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## Introduction

The partial file format is designed to contain files partially received over a lossy link (with unreceived or corrupted sections), for further processing such as playback or repair. The file structure is object-oriented; a file can be decomposed into constituent objects very simply, and the structure of the objects inferred directly from their type. Files conforming to this format may be exchanged without losing information on losses, allowing redistribution (local gateways) or further repair processes.

The partial file format may be used to document reception of files, regardless of their bitstream format. For generic cases, it provides ways for file readers to resynchronize their parsing in case of byte losses. For cases where the documented file derives from ISO/IEC 14496-12, the partial file format provides additional tools, such as an index of the source file structures and data integrity information.

[Annex A](#) of this document defines the associated MIME type for files conformant to this document.