

# Survey On Various Video Coding Standards and Performance Comparison

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## ABSTRACT

Video compression is gaining popularity since storage and network bandwidth requirements are able to be reduced with compression. Many algorithms for video compression which are designed with a different target in mind have been proposed. This study explained the standardization efforts for video compression such as H.263 and 263+, MPEG-2, 4, and H.264/AVC represents a major step in the development of video coding standards, in terms of both coding efficiency, enhancement and flexibility for effective use over a broad variety of network types and application domains. Designers of video services need to choose an appropriate scalable video coding scheme, which meets the target efficiency and flexibility at an affordable cost and complexity. In this survey we present an overview of various video coding standards and help us to choose a better coding standard for video compression.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

As late sight and sound applications (utilizing different sorts of systems) are developing quickly, video pressure requires higher execution and additionally new components. The most current video coding standard is produced by the joint of video groups of ISO/IEC MPEG and ITU\_T VCEG as the universal standard 14496-10 (MPEG-4 section 10) propelled video coding (AVC). H.264/AVC has increased increasingly consideration; for the most part because of its high coding proficiency (the normal piece rate setting aside to half when contrasted with H.263+ and MPEG-4 Simple Profile), minor increment in decoder multifaceted nature contrasted with existing guidelines, adjustment to defer imperatives (the low postpone mode), blunder strength, and system neighborliness. Table 1 and

Figure 1 demonstrate the execution examinations utilizing MPEG-2, MPEG-4 (ASP), and H.264/AVC. To accomplish extraordinary coding execution, H.264/AVC utilizes a few intense coding strategies, for example, 4x4 whole number change, between forecast with variable piece size movement remuneration, movement vector of quarter-pel precision, in-circle de-blocking channel, enhanced entropy coding, for example, setting versatile variable-length coding (CAVLC) and content-versatile twofold number juggling coding (CABAC), improved intra-expectation, various reference picture, and the forward. Because of this new elements, encoder computational unpredictability is amazingly expanded contrasted with past norms. This makes H.264/AVC troublesome for applications with low computational abilities, (for example, cell phones). In this manner until presently, the decrease of its many-sided quality is a testing assignment in H.264/AVC. Among numerous new elements, the intra-expectation procedure is perceived to be one of the fundamental variables that add to the accomplishment of H.264/AVC.

## 2. VIDEO CODING STANDARDS

### 2.1 H.120

- H.120 is a first digital video coding standard(1984).
- v1 (1984) had conditional replenishment, DPCM, scalar quantization, variable-length coding, switch for quincunx sampling.
- v2 (1988) added motion compensation and background prediction.

## 2.2 H.261

The basic taking care of unit of the framework is known as a macroblock, and H.261 was the primary standard in which the macroblock thought appeared. Each macroblock involves a  $16 \times 16$  bunch of luma tests and two looking at  $8 \times 8$  assortments of chroma tests, using 4:2:0 inspecting and a YCbCr shading space. The coding count uses a crossbreed of development reimbursed between picture desire and spatial change coding with scalar quantization, crosswise checking and entropy encoding.

The between picture estimate diminishes transient abundance, with development vectors used to help the codec compensate for development. While simply entire number regarded development vectors are maintained in H.261, a clouding channel can be associated with the desire signal — not entirely diminishing the nonattendance of fractional illustration development vector precision. Change coding using a  $8 \times 8$  discrete cosine change (DCT) decreases the spatial overabundance. The DCT that is comprehensively used as a piece of this admiration was introduced by N. Ahmed, T. Natarajan and K. R. Rao in 1974.[6] Scalar quantization is then associated with round the change coefficients to the fitting exactness directed by a phase size control parameter, and the quantized change coefficients are crosswise inspected and entropy-coded (using a "run-level" variable-length code) to clear truthful overabundance.

The H.261 standard very decides how to unravel the video. Encoder fashioners were sans left to arrange their own encoding figurings, the length of their yield was obliged fittingly to allow it to be decoded by any decoder made by standard. Encoders are furthermore forgotten permitted to play any pre-taking care of they have to their data video, and decoders are allowed to play out any post-setting they up need to their decoded video before presentation. One fruitful post-planning technique that transformed into a key segment of the best H.261-based systems is called deblocking filtering. This lessens the nearness of square formed relics brought on by the piece based development compensation and spatial change parts of the arrangement. Certainly, blocking relics are probably an outstanding wonder to pretty much everyone who has seen electronic video. Deblocking isolating has since transformed into a basic part of the later standards H.264 and HEVC (but despite while using these more present measures, additional post-taking

care of is still allowed and can update visual quality if performed well).

Arrangement refinements displayed in later standardization tries have achieved enormous updates in weight limit as for the H.261 plot. This has achieved H.261 ending up being essentially obsolete, regardless of the way that it is still used as a retrogressive likeness mode in some video-conferencing systems and for a couple sorts of web video. In any case, H.261 remains an essential chronicled perspective in the field of video coding headway.

## 2.3 H.262/MPEG-2

MPEG-2 shows that the unrefined edges be compacted into three sorts of edges: intra-coded diagrams (I-traces), perceptive coded plots (P-traces), and bidirectionally-judicious coded diagrams (B-traces).

An I-edge is a stuffed variation of a singular uncompressed (rough) plot. It abuses spatial redundancy and of the disappointment of the eye to distinguish certain alterations in the photo. Not under any condition like P-housings and B-plots, I-diagrams don't depend on upon data in the previous or the going with edges. Rapidly, the rough edge is apportioned into 8 pixel by 8 pixel pieces. The data in each piece is changed by the discrete cosine change (DCT). The result is a 8 by 8 system of coefficients. The change changes over spatial assortments into repeat assortments, yet it doesn't change the information in the piece; the main square can be duplicated decisively by applying the regressive cosine change. The upside of doing this is the photo can now be streamlined by quantizing the coefficients. A critical number of the coefficients, as a general rule the higher repeat parts, will then be zero. The discipline of this movement is the loss of some subtle capabilities in sparkle and shading. In case one applies the converse change to the cross section after it is quantized, one gets a photo that appears to be identical as the primary picture yet that is not precisely as nuanced. Next, the quantized coefficient matrix is itself compacted. Commonly, one corner of the quantized system is stacked with zeros. By starting in the opposite corner of the grid,

then mismatching through the system to solidify the coefficients into a string, then substituting run-length codes for consecutive zeros in that string, and a short time later applying Huffman coding to that result, one decreases the structure to a tinier group of numbers. It is this bunch is impart or that is put on DVDs. In the gatherer or the player, the whole strategy is pivoted, engaging the recipient to replicate, to an adjacent estimation, the principal packaging.

**MACROBLOCKS:** P-frames give more pressure than I-frames since they exploit the information in a past I-edge or P-frames - a reference outline. To produce a P-casing, the past reference casing is remade, pretty much as it would be in a TV beneficiary or DVD player. The edge being packed is separated into 16 pixel by 16 pixel macroblocks. At that point, for each of those macroblocks, the reproduced reference casing is sought to find that 16 by 16 macroblock that best matches the macroblock being compacted. The counterbalance is encoded as a "movement vector." Frequently, the balance is zero. Be that as it may, if something in the photo is moving, the balance may be something like 23 pixels to one side and 4 pixels up. The match between the two macroblocks will regularly not be great. To revise for this, the encoder takes the distinction of every comparing pixel of the two macroblocks, and on that macroblock contrast then figures the strings of coefficient qualities as depicted previously. This "leftover" is annexed to the movement vector and the outcome sent to the collector or put away on the DVD for each macroblock being compacted. Now and again no appropriate match is found. At that point, the macroblock is dealt with like an I-frames macroblock.

The preparing of B-casings is like that of P-edges with the exception of that B-frames utilize the photo in an ensuing reference outline and in addition the photo in a previous reference frames. Accordingly, B-frames for the most part give more pressure than P-outlines. B-casings are never reference outlines.

## 2.4 H.263

H.263 is a video compression standard initially composed as a low-piece rate compacted position for videoconferencing.

The H.263 standard was at first planned to be utilized as a part of H.324 based structures (PSTN and other circuit-traded framework videoconferencing and video telephony), in any case it furthermore found use in H.323 (RTP/IP-based videoconferencing), H.320 (ISDN-based videoconferencing), RTSP (spilling media) and SIP (IP-based videoconferencing) courses of action.

H.263 is a required video coding position in ETSI 3GPP specific judgments for IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS), Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) and Transparent end-to-end Packet-traded Streaming Service (PSS). In 3GPP points of interest, H.263 video is typically used as a piece of 3GP compartment bunch.

H.263 similarly found various applications on the web: much Flash Video content (as used on goals, for instance, YouTube, Google Video, MySpace, et cetera.) used to be encoded in Sorenson Spark organize (an insufficient use of H.263). The main type of the RealVideo codec relied on upon H.263 until the entry of RealVideo.

## 2.5 H.264/MPEG-4

H.264 or MPEG-4 Part 10, Advanced Video Coding (MPEG-4 AVC) is a square arranged movement remuneration based video pressure standard that is presently a standout amongst the most generally utilized configurations for the recording, pressure, and dissemination of video substance.

The plan of the H.264/AVC venture was to make a standard fit for giving great video quality at considerably bring down piece rates than past guidelines (i.e., half or less the bit rate of MPEG-2, H.263, or MPEG-4 Part 2), without expanding the multifaceted nature of outline so much that it would be unfeasible or exorbitantly costly to actualize. An extra objective was to give enough adaptability to permit the standard to be connected to a wide assortment of uses on a wide assortment of systems

and frameworks, including low and high piece rates, low and high determination video, communicate, DVD stockpiling, RTP/IP bundle systems, and ITU-T mixed media communication frameworks. The H.264 standard can be seen as a "group of models" made out of various diverse profiles. A particular decoder translates no less than one, yet not as a matter of course all profiles. The decoder determination portrays which profiles can be decoded. H.264 is commonly utilized for lossy pressure, despite the fact that it is likewise conceivable to make really lossless-coded districts inside lossy-coded pictures or to bolster uncommon use cases for which the whole encoding is lossless.

**LOSSLESS MACROBLOCKS CODING :**

- A lossless "PCM macroblock" representation mode in which video information tests are spoken to directly, permitting immaculate representation of particular districts and permitting a strict cutoff to be put on the amount of coded information for each macroblock.
- An upgraded lossless macroblock representation mode permitting flawless representation of particular districts while normally utilizing generally less bits than the PCM block.

**H.264 FEATURES :**

H.264/AVC/MPEG-4 Part 10 contains a number of new features that allow it to compress video much more effectively than older standards and to provide more flexibility for application to a wide variety of network environments. In particular, some such key features include:

- Multi-picture inter-picture prediction.
- Variable block-size motion compensation
- The ability to use multiple motion vectors per macro block.
- Quarter-pixel precision for motion compensation.
- spatial prediction from the edges of neighbouring blocks for "intra" coding.
- Flexible interlaced-scan video coding features.
- New transformation design features.

- An entropy coding design including context adaptive binary arithmetic coding and Context adaptive variable-length coding.

**H.264 APPLICATION:**

The H.264 was designed to be flexible video format and has a very broad application range including

- Low bit-rate Internet streaming applications.
- HDTV broadcast and Digital Cinema applications.
- Web software embedding.
- Mobile TV standardization.
- Video conferencing products.
- SDTV and HDTV standardization and deployment.
- HD Video Storage applications.

**3. PERFORMANCE COMPARISON OF VIDEO CODING STANDARDS**

Standards	MPEG-4	H.263	MPEG-2
H264/AVC	38.62%	48.80%	64.46%
MPEG-4	....	16.65%	42.95%
H.263			30.61%
H.261	....	....	22.01%

Table 1: Average Bit-Rate Reduction Compared To Prior Coding Schemes.

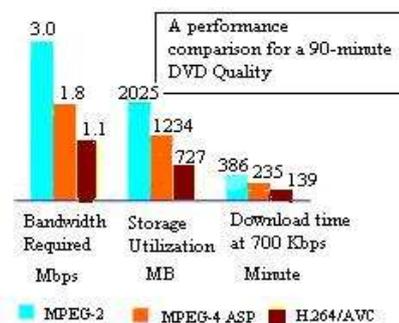


Figure 1: Performance Comparison Of Different Video Coding Standards

**4. CONCLUSION**

Video compression is picking up prominence since capacity and system transfer speed necessities can be

decreased with pressure. Numerous calculations for video compression which are planned in light of an alternate target have been proposed. This study clarified the institutionalization endeavors for video pressure, for example, H.263 and 263+, MPEG-2, 4, and H.264/AVC speaks to a noteworthy stride in the improvement of video coding measures, regarding both coding effectiveness, upgrade and adaptability for successful use over an expansive assortment of system sorts and application spaces. Fashioners of video administrations need to pick a suitable adaptable video coding plan, which meets the objective effectiveness and adaptability at a reasonable expense and multifaceted nature.

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