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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— addition of conformance testing for Multiview Main and 3D Main profiles;

— addition of conformance testing for Format Range Extensions profiles;

— addition of conformance testing for Scalable profiles.

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Part 8:
Conformance specification for HEVC

1 Scope

This document specifies a set of tests and procedures designed to indicate whether encoders or decoders meet the normative requirements specified in Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2.

NOTE The conformance bitstreams identified within the text are available at http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/23008/-8/ed-2/en.

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.

Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2:2017, *Information technology — High efficiency video coding and media delivery in heterogeneous environment — Part 2: High Efficiency Video Coding*

Rec. ITU-T H.265.2 | ISO/IEC 23008-5, *Information technology — High efficiency video coding and media delivery in heterogeneous environment — Part 2: High Efficiency Video Coding Reference Software*

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and conventions

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and conventions given in Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
bitstream
sequence of bits, in the form of a NAL unit stream or a byte stream, that forms the representation of coded pictures and associated data forming one or more CVSs

Note 1 to entry: In this document, this refers specifically to video bitstream according to ISO/IEC 23008-2.

[SOURCE: Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2:2017, 3.12, modified – Note 1 to entry added]

3.2
decoder
embodiment of a decoding process

Note 1 to entry: In this document, this refers specifically to a video decoder as specified in ISO/IEC 23008-2.

Note 2 to entry: The decoder does not include the display process, which is outside the scope of this document.

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3.3
encoder
embodiment of an encoding process

Note 1 to entry: The process, not specified in this document (except in regard to identification of the reference software encoder), produces a bitstream.

[SOURCE: Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2:2017, 3.49, modified – Note 1 to entry added]

3.4
reference software decoder
decoding software required for this document

Note 1 to entry: For this document, the reference software decoder is provided in Rec. ITU-T H.265.2 | ISO/IEC 23008-5.

3.5
reference software encoder
encoding software required for this document

Note 1 to entry: For this document, the reference software encoder is provided in Rec. ITU-T H.265.2 | ISO/IEC 23008-5.

4 Conformance testing for Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2

4.1 General

The following clauses specify normative tests for verifying conformance of video bitstreams as well as decoders. Those normative tests make use of test data (bitstream test suites) provided at http://standards.iso.org/iso-iec/23008/-8/ed-2/en and the reference software decoder specified in Rec. ITU-T H.265.2 | ISO/IEC 23008-5.

4.2 Bitstream conformance

Bitstream conformance for Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2 is specified by ISO/IEC 23008-2:2017, C.4.

4.3 Decoder conformance

Decoder conformance for Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2 is specified by ISO/IEC 23008-2:2017, C.5.

4.4 Procedure to test bitstreams

A bitstream that claims conformance with Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2 shall pass the following normative test.

The bitstream shall be decoded by processing it with the reference software decoder. When processed by the reference software decoder, the bitstream shall not cause any error or non-conformance messages to be reported by the reference software decoder. This test should not be applied to bitstreams that are known to contain errors introduced by transmission, as such errors are highly likely to result in bitstreams that lack conformance to Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2.

Successfully passing the reference software decoder test provides only a strong presumption that the bitstream under test is conforming to the video layer, i.e., that it does indeed meet all the requirements for the video layer (except Annexes C, D and E) specified in Rec. ITU-T H.265 | ISO/IEC 23008-2 that are tested by the reference software decoder.

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