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réseau au format ISO de base pour les fichiers médias*

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- corrections in [Tables 2](#), [3](#) and [6](#) and subclause [A.1](#);
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Introduction

This document defines a storage format based on, and compatible with, the ISO base media file format (ISO/IEC 14496-12), which is used by the MP4 file format (ISO/IEC 14496-14) and the motion JPEG 2000 file format (ISO/IEC 15444-3) among others. This document enables video streams formatted as network adaptation layer units (NAL units) to

- a) be used in conjunction with other media streams, such as audio,
- b) be used in an MPEG-4 systems environment, if desired,
- c) be formatted for delivery by a streaming server, using hint tracks, and
- d) inherit all the use cases and features of the ISO base media file format on which MP4 and MJ2 are based.

This document can be used as a standalone specification; it specifies how NAL unit structured video content is stored in an ISO base media file format compliant format. However, it is normally used in the context of a specification, such as the MP4 file format, derived from the ISO base media file format, that permits the use of NAL unit structured video such as AVC (ISO/IEC 14496-10) video and high efficiency video coding (HEVC, ISO/IEC 23008-2) video.

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Part 15: Carriage of network abstraction layer (NAL) unit structured video in the ISO base media file format

1 Scope

This document specifies the storage format for streams of video that is structured as NAL units, such as AVC (ISO/IEC 14496-10) and HEVC (ISO/IEC 23008-2) video streams.

2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC 14496-10:2014, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 10: Advanced Video Coding*

ISO/IEC 14496-12:2015, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 12: ISO base media file format*

ISO/IEC 23008-2:2017, *Information technology — High efficiency coding and media delivery in heterogeneous environments — Part 2: High efficiency video coding*