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Introduction

ISO/IEC 23090-12 was developed to support compression of immersive video content, in which a real or virtual 3D scene is captured by multiple real or virtual cameras. The use of this document enables storage and distribution of immersive video content over existing and future networks, for playback with 6 degrees of freedom of view position and orientation.

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Information technology — Coded representation of immersive media —

Part 23: Conformance and reference software for MPEG immersive video

1 Scope

This document specifies a set of tests and procedures designed to indicate whether encoders or decoders meet the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12.

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 23090-12:—, *Information technology — Coded representation of immersive media — Part 12: MPEG immersive video*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 23090-12 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

alternative decoder

decoder (3.4) other than the *reference software decoder* (3.7)

3.2

bitstream

sequence of bits that conforms to the syntax requirements specified by ISO/IEC 23090-12 or sequence of bits to be tested for conformance to those syntax requirements

3.3

bitstream zip-file

archive file containing a bitstream plus files with information on that bitstream for the purpose of decoder conformance testing

3.4

decoder

embodiment of the decoding process specified by ISO/IEC 23090-12 or process to be tested for conformance to that decoding process specification

Note 1 to entry: The decoding process does not include post-decoding, reconstruction and display process, which are outside of the scope of this document.

3.5

decoder output log

log file that is output by a *decoder* (3.4) in response to a *bitstream* (3.2) for use in bitstream analysis or decoder conformance testing

3.6

encoder

embodiment of a process, not specified in this document, that produces a *bitstream* (3.2)

3.7

reference software decoder

particular *decoder* (3.4) provided as a software package for use as an example available for study, as a potential starting basis for the development of other decoders, as a way of testing bitstreams for conformance, and as a reference for comparison with the behaviour of other decoders

3.8

reference software encoder

particular *encoder* (3.6) provided as a software package for use as an example available for study, as a potential starting basis for the development of other encoders, and as a reference for comparison with the behaviour of other encoders

4 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviated terms in ISO/IEC 23090-12:—, Clause 4 apply.

5 Conventions

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6 Conformance testing

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6.1 General

The following clauses specify normative tests for verifying the conformance of bitstreams as well as decoders. Those normative tests make use of test data (bitstream test suites) provided as an electronic annex to this document and the reference software decoder.

6.2 Bitstream conformance

The bitstream conformance of ISO/IEC 23090-12 is specified by ISO/IEC 23090-12:—, Clause E.4.

6.3 Decoder conformance

The decoder conformance of ISO/IEC 23090-12 is specified by ISO/IEC 23090-12:—, Clause E.5.

6.4 Reference bitstreams

The bitstreams used for the decoder conformance testing specified in this document shall be those listed in [Table 1](#). They are available at:

<https://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/23090/-23/ed-1/en/>

Table 1 — List of reference bitstreams

| ID | Codec group IDC | Toolset IDC | Features tested |
|--------|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| CB01 | HEVC Main10 | MIV Extended | Packed video data, entity coding |
| CB02 | VVC Main10 | MIV Extended | Full occupancy, occupancy video data, different atlas frame sizes |
| CB03 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Explicit view IDs |
| CB04 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Grouping, explicit view IDs, multiple CVSs |
| CB05.1 | VVC Main10 | MIV Extended | None of the atlases contain constant depth patches |
| CB05.2 | VVC Main10 | MIV Extended | One atlas has constant depth patches, one does not |
| CB05.3 | VVC Main10 | MIV Extended | All atlases contain constant depth patches |
| CB06 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Ancillary atlas flag |
| CB07.1 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Pruning graph (cluster graph) |
| CB07.2 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Pruning graph (connected graph) |
| CB07.3 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | No pruning graph |
| CB08 | HEVC Main10 | MIV Extended | Restricted geometry |
| CB09 | HEVC Main10 | MIV Main | Geometry scaling (different factors) |
| CB10 | HEVC Main10 | MIV Main | 8-bit video sub-bitstreams |
| CB11 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Inpaint patches |
| CB12 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Coordinate system parameters |
| CB14 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | 360-degree equirectangular projection (clip Classroom-Video) |
| CB15 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Perspective projection matrix layout (clip Painter) |
| CB16 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | 180-degree equirectangular projection (clip Museum) |
| CB17 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Perspective projection vector layout (clip Frog) |
| CB18 | VVC Main10 | MIV Geometry absent | Only texture video (clip Cadillac) |
| CB19 | VVC Main10 | MIV Main | Non-IRAP frames: NAL_CAF_TRIAL and NAL_TRAIL_N |
| CB20 | VVC Main10 | MIV Extended | Multiple tiles |

6.5 Procedure to test bitstreams

A bitstream that claims conformance with ISO/IEC 23090-12 shall pass the following test:

The bitstream shall be decoded by processing it with the reference software decoder. When processed by the reference software decoder, the bitstream shall not cause any error or non-conformance messages to be reported by the reference software decoder. This test should not be applied to bitstreams that are known to contain errors introduced by transmission, as such errors are highly likely to result in bitstreams that lack conformance to ISO/IEC 23090-12.

Additional tests can be necessary to more thoroughly check that the bitstream properly meets all the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12, including the hypothetical reference decoder (HRD) conformance, supplemental enhancement information messages (SEI) and volumetric usability information (VUI). These complementary tests may be performed using other bitstream verifiers that perform more complete tests than those implemented by the reference software decoder.

To check the correctness of a bitstream, it is necessary to parse the entire bitstream and to extract all the syntax elements and other values derived from those syntactic elements and used by the decoding process specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12.

A verifier will not necessarily perform all stages of the decoding process specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12 to verify bitstream correctness. Many tests can be performed on syntax elements in a state prior to their use in some processing stages.

6.6 Procedure to test decoders

6.6.1 Conformance bitstreams

A bitstream has values of `ptl_profile_codec_group_idc`, `ptl_profile_toolset_idc` and `ptl_level_idc` corresponding to a set of specified constraints on a bitstream for which a decoder conforming to a specified profile and level is required to properly perform the decoding process.

6.6.2 Contents of the bitstream zip-files

The conformance bitstreams are available as an electronic attachment to this document. The following information is included in a single zip-file for each bitstream:

- the test bitstream in V3C sample stream format, with file extension `.bit`,
- a decoder output log, as specified in [Clause 8](#), with file extension `.dec`.
- a short textual description of the bitstream, with file extension `.txt`, including:
 - contact information,
 - profile-tier-level information,
 - a description of the encoder, including version information, that was used to create the bitstream,
 - the version of the reference software decoder that was used to create the decoder output log,
 - a description of the alternative decoders (if any), including version information, that were used to verify the decoder output log,
 - a list of features of ISO/IEC 23090-12 that are specifically exercised by this bitstream.

6.6.3 Requirements on decoder output and timing

The output of the decoding process is specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12.

For output timing conformance, a conforming decoder shall also output the decoded samples at the rates and times specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12.

Post-decoding, reconstruction and display processes are outside of the scope of this document.

7 Reference software

7.1 Purpose of the reference software

The purpose of the reference software includes:

- serving as an example available for study, e.g. to illustrate how the standard can be implemented,
- demonstrating the capabilities and behaviour that can be expected from implementations of the standard to clarify how to interpret what is specified in ISO/IEC 23090-12,
- providing a potential basis for the development of implementations of ISO/IEC 23090-12,
- providing a reference for comparison with the behaviour of other decoders,
- testing of bitstreams for conformance to ISO/IEC 23090-12.

The use of the reference software is not a requirement for the implementation of ISO/IEC 23090-12. An implementer is permitted to use only the text of ISO/IEC 23090-12 for creating an implementation of a conforming encoder or decoder.

7.2 Software location

The reference software is available at the following location:

<https://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/23090/-23/ed-1/en/>

This document corresponds to version 15.1.1 of the reference software.

7.3 Software license

The software license is included in the electronic attachment that provides the reference software.

7.4 Software installation

The software manual is included in the electronic attachment that provides the reference software.

7.5 Software architecture

7.5.1 Reference software encoder

The reference software encoder consists of the `TmivEncoder` and `TmivMultiplexer` executables. To encode a bitstream, the following steps are followed:

- a) Invoke the `TmivEncoder` to output:
 - 1) a partial bitstream that does not include the video sub bitstreams,
 - 2) an uncompressed video data file per video sub bitstream.
- b) For each uncompressed video data file, invoke a video encoder to encode the video data file, outputting a video sub bitstream.
- c) Invoke the `TmivMultiplexer` to output a bitstream.

7.5.2 Reference software decoder

The reference software decoder consists of a single executable named `TmivDecoder`.

The reference software decoder is configurable to output a decoder output log according to the format that is specified in [Clause 8](#).

8 Decoder output logging process

8.1 General decoder output logging process

The decoder output log is a file in UTF-8 format specified in ISO/IEC 10646, without byte order marking and with line endings formed by a single U-000A [LF] code point. The file consists of a single-space-separated table with one row per line. An example of a decoder output log is:

```

0 0 1024 1024 G 21623b35 A 0 6c9de1e8 b4d473f8 e797e251 432058a9 73b0f2c9 00000000
26c9cb0a
0 1 1024 1024 G 14fcdcf2 A 0 36ffa830 0ba8e5c2 fd42de31 432058a9 73b0f2c9 00000000
26c9cb0a
1 0 1024 1024 G df1e301d A 0 e3f15be5 b4d473f8 e797e251 432058a9 73b0f2c9 00000000
26c9cb0a
1 1 1024 1024 G f1a1a0c4 A 0 a89a7200 0ba8e5c2 fd42de31 432058a9 73b0f2c9 00000000
26c9cb0a
2 0 1024 1024 G 8f3a24d3 A 0 3399c717 9a9b5536 cd0a09a7 cab9c5db 73b0f2c9 00000000
26c9cb0a
2 1 1024 1024 G 29641a88 A 0 d0e419f0 0ba8e5c2 7103d7b1 cab9c5db 73b0f2c9 00000000
26c9cb0a

```