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ISO/IEC 23001 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — MPEG systems technologies*:

- *Part 1: Binary MPEG format for XML*
- *Part 2: Fragment request units*
- *Part 3: XML IPMP messages*
- *Part 4: Codec configuration representation*
- *Part 5: Bitstream Syntax Description Language (BSDL)*
- *Part 7: Common encryption in ISO base media file format files*
- *Part 8: Coding-independent code points*
- *Part 9: Common encryption of MPEG-2 transport streams*
- *Part 10: Carriage of timed metadata metrics of media in ISO base media file format*
- *Part 11: Energy-efficient media consumption (green metadata)*
- *Part 12: Sample variants in the ISO base media file format*

Introduction

Common Encryption specifies standard encryption and key mapping methods that can be utilized to enable decryption of the same file using different Digital Rights Management (DRM) and key management systems. It operates by defining encryption algorithms and encryption-related metadata necessary to decrypt the protected streams, yet it leaves the details of rights mappings, key acquisition and storage, DRM content protection compliance rules, etc., up to the DRM system or systems. For instance, DRM systems is intended to support identifying the decryption key via stored key identifiers (KIDs), but how each DRM system protects and locates the KID identified decryption key is left to a DRM-specific method.

DRM-specific information such as licenses, rights, and license acquisition information can be stored in an ISO Base Media file using a Protection System Specific Header box ('pssh'). Each instance of this box stored in the file corresponds to one applicable DRM system identified by a well-known `SystemID`. DRM licenses or license acquisition information need not be stored in the file in order to look up a separately delivered key using a `KID` stored in the file and decrypt media samples using the encryption parameters stored in each track.

The second edition of this part of ISO/IEC 23001 added XML representations of Common Encryption parameters for delivery in XML documents, such as an MPEG DASH Media Presentation Description Documents (MPD). The second edition also defined the 'cbc1' protection scheme using AES-CBC mode encryption.

The third edition added 'cbcs' and 'cens' protection schemes for pattern encryption, which encrypt only a fraction of the data Blocks within each video Subsample protected. Pattern encryption reduces the computational power required by devices to decrypt video tracks.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 23001 specifies common encryption formats for use in any file format based on ISO/IEC 14496-12. File, track, and track fragment metadata is specified to enable multiple digital rights and key management systems (DRMs) to access the same common encrypted file or stream. This part of ISO/IEC 23001 does not define a DRM system.

The AES-128 symmetric block cipher is incorporated by reference to encrypt elementary stream data contained in media samples. Both AES counter mode (CTR) and Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) are specified in separate protection schemes. Partial encryption using a pattern of encrypted and clear blocks is also specified in separate protection schemes. The identification of encryption keys, Initialization Vector storage and processing is specified for each scheme.

Subsample encryption is specified for NAL structured video, such as AVC and HEVC, to enable normal processing and editing of video elementary streams prior to decryption.

An XML representation is specified for important common encryption information so that it can be included in XML files as standard elements and attributes to enable interoperable license and key management prior to media file download.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. 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*

ISO/IEC 14496-15, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 15: Carriage of NAL unit structured video in the ISO Base Media File Format*