

Specifications

Status of this document

This document is not the real format specification. It's a simple draft to work. (For a simplified diagram of the layout of a Matroska file, see the [Diagram page](#). ([../diagram/index.html](#))) But since it's quite complete it is used as a reference for the development of libmatroska. An alternate version of the specification can be found [here \(files/matroska.pdf\)](#) (PDF doc maintained by Alexander Noé -- may be outdated).

A more accurate and in-depth for Matroska is being done via the IETF CELLAR group. EBML is also specified more officially this way. There is a github repo with the specifications in progress for [Matroska \(https://github.com/Matroska-Org/matroska-specification\)](#) and [EBML \(https://github.com/Matroska-Org/ebml-specification\)](#). The official mailing list for [CELLAR can be found on the IETF website \(https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/cellar\)](#). Anything found there takes precedence over the specifications found in this page.

The table found below is now generated from the "source" of the Matroska specification. This [XML file \(https://github.com/Matroska-Org/foundation-source/blob/master/spectool/specdata.xml\)](#) is also used to generate the semantic data used in libmatroska and libmatroska2. We encourage anyone to use and monitor its changes so your code is spec-proof and always up to date.

Note that versions 1, 2 and 3 have been finalized. Version 4 is currently work in progress. There may be further additions to v4.

EBML principle

EBML is short for Extensible Binary Meta Language. EBML specifies a binary and octet (byte) aligned format inspired by the principle of XML. EBML itself is a generalized description of the technique of binary markup. Like XML, it is completely agnostic to any data that it might contain. Therein, the Matroska project is a specific implementation using the rules of EBML: It seeks to define a subset of the EBML language in the context of audio and video data (though it obviously isn't limited to this purpose). The format is made of 2 parts: the semantic and the syntax. The semantic specifies a number of IDs and their basic type and is not included in the data file/stream. There is a [specific project dealing with EBML \(http://ebml.sourceforge.net/\)](#) in more details and more recent updates.

Just like XML, the specific "tags" (IDs in EBML parlance) used in an EBML implementation are arbitrary. However, the semantic of EBML outlines general data types and ID's.

The known basic types are:

- Signed Integer - Big-endian, any size from 1 to 8 octets
- Unsigned Integer - Big-endian, any size from 1 to 8 octets
- Float - Big-endian, defined for 4 and 8 octets (32, 64 bits)
- String - Printable ASCII (0x20 to 0x7E), zero-padded when needed
- UTF-8 - [Unicode string \(http://www.unicode.org/\)](#), zero padded when needed ([RFC 2279 \(http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2279.html\)](#))
- Date - signed 8 octets integer in nanoseconds with 0 indicating the precise beginning of the millennium (at 2001-01-01T00:00:00,000000000 UTC)
- Master-Element - contains other EBML sub-elements of the next lower level
- Binary - not interpreted by the parser

As well as defining standard data types, EBML uses a system of Elements to make up an EBML "document." Elements incorporate an Element ID, a descriptor for the size of the element, and the binary data itself. Futher, Elements can be nested, or contain, Elements of a lower "level."

Element IDs (also called EBML IDs) are outlined as follows, beginning with the ID itself, followed by the Data Size, and then the non-interpreted Binary itself:

- Element ID coded with an UTF-8 like system :

bits, big-endian

1xxx xxxx	- Class A IDs (2 ⁷ -1 possible values) (base 0x8X)
01xx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- Class B IDs (2 ¹⁴ -1 possible values) (base 0x4X 0xXX)
001x xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- Class C IDs (2 ²¹ -1 possible values) (base 0x2X 0xXX 0xXX)
0001 xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- Class D IDs (2 ²⁸ -1 possible values) (base 0x1X 0xXX 0xXX 0xXX)

Some Notes:

- The leading bits of the EBML IDs are used to identify the length of the ID. The number of leading 0's + 1 is the length of the ID in octets. We will refer to the leading bits as the Length Descriptor.
- Any ID where all x's are composed entirely of 1's is a Reserved ID, thus the -1 in the definitions above.
- The Reserved IDs (all x set to 1) are the only IDs that may change the Length Descriptor.

- Data size, in octets, is also coded with an UTF-8 like system :

bits, big-endian

1xxx xxxx	- value 0 to 2 ⁷ -2
01xx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value 0 to 2 ¹⁴ -2
001x xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value 0 to 2 ²¹ -2
0001 xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value 0 to 2 ²⁸ -2
0000 1xxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value 0 to 2 ³⁵ -2
0000 01xx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value 0 to 2 ⁴² -2
0000 001x xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value 0 to 2 ⁴⁹ -2
0000 0001 xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value 0 to 2 ⁵⁶ -2

Since modern computers do not easily deal with data coded in sizes greater than 64 bits, any larger Element Sizes are left undefined at the moment. Currently, the Element Size coding allows for an Element to grow to 72000 To, i.e. 7x10¹⁶ octets or 72000 terabytes, which will be sufficient for the time being.

There is only one reserved word for Element Size encoding, which is an Element Size encoded to all 1's. Such a coding indicates that the size of the Element is unknown, which is a special case that we believe will be useful for live streaming purposes. However, avoid using this reserved word unnecessarily, because it makes parsing slower and more difficult to implement.

- Data
 - Integers are stored in their standard big-endian form (no UTF-like encoding), only the size may differ from their usual form (24 or 40 bits for example).
 - The Signed Integer is just the big-endian representation trimmed from some 0x00 and 0xFF where they are not meaningful (sign). For example -2 can be coded as 0xFFFFFFFFFFFE or 0xFFFE or 0xFE and 5 can be coded 0x00000000000005 or 0x0005 or 0x05.

Elements semantic

A more detailed description of the column headers can be found in the [Specification Notes \(notes.html#Table_Columns\)](#).

If you are interested in WebM you can have a look at this page that describes what [parts of Matroska it kept \(http://www.webmproject.org/code/specs/container/\)](#).

- Element Name - The full name of the described element.
- L - Level - The level within an EBML tree that the element may occur at. + is for a recursive level (can be its own child). g: global element (can be found at any level)
- EBML ID - The Element ID displayed as octets.
- Ma - Mandatory - This element is mandatory in the file (abbreviated as »mand.«).
- Mu - Multiple - The element may appear multiple times within its parent element (abbreviated as »mult.«).
- Rng - Range - Valid range of values to store in the element.
- Default - The default value of the element.
- T - Element Type - The form of data the element contains. m: Master, u: unsigned int, i: signed integer, s: string, 8: UTF-8 string, b: binary, f: float, d: date
- 1 - The element is contained in Matroska version 1.
- 2 - The element is contained in Matroska version 2.
- 3 - The element is contained in Matroska version 3.
- 4 - The element is contained in Matroska version 4 (v4 is still work in progress; further additions are possible).
- W - All elements available for use in WebM.
- Description - A short description of the element's purpose.

The default values defined for the EBML header correspond to the values for a Matroska stream/file. When parsing the EBML header the default values are different, irrespective of the DocType defined.

- EBMLMaxIDLength is 4: IDs in the EBML header cannot be longer than 4 octets.
- EBMLMaxSizeLength is 4: Length of IDs in the EBML header cannot be longer than 4 octets.

EBMLMaxIDLength	1	[42][F2]	mand.	-	4	4	u.(Unsigned Integer)						
EBMLMaxSizeLength	1	[42][F3]	mand.	-	1-8	8	u.(Unsigned Integer)						
Element Name	L (Level)	EBML ID	Ma (Mandatory)	Mu (Multiple)	Rng (Range)	Default	T (Element Type)	1 (Version 1)	2 (Version 2)	3 (Version 3)	4 (Version 4)	W (WebM)	
Segment													
Segment	0	[18][53][80][67]	mand.	-	-	-	m.(Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	The Root Top-Level at Level 1 1 Segmen
Element Name	L (Level)	EBML ID	Ma (Mandatory)	Mu (Multiple)	Rng (Range)	Default	T (Element Type)	1 (Version 1)	2 (Version 2)	3 (Version 3)	4 (Version 4)	W (WebM)	
Meta Seek Information													
SeekHead	1	[11][4D][9B][74]	-	mult.	-	-	m.(Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	Contains Top-Level
Seek	2	[4D][8B]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m.(Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	Contains Element.
SeekID	3	[53][AB]	mand.	-	-	-	b.(Binary)	*	*	*	*	*	The binar name.
SeekPosition	3	[53][AC]	mand.	-	-	-	u.(Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The Segm
Element Name	L (Level)	EBML ID	Ma (Mandatory)	Mu (Multiple)	Rng (Range)	Default	T (Element Type)	1 (Version 1)	2 (Version 2)	3 (Version 3)	4 (Version 4)	W (WebM)	
Segment Information													
Info	1	[15][49][A9][66]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m.(Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	Contains Segment.
SegmentUID	2	[73][A4]	-	-	not 0	-	b.(Binary)	*	*	*	*		If the Seg Segment A file nam
SegmentFilename	2	[73][84]	-	-	-	-	8.(UTF-8)	*	*	*	*		If the Seg Segment the PrevU REQUIRE PrevUID I considere Linked Se be equal
PrevUID	2	[3C][B9][23]	-	-	-	-	b.(Binary)	*	*	*	*		Provision display cc be consid the previ
PrevFilename	2	[3C][83][AB]	-	-	-	-	8.(UTF-8)	*	*	*	*		If the Seg Segment the PrevU REQUIRE NextUID I considere Linked Se be equal
NextUID	2	[3E][B9][23]	-	-	-	-	b.(Binary)	*	*	*	*		Provision convenier considere Next Segm
NextFilename	2	[3E][83][BB]	-	-	-	-	8.(UTF-8)	*	*	*	*		If the Seg Segment Element i
SegmentFamily	2	[44][44]	-	mult.	-	-	b.(Binary)	*	*	*	*		A tuple of chapter c
ChapterTranslate	2	[69][24]	-	mult.	-	-	m.(Master Elements)	*	*	*	*		Specify ai correspor specified, the Segm
ChapterTranslateEditionUID	3	[69][FC]	-	mult.	-	-	u.(Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		The chapl (https://v/index.htm) 0 - Matro 1 - DVD-r
ChapterTranslateCodec	3	[69][BF]	mand.	-	-	-	u.(Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		The binar Segment format de ChapProc (https://v/chapters/index.htm)
ChapterTranslateID	3	[69][A5]	mand.	-	-	-	b.(Binary)	*	*	*	*		Timestamp (1.000.00 Segment
TimestampScale	2	[2A][D7][B1]	mand.	-	not 0	1000000	u.(Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Duration based on
Duration	2	[44][89]	-	-	> 0x0p+0	-	f.(Float)	*	*	*	*	*	The date created b library.
DateUTC	2	[44][61]	-	-	-	-	d.(Date)	*	*	*	*	*	General n
Title	2	[7B][A9]	-	-	-	-	8.(UTF-8)	*	*	*	*		Include ti library fol
MuxingApp	2	[4D][80]	mand.	-	-	-	8.(UTF-8)	*	*	*	*	*	Include ti followed i
WritingApp	2	[57][41]	mand.	-	-	-	8.(UTF-8)	*	*	*	*	*	
Element Name	L (Level)	EBML ID	Ma (Mandatory)	Mu (Multiple)	Rng (Range)	Default	T (Element Type)	1 (Version 1)	2 (Version 2)	3 (Version 3)	4 (Version 4)	W (WebM)	
Cluster													
Cluster	1	[1F][43][B6][75]	-	mult.	-	-	m.(Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	The Top-l (monolith Absolute on Times
Timestamp	2	[E7]	mand.	-	-	-	u.(Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The list oi part of th overlay tr track to u
SilentTracks	2	[58][54]	-	-	-	-	m.(Master Elements)	*	*	*	*		One of th from now later if no Cluster.
SilentTrackNumber	3	[58][D7]	-	mult.	-	-	u.(Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		

Position	2	[A7]	-	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*			The Segn Segment to resync streams.
PrevSize	2	[AB]	-	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*		Size of the be useful
SimpleBlock	2	[A3]	-	mult.	-	-	b (Binary)		*	*	*	*		Similar to /technical/index.html without a used to ri feature is Structure /technical/index.html
BlockGroup	2	[A0]	-	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*		Basic con single Blo Block.
Block	3	[A1]	mand.	-	-	-	b (Binary)	*	*	*	*	*		Block con rendered Cluster Ti (https://v/index.html)
BlockVirtual	3	[A2]	-	-	-	-	b (Binary)							A Block w the strear would be Virtual (/technical/index.html)
BlockAdditions	3	[75][A1]	-	-	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*		Contain a main one knowledg see and u
BlockMore	4	[A6]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*		Contain ti paramete
BlockAddID	5	[EE]	mand.	-	not 0	1	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*		An ID to i
BlockAdditional	5	[A5]	mand.	-	-	-	b (Binary)	*	*	*	*	*		Interprets the Block.
BlockDuration	3	[9B]	-	-	-	DefaultDuration	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*		The durat Timestamp mandator the track default va no Default to be the of this Blg Block in " This Elem Track (as available) track like
ReferencePriority	3	[FA]	mand.	-	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*		This fram specified frame of l replace ti frame is r
ReferenceBlock	3	[FB]	-	mult.	-	-	i (Signed Integer)	*	*	*	*	*		Timestamp reference timestamp attached
ReferenceVirtual	3	[FD]	-	-	-	-	i (Signed Integer)							The Segn would oth block.
CodecState	3	[A4]	-	-	-	-	b (Binary)		*	*	*	*		The new i interpret informati by a seek
DiscardPadding	3	[75][A2]	-	-	-	-	i (Signed Integer)					*	*	Duration added to the Block beginning The durat calculater and SHOI
Slices	3	[8E]	-	-	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*		Contains
TimeSlice	4	[E8]	-	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*					*	Contains data cont interpret playback.
LaceNumber	5	[CC]	-	-	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)	*					*	The rever lace (0 is last, etc), Element i
FrameNumber	5	[CD]	-	-	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)							The numt this lace v generate Block/Fra
BlockAdditionID	5	[CB]	-	-	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)							The ID of the main
Delay	5	[CE]	-	-	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)							The (scal
SliceDuration	5	[CF]	-	-	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)							The (scal Element.
ReferenceFrame	3	[C8]	-	-	-	-	m (Master Elements)							DivX trick (http://la)
ReferenceOffset	4	[C9]	mand.	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)							DivX trick (http://la)
ReferenceTimestamp	4	[CA]	mand.	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)							DivX trick (http://la)
EncryptedBlock	2	[AF]	-	mult.	-	-	b (Binary)							Similar to (https://v/index.html) inside the and/or si Structure /technical/index.html
Element Name	L (Level)	EBML ID	Ma (Mandatory)	Mu (Multiple)	Rng (Range)	Default	T (Element Type)	1 (Version 1)	2 (Version 2)	3 (Version 3)	4 (Version 4)	W (WebM)	Track	
Tracks	1	[16][54][AE][6B]	-	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*		A Top-Lev many trai
TrackEntry	2	[AE]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*		Describes

TrackNumber	3	[D7]	mand.	-	not 0	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The track Header (1 encourages unlimited
TrackUID	3	[73][C5]	mand.	-	not 0	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	A unique SHOULD direct str file.
TrackType	3	[83]	mand.	-	1-254	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	A set of b 1 - video, 2 - audio, 3 - compl 16 - logo, 17 - subti 18 - butt 32 - cont
FlagEnabled	3	[B9]	mand.	-	0-1	1	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Set if the
FlagDefault	3	[88]	mand.	-	0-1	1	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Set if tha SHOULD matches
FlagForced	3	[55][AA]	mand.	-	0-1	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Set if tha playback, for a kind SHOULD : matches + forced between the same
FlagLacing	3	[9C]	mand.	-	0-1	1	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Set if the lacing. (1
MinCache	3	[6D][E7]	mand.	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The minir SHOULD If set to C system is
MaxCache	3	[6D][F8]	-	-	-	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The maxi store refe frame. 0
DefaultDuration	3	[23][E3][83]	-	-	not 0	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Number c Timestamp Matroska (Simple)E
DefaultDecodedFieldDuration	3	[23][4E][7A]	-	-	not 0	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The perio Timestamp fields at t (see the i /technical /notes.ht
TrackTimestampScale	3	[23][31][4F]	mand.	-	> 0x0p+0	1.0	f (Float)	*	*	*	*	*	DEPRECA apply on in relator adjust vic differs).
TrackOffset	3	[53][7F]	-	-	-	0	i (Signed Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	A value to This can i offset of z
MaxBlockAdditionID	3	[55][EE]	mand.	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The maxi (https://v /index.ht there is n (https://v /index.ht
Name	3	[53][6E]	-	-	-	-	8 (UTF-8)	*	*	*	*	*	A human-
Language	3	[22][B5][9C]	-	-	-	eng	s (String)	*	*	*	*	*	Specifies Matroska (https://v /index.ht MUST be Element i
LanguageIETF	3	[22][B5][9D]	-	-	-	-	s (String)	*	*	*	*	*	Specifies according /html/bcp- Subtag R- /assignm- /language is used, t- in the sar
CodecID	3	[86]	mand.	-	-	-	s (String)	*	*	*	*	*	An ID cor codec pag /technical more info
CodecPrivate	3	[63][A2]	-	-	-	-	b (Binary)	*	*	*	*	*	Private de
CodecName	3	[25][86][88]	-	-	-	-	8 (UTF-8)	*	*	*	*	*	A human-
AttachmentLink	3	[74][46]	-	-	not 0	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The UID c this code
CodecSettings	3	[3A][96][97]	-	-	-	-	8 (UTF-8)	*	*	*	*	*	A string d used.
CodecInfoURL	3	[3B][40][40]	-	mult.	-	-	s (String)	*	*	*	*	*	A URL to used.
CodecDownloadURL	3	[26][B2][40]	-	mult.	-	-	s (String)	*	*	*	*	*	A URL to
CodecDecodeAll	3	[AA]	mand.	-	0-1	1	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The codes data (1 bi
TrackOverlay	3	[6F][AB]	-	mult.	-	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Specify th for the Tr That mea SilentTrax /technical the overli The order the first c used. If n second, e
CodecDelay	3	[56][AA]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	CodecDel nanoseco subtracte order to c value SH tracks wit in the sar
SeekPreRoll	3	[56][BB]	mand.	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	After a di duration i decoder h data is va
TrackTranslate	3	[66][24]	-	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	The track Chapter C

TrackTranslateEditionUID	4	[66][FC]	-	mult.	-	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		Specify a translation means for Segment.
TrackTranslateCodec	4	[66][BF]	mand.	-	-	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		The chapter (https://www.matroska.org/technical/specs/index.html#chapter4) 0 - Matroska 1 - DVD-Video
TrackTranslateTrackID	4	[66][A5]	mand.	-	-	-	b. (Binary)	*	*	*	*		The binary track ID depends on the track type (https://www.matroska.org/technical/specs/index.html#chapter4)
Video	3	[E0]	-	-	-	-	m. (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	Video set
FlagInterlaced	4	[9A]	mand.	-	0-2	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)		*	*	*	*	A flag to indicate progressive or interlaced video. 0 - undetected 1 - interlaced 2 - progressive
FieldOrder	4	[9D]	mand.	-	0-14	2	u. (Unsigned Integer)				*		Declare the field order. FlagInterlaced MUST be 0 - progressive 1 - tff, 2 - undetected 6 - bff, 9 - bff (swapped) 14 - tff (swapped)
StereoMode	4	[53][B8]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)			*	*	*	Stereo-3D more details in Specification (https://www.matroska.org/technical/specs/index.html#notes) 0 - mono 1 - side by side 2 - top-bottom 3 - top-bottom 4 - check 5 - check 6 - row interleaved 7 - row interleaved 8 - column interleaved 9 - column interleaved 10 - anaglyph 11 - side by side 12 - anaglyph 13 - both eyes first 14 - both eyes first
AlphaMode	4	[53][C0]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)			*	*	*	Alpha Video indicates could contain DEPRECATED Stereo Mode libmatroska 0 - mono 1 - right eye 2 - left eye 3 - both eyes
OldStereoMode	4	[53][B9]	-	-	-	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)						DEPRECATED Stereo Mode libmatroska 0 - mono 1 - right eye 2 - left eye 3 - both eyes
PixelWidth	4	[B0]	mand.	-	not 0	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Width of the image in pixels.
PixelHeight	4	[BA]	mand.	-	not 0	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Height of the image in pixels.
PixelCropBottom	4	[54][AA]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The number of pixels at the bottom of the image.
PixelCropTop	4	[54][BB]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The number of pixels at the top of the image.
PixelCropLeft	4	[54][CC]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The number of pixels at the left of the image.
PixelCropRight	4	[54][DD]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The number of pixels at the right of the image.
DisplayWidth	4	[54][B0]	-	-	not 0	PixelWidth - PixelCropLeft - PixelCropRight	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Width of the image in pixels. Applies to the image only valid (https://www.matroska.org/technical/specs/index.html#chapter4)
DisplayHeight	4	[54][BA]	-	-	not 0	PixelHeight - PixelCropTop - PixelCropBottom	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Height of the image in pixels. Applies to the image only valid (https://www.matroska.org/technical/specs/index.html#chapter4)
DisplayUnit	4	[54][B2]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	How Display is interpreted 0 - pixels 1 - centimeters 2 - inches 3 - display units 4 - unknown
AspectRatioType	4	[54][B3]	-	-	-	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Specify the aspect ratio 0 - free ratio 1 - keep aspect 2 - fixed
ColourSpace	4	[2E][B5][24]	-	-	-	-	b. (Binary)	*	*	*	*		Specify the track's color space similar to AVI's ColorSpace is MANDATORY UNCO
GammaValue	4	[2F][B5][23]	-	-	> 0x0p+0	-	f. (Float)						Gamma value
FrameRate	4	[23][83][E3]	-	-	> 0x0p+0	-	f. (Float)						Number of frames per second
Colour	4	[55][B0]	-	-	-	-	m. (Master Elements)				*		Settings for color
MatrixCoefficients	5	[55][B1]	-	-	-	2	u. (Unsigned Integer)				*		The Matrix coefficients for the color space. The value of the MatrixCoefficients of ISO/IEC 10126-1:1994

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WhitePointChromaticityY	6	[55][D8]	-	-	0-1	-	f (Float)				*		White Y chromaticity by CIE 15
LuminanceMax	6	[55][D9]	-	-	>= 0x0p+0	-	f (Float)				*		Maximum candela
LuminanceMin	6	[55][DA]	-	-	>= 0x0p+0	-	f (Float)				*		Minimum candela
Projection	4	[76][70]	-	-	-	-	m (Master Elements)				*	*	Describes how to render
ProjectionType	5	[76][71]	mand.	-	0-3	0	u (Unsigned Integer)				*	*	Describes track. 0 - rectangular 1 - equirectangular 2 - cubemap 3 - mesh
ProjectionPrivate	5	[76][72]	-	-	-	-	b (Binary)				*	*	Private data for projector (Rectangular, Equirectangular, etc.). If (Cubemap) present, a Cubemap projector element is inside an ('mshp'). Fields are but the Field is to informatics semantics formats.
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ProjectionPoseRoll	5	[76][75]	mand.	-	-	0.0	f (Float)				*	*	Specifies projector clockwise forward vector applied at Projection this field is degree radians
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Channels	4	[9F]	mand.	-	not 0	1	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Numbers
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BitDepth	4	[62][64]	-	-	not 0	-	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Bits per second
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TrackCombinePlanes	4	[E3]	-	-	-	-	m (Master Elements)				*	*	Contains that need track
TrackPlane	5	[E4]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)				*	*	Contains be combined
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TrackPlaneType	6	[E6]	mand.	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)				*	*	The kind of plane: 0 - left eye 1 - right eye 2 - background
TrackJoinBlocks	4	[E9]	-	-	-	-	m (Master Elements)				*	*	Contains needed to be track
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TrackSegmentUID	3	[C1]	-	-	-	-	b (Binary)						DivX track (http://la)
TrackFlag	3	[C6]	-	-	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)						DivX track (http://la)
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ContentEncoding	4	[62][40]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	Settings for compression

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ContentSigKeyID	6	[47][E4]	-	-	-	-	b (Binary)	*	*	*	*	*	
ContentSigAlgo	6	[47][E5]	-	-	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	
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CuePoint	2	[8B]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	Contains point in tl
CueTime	3	[B3]	mand.	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Absolute Segment
CueTrackPositions	3	[87]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	Contain p correspor
CueTrack	4	[F7]	mand.	-	not 0	-	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The track
CueClusterPosition	4	[F1]	mand.	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	The Segn containin
CueRelativePosition	4	[F0]	-	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)				*		The relati the refere with 0 be an Eleme
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CueRefCluster	5	[97]	mand.	-	-	-	u (Unsigned Integer)						The Segn containin
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FileUsedEndTime	3	[46][62]	-	-	-	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)						DivX font (http://do /docs/div /World_Fi		
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EditionEntry	2	[45][B9]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m. (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*	Contains edition.		
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EditionFlagDefault	3	[45][DB]	mand.	-	0-1	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		If a flag is used as tl		
EditionFlagOrdered	3	[45][DD]	-	-	0-1	0	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		Specify if multiple t is enforce		
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ChapterUID	4	[73][C4]	mand.	-	not 0	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	A unique		
ChapterStringUID	4	[56][54]	-	-	-	-	8 (UTF-8)			*	*	*	A unique Use for W (https://v cue-ident		
ChapterTimeStart	4	[91]	mand.	-	-	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	Timestamp scaled).		
ChapterTimeEnd	4	[92]	-	-	-	-	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		Timestamp (timestan		
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ChapterFlagEnabled	4	[45][98]	mand.	-	0-1	1	u. (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*		Specify w can be er When dis the conte TimeEnd (https://v /chapters		
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ChapterTrack	4	[8F]	-	-	-	-	m. (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*		List of tra If this Ele apply		
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ChapString	5	[85]	mand.	-	-	-	8 (UTF-8)	*	*	*	*	*	Contains atom.		
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ChapProcessPrivate	5	[45][0D]	-	-	-	-		b (Binary)	*	*	*	*			Some opt ChapProc ChapProc (https://v/chapters level" eq
ChapProcessCommand	5	[69][11]	-	mult.	-	-		m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*			Contains the Atom
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TargetType	4	[63][CA]	-	-	-	-	s (String)	*	*	*	*	*		An inform display th "ALBUM", etc (see 1 (https://v/tagging/ COLLECTI EDITION ISSUE - I VOLUME - OPUS - O SEASON - SEQUEL - ALBUM - . OPERA - i CONCERT MOVIE - I EPISODE PART - P SESSION TRACK - S SONG - S CHAPTER SUBTRAC PART - P MOVEME SCENE - ! SHOT - S	
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TagEditionUID	4	[63][C9]	-	mult.	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*		A unique the tags l level, the Segment.	
TagChapterUID	4	[63][C4]	-	mult.	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*		A unique tags belo level, the Segment.	
TagAttachmentUID	4	[63][C6]	-	mult.	-	0	u (Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*		A unique the tags l level, the in the Seg	
SimpleTag	3+	[67][C8]	mand.	mult.	-	-	m (Master Elements)	*	*	*	*	*		Contains target.	
TagName	4	[45][A3]	mand.	-	-	-	8 (UTF-8)	*	*	*	*	*		The name stored.	

TagLanguage	4	[44][7A]	mand.	-	-	und	s (String)	*	*	*	*	*	Specifies in the Ma (https://www.matroska.org/technical/specs/index.html) MUST be Element i Element.
TagLanguageETF	4	[44][7B]	-	-	-	-	s (String)				*		Specifies TagString (https://www.matroska.org/technical/specs/index.html) using the (https://www.matroska.org/technical/specs/index.html) language subtag-re then any the same
TagDefault	4	[44][84]	mand.	-	0-1	1	u.(Unsigned Integer)	*	*	*	*	*	A boolean default/oi given tag
TagString	4	[44][87]	-	-	-	-	8 (UTF-8)	*	*	*	*	*	The value
TagBinary	4	[44][85]	-	-	-	-	b.(Binary)	*	*	*	*	*	The value that this i SimpleTa
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All top-levels elements (Segment and direct sub-elements) are coded on 4 octets, i.e. class D elements.

Appendix

Language Codes

Language codes can be either the 3 letters [bibliographic ISO-639-2](http://www.loc.gov/standards/iso639-2/php/English_list.php) (http://www.loc.gov/standards/iso639-2/php/English_list.php) form (like "fre" for french), or such a language code followed by a dash and a country code for specialities in languages (like "fre-ca" for Canadian French). Country codes are the same as used for [internet domains](http://www.iana.org/cctld/cctld-whois.htm) (<http://www.iana.org/cctld/cctld-whois.htm>).

Physical Types

Each level can have different meanings for audio and video. The ORIGINAL_MEDIUM tag can be used to specify a string for ChapterPhysicalEquiv = 60. Here is the list of possible levels for both audio and video :

ChapterPhysicalEquiv	Audio	Video	Comment
70	SET / PACKAGE	SET / PACKAGE	the collection of different media
60	CD / 12" / 10" / 7" / TAPE / MINIDISC / DAT	DVD / VHS / LASERDISC	the physical medium like a CD or a DVD
50	SIDE	SIDE	when the original medium (LP/DVD) has different sides
40	-	LAYER	another physical level on DVDs
30	SESSION	SESSION	as found on CDs and DVDs
20	TRACK	-	as found on audio CDs
10	INDEX	-	the first logical level of the side/medium

Block Structure

Size = 1 + (1-8) + 4 + (4 + (4)) octets. So from 6 to 21 octets.

Bit 0 is the most significant bit.

Frames using references should be stored in "coding order". That means the references first and then the frames referencing them. A consequence is that timecodes may not be consecutive. But a frame with a past timecode must reference a frame already known, otherwise it's considered bad/void.

There can be many Blocks in a BlockGroup provided they all have the same timecode. It is used with different parts of a frame with different priorities.

Block Header				
Offset	Player	Description		
0x00+	must	Track Number (Track Entry). It is coded in EBML like form (1 octet if the value is < 0x80, 2 if < 0x4000, etc) (most significant bits set to increase the range).		
0x01+	must	Timecode (relative to Cluster timecode, signed int16)		
0x03+	-	Flags		
		Bit	Player	
		Description		
		0-3	-	Reserved, set to 0
		4	-	Invisible, the codec should decode this frame but not display it
				Lacing
		5-6	must	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 00 : no lacing• 01 : Xiph lacing• 11 : EBML lacing• 10 : fixed-size lacing
7	-	not used		
Lace (when lacing bit is set)				
0x00	must	Number of frames in the lace-1 (uint8)		
0x01 / 0xXX	must*	Lace-coded size of each frame of the lace, except for the last one (multiple uint8). *This is not used with Fixed-size lacing as it is calculated automatically from (total size of lace) / (number of frames in lace).		
(possibly) Laced Data				
0x00	must	Consecutive laced frames		

Lacing

Lacing is a mechanism to save space when storing data. It is typically used for small blocks of data (referred to as frames in matroska). There are 3 types of lacing : the Xiph one inspired by what is found in the Ogg container, the EBML one which is the same with sizes coded differently and the fixed-size one where the size is not coded. As an example is better than words...

Let's say you want to store 3 frames of the same track. The first frame is 800 octets long, the second is 500 octets long and the third is 1000 octets long. As these data are small, you can store them in a lace to save space. They will then be solved in the same block as follows:

Xiph lacing

- Block head (with lacing bits set to 01)
- Lacing head: Number of frames in the lace -1, i.e. 2 (the 800 and 500 octets one)
- Lacing sizes: only the 2 first ones will be coded, 800 gives 255;255;255;35, 500 gives 255;245. The size of the last frame is deduced from the total size of the Block.
- Data in frame 1
- Data in frame 2
- Data in frame 3

A frame with a size multiple of 255 is coded with a 0 at the end of the size, for example 765 is coded 255;255;255;0.

EBML lacing

In this case the size is not coded as blocks of 255 bytes, but as a difference with the previous size and this size is coded as in EBML. The first size in the lace is unsigned as in EBML. The others use a range shifting to get a sign on each value :

1xxx xxxx	- value $-(2^{*6}-1)$ to $2^{*6}-1$
	(ie 0 to $2^{*7}-2$ minus $2^{*6}-1$, half of the range)
01xx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value $-(2^{*13}-1)$ to $2^{*13}-1$
001x xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value $-(2^{*20}-1)$ to $2^{*20}-1$
0001 xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value $-(2^{*27}-1)$ to $2^{*27}-1$
0000 1xxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value $-(2^{*34}-1)$ to $2^{*34}-1$
0000 01xx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value $-(2^{*41}-1)$ to $2^{*41}-1$
0000 001x xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx	- value $-(2^{*48}-1)$ to $2^{*48}-1$
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Block head (with lacing bits set to 11)• Lacing head: Number of frames in the lace -1, i.e. 2 (the 800 and 400 octets one)• Lacing sizes: only the 2 first ones will be coded, 800 gives 0x320 0x4000 = 0x4320, 500 is coded as -300 : - 0x12C + 0x1FFF + 0x4000 = 0x5ED3. The size of the last frame is deduced from the total size of the Block.• Data in frame 1• Data in frame 2• Data in frame 3	

Fixed-size lacing

In this case only the number of frames in the lace is saved, the size of each frame is deduced from the total size of the Block. For example, for 3 frames of 800 octets each :

- Block head (with lacing bits set to 10)
- Lacing head: Number of frames in the lace -1, i.e. 2
- Data in frame 1
- Data in frame 2
- Data in frame 3

SimpleBlock Structure

The SimpleBlock is very inspired by the [Block structure](#). The main differences are the added Keyframe flag and Discardable flag. Otherwise everything is the same.

Size = 1 + (1-8) + 4 + (4 + (4)) octets. So from 6 to 21 octets.

Bit 0 is the most significant bit.

Frames using references should be stored in "coding order". That means the references first and then the frames referencing them. A consequence is that timecodes may not be consecutive. But a frame with a past timecode must reference a frame already known, otherwise it's considered bad/void.

There can be many Blocks in a BlockGroup provided they all have the same timecode. It is used with different parts of a frame with different priorities.

SimpleBlock Header																										
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0x00+	must	Track Number (Track Entry). It is coded in EBML like form (1 octet if the value is < 0x80, 2 if < 0x4000, etc) (most significant bits set to increase the range).																								
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0x03+	-	<table><tr><th colspan="3">Flags</th></tr><tr><th>Bit</th><th>Player</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>-</td><td>Keyframe, set when the Block contains only keyframes</td></tr><tr><td>1-3</td><td>-</td><td>Reserved, set to 0</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>-</td><td>Invisible, the codec should decode this frame but not display it</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Lacing<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 00 : no lacing• 01 : Xiph lacing• 11 : EBML lacing• 10 : fixed-size lacing</td></tr><tr><td>5-6</td><td>must</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>-</td><td>Discardable, the frames of the Block can be discarded during playing if needed</td></tr></table>	Flags			Bit	Player	Description	0	-	Keyframe, set when the Block contains only keyframes	1-3	-	Reserved, set to 0	4	-	Invisible, the codec should decode this frame but not display it			Lacing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 00 : no lacing• 01 : Xiph lacing• 11 : EBML lacing• 10 : fixed-size lacing	5-6	must		7	-	Discardable, the frames of the Block can be discarded during playing if needed
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EncryptedBlock Structure

The EncryptedBlock is very inspired by the [SimpleBlock structure](#). The main differences is that the raw data are Transformed. That means the data after the lacing definition (if present) have been processed before put into the Block. The laced sizes apply on the decoded (Inverse Transform) data. This size of the Transformed data may not match the size of the initial chunk of data.

The other difference is that the number of frames in the lace are not saved if "no lacing" is specified (bits 5 and 6 set to 0).

The Transformation is specified by a TransformID in the Block (must be the same for all frames within the EncryptedBlock).

Size = 1 + (1-8) + 4 + (4 + (4)) octets. So from 6 to 21 octets.

Bit 0 is the most significant bit.

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There can be many Blocks in a BlockGroup provided they all have the same timecode. It is used with different parts of a frame with different priorities.

EncryptedBlock Header				
Offset	Player	Description		
0x00+	must	Track Number (Track Entry). It is coded in EBML like form (1 octet if the value is < 0x80, 2 if < 0x4000, etc) (most significant bits set to increase the range).		
0x01+	must	Timecode (relative to Cluster timecode, signed int16)		
0x03+	-	Flags		
		Bit	Player	Description
		0	-	Keyframe, set when the Block contains only keyframes
		1-3	-	Reserved, set to 0
		4	-	Invisible, the codec should decode this frame but not display it

					Lacing
		5-6	must		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 00 : no lacing• 01 : Xiph lacing• 11 : EBML lacing• 10 : fixed-size lacing
		7	-		Discardable, the frames of the Block can be discarded during playing if needed
Lace (when lacing bit is set)					
0x00	must*	Number of frames in the lace-1 (uint8) *Only available if bit 5 or bit 6 of the EncryptedBlock flag is set to one.			
0x01 / 0xXX	must*	Lace-coded size of each frame of the lace, except for the last one (multiple uint8). *This is not used with Fixed-size lacing as it is calculated automatically from (total size of lace) / (number of frames in lace).			
(possibly) Laced Data					
0x00	must	TransformID (EBML coded integer value). Value 0 = Null Transform			
0x01+	must	Consecutive laced frames			

Virtual Block

The data in matroska is stored in coding order. But that means if you seek to a particular point and a frame has been referenced far away, you won't know while playing and you might miss this frame (true for independent frames and overlapping of dependent frames). So the idea is to have a placeholder for the original frame in the timecode (display) order.

The structure is a scaled down version of the normal [Block](#).

Virtual Block Header				
Offset Player		Description		
0x00+	must	Track Number (Track Entry). It is coded in EBML like form (1 octet if the value is < 0x80, 2 if < 0x4000, etc) (most significant bits set to increase the range).		
0x01+	must	Timecode (relative to Cluster timecode, signed int16)		
0x03+	-	Flags		
		Bit	Player	Description
		7-0	-	Reserved, set to 0

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