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Part 17:

Carriage of uncompressed video and images in ISO Base Media File Format

1 Scope

This document specifies how uncompressed 2D image and video data is carried in files in the family of standards based on the ISO base media file format (ISO/IEC 14496-12). This includes but is not limited to monochromatic data, colour data, transparency (alpha) information and depth information.

The primary goal of this document is to allow exchange of uncompressed video and image data while relying on the information set provided by the ISO base media file format, such as timing, colour space and sample aspect ratio to specify the interpretation and/or display of video and image data.

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 14496-12, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 12: ISO base media file format*

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

IEEE 754-2008, *IEEE Standard for Floating-Point Arithmetic*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 14496-12 and the following 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

block

consecutive bytes within the sample data containing one or more component values for one or more pixels and possible padding

3.2

component

part of the image data representing a single channel (or dimension) of the image

Note-1-to-entry:- In this document, a component may describe visual information such as luminance or chroma, or other information usually not intended for direct display such as depth or transparency.

3.3

frame

two-dimensional rectangular array of pixels contained in the sample data

3.4

interleaving

ordering of pixel or component within the sample data

3.5

pixel

smallest element of an image, comprised of one or more components

3.6

row

horizontal line of pixels within a frame or a tile

3.7

sample data

payload of the media sample when the uncompressed frame is described by a media track, or payload of the item when the uncompressed frame is described by an image item

Note-1-to-entry:- Media sample as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12.

Note-2-to-entry:- Image item as defined in ISO/IEC 23008-12.

3.8

tile

two-dimensional rectangular array of pixels within a frame

3.9

uncompressed frame

frame for which each value of each component is coded independently from any other component value in the same frame or any other frame

Note-1-to-entry:- In this document, the uncompressed term is used with some video formats applying sub-sampling of some components for the purpose of data reduction; however, data access to each individual component for such formats is still independent from other components or frames.

3.10

uncompressed image

single uncompressed frame stored as an image item

3.11

uncompressed video

sequence of one or more uncompressed frames

4 Uncompressed video and image formats

4.1 Overview

Uncompressed frames may be stored in ISO base media files as media samples of media tracks or as image items using a generic uncompressed video description defined in this document.

Media tracks, media samples and image items may be further described using the various tools defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12, such as sample group descriptions, `MetaBox`, metadata tracks and sample auxiliary information. User-defined components may be used to carry per-pixel specific information, either in the same sample or item as the described pixels or in a separate track or item.

The tools defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12 and ISO/IEC 23008-12 should be used whenever applicable, namely to specify pixel aspect ratio, colour information, clean aperture, content light level, mirror and rotate properties or track header matrix, etc.

An uncompressed video media sample or item consists of one uncompressed frame. Each uncompressed frame is organized as a set of one or more rectangular, non-overlapping and contiguous (without holes) areas called tiles.

ISOBMF allows constructing files referring to external data. This enables building ISOBMF files describing existing uncompressed image or video files without having to copy the media data, simplifying integration into existing workflows.

4.2 Storage in media tracks

Uncompressed video tracks compliant to this document are tracks compliant to ISO/IEC 14496-12 that use a `VisualSampleEntry` with `codingname` equal to 'uncv', hereafter called uncompressed video sample entry.

The uncompressed video sample entry shall contain

- one `UncompressedFrameConfigBox`
- one `ComponentDefinitionBox` if the `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` version is not 1.

When both `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` and `ComponentDefinitionBox` are present in the sample entry, the `ComponentDefinitionBox` shall precede the `UncompressedFrameConfigBox`.

The `compressorname` field of an uncompressed video sample entry should be set to all 0 (empty string). The `depth` field of an uncompressed video sample entry shall be ignored and should be set to 0, the bit depth per component being indicated by the `UncompressedFrameConfigBox`.

The handler type associated with the track is usually 'vide', 'auxv' or 'pict' but derived specifications may introduce new handler types. The `width` and `height` fields of the sample entry documents the exact frame dimension, in pixels of any non-subsampled component, of any sample of the video stream that is described by this sample entry. Consequently, if the frame dimension changes within a video track, multiple sample entries shall be used.

The payload of an uncompressed video media sample consists of one uncompressed frame.

The size in bytes of an uncompressed video media sample shall be at least the size in bytes required to store all the components values documented by the uncompressed video configuration as defined in **subclause 5.2subclause 5.2**.

NOTE The sample data can be larger than the size in bytes required to store all the components values, typically to store information in the trailing data. How such additional bytes are handled by a file reader is out of scope of this document.

Each uncompressed video media sample shall be marked as a sync sample. As a consequence, the `SyncSampleBox`, `ShadowSyncSampleBox`, `CompositionOffsetBox` and `CompositionToDecodeBox` shall not be present in the track.

Media tracks containing only non-visual components should be marked as not present in the presentation, i.e. `track_in_movie` flag should not be set.

Media tracks containing user-defined components providing per-pixel information for pixels in another track should use a track reference of type 'cdsc' to the track they describe.

4.3 Storage in image items

An uncompressed image compliant to this document is an image item compliant to ISO/IEC 23008-12 with the `item_type` 'unci'.

An uncompressed image shall be associated with:

- an `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` essential item property, i.e., `essential` shall be equal to 1 for an `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` item property associated with an image item of type 'unci',
- a `ComponentDefinitionBox` essential item property if the `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` version is not 1,
- an `ImageSpatialExtentsProperty` whose `image_width` and `image_height` fields shall document the exact frame dimension, in pixels, of the reconstructed image, i.e. the size of the image before applying any associated transformative properties.

The payload of an uncompressed image consists of one uncompressed frame.

The size in bytes of an uncompressed image item shall be at least the size in bytes required to store all the components values documented by the uncompressed video configuration as defined in **subclause 5.2subclause 5.2**.

NOTE The image item data can be larger than the size in bytes required to store all the components values, typically to store information in the trailing data. How such additional bytes are handled by a file reader is out of scope of this document.

An uncompressed image can be further documented using the various tools defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12 or ISO/IEC 23008-12, such as descriptive item properties.

Uncompressed images containing only non-visual components should be marked as hidden items, i.e. have `(flags & 1)` equal to 1 in their `ItemInfoEntry`.

Uncompressed images containing user-defined components providing per-pixel information for pixels in another item should use an item reference of type 'cdsc' to the item they describe.

If an uncompressed item is associated with an `AuxiliaryTypeProperty` indicating alpha (resp. depth), the uncompressed item shall have one and only one component of type alpha (resp. depth).

5 Uncompressed frame description

5.1 Component Definition

5.1.1 Definition

Box Type: `_____ 'compd'`

Container: `_____ Video` sample entry, `ItemPropertyContainerBox`

Mandatory: see below

Quantity: `_____` At most one per uncompressed video sample entry or at most one associated per uncompressed image item

The `ComponentDefinitionBox` is used to document the types of components present in samples or items associated with this box through the sample entry or through item property association.

Components defined in the `ComponentDefinitionBox` are referenced by indexes in various boxes in this document. Care has to be taken while removing components from an uncompressed video or image to also remove in other boxes any reference to the removed components. There is no requirement that all components defined in the `ComponentDefinitionBox` are referenced by other boxes.

For all boxes referring to components defined in the `ComponentDefinitionBox`, the associated `ComponentDefinitionBox` (resp. the associated `UncompressedFrameConfigBox`) is defined as:

- for an uncompressed video, the `ComponentDefinitionBox` (resp. `UncompressedFrameConfigBox`) present in the same sample entry as the referring box,
- for an uncompressed image, the `ComponentDefinitionBox` (resp. `UncompressedFrameConfigBox`) associated, through `ItemPropertyAssociationBox`, to the same image item as the referring box.

This box shall be present if the version of the associated `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` is 0.

This box may be present if the version of the associated `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` is 1.

When the `ComponentDefinitionBox` is not present, the associated `ComponentDefinitionBox` is implicitly defined as indicated by the profile of the associated `UncompressedFrameConfigBox`, see [subclause 5.3 subclause 5.3](#).

The `component_index` field value defined in boxes using an associated `ComponentDefinitionBox` indicates the index in the list of components, with value 0 indicating the first component listed in the associated `ComponentDefinitionBox`. The `component_index` field value shall be strictly less than the `component_count` field value of the associated `ComponentDefinitionBox`.

A `ComponentDefinitionBox` may describe two or more components with the same type (e.g. two monochrome components representing different portions of the electromagnetic spectrum), and file readers may require additional information to process the pixel data. How such information is provided to the file reader is out of scope of this document.

Table 1-1 – Component types

Value	Description
0	Monochrome component

Value	Description
1	Luma component (Y)
2	Chroma component (Cb / U)
3	Chroma component (Cr / V)
4	Red component (R)
5	Green component (G)
6	Blue component(B)
7	Alpha/transparency component (A)
8	Depth component (D)
9	Disparity component (Disp)
10	Palette component (P) The <code>component_format</code> value for this component shall be 0.
11	Filter Array (FA) component such as Bayer, RGBW, etc.
12	Padded component (unused bits/bytes)
13	Cyan component (C)
14	Magenta component (M)
15	Yellow component (Y)
16	Key (black) component (K)
17 to 0x7FFF	ISO/IEC reserved
0x8000 to 0xFFFF	User-defined component type(s)

Component types reflect only a nominal characterization of the pixel data and how that pixel data should be displayed; precise bandpass limits, for example, are not implied and may differ from image to image. For some component types, some other boxes can provide additional information, such as `ColourInformationBox` or `MasteringDisplayColourVolumeBox`. For other component types, the signalling of such information is out of scope of this document.

if a `ColourInformationBox` is present for the media sample or item:

- if the `ColourInformationBox` describes components by numbers, there shall be at least as many components in the reconstructed image as indicated by the `ColourInformationBox`, and components are matched by indices,
- if the `ColourInformationBox` describes components by labels (e.g., Y, U/Cb, V/Cr or R, G, B), these components shall be present in the image after applying palette or filter array, if any.

If the bands need to be identified beyond the component type, it is recommended to use URIs in place of the enumerated `component_type` value.

5.1.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class ComponentDefinitionBox extends Box('cmpd') {
    _____ unsigned int(32) component_count;_____
    _____ f
```

```

{
  unsigned int(16) component_type;
  if (component_type >= 0x8000) {
    utf8string component_type_uri;
  }
} [component_count];
}

```

5.1.3 Semantics

`component_count` indicates the number of components described in this box

`component_type` indicates the type of the component, as defined in [Table 1](#)

`component_type_uri` indicates a URI describing the user-defined component type

5.2 Uncompressed Frame Configuration

5.2.1 Definition

5.2.1.1 Overview

Box Type: `'uncC'`

Container: `Video` sample entry, `ItemPropertyContainerBox`

Mandatory: Yes, if codingname of the sample entry is `'uncv'` or if the `item_type` of the item is `'unci'`

Quantity: One per uncompressed video sample entry or one associated per uncompressed image item

The `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` describes uncompressed frames that are composed of one or more components. RGB or YUV formats are typical examples of such uncompressed frames for which each colour component is a component of the uncompressed frame. Other component types can also be described (e.g. disparity, transparency, infra-red). The type of each component is specified by the `component_type` field in the associated `ComponentDefinitionBox`.

Component values may be absolute values or indexes into a colour palette, with adjustable black and white reference levels. Pattern-based sensor data, such as Bayer, can be described through user-defined patterns, together with various sensor information (polarization, non-uniformity correction, broken pixels, etc.).

For each component, this box specifies the numerical format (e.g. unsigned integer, IEEE 754 binary32 floating point) and bit depth through the `component_format` and `component_bit_depth_minus_one` fields.

Pixel data may be interleaved per component, per pixel, per row or per tile, as specified by the `interleave_type` field, with byte alignment for each row and tile specified by the fields `row_align_size` and `tile_align_size`. Pixel data may also be grouped together in blocks, typically to respect endianness constraints, as specified by the `block_size`, `block_pad_lsb` and `block_little_endian` fields.

Some formats, such as YUV video, do not always use the same 2D resolution for each component of the frame. This is indicated by the `sampling_type` field.

The `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` may indicate a profile, allowing faster identification of the class of video data used. Profiles are defined in ~~subclause 5.3~~ **subclause 5.3**. Some profiles may use version 1 of the `UncompressedFrameConfigBox`, in which case only the profile is given and the `ComponentDefinitionBox`, if absent, is implicitly defined by the profile.

5.2.1.2 Component ordering and constraints

Each pixel in a frame is made of one or more components, where each component is assigned a type (e.g., 'Y', 'U', 'V'), as detailed in ~~5.15.1~~ **5.15.1**.

The order in which components are specified in the `UncompressedFrameConfigBox` indicates the order in which components are placed into the sample data or within blocks, prior to blocking and endian conversion.

Some formats, such as Bayer image data, contain a 2D array of single-component values, with each individual component value assigned to a component type using a fixed pattern. Such formats are described as mono-component data with no subsampling, use a component type of 11 ('FA'). There shall be at most one component with type 11 ('FA') present in the component list. There may be additional components of other types present, for example to associate an alpha component with a Bayer image. If a component with type 11 ('FA') is present, there shall be a `ComponentPatternDefinitionBox` present in the video sample entry or associated to the item to indicate the pattern of component values.

Some formats code colours according to a set of predefined colours, or palette. Such formats are described as single-component with no subsampling, use a component type of 10 ('P'). There shall be at most one component with type 10 ('P') present in the component list. There may be additional components of other types present, for example to associate per-pixel alpha component with a palette image. If a component with type 10 ('P') is present, there shall be an `ComponentPaletteBox` present in the video sample entry or associated to the item to indicate the palette values.

5.2.1.3 Component size and numerical format

The variable `component_bit_depth` for a component is defined as $(\text{component_bit_depth_minus_one} + 1)$.

For a given component, the binary representation of each value is given by `component_bit_depth` (the size in bits of each component value) and `component_format`.

The possible values for `component_format` field is defined in ~~Table 2~~ **Table 2**.

Table 2-2 — Component formats

Value	Description
0	Component value is an unsigned integer coded on <code>component_bit_depth</code> bits.
1	Component value is an IEEE 754 binary float number coded on <code>component_bit_depth</code> bits (e.g. if <code>component_bit_depth</code> is 16, then the component value is coded as IEEE 754 "binary16"). For this component format, <code>component_bit_depth</code> values shall be 16, 32, 64, 128 or 256; other values are forbidden.