7b98	adcd	b93c	877d	6dac	e955	786f	m.{<.}mUxo	Year: $0x7d0 = 2000$
	00000140:	476d	d2a5	f8f4	051f	f256	04f2	627a	8800	GmVbz	Month: 1
	00000150:	0000	0774	494d	4507	d001	010c	2238	dd9c	tIME"8	
	00000160:	ff80	0000	0040	7a54	5874	536f	6674	7761	@zTXtSoftwa	Day: 1
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	00000180:	5348	54f0	4b8d	0829	2e49	2cc9	04f2	92f3	SHT.K).I,	Minute: 0x22 = 34
	00000190:	73f2	8b14	4a8b	33f3	d215	940a	f272	4bf2	sJ.3rK.	Second: $0x38 = 56$
	000001a0:	0bf2	d295	f400	a6ec	1142	9e51	a8ae	0000	B.Q	
	000001Ъ0:									zTXtDisclaimer	Checksum
	000001c0:	0000	789c	732b	4a4d	2d4f	2c4a	d503	0011	x.s+JM-0,J	
	000001d0:									U.'IDATx	Chunk type: zTXt
	000001e0:									.]0P.*@	Length of $0x1d = 29$ bytes
	000001f0:	1da1	23Ъ0	0a23	54e2	c805	3101	1b30	026c	##T10.1	
	00000200:	5046	6003	d8a0	463d	9502	9fc4	4951	e21c	PF'F=IQ	Data (29 bytes):
	00000210:									*u'.%qkH	Key: Disclaimer
	00000220:									m	1 null byte (0x00)
	00000230:									=,f.OK	Compression type: 0x00
	00000240:									.t(F.	
	00000250:									;.P{xp.].9./	Value: 17 bytes
	00000260:									.p.*\$(.*.y	Checksum
	00000270:									@.Cc.q.	
	00000280:									N.U#.)11r	
	00000290:									fgh(
	00000230:									tEkI	
	000002a0.					1103	0000	0000	0010	END.B'.	
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The first chunk in a JPEG file must be a SOI (Start of Image) chunk, with marker 0xffd8. The last chunk will be EOI (End of Image), with marker 0xffd9. Both of these are super chunks: they do not have a length field. In addition, they do not have a data field either - the next marker is found immediately after it.

One of the chunks in the file will be a APP1 chunk, with marker 0xffe1. This is a standard chunk. The data portion of this chunk contains a TIFF file, which in turn contains the Exif data. This is the only chunk whose contents you need to analyze. Your program should parse the JPEG file into chunks, skip over other than the APP1 chunk, find the APP1 chunk, and then analyze its contents as described below.

When you find the APP1 chunk, its data field will contain the byte sequence 0x45 0x78 0x69 0x66 0x00 0x00 followed by a TIFF file, whose format is described next.

6.3 TIFF file format

A TIFF file starts with a TIFF header. Somewhere after that is a 0th IFD as well as an Exif IFD, plus lots of other stuff you can ignore. Intuitively, each IFD is itself a sort of "TIFF mega-chunk."

field name	length	description
endianness	2 bytes	0x49 0x49, in this project
magic string	2 bytes	always 0x2a 0x00, in this project
offset	4 bytes	the start position of the 0th IFD, as an offset into the TIFF file

The TIFF header is 8 bytes long and has the following form:

The first 2 bytes of the TIFF header are either 0x4949 (indicating a little-endian TIFF file) or 0x4d4d (indicating a big-endian TIFF file). For this project, you only need to implement support for little-endian TIFF files. In other words, the first two bytes of the TIFF header will be 0x49 0x49. For a little-endian TIFF image, all 2-byte and 4-byte integers will be stored in little-endian form. The next 2 bytes of the TIFF header are always 0x2a followed by 0x00. The final 4 bytes of the TIFF header indicate where the 0th IFD begins. In particular, they encode an integer that is the offset (in bytes, from the start of the TIFF file) where the 0th IFD begins. For instance, if this field holds the value 0x08 0x00 0x00 0x00, then this corresponds to the integer 0x00000008 after taking into account the little-endian encoding, so the 0th IFD begins at the 8th byte of the TIFF file.

An IFD is a variable-length record, which contains a variable number of tag structures. A tag structure is used to store some kind of parameter; think of it as a name-value pair. The IFD starts with a 2-byte unsigned integer that records the number of tag structures in the IFD (in little-endian form, as always). This is followed by the sequence of tag structures.

A tag structure is a container for a list of items. All of the items in the list have the same type. The tag structure has the following format:

field name	length	description
tagid datatype		what kind of tag structure this is indicates the type of each item (e.g., int, float, etc.)
count offset_or_value	v	the number of items in the tag structure normally, start of item list, as an offset into the TIFF file

The tagid indicates what kind of tag structure this is and how to interpret the values in the list of items.

The datatype of a tag structure can	be one of of the following values:
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value	name	description
0x0001	byte	a byte
0x0002	ASCII string	one character (i.e., byte) of a nul-terminated ASCII string
0x0003	unsigned short	a two-byte unsigned integer
0x0004	unsigned long	a four-byte unsigned integer
0x0005	unsigned rational	two unsigned longs (numerator, denominator)
0x0007	undefined	one character (i.e., a byte)
8000x0	signed short	a two-byte signed integer
0x0009	signed long	a four-byte signed integer
0x000a	signed rational	two signed longs (numerator, denominator)
0x000b	float	4-byte floating point number
0x000c	double	8-byte floating point number

As always, the 2-byte integers shown above are stored in little-endian form; for instance, a 'short' is indicated by the two-byte datatype $0x03 \ 0x00$. The length of an ASCII string is given by the count of its containing tag structure. The ASCII string must be nul-terminated, i.e., its last character is "\0" (0x00). Data of type 'undefined' can have any kind of data, but we will interpret it as an ASCII string. Since it can have any kind of data, it may or may not be nul-terminated.

The offset_or_value field of a tag structure is a bit tricky. Normally, it is an offset into the TIFF file, identifying the position where the list of items are found. For instance, if its value is 0x00000040 (bytes 0x40 0x00 0x00 0x00), then the list of items starts at the 64th byte of the TIFF file. (The datatype field of the tag structure reveals how long each item is, and the count field indicates how many items are in the list, so once you know the starting position of the list of items, you can read all the items.) However, as a special case, if the entire list of items fits in 4 bytes or less, the list is stored directly in the offset_or_value field (with zero bytes appended if needed to make it exactly 4 bytes long). For instance, if the datatype is 'byte' (0x0001) and the count is 3 and the three data bytes are 0x42 0x43 0x44, then the offset_or_value field will contain the bytes 0x42 0x43 0x44 0x00.

Here are the kinds of tag structures that you'll need to output, and their corresponding tagid:

name	tagid	description
DocumentName	0x010D	name of the document from which the image was obtained
ImageDescription	0x010E	a description of the image
Make	0x010F	make of the camera
Model	0x0110	model of the camera
Software	0x0131	software used to create the image
DateTime	0x0132	date and time of image creation
Artist	0x013B	creator of the image
HostComputer	0x013C	computer used to create the image
Copyright	0x8298	copyright notice
RelatedSoundFile	0xA004	name of a related audio file
DateTimeOriginal	0x9003	date and time of original image creation
DateTimeDigitized	0x9004	date and time when image was stored as digital data
MakerNote	0x927C	manufacturer-defined information
UserComment	0x9286	comments on the image from the creator
ImageUniqueID	0xA420	a unique identifier assigned to the image

(As a reminder, the tagid is a 2-byte integer that's stored in little-endian format in the file; for instance, the DocumentName tagid is stored as the two bytes 0x0D 01.) Each of these tag structures stores an ASCII string, except for MakerNote and UserComment, which are of datatype 'undefined': i.e., a sequence of characters whose length is indicated by the count field of the tag structure (just like an ASCII string, except it's not nul-terminated). The UserComment tag structure is special: its data part starts with 8 bytes that indicate the character set (0x41 0x53 0x43 0x49 0x49 0x00 0x00 0x00 indicates ASCII, and you can ignore all other values), followed by the actual user comment. Your program should output one line for each of the tag structures listed in the table above, in the format Header: Value, e.g., Artist: Dorothea Lange.

In addition, you need to know about the following tag structure, which should be present in the 0th IFD:

name	tagid	description
Exif IFD ptr	0x8769	start position of the Exif IFD, as an offset into the TIFF file

This tag structure contains a single long (a 4-byte integer) identifying the file offset where the Exif IFD starts. Since the offset fits into 4 bytes, it is stored directly in the offset_or_value field of the tag structure.

Your program should parse the TIFF header, find the location of the 0th IFD, parse the 0th IFD as a sequence of tag structures, print the value of all string-valued tag structures listed in the table above, look for the Exif IFD ptr tag structure in the 0th IFD, use that to find the location of the Exif IFD, parse the Exif IFD as a sequence of tag structures, and print the value of all string-valued tag structured listed in the table above.

For an example of a small JPEG file and the decoding of its first 46 bytes, see the figure on the next page. (Credit: Flickr.)

