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Introduction

This document describes the JPEG Linked Media Format (JLINK) international standard, which enables the embodiment of multiple image types and media elements into a single media content. This document elaborates on the inherent properties and functionalities of the file format, such as file structure and navigation.

This document defines the image container for structuring multiple types of media into a single file, including definition of metadata specification for multiple types of media. It supports legacy technology in the domain, such as image coding technology as well as metadata standards that signal access policies and others.

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Part 7: JPEG linked media format (JLINK)

1 Scope

This document specifies an image file format capable of linking multiple media elements, such as image and text in any box-based JPEG file format.

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.

ISO/IEC 19566-5, *Information technologies — JPEG systems — Part 5: JPEG universal metadata box format (JUMBF)*

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

bitstream

sequence of bits comprising an image file

3.2

codestream

collection of one or more bit streams and the main header, tile-part headers, and the EOC required for their decoding and expansion into image data

Note 1 to entry: This is the image data in a compressed form with all of the signalling needed to decode.

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3.3

link

relational description of a scene to another scene composed of linkage region, sprite, and visual effect for scene change

3.4

linkage region

specific region in a source scene to which a link is active