

ONVIF™ Export File Format Specification

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1 Scope

This document defines the ONVIF file format for exported media. The specification defines the mechanism necessary to support interoperable verification of the authenticity by the receiving party.

2 Normative references

ONVIF™ Core Specification

<<http://www.onvif.org/specs/core/ONVIF-Core-Specification.pdf>>

ONVIF™ Media Signing Specification

<<https://www.onvif.org/specs/stream/ONVIF-MediaSigning-Spec.pdf>>

ONVIF™ Streaming Specification

<<https://www.onvif.org/specs/stream/ONVIF-Streaming-Spec.pdf>>

ISO/IEC 14496-12 Information technology — Coding of audiovisual objects – Part 12: ISO base media file format

<<https://www.iso.org/standard/83102.html>>

NIST FIPS 180-4 Secure Hash Standard

<<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/fips/180/4/final>>

ISO/IEC 14888-2 Information technology – Security techniques – Digital signatures with appendix – Part 2: Integer factorization based mechanisms

<<https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:std:iso-iec:14888:-2:ed-2:v1:en>>

ETSI TS 126 244 3GPP file format

<https://www.etsi.org/deliver/etsi_ts/126200_126299/126244/16.01.00_60/ts_126244v160100p.pdf>

PKCS#1, v2.1 RSA Cryptographic Standard

NIST FIPS 186 Digital Signature Standard (DSS)

<<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/fips/186/4/final>>

IETF RFC 3447 Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) #1: RSA Cryptography Specifications Version 2.1

<<https://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3447.txt>>

ITU-T Recommendation X.690 (2008) | ISO/IEC 8825-1:2008, Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)

<<https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-X.690-200811-S>>

3 Terms and Definitions

3.1 Definitions

Certificate	A certificate as used in this specification binds a public key to a subject entity. The certificate is digitally signed by the certificate issuer to allow for verifying its authenticity
Signature	A digital signature or digital signature scheme is a mathematical scheme for demonstrating the authenticity of a digital message or document.

3.2 Abbreviations

SHA	Secure Hashing Algorithm
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4 Overview

4.1 General

This specification extends the ISO/IEC 14496-12 Base File Format in order to serve Video Surveillance requirements.

4.2 Time Information

The ISO Base File Format has been mainly designed for storing movies and music clips. It defines a media timeline relative to the beginning which is defined as time zero. For Video Surveillance purposes it is important that the file includes the absolute start time of the captured frames. All other times can be derived using the relative time data defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12. Additional to this time information time corrections can be stored during the sealing process.

In order to improve random access the ISOM baseline requires the movie fragment table at the end of the file. This redundant information does not require the protection seal.

4.3 Location

Three mechanism for storing location information are defined for MP4 files by the mobile industry.

This specification refers to the ETSI standard which has defined means for textual and spherical representation using the so called 'loci' box.

Beside the ETSI standard two defacto standards exist for Android and iOS based mobile phones:

- Android phones use the '@xyz' box holding an alphanumeric string with lon and lat degrees.
- Mobile phones based on iOS store similar information in sub atoms of the meta box. Note that this meta box is incompatible with the ISO Base File Format specification.

The location information is designated to provide a best effort for the video location in order to be able to geo-locate the video. For fixed cameras the location should approximate to the intersection of the camera axis with the ground location. For moving cameras such an approach may not be feasible and a fallback to the camera location may be more suitable.

4.4 Sealing

All data that a user wishes to carry away separately are put into a metaphorical bag. The bag is then sealed to enable tamper detection. Anyone wanting to use the data from the bag first examines the seal. The data in the bag are identical with the original data as long as the seal is intact. Here, the metaphorical bag is represented by a file and the seal is represented by a signature over all data in the file.

The “bag of evidence” approach builds on procedures for media data and related metadata to be securely extracted from a trusted storage in a separate file. It defines which metadata has to be preserved in order to provide for accurate replay. Data are provided “as is” without any further assertions, whatsoever, to perpetuate evidence.

Processing power usage can be reduced by performing hash functions before signature algorithms are applied. Multiple stages of signatures might be applied to collect additional information into a single sealed file.

International state of the art standards are applied for the file structure, hash and signature algorithms. The surveillance application format and the RSA2048 signature defined by ISO/IEC as well as the SHA-256 hash algorithm approved by NIST come into operation for most widespread interoperability.

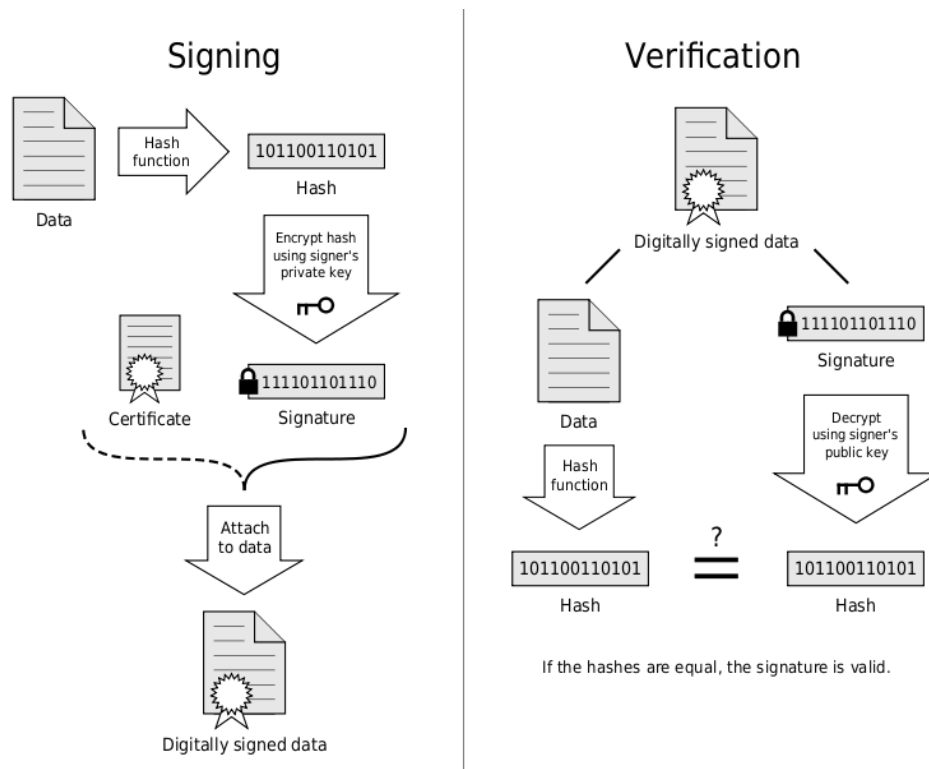


Figure 1: Sealing and examination process in a nutshell (Source: Wikipedia)

4.5 Use case 1: Playback of chunked and oversize clips at remote site

An operator exports a Video clip with associated Audio from a DVR of brand A onto two DVDs, because it didn't fit on one. The selected recording period contains gaps because the recorder did only record when motion is detected. The DVD is then sent to a second site with Software where the content of the DVDs is copied to the local hard disk. The user then plays it back in the Video Management System of brand B. The operator at the playback station wants to see the gaps in the recording and to seek to a time where Video has been exported. On playback he expects the Video to playback smoothly with lip sync Audio.

4.6 Use case 2: Forensic analysis at court

A court receives video clips from a grocery store, a street surveillance system and a metro operator. All three videos are shown in the court's approved video player.

The judges want to see the suspect in all three video clips with exact time information. They also want to have information when the video clips have been exported and whether the video sequence is complete and authentic.

4.7 Use case 3: Playback at players not equipped according to the present specification

An authorized person receives video clips in the format defined in the present specification and wants to play back the media data on players conforming to the underlying standards definitions. Interpretation of the additional information added by the present specification is not required.

5 Export Format

5.1 Requirements to Preserve Media Signing

In order to maintain the integrity and authenticity of ONVIF streaming media signed in accordance with the ONVIF Media Signing specification when exporting to an MP4 container, the following prerequisite steps shall

be adhered to during the export process to ensure signature verification remains intact and media evidence can be trusted as tamper-proof.

Preserve NAL order and bytes

ONVIF signed media bitstream captured from the device shall not be filtered, rewritten, re-encoded or normalized, as the raw format and order of NAL units is critical.

Keep Media Signing SEI NAL units

All SEI frames of type user data unregistered with UUID 005bc93f-2d71-5e95-ada4-796f90877a6f shall not be stripped.

Add Certificate SEI NAL unit if present

The exported file should contain a certificate SEI at the beginning of a stream. This SEI includes all necessary information to validate subsequent SEIs.

5.2 Required Side Information

The SurveillanceExportBox is required. It is recommended that the SurveillanceExportBox be placed as early as possible in files, for maximum utility.

In order to be able to associate the recording with a camera/microphone and the exporting system the following information shall be placed in the box:

- Source – Description of the video source
 - Name – Name of the camera
 - URL – Address under which the camera can be accessed
 - MAC – Unique physical address of the camera (examples: 08-00-27-00-0C-15, 08:00:27:00:0C:15, 080027000C15)
 - Line – Input line number token for multi channel devices
- Source – Description of the audio source
 - Name – Name of the microphone
 - URL – Address under which the microphone can be accessed
 - MAC – Unique physical address of the microphone
- Export – Unit executing the export
 - Name – Name of the exporting unit
 - URL – Address under which the exporting unit can be accessed
 - MAC – Unique physical address of the exporting unit
 - Time – Date and time information as to when the export was executed (start time)
 - Operator – Name or identification of the operator performing the export

SurveillanceExportBox

Box Type: 'suep'
Container: Meta Box ('meta'), file level
Mandatory: Yes
Quantity: Exactly one

This box shall contain information for all available tracks.

Syntax

```
class SurveillanceExportBox
    extends FullBox('suep', version = 1, 0){
    string    ExportUnitName;
    string    ExportUnitURL;
    string    ExportUnitMAC;
    UInt(64)   ExportUnitTime;
    string    ExportOperator;
    UInt(32)   entry_count;
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < entry_count; i++) {
        UInt(16)   TrackID;
        string     SourceName;
        string     SourceURL;
        string     SourceMAC;
        string     SourceLine;
    }
}
```

Semantics

String items are null-terminated strings in UTF-8 characters. If not applicable, the string shall contain the null-termination only.

`ExportOperator` is a string that gives the name or identification of the operator performing the export. This string may be empty.

`ExportUnitTime` is an integer that provides date and time designation as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12 of when the export operation has been started.

`entry_count` is an integer that provides the number of tracks.

5.3 Timing

The box defined in the section shall be used to provide the start date and time of the capture. Subsequent signing instances may define corrected start times.

StartTimeBox

Box Types: 'cstb'

Container: Protection Scheme Information Box ('sinf') or Metadata box ('meta')

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or one

Syntax

```
aligned(8)
class CorrectStartTimeBox extends Box ('cstb') {
    UInt(32) entry_count;
    for (i=0; i < entry_count; i++) {
        unsigned int(32) track_ID;
        unsigned int(64) startTime;
    }
}
```

Semantics

track_ID An integer that provides a reference to a track in the presentation. track_IDs are never re-used and cannot be equal to zero.

startTime The UTC based time represented by the number of 100-nanosecond intervals since January 1, 1601 of the origin of the media timeline.

Note, typically it is sufficient to provide the start time for the first track only. Multiple entries e.g. allow to correct audio and video synchronization.

Each track fragment shall contain the Track Fragment Decode Time box 'tfdt' as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12 to ease seeking during playback.

5.4 Location information

When available, the location of the camera view shall be provided as 'loci' box according to ETSI TS 126 244. See below informal repetition of the definition.

Location Box

Box Types: 'loci'
 Container: User Data Box ('udta')
 Mandatory: No
 Quantity: Zero or one

Syntax

```
aligned(8)
class LocationInformationBox extends FullBox ('loci') {
    UInt(16) language;
    String Name;
    UInt(8) Role;
    UInt(32) Longitude;
    UInt(32) Latitude;
    UInt(32) Altitude;
    String AstronomicalBody;
    String Notes;
}
```

All characters of string based fields shall be encoded as UTF-8. The following semantics apply:

Role	Shall be '1' - real location
Name	Human readable street address of the location, optionally including building internal addressing.
Longitude and Latitude	16.16 bit fixed point angle in degree.
Altitude	Height of the location in meter.

5.5 Timed metadata

ONVIF metadata supports transport of frame related scene description, events and PTZ information. This section defines how such information can be stored in export files.

ISO/IEC 14496-12 Base File Format defines the box requirements for timed XML metadata. This specification defines how to interpret the metx box.

```
aligned(8)
class XMLMetaDataSampleEntry() extends MetaDataSampleEntry ('metx') {
    string content_encoding; // optional
    string namespace;
    string schema_location; // optional
    BitRateBox(); // optional
}
```

content_encoding Defaults to 'xml'. Options defined by ONVIF are 'gzip' and 'exi'.

namespace	For ONVIF compliant metadata this parameter shall be set to "http://www.onvif.org/ver10/schema".
schema_location	Not used.
BitRateBox	Not used.

An ONVIF compliant device shall describe a timed metadata track containing ONVIF metadata as defined by the ONVIF Streaming Specification using a XMLMetaDataSetEntry box.

Content compression shall be signaled via the content_encoding field. See the ONVIF Streaming Specification for compression data format.

Note, XML documents should not be preceded by an XML declaration since both version and encoding are well defined.

5.6 Signature

5.6.1 Preparing the signature input

Inputs to the signature algorithm are all boxes of the file. These include boxes for signature creation, whose corresponding type is a string, set to a null value. The input contains signatures that are already present for repeated signing operations.

5.6.2 Generating the signature

Implementations of this specification shall support RSASSA-PSS signatures as specified in ISO/IEC 14888-2 and PKCS#1 v2.1 with:

- SHA-256 as specified in FIPS 180-4 as cryptographic hash function
- an RSA modulus length of at least 2048 bits
- MGF1 as specified in PKCS#1 v2.1 as mask generation algorithm with SHA-256 as cryptographic hash function
- Salt length 20
- Trailer field number as specified by the trailerFieldBC constant

Implementations may support other digital signature algorithms, if appropriate.

The generated signature string has to be included in the SignatureBox as defined in 5.6.3.

Generating and maintaining parameters of the signature algorithm, particularly signature and verification keys, is outside the scope of this document. Recommendations given, e.g., in FIPS 186 should be followed where appropriate.

5.6.3 Include the generated signature in the file

There are no changes to the file itself or the content after the signing operation has been performed. The sole exception is the input of the signature at the appropriate place.

The following box definitions provide for signature identification and inclusion. Encryption is not required; therefore an OriginalFormatBox is not necessary.

5.6.3.1 Item Protection Box

Box Type: 'ipro'¹

¹Box definitions can be found in ISO/IEC 14496-12 Information technology -- Coding of audio-visual objects -- Part 12: ISO base media file format.

Container: Meta box ('meta')
Mandatory: Yes
Quantity: Exactly one

The protection_count shall be 1.

5.6.3.2 Protection Scheme Info Box

Box Type: 'sinf'²
Container: Item Protection Box ('ipro')
Mandatory: Yes
Quantity: One per signing instance

Contains exactly one SchemeTypeBox and exactly one SchemeInformationBox.

5.6.3.3 Scheme Type Box

Box Type: 'schm'²
Container: Protection Scheme Information Box ('sinf')
Mandatory: Yes
Quantity: One per signing instance

The scheme_type shall be 0x6F656666 („Onvif Export File Format#).

The scheme_version shall be 0x00010000 (version 1).

5.6.3.4 Scheme Information Box

Box Type: 'schi'²
Container: Protection Scheme Information Box ('sinf')
Mandatory: Yes
Quantity: One per signing instance

Contains exactly one SignatureBox and exactly one CertificateBox. May also contain exactly one AdditionalUserInformationBox, exactly one SignatureConfigurationBox, and one CorrectStartTimeBox².

5.6.3.5 Signature Box

Box Type: 'sibo'
Container: Scheme Information Box ('schi')
Mandatory: Yes
Quantity: One per signing instance

Syntax

```
aligned(8) class SignatureBox  
extends Box('sibo') {bit(8)  signature[];}
```

Semantics

signature binary byte array. Length depends on used RSA key length.

5.6.3.6 Certificate Box

Box Type: 'cert'
Container: Scheme Information Box ('schi')
Mandatory: Yes

²CorrectStartTimeBox was added in version 1.1 of the ONVIF Export File Format

Quantity: One per signing instance

Syntax

```
aligned(8) class CertificateBox
extends Box('cert') {
bit(8) data[];
}
```

Semantics

data is the DER encoded binary byte array representation of the certificate for the key that should be used to verify the signature in the SignatureBox

5.6.3.7 Signature Configuration Box

Box Type: 'sigC'
 Container: Scheme Information Box ('schi')
 Mandatory: No
 Quantity: Zero or one per signing instance

Syntax

```
aligned(8)
class SignatureConfigurationBox
extends Box('sigC') {
    bit(8)AlgorithmIdentifier[];
}
```

Semantics

The 'sigC' box shall be present when the signature algorithm deviates from the default defined in 5.6.2. Its AlgorithmIdentifier is the signature algorithm identifier with optional parameters as defined by RFC 3280 and RFC 4055. It is encoded using the ASN.1 distinguished encoding rules (DER) and has the structure:

:AlgorithmIdentifier ::= SEQUENCE {

algorithm	OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
parameters	ANY DEFINED BY algorithm OPTIONAL
}	

5.7 Repeated signing

5.7.1 Procedure

To add an item, for example, electronic receiving stamps, repeated signing of the file may be required.

Repeat steps defined in 5.6.1 and 5.6.2 and append another ProtectionSchemeInfoBox at the foot of the list of already existing boxes of that type as defined in 5.6.3 while not changing protection_count in the ItemProtectionBox. Parsers are required to check for the existence of multiple ProtectionSchemeInfoBox despite protection_count is fixed to 1, because any change of content which has already been signed would render the appropriate signature invalid. An optional AdditionalUserInformationBox might be used in order to add information.

In order to include optional user information, data related to an additional signature 'auib' box is provided.

5.7.2 Additional User Information Box

Box Type: 'auib'
 Container: Scheme Information Box ('schi')

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or one per signing instance

Syntax

```
aligned(8)
class AdditionalUserInformationBox
    extends Box('auib') {
    string  UserInformation;
}
```

Semantics

UserInformation is a null terminated string in UTF-8 characters

Annex A. Repeated Signing (informative)

Figure A.1 characterizes the box arrangement defined in the present specification for data export.

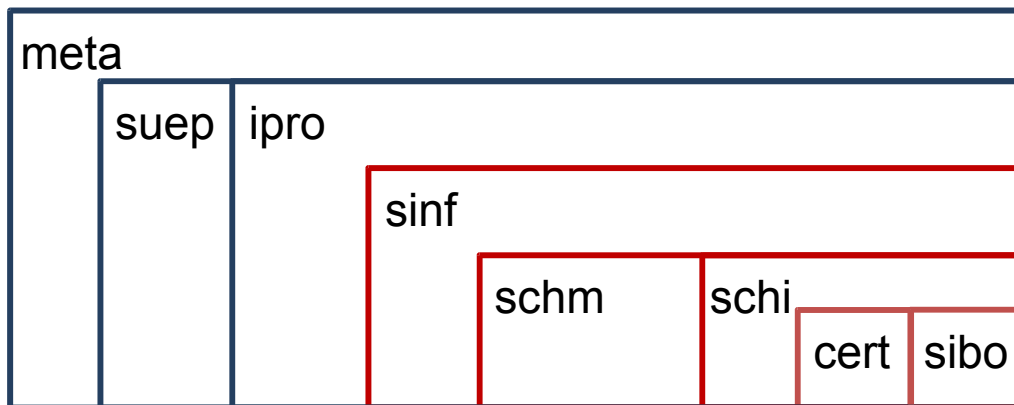


Figure A.1: Box structure with single signature

Figure A.2 characterizes the box arrangement after repeated signing.

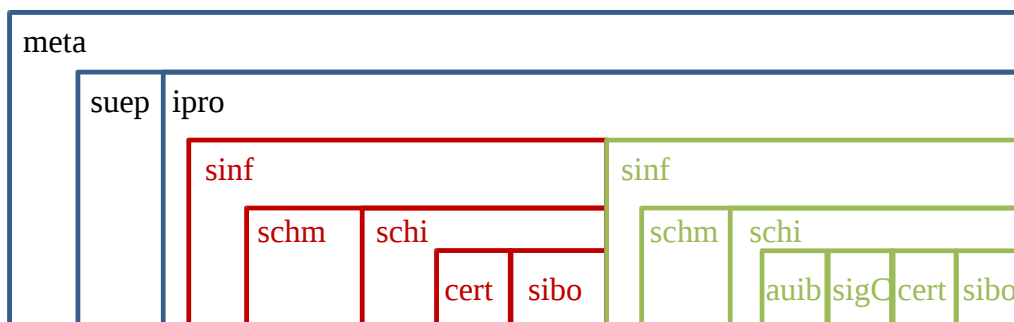


Figure A.2: Box structure with double signature

The red color represents the signature introduced at the export stage. The green color represents another signing operation happening after the export stage. The CertificateBox provides the public key for signature verification. Within the SignatureConfigurationBox information is contained describing a nondefault signature algorithm and its parameters. Additional information has been added in the AdditionalUserInformationBox.

In order to check validity of a signature the signature itself has to be taken from the SignatureBox and the bit values for the signature string be set to zero. The hashing operation is performed followed by the signature operation on the hash value. Now the two signatures can be compared.

Example: Steps to check validity of the first (red) signature from above

- Remove the (green) boxes created for the second signing
- Re-adjust box sizes of 'ipro' and 'meta' according to the size of removed 'sinf' box
- Read the public key from the red CertificateBox (do not change the box content)
- Take out the signature from the red SignatureBox
- Set the bit values of the red SignatureBox to zero

- Perform hash operation on the remaining file data
- Perform signature operation on the obtained hash value
- Compare the just generated signature with the signature taken out before

Annex B. Box Structure (informative)

The diagram below provides an overview on required boxes and their referencing for a video stream with audio and timed metadata. In order to simplify the example, it shows the content of a single fragment while a real file would contain numerous fragments.

ftyp ¹	File brand 'isom'.
moov ¹	File wide definitions
mvhd ¹	Movie header with creation time, timescale, duration and others
trak ¹	First track is expected to contain Video
tkhd ¹	Track header with creation time, timescale, duration, track ID
mdia ¹	
mdhd ¹	Media header with creation time, timescale, duration and others
hdlr ¹	Signals that this is a Video track (type is 'vide')
minf ¹	Contains creation time, timescale, duration and others
vmhd ¹	Video color information
dinf ¹	Data location information.
dref ¹	
url ¹	Data location flag in file must be set
stbl ¹	Container with sample descriptions.
stsd ¹	Codec information
avc1 ¹	H.264 codec information
stts ¹	Sample index by time
stsc ¹	Sample to chunk mapping
stco ¹	List of Chunk offsets inside 'mdat' relative to file begin
trak ¹	Second track with Audio
tkhd ¹	Track header with creation time, timescale, duration, track ID
mdia ¹	
mdhd ¹	Media header with creation time, timescale, duration and others
hdlr ¹	Signals that this is a Audio track (type is 'soun')
minf ¹	Contains creation time, timescale, duration and others
mhd ¹	Audio stereo balance information
dinf ¹	Data location information.
dref ¹	
url ¹	Data location flag in file must be set
stbl ¹	Container with sample descriptions.
stsd ¹	Codec information
mp4a ¹	Audio format information
stts ¹	Sample index by time
stsc ¹	Sample to chunk mapping
stco ¹	List of Chunk offsets inside 'mdat' relative to file begin
udta ¹	User data
loci ³	Geo location information
trak ¹	Third track with timed metadata
tkhd ¹	Track header with creation time, timescale, duration, track ID
mdia ¹	
mdhd ¹	Media header with creation time, timescale, duration and others
hdlr ¹	Signals that this is a metadata track (type is 'meta')
minf ¹	Contains creation time, timescale, duration and others
nmhd ¹	Null media handler box
dinf ¹	Data location information.
dref ¹	
url ¹	Data location flag in file must be set
stbl ¹	Container with sample descriptions.
stsd ¹	Codec information
metx ¹	Metadata format information
stts ¹	Sample index by time
stsc ¹	Sample to chunk mapping

	stco ¹	List of Chunk offsets inside 'mdat' relative to file begin
mdat ¹		Raw Video and Audio of first fragment (moov)
moof ¹		Fragment
	mfhd ¹	Contains creation time, timescale, duration and others
	traf ¹	First track with Video
	tfhd ¹	Sample information
	tfdt ¹	Track fragment decode time
	trun ¹	Access to raw data in mdat box
	traf ¹	Second track with Audio
	tfhd ¹	Sample information
	tfdt ¹	Track fragment decode time
	trun ¹	Access to raw data in mdat box
	traf ¹	Third track with timed metadata
	tfhd ¹	Sample information
	tfdt ¹	Track fragment decode time
	trun ¹	Access to raw data in mdat box
mdat ¹		Raw Video and Audio of this
meta ¹		File level meta information
	hdlr ¹	
	suep ²	Export supplementary information
	ipro ¹	File protection
	sinf ¹	File protection information
	cstb ²	Start time
	schm ¹	Protection scheme OEFF defined by this specification
	schI ¹	
	sibo ²	Signature of the export
	cert ²	Certificate of the exporter
mfra ¹		Optional movie fragment random access (must be last in file)
	tfra ¹	Track fragment random access
	mfro ¹	Movie fragment random access offset

The superscripts denotes the specification that defines the box:

¹ ISO/IEC 14496-12

² This specification

³ ETSI TS 126 244

Annex C.

Media Signing Recommendations

No re-encoding

ONVIF signed media stream captured from the device shall not be transcoded or recompressed. Instead, use pure remuxing (-c copy in ffmpeg) to change containers.

Treat the video elementary stream as immutable

- Keep all SPS/PPS/VPS, access unit delimiter (AUD), prefix/suffix SEI and slice NALs in their original order.
- Do not change frame rate, timescale, timebase or GOP structure. Avoid frame duplication, dropping, de-interlacing or timestamp “cleanup”.
- For SEI preservation: In H.264 the SEI NAL type is 6; in HEVC, SEI prefix/suffix types are 39/40. These must stay attached to the same access units they originally accompanied. Do not convert or regroup SEIs (e.g., never swap HEVC prefix and suffix).
- Avoid bitstream filters. Only use a filter when absolutely certain it will not modify or remove SEIs. Never run “cleaning” filters that remove private SEIs.

Validate before and after File Export. Run Media Signing validation on the original source and again on the exported MP4 to confirm integrity.

A simpler test is to only verify that the MP4 file has SEIs present after export. Below is an ffmpeg command for that.

```
ffmpeg -i outSigned.mp4 -c copy -bsf:v trace_headers -f null - 2>&1 | grep -i sei
```

Cut at signature-safe boundaries

Trim at SEIs. There will always be a “dangling end” of the exported file, that is, frames that cannot be validated since the associated SEI is not present in the exported recording. To minimize the “dangling end”, trim at frames with a signed SEI (inclusive), that is, a SEI with a signature.

Annex D. Revision History

Rev.	Date	Editor	Changes
1.0	March 2013	Gero Bäse	First release
1.0.1	May-2014	Michio Hirai	Change Request 1330
17.06	Jun-2017	Hans Busch, Hiroyuki Sano	Change Request 1843 Change Request 2065
18.06	Jun-2017	Stefan Andersson, Hans Busch	Add cstb box Add suep version 1 and Annex B
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21.06	Jun-2021	Hans Busch	Move sigC definition to 5.4. Remove obsolete UUID notion.
21.12	Dec-2021	Hans Busch	Add timed metadata.
22.06	Jun-2022	Hans Busch	Add location information.
22.12	Dec-2022	Hans Busch	Remove references to ISO 23000-10. Add support for cstb in meta to support cases without signing.
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26.06	Jun-2026	Sriram Bhetanabottla, Björn Völcker, Hans Busch	Add support for ONVIF Media Signing specifications.