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# Foreword

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In the present document, modal verbs have the following meanings:

**shall** indicates a mandatory requirement to do something

**shall not** indicates an interdiction (prohibition) to do something

The constructions "shall" and "shall not" are confined to the context of normative provisions, and do not appear in Technical Reports.

The constructions "must" and "must not" are not used as substitutes for "shall" and "shall not". Their use is avoided insofar as possible, and they are not used in a normative context except in a direct citation from an external, referenced, non-3GPP document, or so as to maintain continuity of style when extending or modifying the provisions of such a referenced document.

**should** indicates a recommendation to do something

**should not** indicates a recommendation not to do something

**may** indicates permission to do something

**need not** indicates permission not to do something

The construction "may not" is ambiguous and is not used in normative elements. The unambiguous constructions "might not" or "shall not" are used instead, depending upon the meaning intended.

**can** indicates that something is possible

**cannot** indicates that something is impossible

The constructions "can" and "cannot" are not substitutes for "may" and "need not".

**will** indicates that something is certain or expected to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**will not** indicates that something is certain or expected not to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might** indicates a likelihood that something will happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might not** indicates a likelihood that something will not happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

In addition:

**is** (or any other verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

**is not** (or any other negative verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

The constructions "is" and "is not" do not indicate requirements.

# 1 Scope

The present document specifies the digital test sequences for the Immersive Voice and Audio Services (IVAS) codec. These sequences shall be used in conformance testing for implementations of the IVAS codec (3GPP TS 26.253), Rendering (3GPP TS 26.254), Error Concealment of Lost Packets (3GPP TS 26.255) and Jitter Buffer Management (JBM) (3GPP TS 26.256) and its reference C code specification 3GPP TS 26.258 (floating-point). In addition, the present document specifies procedures for conformance testing.

# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non‑specific.

- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.

- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[2] 3GPP TS 26.250: "Codec for Immersive Voice and Audio Services - General overview".

[3] Void

[4] 3GPP TS 26.253: "Codec for Immersive Voice and Audio Services - Detailed Algorithmic Description incl. RTP payload format and SDP parameter definitions".

[5] 3GPP TS 26.254: "Codec for Immersive Voice and Audio Services - Rendering".

[6] 3GPP TS 26.255: "Codec for Immersive Voice and Audio Services - Error concealment of lost packets".

[7] 3GPP TS 26.256: "Codec for Immersive Voice and Audio Services - Jitter Buffer Management".

[8] 3GPP TS 26.258: "Codec for Immersive Voice and Audio Services - C code (floating point)".

[9] 3GPP TS 26.444: "Codec for Enhanced Voice Services - Test Sequences".

[10] ETSI TS 103 634 V1.4.1 (2023-03), "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Low Complexity Communication Codec plus (LC3plus)".

# 3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

## 3.2 Symbols

Void

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

AMR-WB Adaptive Multi Rate Wideband (codec)

EVS Enhanced Voice Services (codec)

IVAS Immersive Voice and Audio Services (codec)

ISAR Immersive Audio for Split Rendering Scenarios

JBM Jitter Buffer Management

# 4 General

## 4.1 Introduction

This specification provides digital test sequences that shall be used to test conformance for an implementation of the IVAS codec (TS 26.253 [4]), Rendering (TS 26.254 [5]), Error Concealment of Lost Packets (TS 26.255 [6]) and Jitter Buffer Management (JBM) (TS 26.256 [7]), and its reference C code specification in TS 26.258 [8] (floating-point). An overview of the IVAS Codec specifications is found in TS 25.250 [2].

A standard compliant implementation of the above specifications shall pass the conformance tests according to clause 7. The necessary test sequences can be found in the corresponding ZIP files according to the attached Readme.txt file.

NOTE: The test sequences apply to specific version(s) of the IVAS codec as indicated by the name of the ZIP file, e.g., IVAS-FL-1.0. The codec version number is used to have consistent numbering across reference C code specifications.

Clause 5 describes the format of the files, which contain the digital test sequences. Clause 6 describes the test sequences for the IVAS codec, including rendering, error concealment of lost packets, and jitter buffer management. Clause 7 describes the conformance testing procedure for implementations of the IVAS codec.

# 5 Test sequence format

## 5.1 Introduction to test sequence format

This clause provides information on the format of the digital test sequences for the IVAS codec (TS 26.253 [4]), Rendering (TS 26.254 [5]), Error Concealment of Lost Packets (TS 26.255 [6]) and Jitter Buffer Management (JBM) (TS 26.256 [7]) and its reference C code specification in TS 26.258 [8] (floating-point).

## 5.2 File format

The test sequence data is provided in PC (little-endian byte order) files, according to table 1.

Table 1: Overview of test sequence files

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| File type | File extensions |
| Audio input to the encoder and output from the decoder and renderer | \*.wav |
| ISM metadata, Head rotation trajectories | \*.csv |
| MASA metadata | \*.met |
| Rate switching | \*.bin |
| IVAS bitstreams | \*.192 |
| ISAR bitstreams | \*.bit |
| IVAS bitstreams with frame errors | \*.fer |
| Renderer configuration (text format or binary format) | \*.cfg, \*.dat |
| Renderer scene description | \*.txt |

# 6 IVAS codec test sequences including error concealment of lost packets

## 6.1 Introduction to test sequences

This clause provides information on the test sequences designed to exercise the IVAS codec.

## 6.2 Codec configuration

The codec shall be configured according to the instructions in Readme\_IVAS\_{enc, dec, rend, JBM\_dec, ISAR\_dec, ISAR\_post\_rend}.txt for each test case respectively in accordance with clause 6.3. For the bit-exact EVS compatibility mode of IVAS, including the AMR-WB interoperable function, the codec shall be configured in accordance with TS 26.444 [9].

## 6.3 IVAS codec test sequences

### 6.3.1 Mono operation test sequences

For mono operation (utilizing the bit-exact EVS compatibility mode of IVAS, including the AMR-WB interoperable function) the encoder and decoder shall be tested using test sequences and instructions in accordance with TS 26.444 [9].

### 6.3.2 Encoder test sequences

To test an IVAS encoder (beyond mono operation, see clause 6.3.1), test sequences and instructions provided in Readme\_IVAS\_enc.txt shall be used.

### 6.3.3 Decoder test sequences

To test an IVAS decoder (beyond mono operation, see clause 6.3.1), test sequences and instructions provided in Readme\_IVAS\_dec.txt shall be used. To test the IVAS decoder for split rendering (ISAR pre-renderer), test sequences and instructions provided in Readme\_IVAS\_ISAR\_dec.txt shall be used.

### 6.3.4 Renderer test sequences

To test an IVAS renderer, test sequences and instructions provided in Readme\_IVAS\_rend.txt shall be used.

### 6.3.5 Jitter buffer management test sequences

To test jitter buffer management (JBM) for an IVAS decoder, test sequences and instructions provided in Readme\_IVAS\_JBM\_dec.txt shall be used.

# 7 Conformance Testing

## 7.1 Bit-exact Conformance

For an implementation to be declared conformant according to the bit-exact conformance test procedure, the output sequences of the corresponding feature being implemented (IVAS encoder, IVAS decoder, IVAS renderer, JBM, ISAR pre-renderer, ISAR post-renderer) shall match bit-exactly the reference test sequences provided in the corresponding ZIP files in accordance with clause 6, including clause 6.3.1 for mono operation of the IVAS encoder and IVAS decoder. This applies for all implementations of the IVAS codec (TS 26.253 [4]), Rendering (TS 26.254 [5]), Error Concealment of Lost Packets (TS 26.255 [6]) and Jitter Buffer Management (JBM) (TS 26.256 [7]), and its reference C code specification in TS 26.258 [8] (floating-point).

If optional features are implemented, the corresponding conformance tests shall pass.

## 7.2 Non-Bit-exact Conformance

For IVAS mono operation (of and IVAS encoder or IVAS decoder), if an implementation under test is based on floating–point code (TS 26.258 [8]) and the output sequences are not bit-exact to the test sequences according to clause 6, the non-bit-exact conformance testing procedure defined in TS 26.444 [9] shall be used to test the conformance.

If optional features are implemented, the corresponding conformance tests shall pass.

## 7.3 LC3plus Conformance

For IVAS/ISAR split rendering operation utilizing LC3plus, the LC3plus encoder and decoder implementation shall pass all required conformance tests in accordance with the conformance procedure specified in [10] for the corresponding LC3plus codec version [10].

NOTE: Further details on the conformance configuration is TBD.

Annex A (informative):  
Change history

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| Change history | | | | | | | |
| Date | Meeting | TDoc | CR | Rev | Cat | Subject/Comment | New version |
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| 2023-11 | SA4#126 | S4-231994 |  |  |  | Presented to SA4 plenary | 0.1.0 |
| 2023-12 | SA#102 | SP-231302 |  |  |  | Version 1.0.0 created by MCC | 1.0.0 |
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