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Foreword

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Introduction

The main goal of the ISO/IEC 23000 series (also known as “MPEG-A”) is to facilitate the swift development of innovative, standards-based multimedia services and applications by selecting and combining readily tested and verified tools taken from the MPEG body of standards.

Visual identity management is designed to enable users to control and manage privacy protection by defining a new framework and tools. It also provides to industry a coherent and consistent approach to manage privacy protection in order to be implemented in a variety of scenarios, applications or systems.

The main objective of preserving privacy protection is to enable security and confidentiality in the multimedia content chain. Many usages of image/video communication services, social networking and video sharing platforms have led to an increasing interest to protect users’ privacy.

Traditionally, multimedia data security is achieved by cryptography solutions, which deal with encryption of data. This approach is called Naive Encryption Algorithm (NEA) and it treats the video bitstream as text data without paying attention to the structure of the compressed video. To this end, MPEG common encryption has been standardized in order to support encryption and key mapping methods for file format in ISO/IEC 23001-7 and for transport streaming in ISO/IEC 23001-9[3]. Consequently, bitstreams encrypted by those documents are decodable only after a correct decryption process even when only parts of the video are encrypted. Nevertheless, none of these formats allow signalling the encryption of a part of the picture (region), or indicating to the decoder that the encrypted bitstream can be partially decoded.

Moreover, all the access control is provided and performed globally without taking into account the image/video content and context. To restore citizens’ confidence in online data collection practices, submitted media should be encrypted to protect privacy and only viewed with limited access that the user chooses: group of people, purpose of sharing, time, date, metadata, etc.

In order to provide privacy protection over processing and sharing of multimedia content, a flexible, effective and scalable mechanism is required to provide users a way to express their control desires in a form that can be processed and monitored systematically, consistently and persistently throughout the lifecycle of the multimedia content. There is currently no standardized format to represent privacy description information (PDI), hindering the interoperability between secured systems.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the standard representation of the set of signalling and data used in the process of preserving privacy for storage sharing image/video.

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.

Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10:—[1], *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 10: Advanced Video Coding*

ISO/IEC 14496-15, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 15: Carriage of network abstraction layer (NAL) unit structured video in the ISO base media file format*

ISO/IEC 23001-7:2016, *Information technology — MPEG systems technologies — Part 7: Common encryption in ISO base media file format files*

Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2:—[2], *Information technology — High efficiency coding and media delivery in heterogeneous environments — Part 2: High efficiency video coding*

ISO/IEC 23008-12, *Information technology — High efficiency coding and media delivery in heterogeneous environments — Part 12: Image File Format*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 14496-10, ISO/IEC 23008-2, ISO/IEC 23008-12 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
CSE
content sensitive encryption
selective encryption
image or video content protection scheme that can encrypt only a subset of the compressed bitstream data, preserving format compliant

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2) Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/IEC/DIS 23008-2:2018.

3.2
privacy description management
entity capable of managing the access control of different regions and associated with different authorizations

3.3
ROI
region of interest
sample or subset of an image within a media, identified for a particular purpose

4 Abbreviated terms

AVC	advanced video coding (as specified by Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10)
CABAC	context-adaptive binary arithmetic coding (as specified in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 and in Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2)
CAVLC	context-adaptive variable-length coding (as specified in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10)
CTU	coding transform unit (as specified by Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2)
HEVC	high efficiency video coding (as specified by Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2)
MB	Macroblock unit (as specified by Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10)
MPEG 21 UD	MPEG 21 user description (as specified by ISO/IEC 21000-22)
NAL	network abstraction layer (as specified in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 and in Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2)
SEI	supplemental enhancement information (as specified in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 and in Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2)

5 System for identity privacy management

5.1 General framework

To protect privacy content, stored and/or shared media should be encrypted by the service's user and should only be viewed with a well-defined limited access (group of people, purpose of sharing, time, date, metadata, etc.). Consequently, some particular regions of the video (e.g. human faces, text data) can only be seen by the authorized users, regardless of who captures and shares the video. Additionally, since multiple regions sometimes need different protections (e.g. multiple faces shown in the video), there is also a need to manage different control access (i.e. different key identifiers) within the same video bitstream, potentially for each frame, as shown in Figure 1.

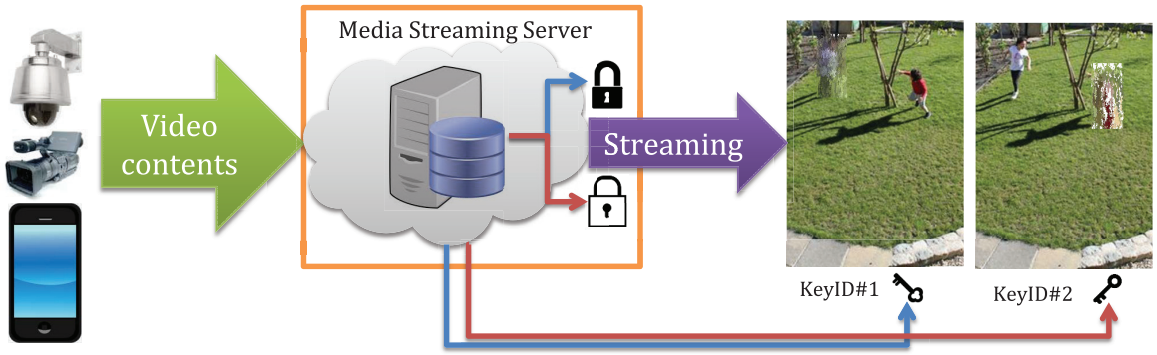

Figure 1 — Privacy management in multimedia streaming applications

Figure 2 illustrates an example of framework for managing the privacy of users when pictures or videos are taken and shared among users with different keys.

NOTE Key management is outside the scope of this document.

The steps of the privacy protection mechanism can be expressed as follows (see also Figure 2):

1. User 1:
   a. Capture a media.
   b. Select part of the media considered as "private" or/and let an application detect and recognize automatically faces.
   c. Transmit information to the privacy description management.
2. Privacy description management:
   a. Get information and manage access control thanks to privacy policy defined by User 1 with the different relative user descriptions, potentially taking into account context descriptions and/or service descriptions through the recommendation engine.
   b. Send a unique ID of the media, and a list of encryption keys associated to different part of the media.
3. User 1:
   a. Generation (i.e. compression and encapsulation) of media file with an encryption scheme fed by the list of encryption keys and their locations.
   b. Storage or transmission to dedicated server for media sharing.
4. User 2:
   a. Get media file.
   b. Send the ID of media and associated context and user description to privacy description management.
5. Privacy description management:
   a. Use the transmitted information through the recommendation engine to evaluate whether the user can be totally or partially authorized to render the associated media.

b. Send decryption keys adapted to the users that are allowed or not to see each part of the media.

6. User 2:

a. Get decryption keys.

b. Render (i.e. de-capsulate and decompress) media with an appropriated decryption scheme depending on associated authorization.

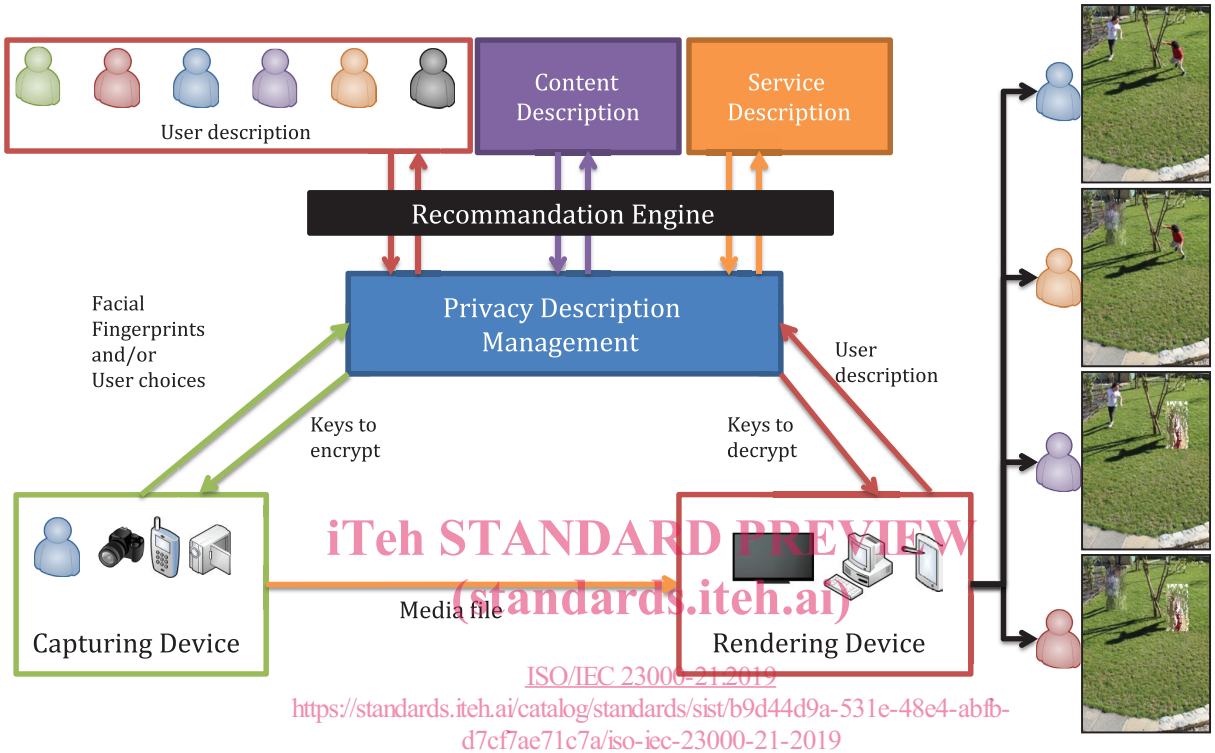

Figure 2 — Proposed framework for privacy management of media

ISO/IEC 15938-13[5] should be used to represent the fingerprint of the face of a user in a picture. For video, compact descriptors for video analysis (ISO/IEC 15938-15[6][3]) can be used. To define the area that needs to be protected, it can be selected manually or automatically, but this process is out of the scope of this document.

5.2 Applying privacy protection in ISO/IEC 21000-22

5.2.1 General description

5.2.1.1 General

This subclause refers to ISO/IEC 21000-22:—[2][4], Clause 4, that defines basic properties of each sub-element for UD (user description), CD (context description), SD (service description) and RD (recommendation description).

NOTE To consider privacy issues, several modifications and new specific types have been added to fit the requirements of ISO/IEC 21000-22.

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4) Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/IEC/FDIS 21000-22:2019.

5.2.1.2 InformationAccessUserGroup

5.2.1.2.1 Syntax

This syntax is `InformationAccessUserGroup` type.

```
<complexType name="InformationAccessUserGroup">
   <sequence>
      <element name="UserID" type="mpeg7:UserIdentifierType" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
   </sequence>
   <attribute name="GroupID" type="anyURI"/>
</complexType>
```

`InformationAccessUserGroup` type has `InformationAccessID` type. `InformationAccessID` describes the list of other users who can access private information.

5.2.1.2.2 Semantics

Semantics of the `InformationAccessUserGroup` is given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Semantics of the `InformationAccessUserGroup`

Name	Definition
`InformationAccessUserGroup`	Describes the group of other users who can access private information.
`UserID`	Specifies the list of user's ID belonging to the group that can access private information.
`GroupID`	Specifies the identifier of the group.

5.2.2 User description

5.2.2.1 General

This subclause specifies user description (UD), which contains root elements at the basis of individual use cases.

5.2.2.2 BaseUserType

5.2.2.2.1 General

`BaseUserType` was created in `UserDescription`, and `InformationAccessID` and `InformationAccessID` were added to `BaseUserType`.

`InformationAccessID` describes the list of other users who can access private information of a given user. `InformationAccessGroupURI` references groups of users who can access private information.

5.2.2.2.2 Syntax

This syntax is `BaseUserType` type.

```
<complexType name="BaseUserType" abstract="true">
   <sequence>
      <element name="InformationAccessID" type="mpeg7:UserIdentifierType" minOccurs="0"
maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="InformationAccessGroupURI" type="anyURI" minOccurs="0"
maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
   </sequence>
</complexType>
```

5.2.2.2.3 Semantics

Semantics of the `BaseUserType` type is given in Table 2.

Table 2 — Semantics of the `BaseUserType`

Name	Definition
`BaseUserType`	`BaseUserType` is an abstract type providing a base for description of each element.
`InformationAccessID`	Specifies the list of user's ID of other users who can access private information.
`InformationAccessGroupURI`	References groups of users who can access private information through the specification of its URI. Refer to the `GroupID` of `InformationAccessUserGroup` in `General Description`.

5.2.2.3 UserDescriptionType

5.2.2.3.1 General

This subclause describes a structure of `UserDescriptionType` data type. The `UserDescriptionType` contains several elements as the `InformationAccessGroup` that has been added and which specifies a list of users who can access the privacy information.

5.2.2.3.2 Syntax

```
<complexType name="UD">
  <complexContent>
     <extension base="ud:BaseUserType">
             <sequence>
                  <element name="InformationAccessGroup"
type="ct:InformationAccessUserGroup" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
                  <element name="ClassificationSchemeAlias"
type="ct:ClassificationSchemeAliasType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
                  <element name="UserID" type="mpeg7:UniqueIDType"/>
                  <element name="UserProfile" type="ud:UserProfileType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="UsageHistory" type="ud:UsageHistoryType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="Preference" type="ud:PreferenceType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="Emotion" type="ud:EmotionType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="Schedule" type="ud:ScheduleType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="Activity" type="ud:ActivityType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="Representation" type="ct:ObjectType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="Intention" type="ud:IntentionType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="Knowledge" type="ud:KnowledgeType" minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="ObjectSharing" type="ud:ObjectSharingType"
minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="ServiceUsagePattern" type="ud:UsagePatternType"
minOccurs="0"/>
                  <element name="LoudnessPreferences" type="ud:LoudnessPreferencesType"/>
                  <element name="VisualExpressionPreference" type="ud:
VisualExpressionPreferenceType"/>
             </sequence>
             <attributeGroup ref="ct:commonAttributes"/>
     </extension>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
```


5.2.2.3.3 Semantics

Semantics of the `UserDescriptionType` is given in Table 3.

Table 3 — Semantics of the `UserDescriptionType`

Name	Definition
`UD`	Serves as the root element of the MPEG 21 UD format. The `UD` element shall be used as the topmost element to make user description in an instance of MPEG 21 UD format.
`UserDescriptionType`	Specifies the syntax of the root element. This datatype is a set of descriptions which may contain static and dynamic information about user. Within this Type, `UserProfile`, `Preference`, `Emotion`, `Schedule` or `Activity` element shall be instantiated.
`InformationAccessGroup`	Describes the group of other users who can access private information.