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Sensory information**

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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) and IEC (the International Electrotechnical Commission) form the specialized system for worldwide standardization. National bodies that are members of ISO or IEC participate in the development of International Standards through technical committees established by the respective organization to deal with particular fields of technical activity. ISO and IEC technical committees collaborate in fields of mutual interest. Other international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO and IEC, also take part in the work. In the field of information technology, ISO and IEC have established a joint technical committee, ISO/IEC JTC 1.

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition of ISO/IEC 23005-3:2013 which has been technically revised. It also incorporates ISO/IEC 23005-3:2013/Cor.1:2013.

ISO/IEC 23005 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Media context and control*:

- *Part 1: Architecture*
- *Part 2: Control information*
- *Part 3: Sensory information*
- *Part 4: Virtual world object characteristics*
- *Part 5: Data formats for interaction devices*
- *Part 6: Common types and tools*
- *Part 7: Conformance and reference software*

Introduction

ISO/IEC 23005 (MPEG-V) provides an architecture and specifies associated information representations to enable interoperability between virtual worlds, e.g. digital content provider of a virtual world, (serious) gaming, simulation, DVD, and with the real world, e.g. sensors, actuators, vision and rendering, robotics (e.g. for revalidation), (support for) independent living, social and welfare systems, banking, insurance, travel, real estate, rights management and many others.

Virtual worlds (often referred to as 3D3C for 3D visualization & navigation and the 3C's of Community, Creation and Commerce) integrate existing and emerging (media) technologies (e.g. instant messaging, video, 3D, VR, AI, chat, voice, etc.) that allow for the support of existing, and the development of new kinds of, social networks. The emergence of virtual worlds as platforms for social networking is recognized by businesses as an important issue for at least two reasons:

- It offers the power to reshape the way companies interact with their environments (markets, customers, suppliers, creators, stakeholders, etc.) in a fashion comparable to the Internet.
- It allows for the development of new (breakthrough) business models, services, applications and devices.

Each virtual world however has a different culture and audience making use of these specific worlds for a variety of reasons. These differences in existing metaverses permit users to have unique experiences. Resistance to real-world commercial encroachment still exists in many virtual worlds, where users primarily seek an escape from real life. Hence, marketers should get to know a virtual world beforehand and the rules that govern each individual universe.

Although realistic experiences have been achieved via devices such as 3-D audio/visual devices, it is hard to realize sensory effects only with the presentation of audiovisual contents. The addition of sensory effects leads to even more realistic experiences in the consumption of audiovisual contents. This will lead to the application of new media for enhanced experiences of users in a more realistic sense.

Such new media will benefit from the standardization of control and sensory information which can include sensory effect metadata, sensory device capabilities/commands, user sensory preferences, and various delivery formats. The MPEG-V architecture can be applicable for various business models for which audiovisual contents can be associated with sensory effects that need to be rendered on appropriate sensory devices.

This part of ISO/IEC 23005 contains the sensory information which can stimulate other senses than vision or audition, e.g. olfaction, mechanoreception, equilibrioception, or thermoception. That is, in addition to the audio-visual content of, e.g., a movie, also other sense shall be stimulated giving her/him the sensation of being part of the particular media which shall result in a worthwhile, informative user experience.

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Information technology — Media context and control — Part 3: Sensory information

1 Scope

This Part of ISO/IEC 23005 specifies syntax and semantics of description schemes and descriptors that represent sensory information. This international standard is applicable to enhance the experience of users while consuming media resources by stimulating human multi-sensor such as tactile, orfatory, light sense, temperature sense, etc.

The system architecture is depicted in Figure 1 and the scope of this Part of ISO/IEC 23005 is highlighted. That is, only the information representation that acts as an input to the possible Adaptation VR – as defined in ISO/IEC 23005-1 – is specified in this Part of ISO/IEC 23005.

The adaptation engine for Sensory Information is to adapt Sensory information to Device Command which is the actual signal to control multi-sensory devices as defined in ISO/IEC 23005-5. This adaptation process is not mandatory incase the sensory information may directly control the actual devices.

NOTE 1 The actual Adaptation VR is deliberately informative and left open for industry competition.

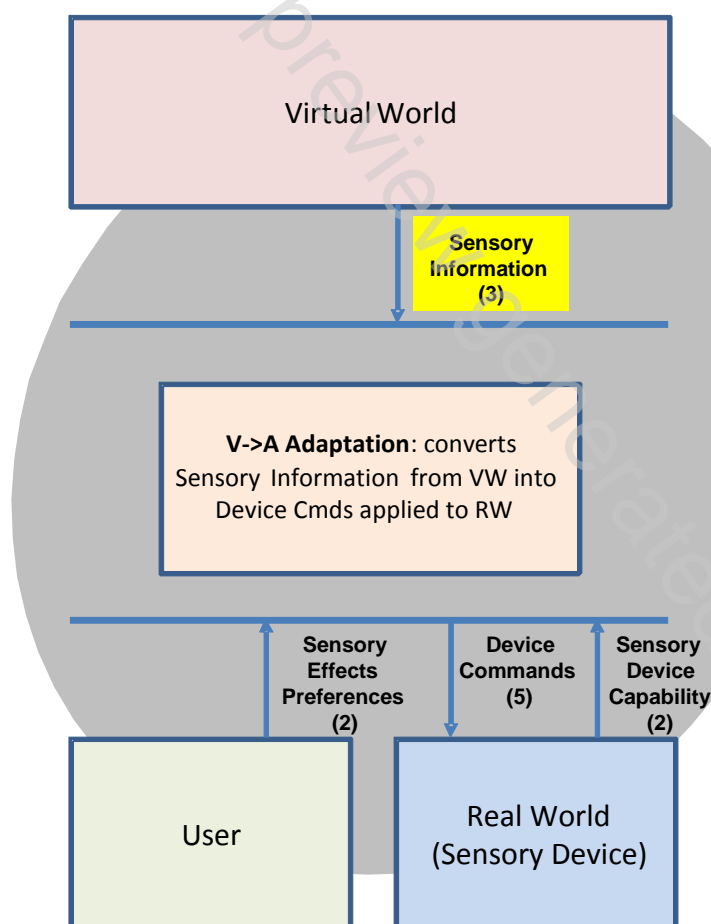


Figure 1 — System Architecture

NOTE 2 Additional informative information can be found in Annex A.

The usage scenarios are described in detail in MPEG-V Architecture (ISO/IEC 23005-1).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 21000-7, *Information technology — Multimedia framework (MPEG-21) — Part 7: Digital Item Adaptation*

ISO/IEC 23005 (all parts), *Information technology — Media context and control*

W3C XML, *Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.1, Second Edition*, W3C Recommendation 16 August 2006, edited in place 29 September 2006

W3C XMLSCHEMA, *XML Schema Part 1: Structures and XML Schema Part 2: Datatypes*, Second Edition W3C Recommendation, 28 October 2004

3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions in ISO/IEC 23005-6 and the following apply.

3.1.1

digital content provider

entity that acts as the source of digital information of various nature

NOTE The digital content may be provided in real-time or non real-time.

EXAMPLE Digital content from an on-line virtual world, simulation environment, multi user game, a broadcasted multimedia production, a peer-to-peer multimedia production, or packaged content like a DVD or game.

3.1.2

sensory information

standardized representation format of ISO/IEC 23005 in the standardization area B as defined in ISO/IEC 23005-1

EXAMPLE Sensory effect metadata, haptic (kinesthetic/tactile) information, emotion information, avatar information.

3.1.3

sensory effect metadata

defines the description schemes and descriptors to represent **sensory effects**

3.1.4

sensory effect

effect to augment perception by stimulating human senses in a particular scene of a multimedia application

EXAMPLE Scent, wind, light, haptic(kinesthetic-force, stiffness, weight, friction, texture, widget (button, slider, joystick), tactile: air-jet, suction pressure, thermal, current, vibration, note: combinations of tactile display may provide also directional, shape information).

3.1.5

adaptation VR

entity that can process the **sensory information** in order to be consumed within the real world's context