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Foreword

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- Part 1: Systems
- Part 2: Description definition language
- Part 3: Visual
- Part 4: Audio
- Part 5: Multimedia description schemes
- Part 6: Reference software
- Part 7: Conformance testing
- Part 8: Extraction and use of MPEG-7 descriptions
- Part 9: Profiles and levels
- Part 10: Schema definition
- Part 11: MPEG-7 profile schemas

Introduction

This International Standard, also known as "Multimedia Content Description Interface," provides a standardized set of technologies for describing multimedia content. It addresses a broad spectrum of multimedia applications and requirements by providing a metadata system for describing the features of multimedia content.

The following are specified in this International Standard:

Description schemes (DS) describe entities or relationships pertaining to multimedia content. Description schemes specify the structure and semantics of their components, which may be Description Schemes, descriptors, or datatypes.

Descriptors (D) describe features, attributes, or groups of attributes of multimedia content.

Datatypes are the basic reusable datatypes employed by description schemes and descriptors

Systems tools support delivery of descriptions, multiplexing of descriptions with multimedia content, synchronization, file format, and so forth.

This International Standard is subdivided into 10 parts:

- **Part 1 Systems**: specifies the tools for preparing descriptions for efficient transport and storage, compressing descriptions, and allowing synchronization between content and descriptions.
- **Part 2 Description definition language**: specifies the language for defining the International Standard set of description tools (DSs, Ds, and datatypes) and for defining new description tools.
- Part 3 Visual: specifies the description tools pertaining to visual content.
- Part 4 Audio: specifies the description tools pertaining to audio content.
- Part 5 Multimedia description schemes: specifies the generic description tools pertaining to multimedia including audio and visual content.
- Part 6 Reference software: provides a software implementation of the International Standard.
- Part 7 Conformance testing: specifies the guidelines and procedures for testing conformance of implementations of the International Standard.
- Part 8 Extraction and use of MPEG-7 descriptions: provides guidelines and examples of the extraction and use of descriptions.
- Part 9 Profiles and levels: provides guidelines and standard profiles.
- Part 10 Schema definition: specifies the schema using description definition language.
- Part 11 Profile Schemas: listing of profile schemas using description definition language.