DVB-I Webinar Series

Part 1 of 3

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Introduction

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Road to DVB-I

- DVB-C, DVB-T, DVB-S
  - Broadcast television services
- HbbTV
  - Add interactive elements and on-demand content to existing broadcast services
- DVB-IPTV
  - Television services delivered over managed/private IP networks
- DVB-I
  - Broadcast television services delivered over the Internet

The ecosystem

- A177 – DVB-I Service Discovery and Programme Information
  - The “internet channel scan” and EPG
- A168 – DVB-DASH with Low Latency
  - Media format for linear broadband television services (On Demand also)
- A176 – Multicast ABR (DVB-mABR)
  - Efficient delivery of DVB DASH over IP networks
- A178 – Targeted Advertising (DVB-TA)
  - Personalizing advertisements for television services
Part 1: Encoding & Packaging

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Packaging and Encoding DVB-I

- DVB-I services are *Live* services
- DVB-I services use the DVB-DASH format as transmission format
- MPD’s referenced in service lists are provided by Origin servers
- *How to create the live feeds?*
- The reference architecture includes different components (see next slide)
- Goals:
  - a) interoperability with DVB DASH devices
  - b) Interoperability with other devices (e.g. HLS devices)
  - c) content interoperability, re-use content for catch-up/VoD, re-broadcast
  - d) interoperability between components in the architecture
  - e) support commercial DRM
  - f) support content insertion/replacement
Encoding and Packaging for DVB-I

* Based on DASH-IF architecture for low latency
Encoding profiles for DVB DASH

Video Coding Profiles for DVB DASH

ETSI TS 101 154 Sect L: https://www.etsi.org/deliver/etsi_ts/101100_101199/101154/02.04.01_60/ts_101154v020401p.pdf (sect. L)

CMAF media Profiles: https://www.iso.org/standard/71975.html

DVB DASH 2014 features: SD/HD/stereo/multi-channel, AVC, HEVC, aac-he v2 …
DVB DASH 2017 additional features: Next gen audio (MPEG-H audio), HDR, HFR …
Live ABR Encoder input output

• Input could be an other DVB broadcast feed
• For mezannine, SDI, Zixi, SRT or other inputs could be used
• SMPTE ST 2110
• For ABR delivery, encoders should output CMAF based fragmented MP4 content for best results
Continuously increasing sequence number and BaseMediaDecodeTime

Example CMAF Track

CMAF header

CMAF fragment

CMAF fragment with optional boxes

ftyp moov sidx moof mdat styp prft emsg moof mdat

tfhd
tfdt

optional boxes Defined in CMAF/DASH
Specification for live uplink/ingest

• Live encoder feed with CMAF tracks must be ingested to origin servers/packagers
• It is recommended to use the HTTP POST method for this
• The detailed protocol was specified in collaboration with companies in the DASH-IF and published as a DASH-IF technical specification
• The CMAF ingest of tracks is defined in section 5 of:
  - https://dashif-documents.azurewebsites.net/Ingest/master/DASH-IF-Ingest.html
Benefits of using CMAF as ingest

- Can be used by different manifest formats
- Common format for VoD and Live
- Features like chunking Segments can achieve lower latency in workflows
- CMAF allows signalling track role, language, bit-rate, etc. in a commonly accepted standard
- By not yet publishing the manifest, late binding can be applied, i.e. Selecting the relevant tracks for the presentation
- Live support through DASH-IF ingest specification
- Support for common encryption (CENC)
Key Information Exchange

Encoder

CMAF
ISO BMFF

Packager

DVB-DASH + DRM signalling

DRM

Packager can re-encrypt Your content

DVB DASH can support any DRM
e.g.: Widevine
Playready
Marlin
By using CPIX key information can be exchanged

- CPIX defines an XML schema
- ContentKeyId
- ContentKeyList
- CPIX documents can be used for
- Exchanging key information
- Example API AWS Speke = CPIX
- Recommended for complex cases like Multi-drm, multi-key and so on.

https://dashif-documents.azurewebsites.net/CPIX/master/Cpix.html
DVB DASH delivery

- For DVB-I DVB-DASH is the broadband delivery format
- Track role and accessibility signalling (DASH 4th edition)
- MP4 fragmented subtitles encapsulating ttml
- Constraints on mpd and segments (e.g. Non-multiplexed)
- DVB Programme metadata (MPD Event)

## DVB DASH with low latency

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<tr>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
<th>Usage</th>
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<tr>
<td>PlayBackRate</td>
<td>Allows setting min and max playback rate</td>
<td>For player catchup to live edge</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chunked segments</td>
<td>Enables smaller granularity processing @segmentProfiles includes cmfl</td>
<td>For chunked delivery to clients</td>
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<td>ProducerReferenceTime</td>
<td>Element to signal wallclock time and utc timing element for synchronizing server and client</td>
<td>For computing the latency at clients</td>
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<td>Scope Element</td>
<td>New element in Service Description</td>
<td>Useful for distinguishing low latency and non low latency AdaptationSets</td>
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<td>ServiceDescription</td>
<td>Used to set the requirements for the service description, may include Latency and playbackrate Elements</td>
<td>Used by client to find the service requirement</td>
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Example DVB DASH Service Description

<ServiceDescription id="1">
  <Latency target="2000" max="6000" min="1000" />
  <PlaybackRate max="1.5" min="0.5" />
</ServiceDescription>
<xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"/>
<MPD
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011"
... etc ...>
<BaseURL>http://cdn1.example.com/</BaseURL>
<BaseURL>http://cdn2.example.com/</BaseURL>

<Period id="1">
<EventStream schemeldUri="urn:dvb:iptv:cpm:2014" value="1">
<Event presentationTime="300" duration="1500" id="0"><![CDATA[<BroadcastEvent>
<Program crid="crid://broadcaster.example.com/ABCDEF"/>
<InstanceDescription>
<Title xml:lang="en">The title</Title>
<Synopsis xml:lang="en" length="medium">The description</Synopsis>
<ParentalGuidance>
<mpeg7:Region>GB</mpeg7:Region>
<ParentalGuidance>
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</InstanceDescription>
</BroadcastEvent>]]></Event>
</EventStream>
<AdaptationSet>
... etc ...
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>
</MPD>

If not in MPD it could be in the Service List Description

MPD Events
Are used to carry meta information in DVB DASH
Splice Information in live streams

- HLS uses EXT-X-DATERANGE for carrying SCTE-35 used for ad insertion
- The DASH analogue is an MPD event carrying SCTE-35 according to SCTE 214/DASH IOP 4.3
- The MPD Proxy or ad insertion service, can use this information for inserting or replacing content, given that the splice timing of the MPD event and the scte-35 match.

Presentation time and duration of slot

<Event presentationTime="1585215648" duration="19" id="649">
<Signal xmlns="http://www.scte.org/schemas/35/2016">
<Binary>/DAgAAAAAAAAP/wDwUAAAkJf//+ABoXsMAAAAAALcrxk8=</Binary>
</Signal>
</Event>

SCTE-35 is encapsulated as binary
MPD Proxy

• Some features are manifest only changes, and can be handled by an MPD proxy
• The MPD proxy changes the manifest, but not the segments
  ▪ Single to Multi period
  ▪ Adding supplemental descriptors (e.g. Adaptationset switching)
  ▪ Adding metadata
  ▪ Changing the ServiceDescription Elements
  ▪ Content insertion of stitching (based on segments already in the CDN)
Origin Server Tips

- Challenge of origin server is handling scale
- Errors (404) can be problematic as they can mitigate through to CDN
- For live streaming CDN offloading is rather effective
- Per channel dimensioning of servers is sometimes deployed, making a small virtual server for each channel.
- This way channels will be isolated in case of failures
DVB-I Service and play list

- Reference the mpd’s
- In case of live mpd’s only, channels could be fixed running on different origins 24x7
- It may be necessary to have some more methods for notification of changes/updates (TBD)
Summary

- Distributed Workflow for encoding and packaging
- Reference architecture with standardized interfaces
- Encoder can produce CMAF and media encoded with the DVB profile
- Packager creates DVB-DASH and commercial encryption
- Origin is used for Distribution via CDN
- Splice information is carried in MPD Events
- Programme metadata is carried in MPD events
- Proxy can add MPD properties and/or insert/replace content based on MPD Event or HLS DateRange tags
- Proxy could also make specific geo-specific localization changes for DVB-I to the manifest
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