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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies the Service Information (SI) data which forms a part of DVB bitstreams, in order that the user can be provided with information to assist in selection of services and/or events within the bitstream, and so that the Integrated Receiver Decoder (IRD) can automatically configure itself for the selected service. SI data for automatic configuration is mostly specified within ISO/IEC 13818-1 [18] as Program Specific Information (PSI).

The present document specifies additional data which complements the PSI by providing data to aid automatic tuning of IRDs, and additional information intended for display to the user. The manner of presentation of the information is not specified in the present document, and IRD manufacturers have freedom to choose appropriate presentation methods.

It is expected that Electronic Programme Guides (EPGs) will be a feature of Digital TV transmissions.

The definition of an EPG is outside the scope of the present document (i.e. the SI specification), but the data contained within the SI specified in the present document may be used as the basis for an EPG.

Rules of operation for the implementation of the present document are specified in TR 101 211 [i.2].

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- [4] ETSI EN 301 192: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); DVB specification for data broadcasting".
- [5] ETSI EN 301 210: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Framing structure, channel coding and modulation for Digital Satellite News Gathering (DSNG) and other contribution applications by satellite".

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- [25] ISO/IEC 8859-3: "Information technology - 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets - Part 3: Latin alphabet No. 3".
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- [31] ISO/IEC 8859-9: "Information technology - 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets - Part 9: Latin alphabet No. 5".
- [32] ISO/IEC 8859-10: "Information technology - 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets - Part 10: Latin alphabet No. 6".
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- [34] ISO/IEC 8859-13: "Information technology - 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets - Part 13: Latin alphabet No. 7".
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- [40] ISO 8601: "Data elements and interchange formats - Information interchange - Representation of dates and times".
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- [43] ITU-R Recommendation BS.1196-1 (annex 2): "Audio coding for digital terrestrial television broadcasting".

NOTE: Annex 2 contains additional information on the AC-3 audio encoding algorithm and decoding requirements, relevant to the present document. Appendix 1 to annex 2 of this Recommendation should be disregarded as it is not applicable to the present document.

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- [i.8] ETSI TS 102 584: "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); DVB-SH implementation guidelines".

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## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

**AC-3:** refers to the coding of audio using the Dolby AC-3 method

**NOTE:** The Service Information requirements for AC-3 streams carried in DVB systems are described in annex D. The carriage of AC-3 elementary streams as private data within MPEG systems is described in annex C of TS 101 154 [9].

**bouquet:** collection of services marketed as a single entity

**broadcaster (SERVICE Provider):** organization which assembles a sequence of events or programmes to be delivered to the viewer based upon a schedule

**cell:** geographical area that is covered with DVB-T signals delivering one or more particular transport streams throughout the area by means of one or more transmitters

**NOTE:** The cell may in addition contain repeaters. Two neighbouring cells may be intersecting or fully overlapping. The cell\_id that is used to uniquely identify a cell is unique within each original\_network\_id. For hand-over purposes it is more convenient if the transport streams associated with the cell cover exactly the same area, or only one transport stream per cell is used.

**component (ELEMENTARY Stream):** one or more entities which together make up an event

**EXAMPLE:** Video, audio, teletext.

**Conditional Access (CA) system:** system to control subscriber access to services, programmes and events

**EXAMPLE:** Videoguard, Eurocrypt.

**delivery system:** physical medium by which one or more multiplexes are transmitted

EXAMPLE: Satellite system, wide-band coaxial cable, fibre optics, terrestrial channel of one emitting point.

**Entitlement Management Messages (EMM):** private Conditional Access information which specify the authorization levels or the services of specific decoders

NOTE: They may be addressed to individual decoder or groups of decoders.

**event:** grouping of elementary broadcast data streams with a defined start and end time belonging to a common service

EXAMPLE: First half of a football match, News Flash, first part of an entertainment show.

**forbidden:** when used in the clauses defining the coded bit stream, indicates that the value shall never be used

**MPEG-2:** See ISO/IEC 13818.

NOTE: Systems coding is defined in part 1 [18]. Video coding is defined in part 2 [19]. Audio coding is defined in part 3 [20].

**multiplex:** stream of all the digital data carrying one or more services within a single physical channel

**network:** collection of MPEG-2 Transport Stream (TS) multiplexes transmitted on a single delivery system

EXAMPLE: All digital channels on a specific cable system.

**n PSK:** n-valued Phase Shift Keying (other than quaternary)

**original\_network\_id:** unique identifier of a network

**programme:** concatenation of one or more events under the control of a broadcaster e.g. news show, entertainment show

**repeater:** equipment which receives and re-transmits a DVB-T signal

NOTE: It cannot change the TPS bits and thus the cell\_id.

**reserved:** when used in the clause defining the coded bit stream, indicates that the value may be used in the future for ISO defined extensions

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified within the present document all "reserved" bits is set to "1".

**reserved\_future\_use:** when used in the clause defining the coded bit stream, indicates that the value may be used in the future for ETSI defined extensions

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified within the present document all "reserved\_future\_use" bits is set to "1".

**section:** syntactic structure used for mapping all service information defined in EN 300 468 into ISO/IEC 13818-1 [18] TS packets

**service:** sequence of programmes under the control of a broadcaster which can be broadcast as part of a schedule

**service\_id:** unique identifier of a service within a TS

**Service Information (SI):** digital data describing the delivery system, content and scheduling/timing of broadcast data streams, etc.

NOTE: It includes MPEG-2 PSI together with independently defined extensions.

**subcell:** geographical area that is part of the cells coverage area and that is covered with DVB-T signals by means of a transposer

NOTE: In conjunction with the cell\_id the cell\_id\_extension is used to uniquely identify a subcell.

**sub\_table:** collection of sections with the same value of table\_id and:

for a NIT: the same table\_id\_extension (network\_id) and version\_number;

for a BAT: the same table\_id\_extension (bouquet\_id) and version\_number;

for a SDT: the same table\_id\_extension (transport\_stream\_id), the same original\_network\_id and version\_number;

for a EIT: the same table\_id\_extension (service\_id), the same transport\_stream\_id, the same original\_network\_id and version\_number.

NOTE: The table\_id\_extension field is equivalent to the fourth and fifth byte of a section when the section\_syntax\_indicator is set to a value of "1".

**table:** comprised of a number of sub\_tables with the same value of table\_id

**transmitter:** equipment, that allows to modulate a baseband transport stream and to broadcast it on one frequency

**Transport Stream (TS):** data structure defined in ISO/IEC 13818-1 [18]

NOTE: It is the basis of the DVB standards.

**transport\_stream\_id:** unique identifier of a TS within an original network

**Transposer:** type of repeater which receives a DVB-T signal and re-transmits it on a different frequency

The relationships of some of these definitions are illustrated in the service delivery model in figure 1.

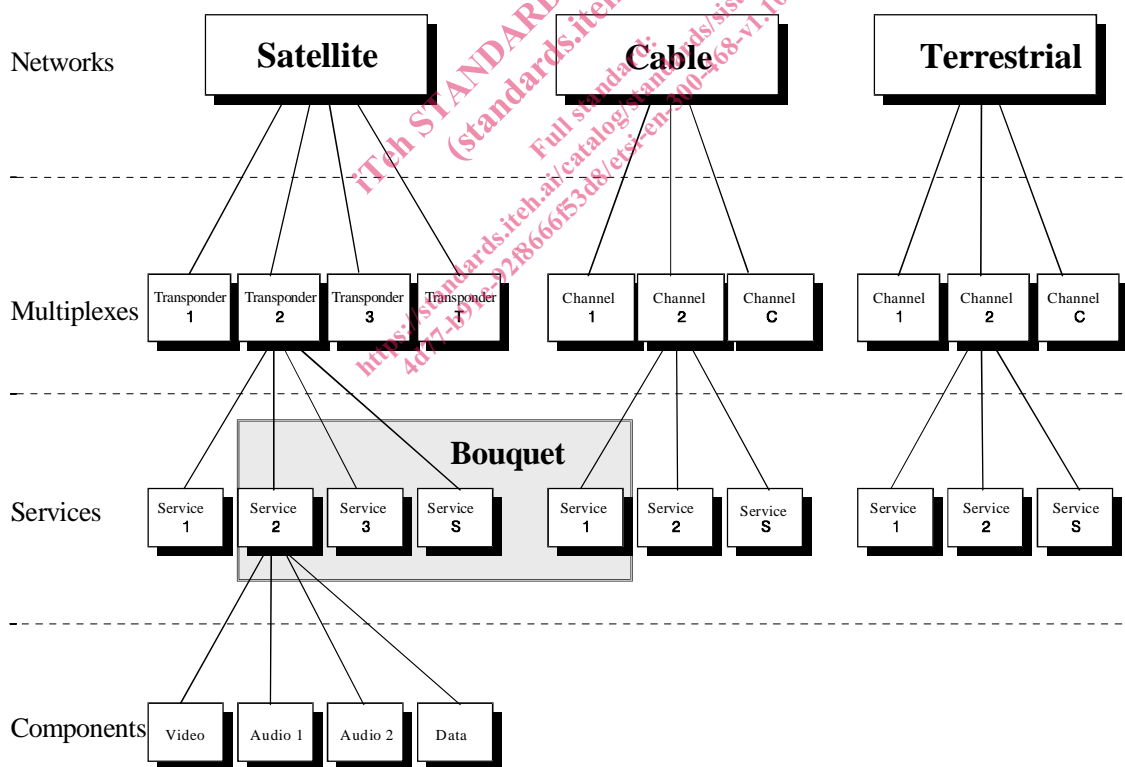


Figure 1: Digital broadcasting, service delivery model

## 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AAC Advanced Audio Coding

NOTE: See TS 101 154 [9].

AC-3 Dolby AC-3 audio coding

NOTE: See ITU-R Recommendation BS.1196-1 [43].

ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange

BAT Bouquet Association Table

BCD Binary Coded Decimal

bslbf bit string, left bit first

CA Conditional Access

CAT Conditional Access Table

CLUT Colour Look-Up Table

CP Content Protection

CPCM Content Protection Copy Management

CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check

CSA Common Scrambling Algorithm

DAB Digital Audio Broadcasting

DIT Discontinuity Information Table

DSNG Digital Satellite News Gathering

DTCP Digital Transmission Content Protection

DTS Digital Theatre Systems

NOTE: See TS 102 114 [12].

DVB Digital Video Broadcasting

DVD Digital Versatile Disc

EBU European Broadcasting Union

ECM Entitlement Control Message

EIT Event Information Table

EMM Entitlement Management Message

EPG Electronic Programme Guide

ES Elementary Stream

FEC Forward Error Correction

FTA Free-To-Air

HD High Definition (Video)

HDCP High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection

HE-AAC High Efficiency AAC

HP High Priority

IEC International Electrotechnical Commission

INT IP Notification Table

NOTE: See EN 301 192 [4].

IP Internet Protocol

IRD Integrated Receiver Decoder

ISO International Organization for Standardization

JPEG Joint Photographic Experts Group

LFE Low Frequency Effects

LP Low Priority

LSB Least Significant Bit

MJD Modified Julian Date

MPE Multiprotocol Encapsulation

MPEG Moving Pictures Expert Group

MSB Most Significant Bit

NBC-BS Non Backwards Compatible Broadcast Services (DVB-S2)

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