

MrSID Decode SDK 8.0

LizardTech has released the 8.0 version of the MrSID Decode SDK (DSDK) to complement the recent release of LizardTech GeoExpress 8. This SDK gives developers tools to support viewing files in the MrSID Generation 4 (MG4) format, unveiled with the recent launch of GeoExpress 8, which adds support for multispectral data, alpha channels and improved mosaicking.

Last year, the company introduced an updated MrSID DSDK for Lidar data and now support for raster data has been added. This release of the MrSID DSDK allows third-party developers to add support for viewing and decoding data compressed to any version of the MrSID file format, according to Jon Skiffington, director of product management.

MG4 is the new version of the LizardTech MrSID file format that the geospatial industry has relied on for years. MG4 accommodates new technologies for analysing the earth by supporting hyperspectral imagery, Lidar point cloud data, and multiterabyte datasets. With MG4 users can losslessly compress their geospatial data, mosaic datasets together, color balance raster imagery, and manipulate data in many other ways. Lidar data compressed to MG4 can be viewed in Merrick MARS, Overwatch Lidar Analyst, ESRI 3D Analyst, and LizardTech's free GeoViewer. Raster imagery compressed to MG4 can be viewed with either of LizardTech's free viewers.

A free download of MrSID Decode SDK 8.0 is available.

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