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The main changes are as follows:

- the reference software has been updated.

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Introduction

This document is part of a series of standards for a low-latency lightweight image coding system, denoted JPEG XS. It provides the software reference implementation of ISO/IEC 21122-1 and ISO/IEC 21122-2. It has been successfully compiled and tested on various operating systems at the time of writing. This reference software implementation includes both encoder and decoder functionality. It is important to note that this reference software implementation represents just one way of implementing JPEG XS. This implementation can serve as a validation anchor to other implementations.

No guarantee of the quality that will be achieved by an encoder is provided by its conformance to ISO/IEC 21122-1 and ISO/IEC 21122-2, as the conformance is only defined in terms of specific constraints imposed on the syntax of the generated codestream. In particular, while sample encoder software implementations can suffice to provide some illustrative examples of which quality can be achieved within the ISO/IEC 21122 series, they provide neither an assurance of minimum guaranteed image encoding quality nor maximum achievable image encoding quality.

Similarly, the computation resource characteristics in terms of program or data memory usage, execution speed, etc. of sample software encoder or decoder implementations should not be construed as a representative of the typical, minimal or maximal computational resource characteristics to be exhibited by implementations of the ISO/IEC 21122 series.

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Part 5: Reference software

1 Scope

This document contains the reference software of the ISO/IEC 21122 series. It acts as guidance for implementation of the ISO/IEC 21122 series and as a reference for conformance testing.

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 21122-1, *Information technology — JPEG XS low-latency lightweight image coding system — Part 1: Core coding system*

ISO/IEC 21122-2, *Information technology — JPEG XS low-latency lightweight image coding system — Part 2: Profiles and buffer models*