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- DASH profile for using Common Media Application Format (CMAF) are added;
- The concept Resynchronization is added in order to identify stream access points in Segments;
- MPD patching is updated to support explicit MPD updates of smaller size, not only as inband messages;
- A client processing model for Event Streams and Timed Metadata tracks is introduced;
- Extensions are added to content protection for efficient signalling and to support robustness levels.
- A descriptor is added in order to describe the minimum required device output protection security;
- More flexible bandwidth signalling is provided to signal variable bitrate encoding.

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## **Introduction**

Dynamic adaptive streaming over HTTP (DASH) is intended to support a media-streaming model for delivery of media content in which control lies primarily with the client. Clients may request data using the HTTP protocol from standard web servers that have no DASH-specific capabilities. Consequently, this document focuses not on client or server procedures but on the data formats used to provide a DASH Media Presentation.

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# Information technology — Dynamic adaptive streaming over HTTP (DASH) —

## Part 1: Media presentation description and segment formats

### 1 Scope

This document primarily specifies formats for the Media Presentation Description and Segments for dynamic adaptive streaming delivery of MPEG media over HTTP. It is applicable to streaming services over the Internet.

### 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.

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