

# Interoperability and Conformance: An overview of ISMA activities

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## Interoperability challenges

- Open market with products from different vendors working together
- Guarantee the best user experience
  - ➔ Interoperability testing
  - ➔ Conformance Program



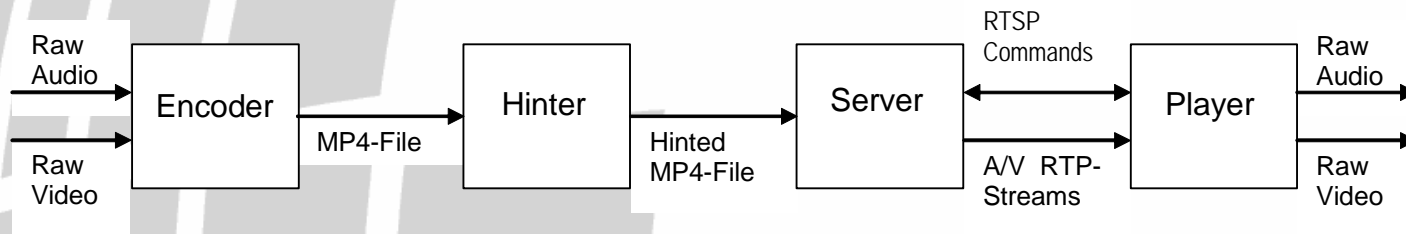
# Interoperability testing

- Goal:
  - Test compatibility between different vendors
    - ISMA 1.0 / 2.0
    - ISMAcryp
    - New: Closed Captioning
  - Help debugging applications
- Plugfests
  - File exchange and streaming tests
  - Virtual and Face-to-face
  - Joint plugfests with other organizations
    - last December with MPEGIF and IMTC



# Conformance Points

- Encoder → File writer and AV encoding
- Hinter → SDP and RTP packet creation
- Server → RTSP connection, RTP transport
- Player → RTP/RTSP, file reader and AV decoding



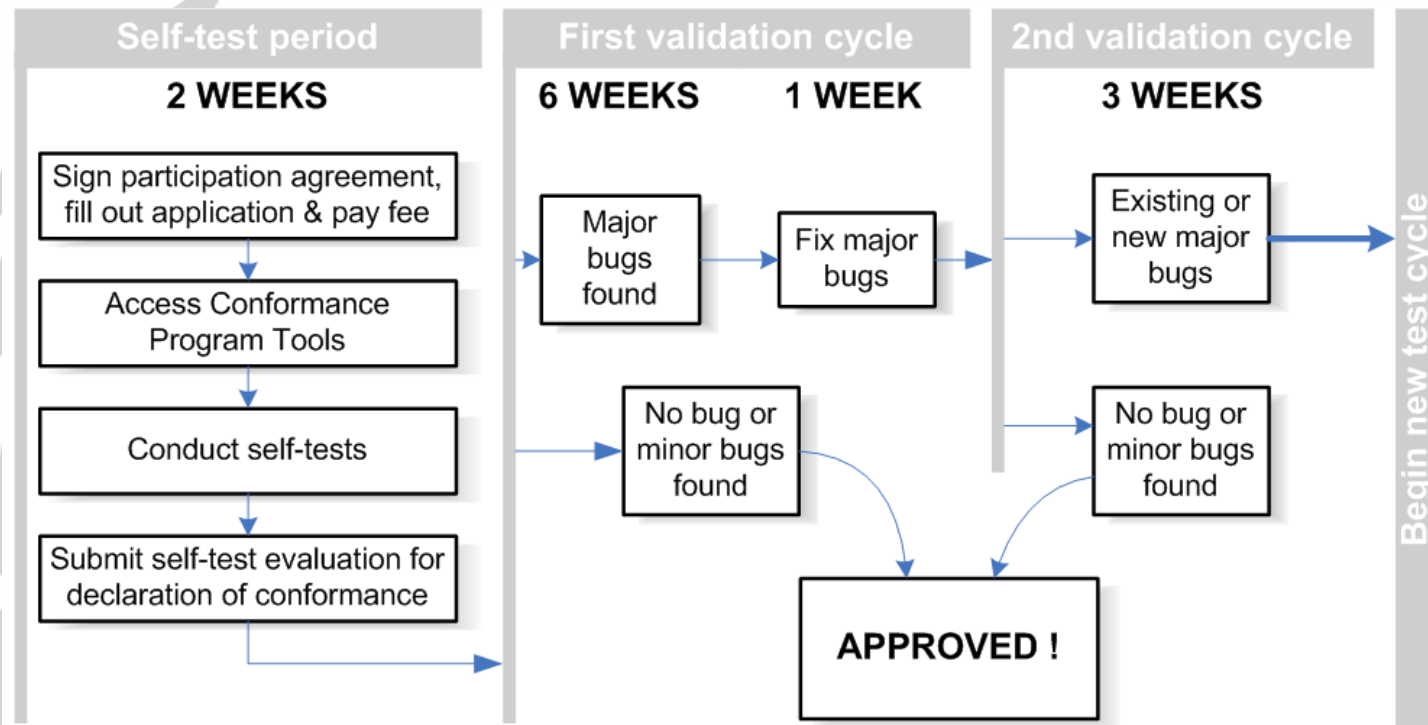


## Conformance Program Overview

- Conformance suite
  - Reference products and files
  - Test tools
  - Raw test files/material
  - Conformance documents
- 3-month test cycles
  - Self-test phase by Candidate
  - Validation by ISMA
  - Optional re-testing and verification



# Conformance Program Cycle





# ISMA Conformance Program

- ISMA 1.0: MPEG-4 SP/ASP + AAC
  - Launched last September
- ISMA 2.0: MPEG-4 AVC + HE-AAC
  - Starting now
  - First cycle begins July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Accepting candidates for July cycle



## References and Contact information

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