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1. An apparatus for the storage of standardized image data, said apparatus comprising:
  - a) a central server computer in which standardized image data is stored;
  - b) at least one terminal computer, said terminal computer being adapted for communicating with said central server computer;
  - c) said terminal computer containing a terminal program adapted to be executed by said terminal computer, wherein said terminal program will: reformat specified raw image data stored in the terminal computer to meet a predetermined set of image standardization criteria; assign identifying matter to the standardized image data generated; and transmit said standardized image data and said identifying matter to the central server computer for storage.
  
2. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes one or more of the following:
  - a) a standard file format;
  - b) standard image dimensions; or
  - c) a standard image resolution.

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3. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said terminal program is adapted to authenticate the user of said terminal against user profiles stored in the central server computer in advance of the reformatting of specified raw image data.
4. The apparatus of Claim 3 wherein said terminal program is further adapted to download a user-specific predetermined set of image standardization criteria from the central server computer upon authentication of the user.
5. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said terminal program is resident in the terminal computer.
6. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said terminal program is loaded into the terminal computer from the central server computer.
7. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the set of image standardization criteria is loaded into the terminal computer from the central server computer.
8. The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes a standard file format, and said terminal program converts said specified raw image data to said standard file format.

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9. The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes standard image dimensions, and said terminal program scales said specified raw image data to said standard image dimensions.
10. The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes a standard image resolution, and said terminal program resamples said specified raw image data to said standard image resolution.
11. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes criteria for the generation of more than one standardized image from the specified raw image data.
12. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said terminal program is adapted to verify that the transmission of the standardized image data to the central server computer has taken place without errors.
13. The apparatus of Claim 12 wherein said terminal program verifies the error-free reception of the standardized image data by the central server computer by receiving an error-free message from the central server computer.

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14. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said terminal program will re-transmit standardized image data to the central server computer if the standardized image data was not received without errors.
15. The apparatus of Claim 12 wherein said terminal program will re-transmit standardized image data to the central server computer, if notified by the central server computer that the standardized image data was not received without errors in the previous transmission.
16. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said central server computer and said terminal computer are connected by a network.
17. The apparatus of Claim 16 wherein the network is the Internet.
18. The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein said terminal program is a browser plug-in.
19. The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein said terminal program is an applet.
20. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said central server computer files standardized image data received from the terminal computer in storage in the central server computer in accordance with the identifying matter.

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21. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said terminal program assigns said identifying matter by obtaining input of the identifying matter from the user.
22. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said terminal program generates said identifying matter.
23. The apparatus of Claim 21 wherein said terminal program generates said identifying matter using parameters provided by the central server computer.
24. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the specified raw image data consists of a single raw image to be reformatted, and the standardized image data consists of one or more standardized images of the one raw image.
25. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the specified raw image data consists of more than one raw image to be reformatted, and the standardized image data comprises one or more standardized images of each of the specified raw images.
26. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the terminal computer further comprises a display unit, and the terminal program displays the standardized image data for approval by the user of the terminal computer before transmission thereof to the central server computer.
27. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the number of terminal computers is one.

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28. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the number of terminal computers is more than one.
29. A method of standardizing image data for storage in a central location, using a central server computer in which standardized image data is to be stored and at least one terminal computer in which raw image data is stored, said terminal computer being adapted for communication with said central server computer, said terminal computer containing a terminal program adapted to be executed by said terminal computer, said method comprising the steps of:
- a) specifying the raw image data within the terminal computer to be standardized;
  - b) reformatting said specified raw image data to meet a predetermined set of image standardization criteria, the resulting reformatted specified raw image data being standardized image data; ~~and~~
  - c) assigning identifying matter to the standardized image data generated;
  - d) transmitting said standardized image data and said identifying matter to the central server computer for storage therein.

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30. The method of Claim 29 wherein the terminal computer includes user input means and wherein the specified raw image data is specified by user input at the terminal computer.
31. The method of Claim 29 further comprising authenticating the user of said terminal computer against user profiles stored in the central server computer in advance of the specification of raw image data to be reformatted.
32. The method of Claim 31 further comprising downloading a user-specific predetermined set of image standardization criteria from the central server computer upon authentication of the user.
33. The method of Claim 29 wherein the predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes one or more of the following:
  - a) a standard file format;
  - b) standard image dimensions; or
  - c) a standard image resolution.
34. The method of Claim 33 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes a standard file format, and wherein standardizing said specified raw image data comprises converting said specified image data to said standard file format.

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35. The method of Claim 33 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes standard image dimensions, and wherein standardizing said specified raw image data comprises scaling said specified image data to said standard image dimensions.
36. The method of Claim 33 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes a standard image resolution, and wherein standardizing said specified raw image data comprises resampling said specified image data to said standard image resolution.
37. The method of Claim 29 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes criteria for the generation of more than one standardized image from the specified raw image data.
38. The method of Claim 29 further comprising filing the standardized image data in the central server computer in accordance with the identifying matter.
39. The method of Claim 29 wherein said identifying matter are assigned by user input at the terminal computer.
40. The method of Claim 29 wherein said identifying matter are generated by the terminal program.

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41. The method of Claim 40 wherein said identifying matter is generated using parameters provided by the central server computer.
42. The method of Claim 29 wherein the raw image data specified comprises a single raw image to be reformatted, and the standardized image data comprises one or more standardized images of the single specified raw image.
43. The method of Claim 29 wherein the specified raw image data comprises more than one raw image to be reformatted, and the standardized image data consists of one or more standardized images of each specified raw image.
44. The method of Claim 29 wherein said terminal program is resident in the terminal computer.
45. The method of Claim 29 wherein said terminal program is loaded into the terminal computer from the central server computer.
46. The method of Claim 29 wherein said central server computer and said terminal computer are connected by a network.
47. The method of Claim 46 wherein said network is the Internet.

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48. A computer product comprising a computer readable medium with instructions stored therein to control a terminal computer for the standardization of specified raw image data residing in said terminal computer for transmission to a central server computer with which said terminal computer is adapted to communicate, which instructions, when executed by said terminal computer, will cause the terminal to perform the steps of:

- a) selecting the raw image data to be standardized;
- b) reformatting the selected raw image data to meet a predetermined set of image standardization criteria, said reformatted raw image data being standardized image data;
- c) assigning identifying matter to the standardized image data for transmission to the central server computer along with the standardized image data; and
- d) transmitting said standardized image data and the identifying matter to the central server for storage therein.

49. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein the image standardization criteria comprise one or more of the following:

- a) a standard file format;

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b) standard image dimensions; or

c) standard image resolution.

50. The computer product of Claim 48 further comprising a step to error-check the receipt of the transmitted standardized image data by the central server computer after transmission thereof, and to resend the standardized image data if the central server computer did not receive the standardized image data without errors.
51. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein the image data selected is a single raw image.
52. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein the raw image data selected comprises more than one raw image.
53. The computer product of Claim 49 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes a standard file format, and step (b) thereof comprises converting said selected raw image data to said standard file format.
54. The computer product of Claim 49 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes standard image dimensions, and step (b) thereof comprises scaling said selected raw image data to said standard image dimensions.

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55. The computer product of Claim 49 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes a standard image resolution, and step (b) thereof comprises resampling said selected raw image data to said standard image resolution.
56. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein said predetermined set of image standardization criteria includes criteria for the generation of more than one standardized image from the specified raw image data.
57. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein said identifying matter is assigned by user input at the terminal computer.
58. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein said identifying matter is generated by the computer program.
59. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein said identifying matter is generated using parameters received from the central server computer.
60. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein said instructions are a browser plug in.
61. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein said instructions are an Applet.

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62. The computer product of Claim 48 wherein the instructions cause the computer terminal to further perform the step of authenticating the user of said terminal computer against a set of user profiles stored on the central server computer, in advance of selecting raw image data to be standardized.
  
63. The computer product of Claim 62 wherein a user-specific set of predetermined image standardization criteria is loaded into the terminal computer from the central server computer upon authentication of the user.