
SMPTE RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

Metadata Dictionary Registry of Metadata Element Descriptions



1 Scope

This metadata dictionary contents practice defines a registry of metadata element descriptions for association with essence or other metadata. A full explanation is contained in SMPTE 335M.

The metadata dictionary structure defined in SMPTE 335M covers the use of metadata for all types of essence (video, audio, and data in their various forms). The standard specifies that any application must conform both to:

- (a) the definitions and formats in SMPTE 335M; and
- (b) this metadata dictionary contents practice.

The standard and this practice must be used together as a pair — neither must be used in isolation.

This practice contains a representation of the SMPTE metadata dictionary registry contents in the form of an excel spreadsheet, and other representations will be made available as specified in SMPTE 335M.

2 Normative references

SMPTE 298M-1997, Television — Universal Labels for Unique Identification of Digital Data

SMPTE 335M-2001, Television — Metadata Dictionary Structure

SMPTE 359M-2001, Television and Motion Pictures — Dynamic Documents

All other normative references are contained in the registry itself as part of each metadata element description.

3 Registry structure

The following is intended as an informative note only. A full explanation is contained in SMPTE 335M. For convenience of the management of the registry, metadata elements are listed under the six distinct classes of identification: administration, interpretation, parametric, process, relational, and spacio-temporal. Two further classes are reserved for organizationally registered metadata and one for experimental use.

These classes are further broken down under nodes, which are again for management purposes only.

Each metadata element is listed by name, with a definition of what it is, its data type, length, reference to existing standards, where appropriate, and a unique 8-byte key. Although nodes have a key allocated, this is not used — it is once again an aid for management purposes only.

Annex A (informative)

Bibliography

SMPTE 336M-2001, Television — Data Encoding Protocol Using Key-Length-Value

SMPTE EG-37-2001, Node Structure for the SMPTE Metadata Dictionary