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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 23093-1:2020), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- use case description and the underlying technology.

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## Introduction

The ISO/IEC 23093 series provides an architecture and specifies application programming interfaces (APIs) and compressed representation of data flowing between media things.

The APIs for the media things facilitate discovering other media things in the network, connecting and efficiently exchanging data between media things. The APIs also provide means for supporting transaction tokens in order to access valuable functionalities, resources, and data from media things.

Media things related information consists of characteristics and discovery data, setup information from a system designer, raw and processed sensed data, and actuation information. The ISO/IEC 23093 series specifies data formats of input and output for media sensors, media actuators, media storages, media analysers, etc. Sensed data from media sensors can be processed by media analysers to produce analysed data, and the media analysers can be cascaded in order to extract semantic information.

This document does not specify how the process of sensing and analysing is carried out but specifies the interfaces between the media things. This document describes the architecture of systems for the internet of media things.

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# Information technology — Internet of media things —

## Part 1: Architecture

### 1 Scope

This document describes the architecture of systems for the internet of media things.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 Internet of media things terms

##### 3.1.1 audio

anything related to sound in terms of receiving, transmitting or reproducing it or of its specific frequency

##### 3.1.2 camera

special form of an *image capture device* (3.1.6) that senses and captures photo-optical signals

##### 3.1.3 display

visual representation of the output of an electronic device or the portion of an electronic device that shows this representation, as a screen, lens or reticle

##### 3.1.4 gesture

movement or position of the hand, arm, body, head or face that is expressive of an idea, opinion, emotion, etc.

##### 3.1.5 haptics

input or output device that senses or actuates the body's movements by means of physical contact with the user

##### 3.1.6 image capture device

device which is capable of sensing and capturing acoustic, electrical or photo-optical signals of a physical entity that can be converted into an image

**3.1.7**

**internet of media things**

**IoMT**

special subset of *IoT* (3.2.9) whose main functionalities are related to media processing

**3.1.8**

**IoMT device**

*IoT* (3.2.9) device that contains more than one *MThing* (3.1.12)

**3.1.9**

**IoMT system**

**MSystem**

*IoT* (3.2.9) system whose main functionality is related to media processing

**3.1.10**

**loudspeaker**

electroacoustic device, connected as a component in an audio system, generating audible acoustic waves

**3.1.11**

**media**

data that can be rendered, including audio, video, text, graphics, images, haptic and tactile information

Note 1 to entry: These data can be timed or non-timed.

**3.1.12**

**media thing**

**MThing**

*thing* (3.2.20) capable of sensing, acquiring, actuating, or processing of media or metadata

**3.1.13**

**media token**

virtual token for accessing functionalities, resources and data of media things

**3.1.14**

**microphone**

entity capable of capture and transform acoustic waves into changes in electric currents or voltage, used in recording or transmitting sound

**3.1.15**

**media wearable**

**MWearable**

*MThing* (3.1.12) intended to be located near, on or in an organism

**3.1.16**

**motion**

action or process of changing place or position

**3.1.17**

**natural user interface**

**NUI**

system for human-computer interaction that the user operates through intuitive actions related to natural, everyday human behaviour

**3.1.18**

**presentation**

act of producing human recognizable output of rendered media



## 3.2 Internet of things terms

### 3.2.1

#### **actuator**

component which conveys digital information to effect a change of some property of a physical entity

### 3.2.2

#### **capability**

characteristic or property of an entity that can be used to describe its state, appearance or other aspects

EXAMPLE An entity type, address information, telephone number, a privilege, a MAC address, a domain name are possible attributes, see ISO/IEC 24760-1.

### 3.2.3

#### **component**

modular, deployable and replaceable part of a system that encapsulates implementations

Note 1 to entry: A component may expose or use interfaces (local or on a network) to interact with other entities, see ISO 19104. A component which exposes or uses network interfaces is called an endpoint.

### 3.2.4

#### **digital entity**

any computational or data element of an IT-based system

Note 1 to entry: It may exist as a service based in a data centre or cloud, or a network element or a gateway.

### 3.2.5

#### **discovery**

service to find unknown resources/entities/services based on a rough specification of the desired result

Note 1 to entry: It may be utilized by a human or another service; credentials for authorization are considered when executing the discovery, see ISO/IEC 30141.

### 3.2.6

#### **entity**

anything (physical or non-physical) having a distinct existence

### 3.2.7

#### **identifier**

information that unambiguously distinguishes one *entity* (3.2.6) from another one in a given identity context

### 3.2.8

#### **identity**

characteristics determining who or what a person or thing is

### 3.2.9

#### **internet of things**

#### **IoT**

infrastructure of interconnected objects, people, systems and information resources together with intelligent services to allow them to process information of the physical and the virtual world and to react

### 3.2.10

#### **interface**

shared boundary between two functional components, defined by various characteristics pertaining to the functions, physical interconnections, signal exchanges, and other characteristics, as appropriate

Note 1 to entry: See ISO/IEC 13066-1.

**3.2.11**

**IoT system**

system that is comprised of functions that provide the system the capabilities for identification, sensing, actuation, communication and management, and applications and services to a user

Note 1 to entry: See Bahga and Madiseti [4].

**3.2.12**

**network**

entity that connects endpoints, sources to destinations, and may itself act as a value-added element in the IoT system or services

**3.2.13**

**process**

procedure to carry out operations on data

**3.2.14**

**physical entity**

*thing* (3.2.20) that is discrete, identifiable and observable, and that has material existence in real world

**3.2.15**

**reference architecture**

description of common features, common vocabulary, guidelines, interrelations and interactions among the entities, and a template for an IoT architecture

**3.2.16**

**resource**

any element of a data processing system needed to perform required operations

Note 1 to entry: See ISO/IEC 2382.

**3.2.17**

**sensor**

device that observes and measures a physical property of a natural phenomenon or a human induced process and converts that measurement into a signal

Note 1 to entry: A signal can be electrical, chemical, etc., see ISO/IEC 29182-2.

**3.2.18**

**service**

distinct part of the functionality that is provided by an entity through interfaces

**3.2.19**

**storage**

capacity of a digital entity to store information subject to recall or the components of a digital entity in which such information is stored

**3.2.20**

**thing**

any entity that can communicate with other entities

**3.2.21**

**user**

human or any digital entity that is interested in interacting with a particular physical object

**3.2.23**

**visual**

any object perceptible by the sense of sight

## 4 Architecture

The global IoMT architecture is presented in [Figure 1](#), which identifies a set of interfaces, protocols and associated media-related information representations related to:

- user commands (setup information) between a system manager and an MThing, with reference to interface 1.
- user commands (setup information) forwarded by an MThing to another MThing, possibly in a modified form (e.g., subset of 1), with reference to interface 1'.
- sensed data (raw or processed data) (compressed or semantic extraction) and actuation information, with reference to Interface 2.
- wrapped interface 2 (e.g., for transmission), with reference to interface 2'.
- MThing characteristics, discovery, with reference to interface 3.

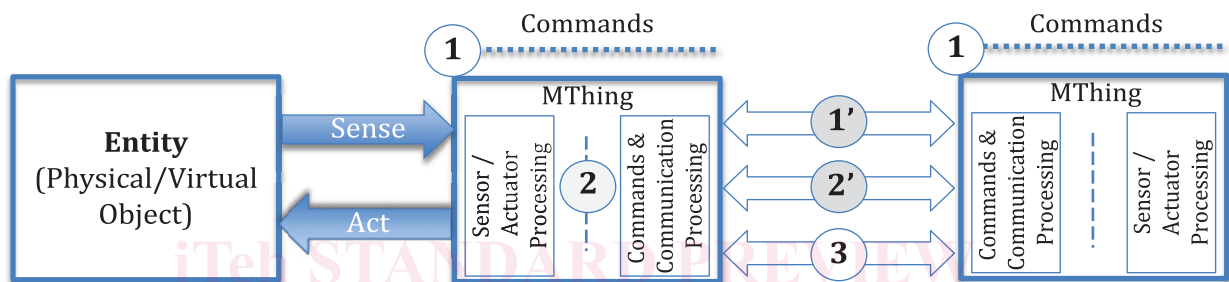


Figure 1 — IoMT architecture

This IoMT architecture can be mapped to the IoT reference architecture, see ISO/IEC 30141, as shown in [Annex A](#).

## 5 Use cases

### 5.1 General

MPEG identified 31 use-cases for IoMT; they are structured in the following five main categories:

#### a) Smart spaces: Monitoring and control with network of audio-video cameras (see [5.2](#))

- human tracking with multiple network cameras
- dangerous region surveillance system
- intelligent firefighting with IP surveillance cameras
- automatic security alert generation system using, time, GPS and visual information
- networked digital signs for customized advertisement
- digital signage and second screen use
- self-adaptive quality of experience for multimedia applications
- ultra-wide viewing video composition
- face recognition to evoke sensorial actuations
- automatic video clip generation by detecting event information

- temporal synchronization of multiple videos for creating 360° or multiple view video
  - intelligent similar content recommendations using information from IoMT devices
  - safety equipment detection in construction sites
- b) **Smart spaces: Multi-modal guided navigation (see 5.3)**
- blind person assistant system
  - elderly people assistance with consecutive vibration haptic devices
  - personalized navigation by visual communication
  - personalized tourist navigation with natural language functionalities
  - smart identifier: face recognition on smart glasses
  - smart advertisement: QR code recognition on smart glasses
- c) **Smart audio/video environments in smart cities (see 5.4)**
- smart factory: car maintenance assistance A/V system using smart glasses
  - smart museum: augmented visit museum using smart glasses
  - smart house: light control, vibrating subtitle, olfaction media content consumption
  - smart car: head-light adjustment and speed monitoring to provide automatic volume control
- d) **Smart multi-modal collaborative health (see 5.5)**
- increasing patient autonomy by remote control of left-ventricular assisted devices
  - diabetic coma prevention by monitoring networks of in-body/near body sensors
  - enhanced physical activity with smart fabrics networks
  - medical assistance with smart glasses
  - managing healthcare information for smart glass
  - indoor air quality prediction
- e) **Blockchain usage for IoMT transactions authentication and monetizing (see 5.6)**
- reward function in IoMT by using blockchains
  - content authentication with blockchains

## 5.2 Smart spaces: Monitoring and control with network of audio-video cameras

### 5.2.1 General

The large variety of sensors, actuators, displays and computational elements acting in our day-by-day professional and private space in order to provide us with better and easier accessible services lead to 13 use cases of interest for IoMT, mainly related to the processing of video information.

### 5.2.2 Human tracking with multiple network cameras

As urban growth is today accompanied by an increase in crimes rate (e.g., theft, vandalism), many local authorities consider surveillance systems as a possible tool to fight this phenomenon. A city video