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— *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*

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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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Part 7: Common encryption in ISO base media file format files

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*

3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE Words used as defined terms and normative terms (SHALL, SHOULD and MAY) are written in upper case to distinguish them from the same word intending its dictionary definition.

3.1.1
constant IV
initialization vector (3.1.3) specified in a sample entry or sample group description that applies to all samples and *subsamples* (3.1.8) under that sample entry or mapped to that sample group

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3.1.2
block
16-byte extent of sample data that may be encrypted or decrypted by the AES-128 block cipher, in which case, a cipher block

3.1.3
initialization vector
8-byte or 16-byte value used in combination with a key and a 16-byte *block* (3.1.2) of content to create the first cipher block in a chain and derive subsequent cipher blocks in a cipher block chain

3.1.4
ISO Base Media File
file conforming to the file format described in ISO/IEC 14496-12 in which the techniques in ISO/IEC 23001-7 may be used

3.1.5
NAL unit
syntax structure containing an indication of the type of data to follow and bytes containing that data in the form of an RBSP interspersed as necessary with emulation prevention bytes

3.1.6
NAL structured video
video streams composed of *NAL units* (3.1.5) of which the carriage is specified by ISO/IEC 14496-15

3.1.7
protection scheme
encryption algorithm and information defined in this part of ISO/IEC 23001 and identified by a four character code in an ISO Media track's Scheme Type Box ('`schm`')

3.1.8
subsample
byte range within a sample consisting of an unprotected byte range followed by a protected byte range

3.2 Abbreviated terms

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard as specified in Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 197, FIPS-197
AES-CTR	AES Counter Mode as specified in *Recommendation of Block Cipher Modes of Operation*, NIST, NIST Special Publication 800-38A
AES-CBC	AES Cipher-Block Chaining Mode as specified in *Recommendation of Block Cipher Modes of Operation*, NIST, NIST Special Publication 800-38A
AVC	Advanced Video Coding as specified in ISO/IEC 14496-10
HEVC	High Efficiency Video Coding as specified in ISO/IEC 23008-2
IV	Initialization Vector
NAL	Network Abstraction Layer, as specified in ISO/IEC 14496-10 and ISO/IEC 23008-2
URN	Unique Resource Name
UUID	Universally Unique Identifier

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4 Protection schemes

4.1 Scheme type signaling

Scheme signaling SHALL conform to ISO/IEC 14496-12. As defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12, the sample entry is transformed and a Protection Scheme Information Box ('`sinf`') is added to the standard sample entry in the Sample Description Box to denote that a stream is protected. The Protection Scheme Information Box SHALL contain a Scheme Type Box ('`schm`') so that the scheme is identifiable. The Scheme Type Box SHALL have the following additional constraints:

— the `scheme_type` field SHALL be set to a value equal to a four character code defined in Clause 10;

— the `scheme_version` field SHALL be set to 0x00010000 (Major version 1, Minor version 0).

The Protection Scheme Information Box SHALL also contain a Scheme Information Box ('`schi`'). The Scheme Information Box SHALL contain a Track Encryption Box ('`tenc`'), describing the default encryption parameters for the track.

4.2 Common encryption scheme types

Four protection schemes are specified in this edition of Common Encryption. Each scheme uses syntax and algorithms specified in Clause 5 to Clause 9, as constrained in Clause 10. They are the following:

a) '`cenc`' – AES-CTR mode full sample and video NAL Subsample encryption, see 10.1;

b) '`cbc1`' – AES-CBC mode full sample and video NAL Subsample encryption, see 10.2;

c) '`cens`' – AES-CTR mode partial video NAL pattern encryption, see 10.3;

d) '`cbcs`' – AES-CBC mode partial video NAL pattern encryption, see 10.4.

5 Overview of encryption metadata

The encryption metadata defined by Common Encryption can be categorized as follows.

— Protection System Specific Data – this data is opaque to Common Encryption. This gives protection systems (i.e. key and digital rights management "DRM" systems) a place to store their own data using a common mechanism. This data is contained in the `ProtectionSystemSpecificHeaderBox` described in 8.1.

— Common encryption information for a media track – this includes default values for the key identifier (KID), Initialization Vector and vector size, protection pattern, and protection flag. This data is contained in the `TrackEncryptionBox` described in 8.2.

— Common encryption information for groups of media samples – this includes overrides to the track level defaults defined above. This allows groups of samples within the track to use different keys, a mix of clear and protected content, share a Constant Initialization Vector (for some schemes), etc. This data is contained in a `SampleGroupDescriptionBox` ('`sgpd`') that is referenced by a `SampleToGroupBox` ('`sbgp`'). See Clause 6 for further details.

— Encryption information for individual media samples – this includes Initialization Vectors and Subsample encryption data. This data is sample auxiliary information, referenced by using a Sample Auxiliary Information Sizes Box ('`saiz`') and a Sample Auxiliary Information Offsets Box ('`saio`'). See Clause 7 for further details.

6 Encryption parameters shared by groups of samples

Each sample in a protected track SHALL be associated with an `isProtected` flag, `Per_Sample_IV_Size`, `KID`, optional Block pattern information, and an optional `constant_IV`. This can be

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accomplished by relying on the default values in the Track Encryption Box ('tenc') (see 8.2), and optionally specifying parameters by sample group. Encryption parameters specified in a sample group SHALL override the corresponding default parameter values for the samples in that group defined in the Track Encryption Box. Samples not mapped to any sample group SHALL use the defaults established in the Track Encryption Box.

When specifying the parameters by sample group, the Sample To Group Box ('sbgp') in the sample table or track fragment specifies which samples use which sample group description from the Sample Group Description Box ('sgpd'). The format of the sample group description is uniform across all track types (as indicated by the handler type for the track). For fragmented files, it may be necessary to store both the Sample To Group Box and Sample Group Description Box in each track fragment to make them accessible for decryption of the samples they describe, e.g. when movie fragments are separately stored and delivered by streaming.

Tracks of all types SHALL use the CencSampleEncryptionInformationGroupEntry sample group description structure, which has the following syntax.

```
aligned(8) class CencSampleEncryptionInformationGroupEntry
   extends SampleGroupEntry( 'seig' )
{
   unsigned int(8)         reserved = 0;
   unsigned int(4)         crypt_byte_block = 0;
   unsigned int(4)         skip_byte_block = 0;
   unsigned int(8)         isProtected;
   unsigned int(8)         Per_Sample_IV_Size;
   unsigned int(8)[16]     KID;
   if (isProtected ==1 && Per_Sample_IV_Size == 0) {
      unsigned int(8)      constant_IV_size;
      unsigned int(8)[constant_IV_size] constant_IV;
   }
}
```

These structures use a common semantic for their fields as follows:

— isProtected is the flag which indicates the encryption state of the samples in the sample group. See the isProtected field in 9.1 for further details.

— Per_Sample_IV_Size is the Initialization Vector size in bytes for samples in the sample group. See the Per_Sample_IV_Size field in 9.1 for further details.

— KID is the key identifier used for samples in the sample group. See the KID field in 9.1 for further details.

— constant_IV_size is the size of a possible Initialization Vector used for all samples associated with this group (when per-sample Initialization Vectors are not used).

— constant_IV, if present, is the Initialization Vector used for all samples associated with this group. See the constant_IV field in 9.1 for further details.

— crypt_byte_block specifies the count of the encrypted Blocks in the protection pattern, where each Block is of size 16-bytes. See 9.1 for further details.

— skip_byte_block specifies the count of the unencrypted Blocks in the protection pattern. See 9.1 for further details.

In order to facilitate the addition of future optional fields, clients SHALL ignore additional bytes after the fields defined in the CencSampleEncryption group entry structures.

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