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9 Base Profile

9.2 Introduction

ISO/IEC 21000-4 Intellectual Property Management and Protection (IPMP) Components addresses the need for effective management and protection of intellectual property in the ISO/IEC 21000 MPEG-21 multimedia framework over heterogeneous access and delivery infrastructures. It represents a flexible and extensible framework for applying protection mechanisms to a Digital Item (DI). It purposely does not specify protection measures, keys, key management, trust management, encryption algorithms, certification infrastructures or other components. In its current form, the specification is designed to be applicable to a wide range of application areas [14][15].

Similarly to previously developed MPEG standards, we believe the utility of this part of ISO/IEC 21000 can be enhanced by the careful identification and development of specific profiles supporting functionality relevant to various user communities. Base Profile specifically aims at supporting use cases in widespread use in the area of commercial content distribution. Base Profile purposely provides a limited scope in order to facilitate the easier and lighter implementation in devices with limited computational/storage capabilities.

9.2 Application Areas

Base Profile provides sufficient functionality to support current and emerging practices for distribution of commercial content, with a special focus on entertainment content such as movies and music, while reducing the requirements on end devices (e.g. footprint, memory usage, computational power, storage). To this end, Base Profile will provide suitable protection capability for the simple applications such as music player application, video player, music player with karaoke capability, etc.

9.3 List of Tools

9.3.1 Requirements

Based on use-cases listed in Annex M and the capabilities in the MPEG-21 IPMP Components, the following is a list of detail required capabilities that shall be supported in Base Profile. These requirements later can be translated into some guidelines of rationale when selecting supported elements out of the complete set of MPEG-21 IPMP Components' elements.

One important corollary derived from the use cases is that typically protection mechanisms are not applied independently, but rather a single mechanism (most likely incorporating several techniques, such as encryption, key management, digital signatures and/or watermarking, and with associated non-technical compliance enforcement methods) is used as an indivisible component. With this in mind, Base Profile can be greatly simplified by assuming that a single Tool will be used for any given DI. Nonetheless, Base Profile should allow for the same Tool to be applied multiple times within the same DI (e.g. to protect different resources) and for different Licenses to be applied to different elements.

Another important result from the use cases is that it is not necessary to support multiple levels of Signature. The use cases show that the user who assembles the DI also applies the protection. Therefore, digital signature on a parent element in the DI is sufficient to ensure integrity of its children. A related result is that the type of protection that is most likely to be applied to a License is a digital signature to ensure the integrity of the License, i.e. that it has not been tampered with. Therefore, it is not necessary in Base Profile to be able to signal governance of a License, beyond the capability of signing the parent element. Note that MPEG-21 IPMP Components is capable of supporting more flexible configurations, e.g. where the License is signed (or otherwise “governed”) by one party, the Tool is signed by another party and the DI is assembled by yet another party, which is not in scope for Base Profile.

Finally, in order to facilitate processing of these Digital Items in resource-constrained terminals (such as portable devices with limited memory, processing power, connectivity and power consumption), Base Profile limits the ability to specify Tools to either an ID or a reference to the location where the Tool can be downloaded. (Note that this excludes the ability to specify Tools inline, which is consistent with the assumptions that, in general, Tools will be relatively complex.) An ID can be used by the terminal to determine if that capability is already supported. Loading of Tools specified through a reference is assumed to be through an out-of-band mechanism.

9.3.2 Selection Rationale

Base Profile restricts the occurrence of some elements from the complete MPEG-21 IPMP Components' elements. The guidelines for the restrictions are as follow:

1. Base Profile is designed to maintain the capability to express the protected Digital Item.
2. Base Profile is designed to reduce the requirement on end devices (e.g. device footprint, memory usage, computational power, storage); thus, the following properties are restricted:
 - a. Base Profile is designed to carry one protection tool in one document.
 - b. Base Profile is designed to have no recursion. Recursion may consume more memory and computing power. Having recursion capability while carrying only one tool is redundant as protecting a single resource with same tool many times gives no additional protection effect.
 - c. Base Profile is designed to have no duplication of elements in many locations. For elements that can be inserted in different locations, a suitable place among the current existing ones should be chosen to ease the implementation while not sacrificing the feature(s) offered by that element.
3. For simplicity, tool is assumed to be ready for use in the terminal. The procedure to acquire and/or install the tool in the terminal is out of scope of Base Profile.
4. Base Profile is designed to be simple for transfer. This requires the XML instance of Base Profile should be as small and compact as possible. For example, rather than being able to carry the tool binary representation in the XML document (with base64 encoding format), it is better to just carry reference to it.

9.3.3 IPMP DIDL

Base Profile maintains the full capability to express the protected DI (guideline no. 1); therefore, it shall include all the elements in the IPMP Digital Item Declaration Language (DIDL) schema. These elements taken together are a Representation of the Digital Item Declaration (DID) model that allows for inclusion of governance information (per guideline 1 in subclause 9.3.2).

9.3.4 IPMP General Information Descriptor

Base Profile shall include the root element IPMPGeneralInfoDescriptor as defined in Clause 8. It shall:

- Include ToolList element
- Optionally include LicenseCollection element. It may contain any number of RightsDescriptor elements (in case there are multiple assets in the digital item), although in most instances a single RightsDescriptor element is likely to be used. The RightsDescriptor in Base Profile excludes the possibility of having an IPMPInfoDescriptor child (per guideline 2.b)
- Optionally include Signature element. If present, it is sufficient to ensure the integrity of the children elements.

The ToolList element shall:

- Include at most one instance of ToolDescription (per guideline 2.a). Note that Tools to be used in IPMPInfoDescriptor can only reference elements in ToolList; this ensures that only a single Tool can be defined for any given DI.
- Provide no support for Signature (per guideline 2.c).

The ToolDescription element shall:

- Include IPMPToolID element
- Optionally include Remote element but without Signature element (per guideline 2.c)
- Provide no support of MemberOf element and its children (per guideline 2.a)
- Provide no support for Inline tool definition (per guideline 4)
- Provide no support for ConfigurationSettings (per guideline 3)
- Provide no support for RightsDescriptor. RightsDescriptor elements are carried all together under the LicenseCollection element (per guideline 2.c)
- Provide no support for Signature (per guideline 2.c)

9.3.5 IPMP Information Descriptor

Base Profile shall include the root element IPMPInfoDescriptor but with the following constraints:

- Support for (at most) a single Tool
- No support for RightsDescriptor (no need to specify governance over the Tool itself). The RightsDescriptor elements are collected and expressed under the LicenseCollection element (per guideline 2.c)
- The element dsig:Signature remains optional.

The Tool element shall have the following constraint:

- No attributes are needed. Since there is at most one Tool, order is no longer relevant (per guideline 2b).
- No support for ToolBaseDescription. All tool definition is carried in the ToolList while the Tool element will only refer to it (per guideline 2.c)