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ACES Clip-level Metadata File Format (ACESclip) Specification

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Summary: The ACES Clip-level Metadata File (“ACESclip”) is a ‘sidecar’ XML file intended to enable communication of metadata for proper viewing of ACES footage. This document specifies use cases for ACESclip files, application support requirements, and the data model and XML tags needed for implementation.

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1 Scope

The ACES Clip-level Metadata File (“ACESclip”) is a ‘sidecar’ XML file intended to assist in configuring ACES viewing pipelines and to enable portability of ACES transforms in production. An ACESclip file describes the transforms necessary to configure an ACES viewing pipeline for a moving-picture image sequence (cfr. §4).

ACESclip files may be *enveloping* color transform information such as ASC CDL (.cc) or Common LUT Format (.clf) files, which would otherwise be described by *detached* XML files. Vice versa, ACESclips may also be *enveloped* by other XML components, like the Sidecar Composition Map (SCM) or the Isochronous Stream of XML Documents (ISXD) used in the Interoperable Master Format (IMF).

ACESclips are suitable archival elements. Together with the finished ACES image files, they form a complete archival record that helps in future-proofing of how image content is intended to be viewed.

ACESclip files do not contain “timeline” metadata such as edit points. Timeline management files such as an Edit Decision List (EDL) or an Avid Log Exchange file (ALE) may reference ACESclips, attaching them to editing events and thus enable standardized color management throughout all stages of production.

2 References

The following standards, specifications, articles, presentations, and texts are referenced in this text:

- Academy S-2014-002, *Academy Color Encoding System - Versioning System*
- Academy S-2014-006, *Academy-ASC Common LUT Format Specification v2.0*
- Academy TB-2014-008, *ASC CDL Application*
- SMPTE ST2065-1:2012, *Academy Color Encoding Specification (ACES)*
- SMPTE ST2065-4:2013, *ACES Image Container File Layout*
- SMPTE ST2065-5:2016, *Material Exchange Format – Mapping ACES Image Sequences into the MXF Generic Container*
- SMPTE ST2067-2:2016, *Interoperable Master Format – Core Constraints*
- SMPTE ST2067-9:2018, *Interoperable Master Format – Sidecar Composition Map*
- SMPTE RDD47:2019, *Interoperable Master Format – Isochronous Stream of XML Documents*
- SMPTE ST2067-100:2018, *Interoperable Master Format – Output Profile List*
- SMPTE RDD15:2007, *Software Scripting Language for Pixel-Based Color Transformations*
- SMPTE RDD30:2014, *ARRIRAW Image File Structure and interpretation supporting deferred demosaicing to a logarithmic encoding*
- ISO 8601:2004, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*

3 Terms and Definitions

The following terms and definitions are used in this document.

3.1 Pre-grade

Preliminary color adjustment (“grade”) applied after image creation; typically used for balancing exposure and color for later use in production.

3.2 Specific Data Types

This document uses generic XML data types plus a few additional ones defined in this section (as well as in the XSD schema definition in Appendix A).

3.2.1 `dateTime`

A string representing a timestamp according to the “date-time” profile specified in [RFC-3339](#), i.e. a

“*YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss[*offset*]*” formatted string, where all *variable* components except [*offset*] are mandatory, and their meaning is:

- *YYYY* indicates the year (e.g. 1996, 2007, 2019, ...),
- *MM* indicates the month (00 through 12),
- *DD* indicates the day (00 through 31),
- *T* (as a *fixed* character) separates the string into a date and a time portion,
- *hh* indicates the hour (00 through 23),
- *mm* indicates the minute (00 through 59),
- *ss* indicates the second (00 through 59),
- [*offset*] *optional* time-zone offset from UTC. It may be either *Z* (or none) for UTC itself, or either + or – followed by hours-and-minutes’ 4-digits offset (e.g. valid values being -08:00 for PST, +00:00 for GMT, +01:00 for CEST, +04:30, and so on).

An example timestamp is thus: 2014-11-20T12:24:13-08:00.

3.2.1 **clipName**

General term for identifying the original source name of images or image sequences when they were created; often referenced in EDLs/ALEs. Other terms used for this purpose include clip-name, tape-name (CMX EDL format), reel-name, source media ID.

An example clip-name is A004C063 (or slight variations of it), which reads to 63rd clip from magazine №4, from camera “A”.

3.2.1 **transformID**

String identifying either the name of an official ACES transform (according to [TB-2014-12](#)) or, more generally in the case of any color transforms encoded in a Color Transformation Language (CTL) file, the value of the TransformID statement at the beginning of the file.

By design for the official ACES transforms, and as a recommended practice for vendor- and user-generated CTL files, the filename (excluding the path and the trailing .ctl file extension) of a CTL file should match exactly with the value of its TransformID statement, but since that cannot be enforced, a color transform may be referenced also by its transformID. When both a filename (cfr. §6.4.1, §6.4.1) and a transformID are specified, the filename declination has higher priority, whereas transformID is there to externally link a file holding a Color LUT file (or any other non-CTL color transform) to the transformID of the CTL that originally creates it.

Please see the ACES System Versioning Specification for more information on the format to use for TransformIDs.

3.2.2 **transformHash**

Unique fingerprint obtained computing the digest of an externally-referenced file by means of SHA-1 hash function (cfr. [RFC-3174](#)) and represented as a lowercase hexadecimal string. When specified alone (without a transformID element, cfr. §3.4.1) it just matches with either:

- the value of the optional TransformHash field of a CTL file,
- the value of the optional transformHash element of a CLF file,

the latter being the SHA-1 digest of the whole, externally-referenced file. When referencing CTL files, referral by transformID alone is preferred.

4 Use Cases for ACESclip Files

Moving-picture image files are formed at several stages of production:

- on-set from digital motion picture cameras, on-set dailies systems and on-set look management systems

- from film scanners and telecines,
- within visual effects and animation (i.e. computer graphics, CG) departments,
- across post-production departments – mostly in editorial, color-grading, finishing and mastering.

They can be stored in essentially two ways. The former is a “videoclip” representing the ordered sequence of frames in a single file. The latter is a “frame-sequence”, i.e. a sequence of multiple files, locally-referenced within the same filesystem directory and sharing a common file format, the same file extension and base of filename. Frames in a frame-sequence are distinguished from one another via an incremental number in the last part of their filenames, where every file stores a single video frame and progressively contiguous files in the ordered sequence represent consecutive frames in the virtual timeline of the corresponding moving picture.

An *ACES image [sequence]* is an image [frame-sequence] that has been either generated as, or converted into the ACES Image Container format SMPTE ST2065-4 (a.k.a. “*ACES EXR*”). An *ACES video*, instead, is an ACES image sequence that is wrapped into the MXF Generic Container format SMPTE ST2065-5 (a.k.a. “*ACES MXF*”).

Video content does not need to be encoded as either ACES image sequences or ACES videos to be ACES color-managed; it may be encoded in camera-native or other file formats, as long as there is an associated ACES Input Transform (“IDT”) so that it may be displayed using an ACES viewing pipeline.

4.1 Camera Image Sequences

Image file sequences generated by a digital motion picture camera and recorded by a digital recorder are generally written in one of two ways:

- as a collection of individual image files to a file directory, generally one directory for each shot or take
- as packaged sequence files using wrappers such as MXF, with one or more sequence files per file directory

An ACESclip file is generated on-set for each collection of individual image files or packaged sequence. Each ACESclip file contains metadata that describes the essential ACES transforms required to properly configure the ACES viewing pipeline for the image files it references:

- The IDT used to convert camera-native image files to ACES2065-1 encoding
- If a Look Management System was used, the ASC-CDL values used for that sequence and the ACES Output Transform used to view the referenced sequence
- The LMT or LMTs for that sequence, if used

ACESclip files are located in the same file directory as the image file collections or sequences that they describe, and they are associated with image file collections or sequences via matched filenames, e.g., ACESclip.MySequence.xml is associated with MySequence001.dpx through MySequence.100.dpx, where the numbers 001 and 100 are the range of frame counts for a 100-frame sequence.

Multiple ACESclip files, image collections and sequences in a single directory are possible by using this associative file naming approach.

Recommendations on naming conventions are outside of the scope of this document. ALE and EDL files generated on-set may reference ACESclip files as an additional method of association.

4.2 Visual Effects and Animation

ACESclip files for image sequences generated by using computerized tools are handled in the same manner as for sequences generated on-set: an ACESclip file is created for each image sequence and populated with the required metadata that describes how that sequence was viewed when it was created. This enables transmission of viewing pipeline information to a subsequent artist or facility so the image sequence may be viewed correctly.

For delivery of ACES image sequences to visual effects and 3D conversion facilities, it is recommended that image sequences be split into individual shots, and that a single ACESclip be present for each shot.

4.3 Post-production

ACES image sequences that arrive at the DI suite with an ACESclip file have all of the information necessary for an ACES-compatible color correction system to automatically configure itself to correctly display the sequence.

4.4 Editorial

Individual ACESclip files may be referred to in an EDL note field to enable application of different LMTs to different parts of an edited sequence. For this reason, it is possible that more than one ACESclip file may be in a directory.

4.5 Production Color Management

The color transforms created in a production may be transferred between users and departments using the ACESclip file together with LUTs in the CLF format, and/or with ASC CDL metadata.

4.6 Clip and Archive Management

ACESclip files that incorporate a ClipID to reference an image sequence are easily re-attached to their image files should they become separated (it is common for related files to become accidentally separated during production). Using the ClipID throughout production also provides additional and useful information to archivists about originating source media.

5 Application and Use of ACESclip Files

5.1 Filename and Correspondence with Images

Transforms are identified with the CTL reference transform filename as defined in the ACES System Versioning Specification. Linking of the metadata about a transform to an actual instance of a transform is supported using ACES TransformIDs and XML id attributes.

ACESclips are named using the format “production naming convention.ACESclip.xml”. The production naming convention may be used to associate an ACESclip file with an image sequence, but this document does not specify an exact file naming convention.

5.2 Saving State of IDT Conversion and Initial Grade

Applications record the IDT used for converting camera-native data to ACES encodings, and include any pre-grade ASC CDL values that were used for the image sequences referenced by an ACESclip file.

5.3 Conversion of Camera Files Using IDTs and Pre-grades

For images not yet in the ACES file format, applications use the metadata for the IDT and ASC CDL pregrade to view images using the ACES viewing pipeline. For images already in the ACES file format, the IDT conversion may be ignored, and only the pre-grade is applied prior to the ACES viewing pipeline.

5.4 Default Configuration of ACES Viewing Pipeline

ACES content must be viewed as intended at any stage of production. Specific viewing pipelines may require different elements, so the exact viewing configuration used by a user making creative decisions must be recorded prior to shipment to another user. The ACES image sequence shall be displayed in an application with this “last used” viewing configuration, but a user may override the configured settings.

The `aces:Config` XML tag is used to set the viewing pipeline to match the viewing conditions recorded in the ACESclip file. The ODT for the current viewing display may be used instead of the `aces:Config` ODT, but the user should be warned if they are not of the same class of display, e.g. Rec.709 used previously and an HDR display is the current display.

5.5 User Management of the Viewing Pipeline

Users may override an applications ACES viewing pipeline at any time. Applications must manage the conversion between various ACES-compatible images and the user-selected working spaces.

When ASC CDL metadata is used, conversions to and from the ACEScc working space are saved in the `aces:Config` metadata (wherein those particular CDL values must be applied).

5.6 Saving the State of the ACES Viewing Pipeline

The last state of the ACES Viewing Pipeline used to view an image sequence referenced by an ACESclip file must be recorded in the ACESclip file when a clip is closed or exported unless the user overrides this and does not want the clip to be changed.

5.7 Creating an Archive Metadata Link

When an ACES image sequence is created, placing identification traceable to source media in the `aces:clipID` field is recommended.

5.8 Reading and Writing LMTs

The `aces:TransformLibrary` XML element is used to transfer the actual transforms for LMTs to other users and facilities since these often may be custom LUTs. Applications shall read and write the XML structures containing CLF files. An LMT combined with an RRT and ODT can be provided as well as a transform that simply contains the LMT. A stand-alone LMT must be merged with the other transforms in the basic ACES viewing pipeline for a user to look at the image.

5.9 Reading and Writing ACESclip Files

Applications shall support reading and writing of all XML elements described in this document. Recognition of extensions to the ACESclip specification developed by third parties is optional. However, if extensions are present, applications shall preserve them without change.

The ACESclip file may contain any one or all of the top-level XML structures (`aces:clipID`, `aces:Config`, `aces:TransformLibrary`). For any particular XML file, these are listed as optional. However, production requirements determine which structures must be present in an ACESclip file.

6 Data Model

This section describes the data intended for use within the ACES Clip-level Metadata file.

{string} are XML attributes

All top level structures shall be tagged as being within the `aces` namespace.

The format of the data in this section represents pseudo-code rather than the XML schema. Indentation of the Tags indicates they are sub-elements of the XML structure just above in indentation.

Here and throughout §6, the use of * after “Required” statement in the summary table of XML elements below means that the prescription for the presence of a specific XML element is a requirement for all the appliances capable of generating one. The element is instead amended and becomes “Optional” only for appliances without the relevant capability, which includes factors like low computational power, the lack of a synchronized clock or absolute time reference, lack of a multi-user operating system or a TCP/IP stack, etc. Such factors are all, for example, common to ACES-compatible devices like most LUT boxes and some models of cameras and monitors.

6.1 UML Diagram

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6.2 Header elements (acesClip element)

Description:	Namespace tag for a whole ACESclip
Prescription:	Required

Occurrence:	<i>Min: 1 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:complexType	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	None
	<i>Children:</i>	<uuid>, <creationDateTime>, <modificationDateTime>, <acesVersion>, <info>, <clipID>, <acesPipeline>, <transformsLibrary>, <history>,
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	version
	<i>Optional:</i>	xmlns:* , xsi:*

The `acesClip` element is the main container for one ACEClip and it is also its *namespace*, in case ACEClip is to be embedded into, or used as an extension of another XML data structure. It may have XML *namespace* attributes.

Example use-cases for the latter can be found in several components of Interoperable Master Format (IMF) packages, like the SCM (Sidecar Composition Map, cfr. ST2067-9) and either a static XML document (cfr, RDD47) or the individual components of an ISXD (Isochronous Stream of XML Documents, cfr. RDD47).

6.2.1 `uuid` element

Description:	UUID uniquely referencing the ACEClip	
Prescription:	Required*	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	[0-9a-f] (8)-[0-9a-f] (4)- [0-9a-f] (4)-[0-9a-f] (4)- [0-9a-f] (12)
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<acesClip>, <revision>
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

Applications generating a new ACEClip and capable of generating a UUID (with syntax conforming to that of UUID v4, cfr. [RFC-4122](#)) shall generate one and include it in a `uuid` element under the mandatory `acesClip` element.

A `uuid` element shall change or be removed only in case the `acesPipeline` sibling element changes.

Upon modification of an `acesPipeline` element having a `uuid` sibling element, applications capable of generating a UUID shall replace that for a new one and put in the same `uuid` sibling. Applications not capable of generating a new UUID shall remove this `uuid` sibling.

6.2.2 `creationDateTime` element

Description:	Creation date and time of an ACEClip	
Prescription:	Required*	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:dateTime	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<acesClip>, <revision>
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

Applications having a clock or other time reference shall use a timestamp when creating a new ACEClip. Applications supporting time-zoning shall use indicate it explicitly in the timestamp as time offset. This

element shall not be modified or removed, nor it can be generated at a later time, if not originally present.

6.2.3 modificationDateTime element

Description:	Modification date and time of an ACESclip	
Prescription:	Required*	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:dateTime	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<acesClip>, <revision>, <clipID>
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

Applications having a clock or other time reference shall use a timestamp in the `acesClip` element when modifying an existing ACESclip. Upon generation of a new ACESclip, this timestamp also matches with the one of the `creationDateTime` sibling.

6.2.4 acesVersion element

Description:	ACES version number	
Prescription:	Required	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 1 Max: 1</i>	
Type:		
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<acesClip>, <revision>*
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	major, minor
	<i>Optional:</i>	patch

The major, minor and (optionally) patch version of ACES used shall be used in the `acesVersion` child of the `acesClip` element.

In case *color pedigree* functionality is used and an ACESclip is changed by an application using a different ACES version, the new version is specified in the `acesVersion` child to `acesClip` element, whereas the ACES version of the old ACESclip content is specified by the creation, inside the `acesVersion` child to `history` element, of an `acesVersion` child to the `revision` element where the old ACESclip information are stored.

6.3 Footage and Filesystem referral (clipID element)

Description:	Logical bond between ACESclip and imaging files	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:complexType	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<acesClip>, <revision>
	<i>Children:</i>	<file>, <sequence>, <Id>, <modificationDateTime>, <clipName>, <metadata>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

Whenever an ACESclip is to be referenced to a specific picture or video content represented in footage file(s), the `clipID` element is used to describe such link. Each `clipID` element shall contain one child among `file`, `sequence` or `Id`.

Elements `file` and `sequence` should not contain a path (because the clip and its ACESclip should be created and preserved in the same filesystem folder).

If necessary or unavoidable, a relative path may be specified, but applications looking for a clip based upon the content of this element should separate the relative path (if present) from the basename and look the file

in other places (like within the project's media folder) before returning a “file not found” / “broken link” error. Pathnames, if present, conform to UNIX-style convention, i.e. forward-slash ‘/’ is used as directory separator and pathnames are case-sensitive. If transitioning to a case-insensitive system the original case as specified in the `file` and `sequence` element is preserved (no uppercasing/lowercasing is applied). Pathnames generated on Windows may contain uppercase volume letters (e.g. starting with `L:/`) and UNC paths (e.g. starting with `\\" and ending with }).`

6.3.1 `file` element

Description:	Filename of a single file reference	
Prescription:	Required (unless <code>sequence</code> or <code>Id</code> sibling present)	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:string</code>	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	Absolute/relative paths should be avoided.
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<code><clipID></code> , <code><idt></code> , <code><lmt></code> , <code><rrt></code> , <code><odt></code>
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	<code>format</code>

This element specifies the filename of *either* the clip which ACESclip is a sidecar file to (if child to `clipID` element), *or* the file describing a specific ACES color transformation (if grand-child to a `colorPipeline` element).

In case the file format of the file is relevant, the optional attribute `format` may be used to include the file format abbreviation, as per Table X. Example of relevant case is when the file is actually a container format wrapping one or several essences, each with its own encoding, in which case the `format` attribute specified the encoding used for the video essence, among those specified in Table Y. In case the file belongs to a file format specified in Table X and its filename extension is not among those specified in the same table for it, the `format` attribute should be present.

6.3.1 `sequence` element

Description:	Sequence of files (file-per-frame) reference	
Prescription:	Required (unless <code>file</code> or <code>Id</code> sibling present)	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:complexType</code>	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	Absolute/relative paths should be avoided.
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<code><clipID></code>
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	<code>idx</code>
	<i>Optional:</i>	<code>format, min, max</code>

This element specifies the file sequence of the clip which ACESclip is a sidecar file to. The single character used as a “placeholder”, within the `sequence` text, for each digit of the file number is given by the `idx` attribute. By default, it shall be the sharp character ‘#’; however, in case this is used at least once in the rest of the pathname string, any other 7-bits ASCII character may be used, as long as it is neither alphanumeric, nor whitespace, with preference given to characters in the string “#@\$%!£”.

The minimum and maximum file-numbers which the ACESclip refers to within the sequence may be specified by means of `min` and `max` attributes which, in this case, shall be both used. Example: `<seq idx="#" min="1" max="32496">A001C012_#####.exr</seq>` to refer to a sequence of OpenEXR frames ranging from `A001C012_000000.exr` to `A001C012_032496.exr`.

In case the file format of the frame sequence is relevant, the optional attribute `format` may be used to

include the file format abbreviation, as per Table X. In case the frame sequence belongs to a file format specified in Table X and its filename extension is not among those specified in the same table for it, the format attribute should be present.

6.3.2 `Id` element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Required (unless file or sequence sibling)	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:string</code>	
	Restrictions:	<code>urn:uuid:[0-9a-f]{8}-[0-9a-f]{4}-[0-9a-f]{4}-[0-9a-f]{4}-[0-9a-f]{12}</code>
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<code><clipID></code>
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

This element specifies the URN UUID of a particular asset in an IMF package (IMP). The UUID shall be defined in *either* the Packing List (PKL, cfr. ST2067-2) *and* the Composition Playlist (CPL, cfr. ST2067-3) components of the IMP.

It is particularly useful when the ACEClip is itself embedded into some components of the same referenced IMP (either original-version or supplemental), like:

- Sidecar Composition Map (SCM, cfr. ST2067-9)
- Isochronous Stream of XML Documents (ISXD, cfr. RDD47)
- Output Profile List (OPL, cfr. ST2067-100).

6.3.3 `modificationDateTime` element

This element relates to the last-modification timestamp of the clip which the ACEClip is a sidecar file to. In case of file sequences (cfr. §6.3.1) either the most recent date among all the files in the sequence, or the date of the highest-numbered file should be used.

6.3.4 `clipName` element

Description:	Clip-name as stored in the clip's internal metadata	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:complexType</code>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<code><clipID></code>
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	<code>format</code>

Binding to a clip may exploit a production-based name like clip-name, tape-name, clip-ID, or other sort of unique ID. This document specifies in §XXX a limited set of image/video file formats for which one particular metadata supported in each specific format's file header may be referenced by ACEClip as primary internal metadata. When this field is used to reference the clip's unique ID, the `clipName` element is used to logically bind with it. The file format may be inferred from either the file extension (from file or sequence siblings), or assumed to be MXF file format in case of IMF essence referencing (from `Id` sibling); otherwise, it can be explicated as file-extension string in the `format` attribute (e.g. exr, dng, dpk, tiff, ari, R3D, ...).

Example: `<clipName>A001C012</clipName>`.

6.3.5 `metadata` element

Description:	Clip-name as stored in a particular clip metadata	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 32</i>	

Type:	xs:complexType	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<clipID>
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	key
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

As per §6.3.4, binding to a clip may exploit a production-based name like clip-name, tape-name, clip-ID, or other sort of unique ID. In case the clip's file format supports "named" [pre-ordered] metadata, the key (string) attribute shall contain the metadata's name [0-based order number] within the file header, whereas the text of the element shall represent the metadata's value.

In case the clip is stored as a frame sequence and the associated metadata is expected to change from frame to frame within the sequence (e.g. TimeCode, KeyKode™, absolute frame number, etc.), the text value of this element shall refer to the one stored in the first frame of the sequence which, in the following order, is either the frame specified in the optional min attribute of the sequence sibling element, or the file with least index as currently found in the filesystem.

Example: <metadata key="interim.clip.cameraClipName">A001C012</metadata>.

6.4 Current Color Pipeline (acesPipeline element)

Description:	Description of end-to-end ACES color pipeline	
Prescription:	Required	
Occurrence:	Min: 1 Max: 32	
Type:	xs:complexType	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<acesClip>, <revision>
	<i>Children:</i>	<idt>, <lmt>, <rrt>, <odt>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	name

This element specifies an ACES color pipeline, as per TB-2014-13, which is "current" if child of acesClip element, or part of the historic color-pedigree if child of a revision element (inside the history element, cfr. §6.6).

A color pipeline is composed by:

- one optional ACES Input Transform (0 or 1 <idt> child);
- one or multiple optional Look Modification Transforms (0 or more <lmt> children);
- one optional ACES Output Transform, which means
 - one optional Reference Rendering Transform (0 or 1 <rrt> child),
 - in case there is a RRT as per above, one ACES Output Transform (1 <odt> child).

ACESclip may have more than one pipeline, each of which shall be identified by a string in the name attribute, which shall be either an alphanumeric string (no whitespaces or symbols), or a UUID (cfr. RFC-4122).

ACES color pipeline names within the same ACESclip may be reused but only across different parent elements. The color-pipelines under the same parent (either acesClip or revision) shall have different names.

Modifications to a single color-pipeline ACESclip whose result implies the creation of additional color pipeline(s) to the same ACESclip shall have a means to generate a value for the name attribute of the original color-pipeline as well.

6.4.1 transformID element

Description:	Name of a CTL or CTL-derived color transform	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	Min: 0 Max: 1	
Type:	xs:string	

	<i>Restrictions:</i>	It can be used in conjunction with <transformHash> and/or <file> siblings.
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

Each element of an ACES color pipeline can defined by a color transform; in case the color transform is a CTL file (or a ColorLUT derived from a CTL file, cfr. §6.4.1) the value of the CTL TransformID field is specified here. In case of a CTL file, it shall be used alternatively to `file` sibling, and may be used together with `transformHash` sibling. In case of a CTL-originated file (e.g. a ColorLUT generated from a CTL file), it may be used together with `file` sibling to store in the color-pipeline where the ColorLUT is expected to be originating from. In case of any other file (e.g. a ColorLUT, a CDL, ...) it shall not be used.

6.4.2 transformHash element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:string</code>	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

X Each element of an ACES color pipeline can defined by a color transform; in case the color transform is a CTL file (or a ColorLUT derived from a CTL file, cfr. §6.4.1) the value of the CTL TransformID field is specified here. In case of a CTL file, it shall be used alternatively to `file` sibling, and may be used together with `transformHash` sibling. In case of a CTL-originated file (e.g. a ColorLUT generated from a CTL file), it may be used together with `file` sibling to store in the color-pipeline where the ColorLUT is expected to be originating from. In case of any other file (e.g. a ColorLUT, a CDL, ...) it shall not be used.

6.4.3 file element

As in §6.3.1, this element specifies the filename of the file describing a specific ACES color transformation. Please also refer to §6.4.1 and §6.4.2.

6.4.4 param element

Description:	Parametric specification of an ACES color transform	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:complexType</code>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<idt>, <odt>
	<i>Children:</i>	<name>, <uuid>, <version>, <colorspace>, <gamma>, ...
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

This is useful to describe settings of a parametric Input (IDT) or Output Device Transform (ODT). The parametric transform may be referred via either its

- `name`, in case of an Academy-provided parametric transforms),
- `uuid`, in case the applications have a maintained database of SDKs or APIs liked to several transforms (indexed by their UUD).

Parameters are specified each via a child element, which depend on the individual parametric transforms. Example child elements may include `version` (version of the transform-implementing SDK or API), `colorspace` (name of input/output color space), `gamma`, `iso`, `temp` (correlated color temperature), etc.

6.4.5 `idt` element

Description:	ACES Input Transform (acr. of Input Device Transform)	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:complexType</code>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<code><acesPipeline></code> , <code><revision></code>
	<i>Children:</i>	<code><file></code> , <code><transformID></code> , <code><transformHash></code> , <code><param></code>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

Specifies the ACES Input Transform (IDT) to use in the color-pipeline. ACES footage which is generated from within an ACES color-managed pipeline (e.g. CG elements) may not need an IDT specification. Inverse ODTs are considered IDTs and shall, therefore, be defined here.

Whatever colorimetry is implied at the ingress of an IDT (cfr. [P-2013-001](#)), the egress colorimetry of it shall be ACES2065-1, as per [TB-2014-004](#).

6.4.6 `lmt` element

Description:	ACES Look Modification Transform	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:string</code>	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	<code><file></code> , <code><transformID></code> , <code><transformHash></code> , <code><param></code> , <code><asc-cdl></code> , ...
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	<code>pos</code> , <code>source</code> , <code>target</code>

Specifies an ACES Look Modification Transform (LMT), as per [TB-2014-10](#). In case the ACES color-pipeline has one LMT the `pos` element should not be present and, if present, its value shall be "1". If the color-pipeline has more than one LMTs, they form an "LMT stack", where the 'lowest' in the stack is to be applied first to the underlying footage. In this case, all the `lmt` elements shall have one `pos` attribute, each valued with consecutive integer numbers, starting upwards from 1 for the lowest LMT in the stack.

In addition to children elements admissible in all other ACES color-pipeline components, the LMT also allows ASC CDL by means of child `asc-cdl` element (whose XML rules and *namespace* are defined in [TB-2014-008](#)).

Source LMT color space	Target LMT color space
ACES2065-1	ACES2065-1
ACEScg	ACEScg
ACEScc	ACEScc
ACEScct	ACEScct
ADX	ADX

Table Z – String values for `source` and `target` attributes of `<lmt>` element, cfr. §6.4.6.

The ingress and egress colorimetries of each LMT shall, by default, be ACES2065-1, as per TB-2014-004, unless specified via either `source` and `target` attributes respectively, which shall be valued as strings among those in Table 2. Both attributes also honor the default (trivial) value ACES2065-1. When the ingress [egress] LMT color space is different from ACES2065-1 any ACESclip processor shall apply an implicit, reversible ACES color-space conversion before [after] the color transform specified inside the `lmt` element is applied.

6.4.7 `rvt` element

Description:	ACES Reference Rendering Transform	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:complexType</code>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	<code><acesPipeline></code> , <code><revision></code>
	<i>Children:</i>	<code><file></code> , <code><transformID></code> , <code><transformHash></code> , <code><param></code>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

Specifies a Reference Rendering Transform (RRT). Ingress colorimetry of a RRT shall be ACES2065-1, as per TB-2014-004, whereas the egress colorimetry matches an output-referred colorimetry that shall be used as common ingress to any ODTs. If the `rvt` element is present, one `odt` sibling element shall be present as well.

6.4.8 `odt` element

Description:	Output Device Transform (ODT)	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:complexType</code>	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	Required if sibling <code><rvt></code> exists
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	None
	<i>Children:</i>	<code><file></code> , <code><transformID></code> , <code><transformHash></code> , <code><param></code>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	None

Specifies an Output Device Transform (ODT) which, together with the preceding RRT component, makes up an ACES Output Transform. It shall exist if a `rvt` sibling element exists.

Borderline cases of footage that is stored or transported without, or before that any pre-set specific viewing pipeline or environment is defined may be associated to an ACES color pipeline without any ACES Output Transforms specified (therefore `rvt` and `odt` elements shall not be present). An example of this shall be an archival system directly connected to camera output or magazines, working right after picture acquisition/recording and before (or independently) of stored footage having been actually viewed.

6.5 Library of Transforms (`transformsLibrary` element)

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	<code>xs:string</code>	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	<code><></code> , <code><></code> , <code><></code>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.5.1 transform element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	<>, <>, <>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6 Historic and Forensic Information (History element)

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	<>, <>, <>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 revision element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	<>, <>, <>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 modificationDateTime element

X

6.6.1 sysInfo element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	<>, <>, <>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 os element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 hostname element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 application element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 username element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	None
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 upTime element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	

	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

X

6.6.1 info element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	<>, <>, <>
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 note element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.2 author element

Description:	Text of the description	
Prescription:	Optional	
Occurrence:	<i>Min: 0 Max: 1</i>	
Type:	xs:string	
	<i>Restrictions:</i>	
Relationships:	<i>Parent(s):</i>	
	<i>Children:</i>	None
Attributes:	<i>Required:</i>	
	<i>Optional:</i>	

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6.6.1 clipID element

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6.6.2 colorPipeline element

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7 External References

Appendix A

(informative)

ACESclip XSD Schema

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xss:schema targetNamespace="urn:acesMetadata:acesClip:v2.0"
  xmlns:xss="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:acesClip="urn:acesMetadata:acesClip:v2.0"
  xmlns:cdl="urn:ASC:CDL:v1.01"
  elementFormDefault="qualified"
  attributeFormDefault="unqualified">

  <xss:import schemaLocation="ASC-CDL_schema_v1.01.xsd" namespace="urn:ASC:CDL:v1.01"/>

  <xss:element name="acesClip">
    <xss:complexType>
      <xss:sequence>
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:uuid"/>
        <xss:element name="creationDateTime" type="xs:dateTime"/>
        <xss:element name="modificationDateTime" type="xs:dateTime"/>
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:acesConfig"/>
      </xss:sequence>
      <xss:attribute name="version" type="xs:decimal" use="required" fixed="2.0"/>
    </xss:complexType>
  </xss:element>

  <xss:element name="uuid">
    <xss:simpleType>
      <xss:restriction base="xs:string">
        <xss:pattern value="([0-9a-fA-F]{8}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4}-[0-9a-fA-F]{4})|(\{[0-9a-fA-F]{12})|(\{[0-9a-fA-F]{4}</xss:restriction>
      </xss:simpleType>
    </xss:element>

  <xss:element name="acesConfig">
    <xss:complexType>
      <xss:sequence minOccurs="1">
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:acesVersion"/>
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:idt" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:lmt" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:odt"/>
      </xss:sequence>
    </xss:complexType>
  </xss:element>

  <xss:element name="acesConfig">
    <xss:complexType>
      <xss:sequence minOccurs="1">
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:acesVersion"/>
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:idt" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:lmt" maxOccurs="1" minOccurs="0"/>
        <xss:element ref="acesClip:odt"/>
      </xss:sequence>
    </xss:complexType>
  </xss:element>

  <xss:element name="TransformLibrary">
    <xss:complexType>
      <xss:sequence minOccurs="0">
        <xss:element ref="TransformLibrary:Transform"/>
      </xss:sequence>
    </xss:complexType>
  </xss:element>

  <xss:element name="History">
    <xss:complexType>
      <xss:sequence minOccurs="0">
        <xss:element ref="History:Revision"/>
      </xss:sequence>
    </xss:complexType>
  </xss:element>

  <!-- Define next elements -->

```

[...]

</xs:schema>

Appendix B

(informative)

Sample elementary ACESSclip file

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<acesClip xmlns="urn:acesMetadata:acesClip:v2.0"
  xmlns:cdl="urn:ASC:CDL:v1.01"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:acesMetadata:acesClip:v2.0 acesClip.xsd" version="3.0">
  <uuid>be6Ec2ea-a6DC-6cBC-ff0D-AfCED5FF3Dd8</uuid>
  <creationDateTime>2018-12-26T14:57:07-8:00</creationDateTime>
  <modificationDateTime>2018-03-08T14:57:07-8:00</modificationDateTime>
  <clipID>
    <sequence idx="#">a001_c012_#####.dng</file>
    <clipName>A001C012</clipName>
  </clipID>
  <acesPipeline>
    <acesVersion major="1", minor="0", patch="3" />
    <idt>
      <file>IDT.customCameraRaw(cube)</file>
      <transformHash>da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd80709</transformHash>
    </idt>
    <lmt source="ACEScc" target="ACEScc">
      <asc-cdl>
        <cdl:SOPNode>
          <cdl:Description>On-set Grade</cdl:Description>
          <cdl:Slope>2.0 2.0 2.0</cdl:Slope>
          <cdl:Offset>0.1 0.1 0.1</cdl:Offset>
          <cdl:Power>1 1 1</cdl:Power>
        </cdl:SOPNode>
        <cdl:SatNode>
          <cdl:Description>On-set Grade</cdl:Description>
          <cdl:Saturation>1</cdl:Saturation>
        </cdl:SatNode>
      </asc-cdl>
    </lmt>
    <lmt pos="2" source="ACEScct" target="ACEScct">
      <transformID>LMT.Academy.MyLMT.a1.v1</transformID>
    </lmt>
    <rrt>
      <transformID>RRT.a1.0.1</transformID>
    </rrt>
    <odt>
      <file>my-favourite-custom-HDR-flavor.clf</file>
    </odt>
  </acesPipeline>
</acesClip>

```

Appendix C

(informative)

Sample ACESclip file with **color-pedigree** for logging and forensics

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<acesClip xmlns="urn:acesMetadata:acesClip:v2.0"
  xmlns:cdl="urn:ASC:CDL:v1.01"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:acesMetadata:acesClip:v2.0 acesClip.xsd" version="2.0"
  id="2ef3acb3-a51a-43b4-b5c1-c1257684586d">
  <uuid>be6Ec2ea-a6DC-6cBC-ff0D-AfCED5FF3Dd8</uuid>
  <creationDateTime>2018-12-26T14:57:07</creationDateTime>
  <modificationDateTime>2018-03-08T14:57:07</modificationDateTime>
  <acesVersion major="1" minor="0" patch="1" />
  <info>
    <application version="2014">ACESclip VWG</application>
    <note>ACESclip including metadata versioning</note>
    <author>Walter Arrighetti</author>
  </info>
  <clipID>
    <seq>movie_r3_hdgrd.master.#####.exr</seq>
    <metadata key="user.productionName">Movie Title</metadata>
    <metadata key="user.reelNumber">3</metadata>
  </clipID>
  <acesPipeline name="previz">
    <lmt pos="1" source="ACEScg" target="ACEScg"><file>compositor_OoG.clf</file></lmt>
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