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- *Part 1: Purpose for multimedia application formats* [Technical Report]
- *Part 2: MPEG music player application format*
- *Part 3: MPEG photo player application format*
- *Part 4: Musical slide show application format*

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Introduction

ISO/IEC 23000 (also known as “MPEG-A”) is a new MPEG standard developed by selecting existing technologies from all published MPEG standards and combining them into so-called “Multimedia Application Formats” or MAFs.

MPEG-A aims to serve clearly-identified market needs by facilitating the swift development of innovative and standards-based multimedia applications and services. This application-driven process results in normative specifications of multimedia formats, along with reference software implementation, allowing interoperability at an application level.