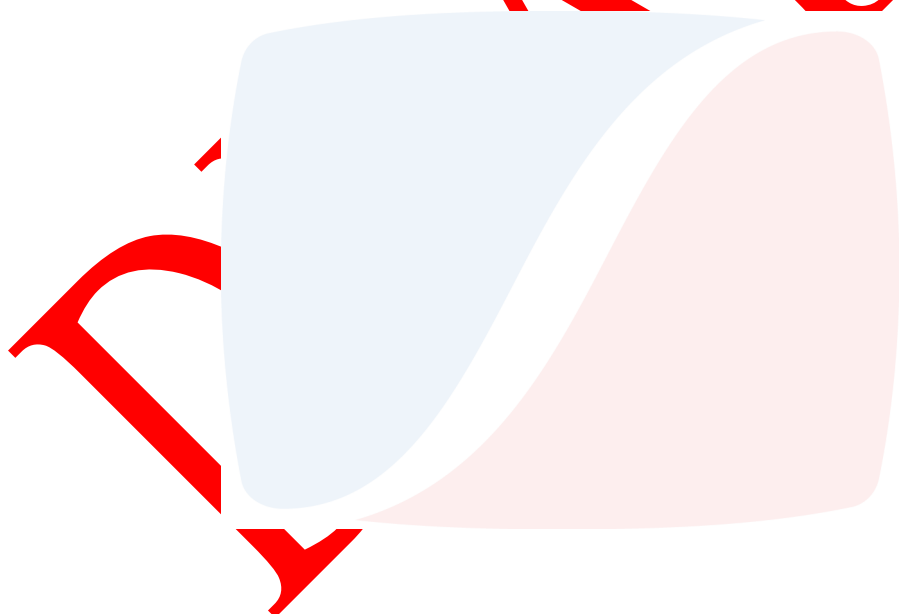




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AES3 Transparent Transport



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Executive Summary

Internet Protocol Media Experience (IPMX) was created to foster the adoption of open standards-based protocols for interoperability over IP in the media and entertainment (M&E) and professional audio/video industries. IPMX is based on the SMPTE ST 2110 and as such the VSF TR-10 suite of Technical Recommendations is built as set of differences between SMPTE ST 2110 and IPMX.

This Technical Recommendation corresponds to the SMPTE ST 2110-31 document and describes the transparent transport of AES3 audio using RTP protocol in IPMX. It documents the differences between TR-10-3 and SMPTE ST 2110-31. Some of the subject covered in this document include the RTP encapsulation, Media Clock, RTP Clock, RTP Timestamps and the IPMX Info Block definition for AES3 audio.

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1 Introduction (Informative)

IPMX, which stands for IP Media Experience, is based on two families of specifications. The SMPTE ST 2110 Professional Media Over Managed IP Networks suite of standards for the transport of video, audio, and ancillary/control signals over IP networks, and the NMOS REST APIs from AMWA, which provide discovery, connection management, and control.

IPMX is an accessible, open standard that meets the needs of professional and consumer video and audio users in a wide variety of contexts while giving manufacturers and developers what they need to build low-latency, interoperable, IP based audiovisual products or applications.

This Technical Recommendation (TR) covers the IPMX transparent transport of AES3 audio using the RTP protocol. Other parts of the TR-10 family of Technical Recommendations describe IPMX individual media essence types, along with their requirements, and defines other aspects of the IPMX system.

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5 Normative References

- SMPTE ST 2010-31:2022 Professional Media Over Managed IP Networks: AES3 Transparent Transport
- SMPTE ST 2110-10:2017 Professional Media over Managed IP Networks: System Timing and Definitions
- VSF TR-10-1 Internet Protocol Media Experience (IPMX): System Timing and Definitions
- AES3-3-2009 AES standard for digital audio — Digital input-output interfacing — Serial transmission format for two-channel linearly represented digital audio data, Part 3: Transport
- Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) RFC 3551 RTP Profile for Audio and Video Conferences with Minimal Control

6 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms, and definitions of VSF TR-10-1 and those of SMPTE ST-2110-31 Section 4 apply.

7 General Provisions

All audio AES3 IPMX Senders and Receivers compliant with this Technical Recommendation shall comply with the following specifications:

SMPTE ST 2110-31 Sections 5.1,5.3,5.4, 6 and 7.

IPMX network interface requirements shall be in accordance with the provisions of SMPTE ST 2110-10:2017 section 6, subject to the additional constraints in this document.

All IPMX Media streams shall have a UDP destination port value that is even and that is greater than 1024.

All IPMX Media streams should have a UDP destination port value that is greater than 5000.

Note: The interested reader can refer to RFC 3551 section 8 for a description of the selection of the above port number range.

IPMX Senders shall make their SDP object available through the management programming interface of the device.

The UDP size of each RTP packet shall not exceed the Standard UDP Size Limit as specified in SMPTE ST 2110-10.

8 RTP Encapsulation

The sequence of AES3 Subframes inside the AES3 signals shall be transported using RTP as specified in IETF RFC 3550, and subject to the requirements and constraints of TR-10-1, subject to the constraints and payload definition below.

The technical metadata necessary to receive and interpret the RTP stream shall be communicated via SDP as defined in clause 6.

9 Media Clock, RTP Clock, and RTP Timestamps

Streams shall use one Media Clock rate. The Media Clock rate shall be either 44.1kHz, 48kHz, or 96kHz.

IPMX Senders and Receivers shall support a Media Clock and RTP clock rate of 48kHz.

IPMX Senders and Receivers may support Media Clock and RTP clock rates of 44.1kHz or 96kHz. Devices which support multiple streams are not required to support multiple Media Clock rates simultaneously.

The offset between the Media Clock and the RTP Clock shall be zero as specified in SMPTE ST 2110-10. Other provisions of the Media Clock, RTP Clock and RTP Timestamp shall be as specified in VSF TR-10-1 for audio IPMX Senders.

The rate of the Media Clock and RTP Clock shall be the same as the digital audio sample rate.

10 IPMX Info Block for AES3 Transparent Transport

IPMX Senders shall send RTCP Sender Reports as outlined in TR-10-1. These RTCP Sender Reports shall include an IPMX Info Block extension and a Media Info Block. The Media Info Block type for AES3 transparent transport shall be 0x0004.

The Media Info Block content for AES3 transparent transport shall follow that of the Media Info Block as documented in TR-10-3 section 11 (IPMX Info Block for PCM digital audio).

Other Media Info Blocks may be added at the end of the IPMX Info Block to further describe the media parameters related to the audio compression format used in the payload.

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