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## Part 3: Visual

### AMENDMENT 4: Video signature tools

*Replace 1.2 with:*

#### 1.2 Overview of Visual Description Tools

This part of ISO/IEC 15938 specifies tools for description of visual content, including still images, video and 3D models. These tools are defined by their syntax in DDL and binary representations and semantics associated with the syntactic elements. They enable description of the visual features of the visual material, such as color, texture, shape, motion, localization of the described objects in the image or video sequence and also unique and robust identification of visual material. An overview of the visual description tools is shown in Figure 1.

The basic structure description tools include five supporting tools of visual descriptions defined in Clauses 6-11. They are categorized into two groups, descriptor containers and basic supporting tools. The former consists of three datatypes, GridLayout providing efficient representations of visual features on grids, TimeSeries representing temporal arrays of several descriptions, GoFGoPFeature describes representative descriptions over video segment, and MultipleView describing a 3D object using several pictures captured from different view angles. The latter contains two tools, Spatial2DcoordinateSystem used to specify the 2D coordinate system and TemporallInterpolation indicating the interpolation method between two samples on a time axis.

The remaining description tools, except for the FaceRecognition and ImageSignature descriptors, are associated with visual features and are grouped into five feature categories: Color, Texture, Shape, Motion and Localization.

The color description tools include five color descriptors to represent different aspects of color features: representative colors (DominantColor), color distribution (ScalableColor), spatial distribution of colors (ColorLayout and ColorStructure) and perceptual feeling of illumination color (ColorTemperature). It also contains three supporting tools, ColorSpace and ColorQuantization used in DominantColor and IlluminationInvariantColor to extend four color descriptors, DominantColor, ScalableColor, ColorLayout and ColorStructure, to support illumination invariant similarity matching. An extension of ScalableColor to a group of frames or pictures (GoFGoPColor) is also included in this group. All the color descriptors can be extracted from arbitrarily shaped regions.

The texture description tools facilitate browsing (TextureBrowsing) and similarity retrieval (HomogeneousTexture and EdgeHistogram) using the texture of a still or moving image region. All the texture descriptors can be extracted from arbitrarily shaped regions.

The shape description tools include two descriptors that characterize different shape features of a 2D object or region. The RegionShape descriptor captures the distribution of all pixels within a region and the Contour Shape descriptor characterizes the shape properties of the contour of an object. The extension of RegionShape is also defined as ShapeVariation to describe temporal variation of shape over video segment. The Shape3D and Perceptual 3D Shape descriptors provide 3-dimensional shape information; the former

represents an intrinsic shape characterization of 3D mesh models, and the latter represents part-based representation of a 3D object.

The motion description tools include four descriptors that characterize various aspects of motion. The CameraMotion descriptor specifies a set of basic camera operations such as, for example, panning and tilting. The motion of a key point (pixel) from a moving object or region can be characterized by the MotionTrajectory descriptor. The ParametricMotion descriptor characterizes an evolution of an arbitrarily shaped region over time in terms of a 2D geometric transformation. Finally, the MotionActivity descriptor captures the pace of the motion in the sequence, as perceived by the viewer. All motion descriptors except for CameraMotion can be extracted from arbitrarily shaped regions.

The localization description tools can be used to indicate regions of interest in the spatial (RegionLocator) and spatio-temporal (SpatioTemporalLocator) domains.

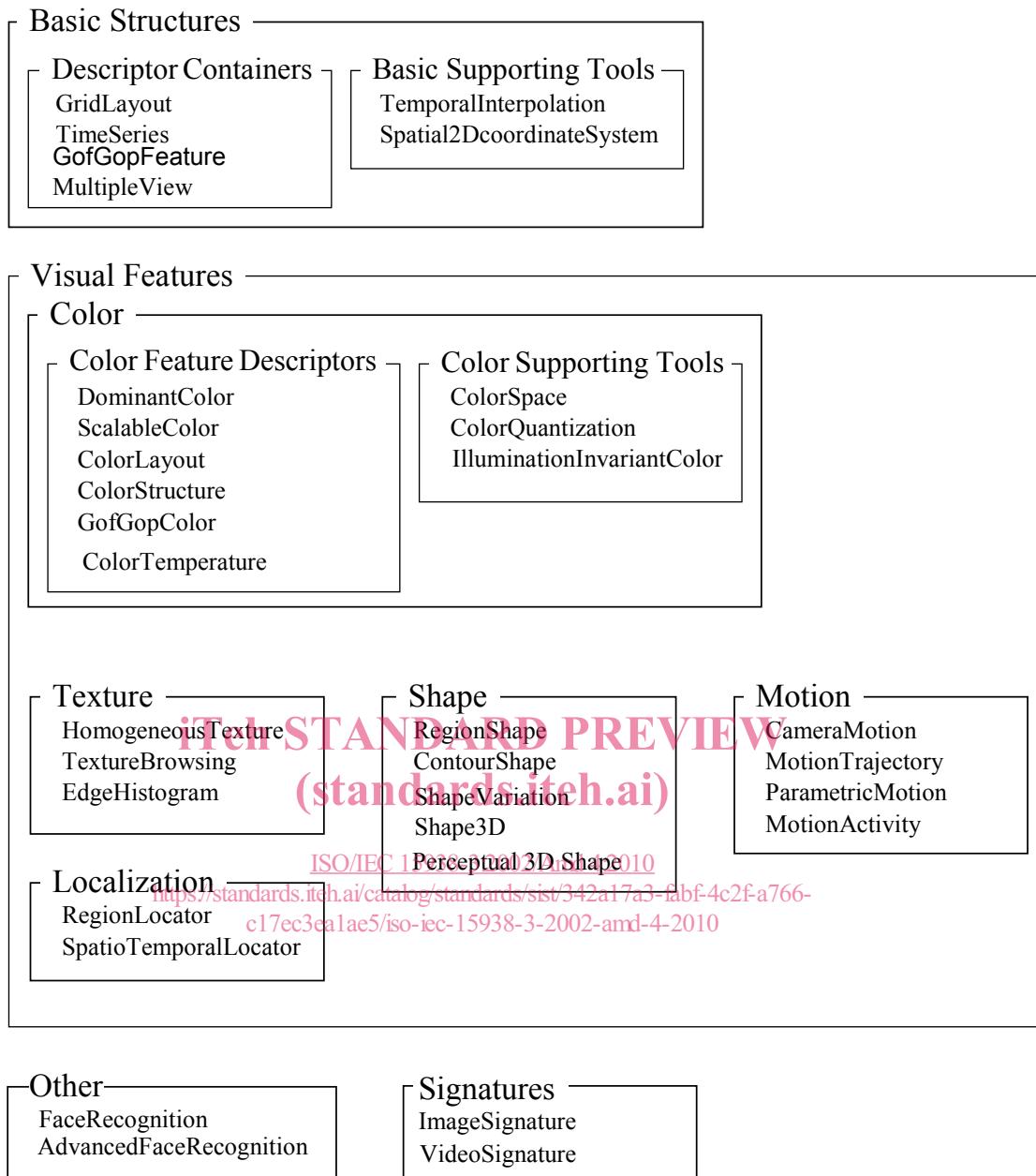
The FaceRecognition descriptor and the Advanced Face Recognition descriptor are not associated with any particular visual feature and can be used to describe a human face for applications requiring the matching and retrieval of face images.

The signature descriptors provide a "fingerprint" that uniquely identifies image and video content. The signatures are robust (unchanging) across a wide range of common editing operations, but are sufficiently different for every item of "original" content to allow unique and reliable identification – just like human fingerprints. There are two visual signatures; the ImageSignature and VideoSignature are descriptors for images and videos respectively. The signatures have no direct association with specific visual features such as colour, shape or texture.

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**Figure 1 — Overview of Visual Description Tools**

*In 3.3, extend the definitions:*

floor Maximum integer number less than or equal to the given floating point number

*Replace 4.2.2 with:*

#### 4.2.2 Generic binary representation

The use of the video-specific syntax is signalled using the codec configuration mechanism defined in ISO/IEC 15938-1. The following classification scheme is defined for this purpose.

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In 5.2.4, replace Table 1 with:

**Table 1 — Assignment of IDs to descriptors**

ID	Descriptor
0	Forbidden
1	CameraMotion
2	ColorLayout
3	ColorSpace
4	ColorStructure
5	ColorQuantization
6	ContourShape
7	DominantColor
8	EdgeHistogram
9	FaceRecognition
10	GoFGoPColor
11	GridLayout
12	HomogeneousTexture
13	IrregularVisualTimeSeries
14	MotionActivity
15	MotionTrajectory
16	MultipleView
17	ParametricMotion
18	RegionLocator
19	RegionShape
20	RegularVisualTimeSeries
21	ScalableColor
22	Shape3D
23	Spatial2DCoordinateSystem
24	SpatioTemporalLocator
25	TemporalInterpolation
26	TextureBrowsing
27	GofGopFeature
28	ColorTemperature
29	ShapeVariation
30	IlluminationInvariantColor
31	AdvancedFaceRecognition
32	Perceptual3DShape
33	ImageSignature
34	VideoSignature
35-255	Reserved

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After 11.3, add the following:

## 11.4 Video Signature

### 11.4.1 Introduction

The visual content descriptors in Sections 6-9 are very useful when trying to find videos with similar content. These descriptors are intended to be general and were found to be unsuitable for the task of finding duplicate content. The video signature descriptor is designed to identify duplicate video content. This descriptor is robust (unchanging) to a wide range of common video editing operations, but is sufficiently different for every "original" content to identify it uniquely and reliably – just like human fingerprints.

The video signature is composed of three main elements,

- a frame signature,
- a set of compact summary frame signatures - referred to as words
- and a group-of-frames representation for a temporal segment -referred to as a bag-of-words.

A video is assumed to be made up of a set of frames (or pictures) each representing a single temporal sample. A frame is made of a set of pixels each representing a single spatial sample. The frame signature is extracted from each frame of a video. It is a 380 dimensional vector of base-3 ternary values that describe the intensities and the intensity inter-relations between pixel regions in the frames. Each dimension can be characterized as a mean, first or second order operator.

Words are compact, 1 byte, representations of the frame signature. All possible combinations of values for a word are referred to as the vocabulary. The words provide a summary representation of the frame.

A bag-of-words representation is often used in text searching to compare the similarity between two documents. It ignores the ordering of the text and therefore provides some robustness to editing. For the video signature a bag-of-words records the occurrence of *words* within a temporal segment of frames. The bag-of-words therefore provides a coarse descriptor for the temporal segment.

The video signature descriptor syntax provides support for description of single or multiple static spatial regions within the frame. Each spatial region is a rectangular region having arbitrary position and size, with edges parallel to the edges of the frame. Each spatial region may have its own start and end media times. This feature is useful when describing content such as videos with picture-in-picture, where the entire frame region can be described as the first spatial region and the picture-in-picture region can be described as the second spatial region.

The extraction procedure shall be applied to each spatial region independently. Specifically, only pixels within the spatial region are processed to extract the video signature.

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#### 11.4.2 DDL representation syntax

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