

Topic Area 4 – Distribution considerations

4.2 Properties and formats of media files	
Content	Notes on breadth and depth required
4.2.1 Image files: The properties of digital static image files: • DPI/PPI resolution • pixel dimension Static image file formats: • raster/bitmap • vector • uncompressed • compressed	To include: • Know what is meant by DPI/PPI • How DPI/PPI relates to resolution and image quality • The relationship between pixel dimensions and quality for different image uses • Know examples of raster/bitmap and vector image files • The properties and limitations of uncompressed and compressed (lossy, lossless) file formats • The properties and limitations of raster/bitmap and vector static image file formats • How file format choice relates to use and context
4.2.2 Audio Files: The properties of digital audio files: • bit depth • sample rate Audio file formats: • uncompressed • compressed	To include: • Know what is meant by sample rate and bit depth • How sample rate and bit depth relate to sound quality • What audio compression is and how it affects quality • The properties and limitations of uncompressed and compressed (lossy, lossless) file formats • How file format choice relates to use and context
4.2.3 Moving image files: The properties of digital moving image files: • frame rate • resolution (SD, HD, UHD, 4K, 8K) Moving image files formats: • animation • video • uncompressed • compressed	To include: • Know what is meant by frame rate • Know what is meant by SD, HD, UHD, 4K, 8K • How frame rate affects the quality of a product • Know examples of digital video and animation files • The properties and limitations of video and animation file formats • The properties and limitations of uncompressed and compressed (lossy, lossless) file formats • How file format choice relates to use and context
4.2.4 File compression: • lossy compression • lossless compression	To include: • Know what is meant by lossy compression • Know what is meant by lossless compression • Why lossy and lossless compression are used