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Part 1: Format

Part 2: Transport methods

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INTRODUCTION

Emerging data broadcasting specifications allow a service provider to **trigger** an **application** in a TV receiver. This International Standard specifies the format of a triggering message for TV broadcasting as based on the requirements defined in Annex A. Examples of possible use include displaying information to warn for severe weather conditions or to give rating advice for extreme content in TV programmes. In an interactive system, a message or icon might be displayed inviting on-line access to vote, to register an interest in an advertised product, or to browse programme-related content.

This standard describes a trigger mechanism for teletext transmission methods. The trigger mechanism can also be used for services broadcast via MPEG-2 DSM-CC sections. For the purposes of this standard, a **trigger** is defined as information sent from a service provider as part of a data broadcasting transmission and intended to control an **application** in a TV receiver. Additional information can be supplied along with the basic **trigger** to allow filtering or prioritization techniques to be applied at the receiver. The transmission aspects of trigger messages are specified in IEC 62297-2.

This trigger mechanism is very similar to the one defined in IEC/PAS 62292. The difference lies primarily in different state models, semantics and attribute names.

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TRIGGERING MESSAGES FOR BROADCAST APPLICATIONS –

Part 1: Format

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62297 specifies an application-triggering scheme for TV broadcasting information sent from a service provider as part of a data broadcasting transmission and intended to control an **application** in a receiver.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 8859-1, *Information technology – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ETSI TS 101 231, *Television systems; Register of Country and Network Identification (CNI), Video Programming System (VPS) codes and Application codes for Teletext based systems*

ETSI EN 300 706, *Enhanced Teletext Specification*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions, in singular or plural form, apply.

3.1.1

ActiveTimeValue

member of the **ApplicationObject**. The value decrements at video frame rate. It is updated on every reception of an **event message**.

3.1.2

Application

software running on a receiver that is addressed by the URL of a **trigger message** and providing the following modes of operation:

- a) the display of information, the playback of sound, the download of data;
- b) the initiation of any action.

Application examples include the display of a simple text message sent as part of the trigger message, the display of a Teletext, Superteletext (TeleWeb [Tw]) or Internet page, information from an Electronic Programme Guide (EPG), electronic voting, an emergency alert

3.1.3

ApplicationObject

object storing the information about an **application** started or modified by triggers referencing the same URL

3.1.4**Attribute**

member of an **ApplicationObject** or **TriggerObject** storing the information transported via an **attribute element**

3.1.5**attribute element**

attribute name/value pair

3.1.6**attribute string**

any sequence of characters with codes in the range 0x20 to 0x7E inclusive, excluding square brackets (0x5B and 0x5D)

3.1.7**charset**

abbreviation for character set

3.1.8**CountdownValue**

member of a **TriggerObject**. The value decrements at video frame rate. It is updated on every reception of a **trigger mes**

3.1.9**DateTime**

date and time instance of UTC expressed in the form: *yyyymmddThhmmss*, where *yyyy* represents a year, *mm* represents a month (range 1–12), *dd* represents the day of the month (range 1–31), the capital letter 'T' separates the date component from the time component, *hh* represents an hour (range 0–23), *mm* represents the minutes (range 0–59) and *ss* represents the seconds (range 0–59)

3.1.10**Dummy URL**

URL that does not reference any application or data and used in the mandatory URL field of a **trigger message** when the intention is to display only the trigger icon (together with its text) and not to control an application

3.1.11**event message**

information extracted from a **trigger message** that is used to create an **ApplicationObject**

3.1.12**event start**

event message with its 'script' **attribute element** set to 'start'

3.1.13**event stop**

event message with its 'script' **attribute element** set to 'stop'

3.1.14**pending trigger**

state where a trigger message has created a **TriggerObject** but the conditions to create an **ApplicationObject** have not yet occurred

3.1.15**priority filtering**

rejecting a **trigger message** on account of the value assigned to its 'priority' **attribute element**

3.1.16

RelativeTime

time period measured in seconds and video frames

3.1.17

string

any sequence of characters with codes in the range 0x20 to 0x7E inclusive. Throughout this document **strings** are not case-sensitive unless otherwise indicated

3.1.18

trigger

signal sent from a service provider as part of a data broadcasting transmission with the intention to start or modify an application at a certain time

3.1.19

trigger character

character with a code in the range 0x20 to 0x7E inclusive

3.1.20

trigger del

trigger message with a 'delete' attribute element

3.1.21

trigger event

instant in time when a **trigger** fires and an **event message** is created

3.1.22

trigger mes

trigger message without a 'delete' attribute element

3.1.23

trigger message

information embedded in a **trigger** and intended to control an **application** in a receiver

3.1.24

TriggerObject

object storing the information from all the triggers referencing the same URL

3.1.25

trigger_text

descriptive part of a **trigger message**.

3.1.26

URL string

any sequence of characters with codes in the range 0x20 to 0x7E inclusive, excluding angular brackets (0x3C and 0x3E)

3.2 Abbreviations

CNI	Country and Network Identification
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VPS	Video Programming System