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Introduction

The partial file format is designed to contain files partially received over a lossy link (with unreceived or corrupted sections), for further processing such as playback or repair. The file structure is object-oriented; a file can be decomposed into constituent objects very simply, and the structure of the objects inferred directly from their type. Files conforming to this format may be exchanged without losing information on losses, allowing redistribution (local gateways) or further repair processes.

The partial file format may be used to document reception of files, regardless of their bitstream format. For generic cases, it provides ways for file readers to resynchronize their parsing in case of byte losses. For cases where the documented file derives from ISO/IEC 14496-12, the partial file format provides additional tools, such as an index of the source file structures and data integrity information.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the partial file format, which is a generic format for describing file partially received over lossy communication channels. This format contains the correctly received data, missing block identification, and repair information such as location of the file or high-level original indexing information. This format can be used with any file formats, and provides additional helper tools for formats deriving from ISO/IEC 14496-12.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

IETF RFC 5905, *Network Time Protocol Version 4: Protocol and Algorithms Specification*, Mills, D., et al, June 2010