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- *Part 1: Binary MPEG format for XML*
- *Part 2: Fragment request units*
- *Part 3: XML IPMP messages*
- *Part 4: Codec configuration representation*
- *Part 5: Bitstream Syntax Description Language (BSDL)*
- *Part 7: Common encryption in ISO base media file format files*
- *Part 8: Coding-independent code points*
- *Part 9: Common encryption of MPEG-2 transport streams*
- *Part 10: Carriage of timed metadata metrics of media in ISO base media file format*
- *Part 11: Energy-efficient media consumption (green metadata)*
- *Part 12: Sample variants in the ISO base media file format*

## Introduction

Common Encryption specifies standard encryption and key mapping methods that can be utilized to enable decryption of the same file using different Digital Rights Management (DRM) and key management systems. It operates by defining encryption algorithms and encryption-related metadata necessary to decrypt the protected streams, yet it leaves the details of rights mappings, key acquisition and storage, DRM content protection compliance rules, etc., up to the DRM system or systems. For instance, DRM systems is intended to support identifying the decryption key via stored key identifiers (KIDs), but how each DRM system protects and locates the KID identified decryption key is left to a DRM-specific method.

DRM-specific information such as licenses, rights, and license acquisition information can be stored in an ISO Base Media file using a Protection System Specific Header box ('*pssh*'). Each instance of this box stored in the file corresponds to one applicable DRM system identified by a well-known *SystemID*. DRM licenses or license acquisition information need not be stored in the file in order to look up a separately delivered key using a *KID* stored in the file and decrypt media samples using the encryption parameters stored in each track.

The second edition of this part of ISO/IEC 23001 added XML representations of Common Encryption parameters for delivery in XML documents, such as an MPEG DASH Media Presentation Description Documents (MPD). The second edition also defined the '*cbc1*' protection scheme using AES-CBC mode encryption.

The third edition added '*cbcs*' and '*cens*' protection schemes for pattern encryption, which encrypt only a fraction of the data Blocks within each video Subsample protected. Pattern encryption reduces the computational power required by devices to decrypt video tracks.