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Part 6: 3D audio reference software

1 Scope

This document contains simulation software for the MPEG-H 3D audio standard as defined in ISO/IEC 23008-3.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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/IEC 23008-3:2015, *Information technology — High efficiency coding and media delivery in heterogeneous environments — Part 3: 3D audio*

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/38fe0899144/iso-iec-23008-6-2018>
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4 Reference software structure

4.1 General

This software has been derived from reference models used in the process of developing ISO/IEC 23008-3.

Reference software is normative in the sense that it correctly implements the MPEG-H 3D audio decoding processes described in ISO/IEC 23008-3. Complying ISO/IEC 23008-3 implementations are not expected to follow the algorithms or the programming techniques used by the reference software. Although the decoding software is considered normative, it cannot add anything to the textual technical description of ISO/IEC 23008-3.

The software contained in this document is divided into several categories:

- a) **Bitstream decoding software** is catalogued in [Clause 5](#). This software accepts bitstreams encoded according to the normative specification in ISO/IEC 23008-3 and decodes the streams into the audio signals associated with each bitstream. Attention is drawn to the fact that the implementation techniques used in this software are not considered normative — several different implementations could produce the same result — but the software is considered normative in that it correctly implements the MPEG-H 3D audio decoding processes described in ISO/IEC 23008-3. The decoder software implementation is provided at <http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/23008/-6/ed-1/en>.

- b) **Bitstream encoding software** is catalogued in [Annex A](#) (informative). The software creates compressed bitstreams from associated audio signals. The techniques used for encoding are not specified by this document. The encoder software implementation is provided as an electronic attachment to this document.
- c) **Utility software** is catalogued in [Annex B](#) (informative). This software was found useful by the developers of this document, but may not conform to the normative specifications given in ISO/IEC 23008-3.

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5 Bitstream decoding software

5.1 General

The provided bitstream decoding software is a normative reference implementation of the respective specification.