Common Catalog Format

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https://github.com/moq-wg/catalog-format
Changes since Interim in Boston

- Following presentation at the interim, repo moved from private repo to the moq-wg repository [https://github.com/moq-wg/catalog-format](https://github.com/moq-wg/catalog-format)
- PRs
  - Adding JSON Patch PR #32 issue #6
  - Allowing relative track names and inherited namespace #34
  - Fixing track names in example 3.4.7 #30 - cleans up example

Would also like to discuss two proposals:

- Content protection parameters (issue #28)
- Bitrate definition (issue #25)
Issue #6: JSON patch/merge as an alternate to the proprietary delta updates

Current Catalog provides a delta-update definition, which is a mechanism to apply a small update to the JSON object.

Mike English points out in issue #21 that there are existing standards for incremental updates to JSON files: RFC 6902 (JSON Patch) and RFC 7396 (JSON Merge Patch).

- **RFC 6902 - JSON Patch**
  - an array of atomically executed, mutating operations on a JSON document.
  - Removes array items by index, so order of items in arrays is important.
  - Many libraries are available.

- **RFC 7396 - JSON Merge Patch**
  - a diff file, containing the nodes of the document which should be different after execution.
  - not possible to change a key’s value to null,
  - array elements cannot be manipulated by merge patches. You have to include entire array in patch even if it only changing one of the elements.
What would a JSON patch update look like?

Adding a slide track to an established video conference

```
{
  "sequence": 1,
  "parentSequence": 0,
  "tracks": [
    {
      "name": "slides",
      "selectionParams": {
        "codec": "av01.0.08M.10.0.110.09",
        "width": 1920,
        "height": 1080,
        "framerate": 15,
        "Bitrate": 750000
      },
      "renderGroup": 1
    }
  ]
}
```

```
[
  { "op": "add", "path": "/tracks/-", "value": {
    "name": "slides",
    "selectionParams": {
      "codec": "av01.0.08M.10.0.110.09",
      "width": 1920,
      "height": 1080,
      "framerate": 15,
      "Bitrate": 750000
    },
    "renderGroup": 1
  }
]
```

Note: no sequence or parent sequence number. We rely upon object header sequence.
What would a JSON patch update look like?

Removing 3 tracks from a conference

Current

```
{
  "sequence": 3,
  "parentSequence": 2,
  "operation": "delete",
  "tracks": [
    {"name": "audio"},
    {"name": "video"},
    {"name": "slides" }]
}
```

Proposed

```
[  
  { "op": "remove", "path": "/tracks/2"},
  { "op": "remove", "path": "/tracks/1"},
  { "op": "remove", "path": "/tracks/0"},
]

or

```
[  
  { "op": "remove", "path": "/tracks/0"},
  { "op": "remove", "path": "/tracks/0"},
  { "op": "remove", "path": "/tracks/0"},
]
```

Note: removal occurs via index number
**Issue #28: Encryption/DRM info for CMAF**

OP called for plans to provide encryption/DRM info for CMAF selectionParams.

To address this, I propose the following new catalog elements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Required</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>JSON type</th>
<th>Definition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Content Protection</td>
<td>contentProtection</td>
<td>opt</td>
<td>R</td>
<td>Array</td>
<td>Holds a series of content protection objects</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Content Protection scheme</td>
<td>cpScheme</td>
<td>opt</td>
<td>CP</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Defines the content protection scheme</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Content Protection value</td>
<td>cpValue</td>
<td>opt</td>
<td>CP</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Defines the content protection scheme value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default key ID</td>
<td>defaultKID</td>
<td>opt</td>
<td>CP</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Defines the default key ID for CENC protected content</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protection System Specific Header</td>
<td>pssh</td>
<td>opt</td>
<td>CP</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Defines the base64 encoded contents of the pssh box</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PlayReady Object</td>
<td>pro</td>
<td>opt</td>
<td>CP</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Defines the base64 encoded contents of the Playready Object</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Content protection reference ID</td>
<td>cpID</td>
<td>R</td>
<td>CP</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Provides a reference ID to the content protection object</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Content protection IDs</td>
<td>contentProtectionID</td>
<td>opt</td>
<td>RT</td>
<td>Array</td>
<td>Holds an array of Content protection reference IDs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Addition of the new Content Protection Element

Root

Track array

track

track

track

Content Protection Array

Content Protection

Content Protection

Track array

track

track

track
Inheritance of Content Protection

Content Protection can be declared at the root level and then inherited by all tracks.

Content Protection declarations at the track level override any inherited value.
Example CMAF catalog with CENC DRM info

```json
{
  "version": 1, "sequence": 0,
  "streamingFormat": 1, "streamingFormatVersion": "0.2",
  "namespace": "sports.example.com/games/08-08-23/12345",
  "packaging": "cmaf", "renderGroup":1,
  "contentProtection": [
    {
      "cpID": "1",
      "value": "cenc",
      "schemeID": "urn:mpeg:dash:mp4protection:2011",
      "defaultKID": "80399bf5-8a21-4014-8053-e27e748e98c0"
    },
    {
      "cpID": "2",
      "value": "MSPR 2.0",
      "schemeID": "urn:uuid:9a04f079-9840-4286-ab92-e65be0885f95",
      "pssh": "AAAB..",
      "pro": "xAEA..."
    },
    {
      "cpID": "3",
      "value": "Widevine",
      "schemeID": "urn:uuid:edef8ba9-79d6-4ace-a3c8-27dcd51d21ed",
      "pssh": "AAAA.."
    }
  ],
  "contentProtectionID": ["1","2","3"],
  "tracks": [
    { "name": "video_4k", "selectionParams": {"codec": "avc1.640033", "mim...},
    "initTrack": "init_video_4k", "altGroup": 1,
    "contentProtectionID": ["1","2"]
  },
    { "altGroup": "video_1080", "selectionParams": {"codec": "avc1.640...},
    "initTrack": "init_video_1080", "altGroup": 1
  },
    { "altGroup": "video_720", "selectionParams": {"codec": "avc1.640...},
    "initTrack": "init_video_720", "altGroup": 1
  },
    { "altGroup": "audio_aac", "selectionParams": {"codec": "mp4a.40.5...},
    "initTrack": "init_audio_aac", "altGroup": 2
  },
    { "name": "audio_ec3", "selectionParams": {"codec": "ec-3", ....},
    "initTrack": "init_audio_ec3", "altGroup": 2
  }
}
```
Questions on DRM

1. Are these DRM keys sufficient to describe current protected media?
2. Should these fields be added to the Common Catalog definition, or defined separately as an Extension by the WARP Spec?
3. What Content Protection elements will LOC require?
4. Is there a cleaner way of specifying this info?
PR #34: Allowing relative track names and inherited namespace

This PR makes the namespace field optional in a catalog.

If namespace is absent, then the namespace is inherited from the catalog namespace.

If the catalog full track name is `premiergaming/gamer34/catalog` and it looks like this:

```json
{
    tracks: [{"name":"video"},{"name":"audio"}]
}
```

Client would subscribe to

`prepremiergaming/gamer34/video`

`premiergaming/gamer34/audio`
Issue #25: Bitrate definition

Sect 3.2.25 references “bitrate” without defining how it is calculated or how VBR is accommodated.

HLS defines variant bitrate using two parameters

- **BANDWIDTH**: It represents the peak segment bit rate of the Variant Stream.
- **AVERAGE-BANDWIDTH**: the value is a decimal-integer of bits per second. It represents the average segment bit rate of the Variant Stream.

DASH defines bitrate using there interplay between two parameters

- `@Bandwidth @MinBufferTime` - consider a hypothetical constant bitrate channel of bandwidth with the value of this attribute in bits per second (bps). Then, if the Representation is continuously delivered at this bitrate, starting at any SAP that is indicated either by `@startWithSAP` or by any Segment Index box, a client can be assured of having enough data for continuous playout providing playout begins after `@minBufferTime * @Bandwidth` bits have been received.

WebCodecs defines bitrate quite ambiguously

- **bitrate** - The average bitrate of the encoded video given in units of bits per second.

How should we define bitrate when used with Moq-transport streaming formats?

Should we provide two placeholders: **averageBitrate** and **peakBitrate** and let the streaming format define the timebase?
Issue #26: Registry for catalog fields

Proposal that all CATALOG fields are defined in an IANA registry

Arguments for:

- If we end up needing new fields (which we certainly will), we don't need a revised RFC. The fields table can be amended/expanded in a number of ways.

Arguments against:

- IANA is useful for ensuring global uniqueness. If a single specification defines the catalog format, then that spec is a much more efficient and natural place to define the fields used by that format.
- How would you version the registry to know if your parser can understand all the fields?
- Fields have relationships between them (i.e. CENC fields only apply to CMAF packaged content). How would express these relationships in an IANA table?