# [MS-FCIADS]:

# File Classification Infrastructure Alternate Data Stream (ADS) File Format

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#### 1 Introduction

The File Classification Infrastructure Alternate Data Stream (ADS) File Format is a subset of the functionality specified in the File Server Resource Manager Protocol [MS-FSRM] that persists metadata information for files into NTFS alternate data streams that follow the formats defined in this document.

Sections 1.7 and 2 of this specification are normative and can contain the terms MAY, SHOULD, MUST, MUST NOT, and SHOULD NOT as defined in RFC 2119. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

#### 1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [MS-GLOS]:

big-endian
cyclic redundancy check (CRC)
little-endian
UTC (Coordinated Universal Time)
UTF-16LE (Unicode Transformation Format, 16-bits, little-endian)

The following terms are specific to this document:

**FCIADS stream:** The NTFS alternate data stream ([MSFT-NTFSWorks]) named FSRM{ef88c031-5950-4164-ab92-eec5f16005a5} that stores Property Definition Instance ([MS-FSRM] section 3.2.1.6.5) abstract data model (ADM) element instances for files.

Normal Property: A property assigned to a file or folder that cannot affect security.

**Secure Property:** A property assigned to a file or folder that can affect security.

MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT: These terms (in all caps) are used as described in <a href="[RFC2119]">[RFC2119]</a>. All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

#### 1.2 References

References to Microsoft Open Specifications documentation do not include a publishing year because links are to the latest version of the documents, which are updated frequently. References to other documents include a publishing year when one is available.

A reference marked "(Archived)" means that the reference document was either retired and is no longer being maintained or was replaced with a new document that provides current implementation details. We archive our documents online [Windows Protocol].

#### 1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact <a href="mailto:dochelp@microsoft.com">dochelp@microsoft.com</a>. We will assist you in finding the relevant information. Please check the archive site, <a href="http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624">http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624</a>, as an additional source.

[MS-DTYP] Microsoft Corporation, "Windows Data Types".

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[MS-FSRM] Microsoft Corporation, "File Server Resource Manager Protocol".

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <a href="http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt">http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt</a>

#### 1.2.2 Informative References

[MS-FSA] Microsoft Corporation, "File System Algorithms".

[MS-FSCC] Microsoft Corporation, "File System Control Codes".

[MSFT-NTFSWorks] Microsoft Corporation, "How NTFS Works", March 2003, http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc781134(WS.10).aspx

[MS-GLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "Windows Protocols Master Glossary".

#### 1.3 Overview

The structures defined in this document are used to store metadata for files. The metadata information is derived from the **Property Definition Instance** ([MS-FSRM] section 3.2.1.6.5) ADM element instances that the File Server Resource Manager [MS-FSRM] protocol creates. Using these structures, the File Server Resource Manager persists metadata for each file into an NTFS alternate data stream ([MS-FSCC] section 5 ) with the name FSRM{ef88c031-5950-4164-ab92-eec5f16005a5}. This type of NTFS alternate data stream ([MSFT-NTFSWorks]) is referred to as an **FCIADS stream**.

#### 1.4 Relationship to Protocols and Other Structures

The File Server Resource Manager protocol creates the FCIADS stream and stores **Property Definition Instance** ([MS-FSRM] section 3.2.1.6.5) ADM element instances into it using the structures defined in this document. The File Server Resource Manager protocol can also read the information in an FCIADS stream to recreate a **Property Definition Instance** ADM element instance for the file.

The File System Algorithms specified in [MS-FSA], define the properties of a **DataStream** ADM element. An **Alternate Data Stream** is an NTFS **DataStream** ADM element instance with a nonempty **Name** ADM attribute.

#### 1.5 Applicability Statement

The FCIADS is applicable when the File Server Resource Manager Protocol [MS-FSRM] persists a **Property Definition Instance** ([MS-FSRM] section 3.2.1.6.5) ADM element instance for a file.

#### 1.6 Versioning and Localization

To provide compatibility, the FCIADS uses the same structure versions for Windows Server 2008 R2 operating system, Windows 8 operating system, and Windows Server 2012 operating system.

#### 1.7 Vendor-Extensible Fields

The FCIADS has no vendor-extensible fields.

#### 2 Structures

The following structures specify the formats of the FCIADS stream when written. Unless otherwise specified, all noncharacter fields are stored as unsigned integers in **little-endian** format, and all strings are null-terminated and are stored as **UTF-16LE** (**Unicode Transformation Format, 16-bits, little-endian**). **GUID** ([MS-DTYP] section 2.3.4.2) fields are stored with the **Data1** (the first 4 bytes), **Data2** (the next 2 bytes), and **Data3** (the next 2 bytes) fields in little-endian format; the **Data4** field (the last 8 bytes) is stored in **big-endian** format.

#### 2.1 ADSStreamHeader

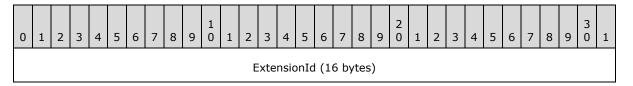
The **ADSStreamHeader** structure specifies fields that are used to provide status and basic information about an FCIADS stream.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	1
	VersionId (16 bytes)																														
	Crc																														
	TimeStamp																														
	StreamLength																														
	FirstFieldExtensionOffset																														
	Flags																														
	NonSecurePropertyCount																														
	FileHash																														
	NonSecureProperties (variable)																														
	FieldExtensionHeaders (variable)																														

- **VersionId (16 bytes):** A **GUID** ([MS-DTYP] section 2.3.4.2) that identifies the FCIADS stream. MUST be set to 43ee0c5f-e038-421c-8a3e-ab4eb1166124.
- **Crc (8 bytes):** A bit-reversed CRC-64 hash of the FCIADS stream from the **TimeStamp** field to the end of the structure that can be used to validate the integrity of the FCIADS stream. The **cyclic redundancy check (CRC)** polynomial is  $x^{**}64 + x^{**}61 + x^{**}58 + x^{**}56 + x^{**}55 + x^{**}52 + x^{**}51 + x^{**}50 + x^{**}47 + x^{**}42 + x^{**}39 + x^{**}38 + x^{**}35 + x^{**}33 + x^{**}32 + x^{**}31 + x^{**}29 + x^{**}26 + x^{**}25 + x^{**}22 + x^{**}17 + x^{**}14 + x^{**}13 + x^{**}9 + x^{**}8 + x^{**}6 + x^{**}3 + 1$ , with the leading 1 implied. The normal representation is 0x92C64265D32139A4.
- **TimeStamp (8 bytes):** A **FILETIME** ([MS-DTYP] section 2.3.3) structure containing the time in **UTC (Coordinated Universal Time)** at which the cache was last written.
- **StreamLength (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the length of the FCIADS stream, in bytes, from the start of the structure.<a><1></a>
- **FirstFieldExtensionOffset (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the offset, in bytes, from the start of the FCIADS stream of the first, if any, <u>ADSFieldExtensionHeader (section 2.2)</u> structure stored in the FCIADS stream. Subsequent **ADSFieldExtensionHeader** structures can follow this first structure. If no field extension header structures are present in the FCIADS stream, this field has the value zero (0x00000000).
- **Flags (4 bytes):** The state of an FCIADS stream represented as a bitwise OR of **ADSCacheFlags** ([MS-FSRM] section 2.2.1.2.18) enumeration values.<2>
- **NonSecurePropertyCount (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that specifies the number of **Property Definition Instance** ([MS-FSRM] section 3.2.1.6.5) ADM element instances stored in the FCIADS stream.
- **FileHash (8 bytes):** A bit-reversed CRC-64 hash of a data structure containing the 64-bit file ID, the 64-bit parent directory ID, the file path and name, and the last write time (in UTC) of the file as a **FILETIME** structure. If a newly computed **FileHash** field value does not match an existing **FileHash** field value, the cache may be out of date. The CRC polynomial is  $x^*64 + x^*61 + x^*58 + x^*56 + x^*55 + x^*52 + x^*51 + x^*50 + x^*47 + x^*42 + x^*39 + x^*38 + x^*35 + x^*33 + x^*32 + x^*31 + x^*29 + x^*26 + x^*25 + x^*22 + x^*17 + x^*14 + x^*13 + x^*9 + x^*8 + x^*6 + x^*3 + 1$ . The normal representation is 0x92C64265D32139A4.
- **NonSecureProperties (variable):** Contains zero or more **Property Definition Instance** ADM element instances of a file stored in ADSNonSecurePropertyHeader (section 2.5) structures.
- **FieldExtensionHeaders (variable):** Contains zero or more field extension header structures of a file stored in **ADSFieldExtensionHeader** structures. Some of these structures can be of type <u>ADSSecurePropertiesExtensionHeader (section 2.3)</u>. The offset to the first structure (if any) is stored in the **FirstFieldExtensionOffset** field.

#### 2.2 ADSFieldExtensionHeader

The **ADSFieldExtensionHeader** structure extends the <u>ADSStreamHeader (section 2.1)</u> structure to store information that cannot be determined for this version of the structure format.





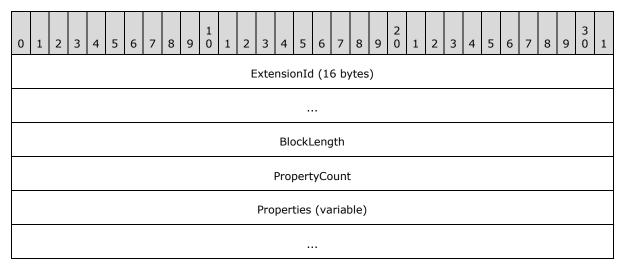
**ExtensionId (16 bytes):** Contains the **GUID** ([MS-DTYP] section 2.3.4.2) that identifies the field extension.

**BlockLength (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the size, in bytes, of the **ADSFieldExtensionHeader** structure, including the length of the **Data** field.

Data (variable): Contains unformatted data.

#### 2.3 ADSSecurePropertiesExtensionHeader

The **ADSSecurePropertiesExtensionHeader** structure extends the FCIADS stream format to store **Secure Properties**.<3>



**ExtensionId (16 bytes):** A **GUID** ([MS-DTYP] section 2.3.4.2) that identifies the field extension as a secure property field extension. MUST be set to 35c8acd4-a0db-426d-85fc-7911cb780e4e.

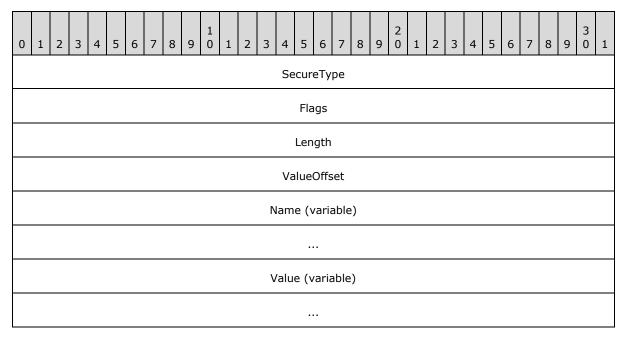
**BlockLength (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the length, in bytes, of the **ADSSecurePropertiesExtensionHeader** structure, including the length of the **Data** field.

**PropertyCount (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the number of <u>ADSSecurePropertyHeader (section 2.4)</u> structures that are stored in the **Properties** field.

**Properties (variable):** Contains zero or more **ADSSecurePropertyHeader** structure instances.

#### 2.4 ADSSecurePropertyHeader

The **ADSSecurePropertyHeader** structure specifies fields that correspond to the ADM attributes of a **Property Definition Instance** ([MS-FSRM] section 3.2.1.6.5) ADM element instance with a **Property Definition Instance.Secure** ADM attribute set to TRUE and that are written to an FCIADS stream. Each such **Property Definition Instance** ADM element instance is referred to as a Secure Property.



SecureType (4 bytes): A 32-bit unsigned integer that specifies whether the type of the Secure Property is an integer or a string value. MUST be set to only one value of the FCI\_ADS\_SECURE\_PROPERTY\_TYPE ([MS-FSRM] section 2.2.1.2.20) enumeration. If the Secure Property has a Property Definition Instance.Type ADM attribute FsrmPropertyDefinitionType ([MS-FSRM] section 2.2.2.3.1.1) enumeration value of FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_MultiChoiceList, FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_String, or FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_MultiString, this field SHOULD be set to FCI\_ADS\_SECURE\_PROPERTY\_TYPE\_STRING. If the Secure Property has a Property Definition Instance.Type ADM attribute FsrmPropertyDefinitionType enumeration value of FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_OrderedList, FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_Int, or FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_Bool, this field SHOULD be set to FCI\_ADS\_SECURE\_PROPERTY\_TYPE\_INT64. All other Property Definition Instance.Type ADM attribute values MUST NOT be stored in this field.

**Flags (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that indicates the state of the Secure Property as a bitwise OR of values of the **ADSCachePropertyFlags** ([MS-FSRM] section 2.2.1.2.19) enumeration.

**Length (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the length, in bytes, of the **ADSSecurePropertyHeader** structure.

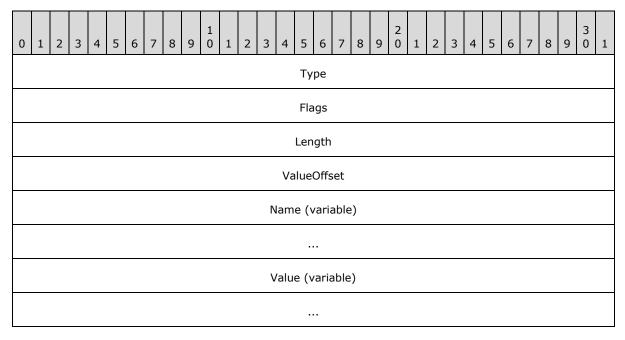
**ValueOffset (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the offset, in bytes, of the **Value** field from the beginning of the **ADSSecurePropertyHeader** structure.

Name (variable): A null-terminated string encoded in UTF-16LE format that specifies the **Property Definition Instance.Name** ADM attribute of the Secure Property in the FCIADS stream.

**Value (variable):** A null-terminated string encoded in UTF-16LE format that specifies the **Property Definition Instance.Value** ADM attribute of the Secure Property in the FCIADS stream.

#### 2.5 ADSNonSecurePropertyHeader

The **ADSNonSecurePropertyHeader** structure specifies fields that correspond to the ADM attributes of a **Property Definition Instance** ([MS-FSRM] section 3.2.1.6.5) ADM element instance with a **Property Definition Instance**. Secure ADM attribute set to FALSE and that are written to an FCIADS stream. Each such **Property Definition Instance** ADM element instance is referred to as a **Normal Property**.



**Type (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that specifies whether the type of the Normal Property is an integer or a string value. MUST be set to only one value of the

**FsrmPropertyDefinitionType** ([MS-FSRM] section 2.2.2.3.1.1) enumeration. If the Normal Property has a **Property Definition Instance.Type** ADM attribute set to an

FsrmPropertyDefinitionType enumeration value of

FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_MultiChoiceList, FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_String, FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_OrderedList, or

FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_MultiString, this field SHOULD be set to

FCI\_ADS\_SECURE\_PROPERTY\_TYPE\_STRING. If the Normal Property has a Property Definition Instance.Type ADM attribute set to an FsrmPropertyDefinitionType enumeration value of FsrmPropertyDefinitionType Date,

FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_Int, or FsrmPropertyDefinitionType\_Bool, this field SHOULD be set to FCI\_ADS\_SECURE\_PROPERTY\_TYPE\_INT64. All other Property Definition Instance.Type ADM attribute values MUST NOT be stored in this field.

- **Flags (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer that indicates the state of the Normal Property as a bitwise OR of values of the **FsrmPropertyFlags** ([MS-FSRM] section 2.2.2.6.1.1) enumeration.
- **Length (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the length, in bytes, of the **ADSNonSecurePropertyHeader** structure.
- **ValueOffset (4 bytes):** A 32-bit unsigned integer set to the offset, in bytes, of the **Value** field from the beginning of the **ADSNonSecurePropertyHeader** structure.
- Name (variable): A null-terminated string encoded in UTF-16LE format that specifies the **Property Definition Instance.Name** ADM attribute of the Normal Property in the FCIADS stream.
- **Value (variable):** A null-terminated string encoded in UTF-16LE format that specifies the **Property Definition Instance.Value** ADM attribute of the Normal Property in the FCIADS stream.

# **3 Structure Examples**

The following example depicts an FCIADS stream as an <u>ADSStreamHeader (section 2.1)</u> structure followed by two Normal Properties encoded as two <u>ADSNonSecurePropertyHeader (section 2.5)</u> structures.

Field Name	Offset	Value
VersionId	0x00	{43ee0c5f-e038-421c-8a3e-ab4eb1166124}
Crc	0x10	0xceda1773`80c66553
TimeStamp	0x18	0x01c934b2`99f4dbeb (2008-10-23 01:56:44)
StreamLength	0x20	0x0000008a (138 bytes)
FirstFieldExtensionOffset	0x24	0x0000000
Flags	0x28	0x0000000
NonSecurePropertyCount	0x2C	0x0000002 (2)
FileHash	0x30	0x1f949ccf`af24aed8
Property 1 Type	0x38	0x00000001 (FsrmPropertyDefinitionType_OrderedList)
Property 1 Flags	0x3C	0x00000008 (FsrmPropertyFlags_SetByClassifier)
Property 1 Length	0×40	0x00000036 (54 bytes)

Field Name	Offset	Value
Property 1 ValueOffset	0x44	0x0000002e
Property 1 Name	0x48	"BusinessImpact"
Property 1 Value	0x38 + 0x2E = 0x66	"HBI"
Property 2 Type	0x38 + 0x36 = 0x6E	0x00000007 (FsrmPropertyDefinitionType_Bool)
Property 2 Flags	0x72	0x00000008 (FsrmPropertyFlags_SetByClassifier)
Property 2 Length	0x76	0x0000001c (28 bytes)
Property 2 ValueOffset	0x7A	0x0000018
Property 2 Name	0×7E	"PII"
Property 2 Value	0x6E + 0x18 = 0x86	"1"

# 4 Security

# 4.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

None.

# 4.2 Index of Security Fields

None.

### 5 Appendix A: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following Microsoft products or supplemental software. References to product versions include released service packs:

- Windows Server 2008 R2 operating system
- Windows 8 operating system
- Windows Server 2012 operating system
- Windows 8.1 operating system
- Windows Server 2012 R2 operating system

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack or Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack or QFE. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified. If a product edition appears with the product version, behavior is different in that product edition.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification that is prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that the product does not follow the prescription.

<1> Section 2.1: An FCIADS stream is limited to 4 KB in length.

<2> Section 2.1: An ADS stream containing these structures always sets the ADSCache\_PropertyFlagsValid flag if it is generated on Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, Windows 8.1, or Windows Server 2012 R2. An ADS stream generated on Windows Server 2008 R2 never sets this flag.

<3> Section 2.3: Only Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, Windows 8.1, and Windows Server 2012 R2 process Property Definition Instance ([MS-FSRM] section 3.2.1.6.5) ADM element instances with Property Definition Instance. Secure ADM attributes set to TRUE. Because these Property Definition Instance ADM element instances are stored in an ADSSecurePropertiesExtensionHeader (section 2.3) structure, which conforms to the layout of the ADSFieldExtensionHeader (section 2.2) structure, Windows Server 2008 R2 retains but does not act on them when manipulating an FCIADS stream.

# 6 Change Tracking No table of changes is available. The document is either new or has had no changes since its last release.

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