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The DVB System provides a means of delivering MPEG-2 Transport Streams (TS) via a variety of transmission media. MPEG-2 TSs were primarily intended for the delivery of Video and Audio. The present document introduces data broadcasting as an extension to the MPEG-2 based DVB transmission standards.

Five different application areas with different requirements for the data transport are addressed. For each application area a data broadcasting profile is specified in the present document. The following is a short description of the application areas and the profiles.

Data piping:

- The data broadcast specification profile for data pipes (as defined in clause 4) supports data broadcast services that require a simple, asynchronous, end-to-end delivery of data through DVB compliant broadcast networks.

Data streaming:

- The data broadcast specification profile for data streaming supports data broadcast services that require a streaming-oriented, end-to-end delivery of data in either an asynchronous, synchronous or synchronized way through DVB compliant broadcast networks.
- Asynchronous data streaming is defined in clause 5 and allows the streaming of data without any timing requirements (e.g. RS-232 data).
- Synchronous data streaming is defined in clause 6 and allows the streaming of data with timing requirements in the sense that the data and clock can be regenerated at the receiver into a synchronous data stream.

Multiprotocol encapsulation:

- The data broadcast specification profile for multiprotocol encapsulation (as defined in clause 7) supports data broadcast services that require the transmission of datagrams of communication protocols via DVB compliant broadcast networks.
- Clause 8 further defines a standard mechanism for signalling IP/MAC services deployed within DVB networks and enables the implementation of DVB receivers that are completely self-tuning when accessing IP/MAC streams on one or more transport streams.
- Mechanisms for power-optimized reception and forward error correction for multiprotocol encapsulation are defined in clause 9.

Data and object carousels:

- Data broadcast services that require the periodic transmission of data are called data carousels, and are defined in clause 10.
- Object carousels (as defined in clause 11) are based on data carousels, and provide an additional hierarchical structure and further metadata, such as for example needed to build a hierarchical file system.

Higher protocols based on asynchronous data streams:

- The data broadcast specification profile for higher protocols (as defined in clause 12) is based on asynchronous data streams, and supports the transmission of protocols that require a stream-oriented delivery of asynchronous data through DVB compliant broadcast networks.

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1 Scope

The present document specifies transport and encapsulation protocols, and signalling for carrying general purpose data over DVB Transport Streams. The present document is designed to be used in conjunction with ETSI EN 300 468 [2].

Data broadcasting is an important extension of the MPEG-2 based DVB transmission standards. Examples are the download of software over satellite, cable or terrestrial links, the delivery of Internet services over broadcast channels (IP tunnelling), interactive TV, etc.

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- [23] [ETSI EN 302 755](#): "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Frame structure channel coding and modulation for a second generation digital terrestrial television broadcasting system (DVB-T2)".
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3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

Void.

3.2 Symbols

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

kbits	kilo bits
Mbits	Mega bits
ms	millisecond

3.3 Abbreviations

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

AFI	Authority and Format Identifier
BAT	Bouquet Association Table
bslbf	bit string, left bit first
CA	Conditional Access
CAT	Conditional Access Table
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Code
DAVIC	Digital Audio Visual Council
DDB	DownloadDataBlock
dGNSS	differential GNSS
DII	DownloadInfoIndication
DSI	DownloadServerInitiate
DSM-CC	Digital Storage Media Command and Control (DSM-CC) data carousel
DVB	Digital Video Broadcasting
DVB-C2	Second Generation DVB Cable Modulation

NOTE: See ETSI EN 302 769 [24].

DVB-NGH	DVB Next Generation broadcasting system to Handheld
DVB-S2	Second Generation DVB Satellite Modulation

NOTE: See ETSI EN 302 307-1 [22].

DVB-T	DVB Terrestrial Modulation (first generation)
DVB-T2	Second Generation DVB Terrestrial Modulation

NOTE: See ETSI EN 302 755 [23].

EBU	European Broadcasting Union
ECM	Entitlement Control Message
EIT	Event Information Table
EMM	Entitlement Management Message
FEC	Forward Error Correction
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite Systems
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (USA)
INT	IP Notification Table
IP	Internet Protocol
IRD	Integrated Receiver/Decoder
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
ISI	Input Stream Identifier

NOTE: See ETSI EN 302 307-1 [22].

ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISP	Internet Service Provider
LLC	Logical Link Control
LSB	Least Significant Bit
MAC	Media Access Control
MHP	Multimedia Home Platform
mi	ModuleInfoBytes
MIME	Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions
MPE	Multi-Protocol Encapsulation
MPEG	Moving Pictures Expert Group
MSB	Most Significant Bit
NIT	Network Information Table
NSAP	Network Service Access Point
OFDM	Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
OUI	Organizational Unique Identifier
PAT	Program Association Table

NOTE: See ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1].

PCR	Program Clock Reference
PES	Program Elementary Stream
PID	Packet IDentifier
PLP	Physical Layer Pipe

NOTE: See ETSI EN 302 755 [23], ETSI EN 302 769 [24] and DVB BlueBook A160 [25].

PLR	Packet Loss Ratio
PMT	Program Map Table
PPP	Point-to-Point Protocol
PSI	Program Specific Information
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
PTS	Presentation Time Stamps
RF	Radio Frequency
RFC	Request For Comment
rpchof	remainder polynomial coefficients, highest order first
RS	Reed Solomon
RTCM	Radio Technical Commission For Maritime services
SDT	Service Description Table
SI	Service Information
SIS	Systems for Interactive Services
SNAP	SubNetwork Attachment Point
SSU	System Software Update
TPEG	Transport Protocol Experts Group
TS	Transport Stream
T-STD	Transport System Target Decoder
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
uimsbf	unsigned integer most significant bit first
UNT	Update Notification Table
U-U	User-User
VLSM	Variable-Length Subnet Mask
XOR	eXclusive OR

NOTE: See ETSI TS 102 006 [18].

4 Data piping

4.1 Data transport specification

The data broadcast service shall insert the data to be broadcast directly in the payload of MPEG-2 TS packets.

The data broadcast service may use the `payload_unit_start_indicator` field and the `transport_priority` field of the MPEG-2 Transport Stream packets in a service private way. The use of the `adaptation_field` shall be MPEG-2 compliant.

The delivery of the bits in time through a data pipe is service private and is not specified in the present document.

4.2 PSI and SI specifications

4.2.0 General rules

The data broadcast service shall indicate the use of a data pipe by including one or more `data_broadcast_descriptors` in SI (see ETSI EN 300 468 [2]). Each descriptor shall be associated with a particular data pipe via a `component_tag` identifier. In particular, the value of the `component_tag` field shall be identical to the value of the `component_tag` field of a `stream_identifier_descriptor` (see ETSI EN 300 468 [2]) that may be present in the PSI program map section for the stream that is used as a data pipe.

4.2.1 Data_broadcast_descriptor

The `data_broadcast_descriptor` is used in the following way:

data_broadcast_id: This field shall be set to 0x0001 to indicate a DVB data pipe (see ETSI TS 101 162 [3]).

component_tag: This field shall have the same value as a `component_tag` field of a `stream_identifier_descriptor` (if present in the PSI program map section) for the stream that is used as a data pipe.

selector_length: This field shall be set to zero.

selector_byte: This field is not present.

4.2.2 Stream type

The specification of the `stream_type` in the program map section is not defined in the present document.

5 Asynchronous data streaming

5.1 Data transport specification

The data broadcast service shall insert the data to be broadcast in PES packets as defined by MPEG-2 Systems ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1]. The PES packets shall be of non-zero length. The mapping of the PES packets into MPEG-2 Transport Stream packets is defined in MPEG-2 Systems ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1].

The asynchronous data streaming specification uses the standard PES packet syntax and semantics with the following constraints:

stream_id: This field shall be set to the value of 0xBF (`private_stream_2`).

PES_packet_length: This is a 16-bit field which shall be set to a non-zero value.

5.2 PSI and SI specifications

5.2.0 General rules

The data broadcast service shall indicate the use of an asynchronous data stream by including one or more data broadcast descriptors in SI (see ETSI EN 300 468 [2]). Each descriptor shall be associated with a particular stream via a `component_tag` identifier. In particular, the value of the `component_tag` field shall be identical to the value of the `component_tag` field of a `stream_identifier_descriptor` (see ETSI EN 300 468 [2]) that may be present in the PSI program map section for the stream that is used as a data stream.

5.2.1 Data_broadcast_descriptor

The data broadcast descriptor is used in the following way:

data_broadcast_id: This field shall be set to 0x0002 to indicate an asynchronous data stream (see ETSI TS 101 162 [3]).

component_tag: This field shall have the same value as a `component_tag` field of a `stream_identifier_descriptor` (if present in the PSI program map section) for the stream on which the data is broadcast.

selector_length: This field shall be set to zero.

selector_byte: This field is not present.

5.2.2 Stream type

The presence of an asynchronous data stream in a service shall be indicated in the program map of that service by setting the stream type of that stream to the value of 0x06 or a user private value.

6 Synchronous and synchronized data streaming

6.1 Data transport specification

The data broadcast service shall insert the data to be broadcast in PES packets as defined by MPEG-2 Systems. The PES packets shall be of non-zero length. The mapping of the PES packets into MPEG-2 Transport Stream packets is defined in MPEG-2 Systems ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1].

The synchronous and synchronized data streaming specifications use the standard PES packet syntax and semantics with the following constraints:

stream_id: This field shall be set to the value of 0xBD (`private_stream_1`) for synchronous and synchronized data streams.

PES_packet_length: This is a 16-bit field which shall be set to a non-zero value.

The data is inserted in PES packets using the `PES_data_packet` structure. The syntax and semantics of the `PES_data_packet` structure are defined in Table 1.