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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 23000-2:2006), which has been technically revised.

ISO/IEC 23000 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Multimedia application format (MPEG-A)*:

- *Part 1: Purpose for multimedia application formats*
- *Part 2: MPEG music player application format*
- *Part 3: MPEG photo player application format*
- *Part 4: Musical slide show application format (MAF)*
- *Part 5: Media streaming player*
- *Part 7: Open release (MAF)*
- *Part 8: Portable video player MAF*
- *Part 9: Multimedia application format for digital multimedia broadcasting*

## Introduction

MPEG has developed a number of standards, all of which strive to serve the needs of consumers and industry. Among those are MPEG-4, a next-generation suite of standards for media compression, and MPEG-7, a suite of standards for meta-data representation. MPEG-4 specifies what MPEG expects to be another very successful specification, the MPEG-4 File Format, while MPEG-7 specifies not only signal-derived meta-data, but also archival meta-data such as Artist, Album and Song Title.

As such, MPEG-4 and MPEG-7 represent an ideal environment to support the current “MP3 music library” user experience, and, moreover, to extend that experience in new directions.

Firstly, this part of ISO/IEC 23000 shows how to carry MP3 information (music and meta-data) within the MPEG-4 and MPEG-7 framework. Moving MP3 into the MPEG-4 world supports, as a baseline, everything that users know and expect, but offers the capability to deliver a much richer music experience with components of MPEG-4, MPEG-7 and MPEG-21 at our disposal.

Secondly, this part of ISO/IEC 23000 builds on the music player and extends it to the Protected Music Player for both mp4 and mp21 file types including (1) mp4 file as protected content format with fixed encryption, without key management components and (2) protected mp21 file with flexible tool selection and key management components.

This part of ISO/IEC 23000 contains conformance and reference software.

# Information technology — Multimedia application format (MPEG-A) —

## Part 2: MPEG music player application format

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 23000 presents a basic architecture for constructing an annotated music library. It defines a simple file format for songs and a file format for albums and playlists. A conformant player application has to support all these specified file formats.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 11172-3:1993, *Information technology — Coding of moving pictures and associated audio for digital storage media at up to about 1,5 Mbit/s — Part 3: Audio*

ISO/IEC 13818-3:1998, *Information technology — Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information — Part 3: Audio*

ISO/IEC 14496-2:2004, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 2: Visual*

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ISO/IEC 15938-5:2003, *Information technology — Multimedia content description interface — Part 5: Multimedia description schemes*

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ISO/IEC 21000-4:2006, *Information technology — Multimedia framework (MPEG-21) — Part 4: Intellectual Property Management and Protection Components*

ISO/IEC 21000-5:2004, *Information technology — Multimedia framework (MPEG-21) — Part 5: Rights Expression Language*

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