

DVB Celebrates 8 Years Of Success At NAB 2001

To date, there are numerous broadcast services using DVB standards. There are hundreds of manufacturers offering DVB compliant equipment, which is already in use around the world. DVB dominates the digital broadcasting world. A host of other services is also on-air with DVB-T, including data on the move and high-bandwidth Internet over the air. DVB-T also makes possible the introduction of terrestrial pay-TV services.

DVB-MHP

In 1998, DVB embarked on an ambitious project to standardise the home platform for the converging multimedia services of now and the future. This involved capturing the requirements and generating technical specifications for such things as APIs applications lifecycles based on Sun's Java technology.

The DVB-MHP specification proved to be a Herculean task involving experts from a wide range of DVB Consortium members, which resulted in a specification document. The DVB-MHP was ratified last year by the DVB Steering Board and was formally adopted by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) (ETSI TS 101 812 (MHP)). This action paved the way for the deployment of the open standard API (Application Program Interface), which now facilitates seamless services across broadcast, telecommunications and computer platforms.

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