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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO/IEC 23093-3:2022), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- Addition of new APIs and data formats;
- Addition of MController base types;
- Removal of MAnalyser APIs and individual data formats.

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Introduction

The ISO/IEC 23093 series provides an architecture and specifies APIs and compressed representation of data flowing between media things (MThings).

The APIs for MThings facilitate the discovery of other MThings in the network, as well as the connection and efficient exchange of data between MThings. The APIs also support transaction tokens to access valuable functionalities, resources, and data from MThings.

MThing-related information comprises characteristics and discovery data, mission descriptions from system designers and end-users, raw and processed sensed data, and actuation information. The ISO/IEC 23093 series specifies input and output data formats for media sensors, actuators, storages, and analysers. In addition, media analysers can process sensed data from media sensors to produce analysed data, which can be cascaded to other media analysers to extract semantic information. Multiple MThings can be gathered and operated autonomously using mission descriptions given by system designers and end-users.

This document contains the tools to describe the data exchanged between media things (e.g. media sensors, media actuators, media storages) and their corresponding APIs. It addresses the normative aspects of the data and APIs for media things and also illustrates non-normative examples.

Information technology — Internet of media things —

Part 3:

Media data formats and application programming interface (API)

1 Scope

This document specifies the syntax and semantics of description schemes for representing data exchanged by media things (e.g. media sensors, media actuators, and media storages). Moreover, it specifies the APIs to exchange these data between media things. The following interfaces are under the scope of this document:

- APIs for accessing media sensors, actuators, storage, managers, controllers, and aggregators;
- structured data formats (XML) representing media thing's base data types, including sensors, actuators, storage, managers, aggregators, controllers, and their elements;
- structured data formats (XML) representing the media sensor's output data; and,
- structured data formats (XML) representing media actuator's commands.

This document does not specify how sensing and actuating are carried out but defines the interfaces between the media things.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 15938-3, *Information technology — Multimedia content description interface — Part 3: Visual*

ISO/IEC 23005-2, *Information technology — Media context and control — Part 2: Control information*

ISO/IEC 23005-5, *Information technology — Media context and control — Part 5: Data formats for interaction devices*

ISO/IEC 23093-1, *Information technology — Internet of media things — Part 1: Architecture*

ISO/IEC 23093-2:2025, *Information technology — Internet of media things — Part 2: Discovery and communication API*

ISO/IEC 23093-5:2025, *Information technology — Internet of media things — Part 5: IoMT autonomous collaboration*

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