



MPEG-4/H.263 Software Decoder

for Intel x86 and ARM Cortex-A (ARMv7 & ARMv8) Processors

Overview

AceThought has developed extremely efficient products based on MPEG-4 and H.263 technology and our MPEG-4 Simple Profile (SP), Advance Simple Profile (ASP), H.263 P0, H.263 P3 and Sorenson Spark software video decoders IP is available on a range of Intel x86 and ARM Cortex Ax platforms.

MPEG-4 is a widely adopted ISO/IEC video standard developed by Moving Pictures Expert Group (MPEG). MPEG-4 is used for compressing video for delivery on Web (streaming media), Mobile, IPTV and Digital TV.

The H.263 video compression standard has been developed by ITU-T Video Coding Expert Group (VCEG). H.263 is widely used for video-conferencing at low bit-rates.

Benefits

- Optimized for 32 and 64 bit **ARM Cortex-A** (ARMv7, ARMv8) and **Intel x86** architecture.
- Supported on **Android**, **iOS** (iPhone, iPad), **Windows 10 Phone**, **Linux**, **Mac OSX** and **Windows**.
- Multi-thread for multi-core processors.
- **ANSI C** implementation with key modules optimized for vector instructions (ARM **NEON** and Intel **SSE, AVX**).
- Efficient software architecture
- Re-entrant library
- Error detection of lost packets and frames
- Availability of both C and C++ interfaces for easy integration.
- 720p HD decoding on single core and 1080p HD decoding on dual/quad core.

Features

- Fully compliant with ISO/IEC 14496-2 MPEG-4 **Simple & Advance Simple Profile**
- Fully compliant with ITU-T H.263 Profile 0 (**H.263v1**) and Profile 3 (**H.263v2**)
- Support for **DivX®** & **Xvid®**
- Support for **Sorenson Spark v1, v2**
- I, P and B pictures
- Interlace Coding
- ½ and ¼ pixel interpolation
- H.263 & MPEG Quantization
- Global Motion Compensation (GMC)
- Support for H.263 Annexes I, J, K & T
- Advanced **INTRA** Coding, Deblocking, Slices, Modified Quantization, Custom Picture Format (CPF).

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Performance

Ace Thought's Multi-threaded MPEG-4 decoder processing requirement is measured in millions of cycles per second (MHz). The Table 1 below summarizes the MHz for Single-Threaded MPEG-4 decoder on single core ARM Cortex-A9 application processor with NEON™ Advanced SIMD and DDR2 RAM.

Table 1. Performance Benchmark Numbers for Single Core ARM Cortex-A9

Profile	Resolution	Bit-Rate	Frame-Rate	MHz <i>(Single-Threaded)</i>
SP	1280x720	4Mbps	24fps	412
ASP	1280x720	4Mbps	24fps	465
ASP - QPel	1280x720	4Mbps	24fps	585
ASP	1920x1080	4Mbps	24fps	876
ASP - QPel	1920x1080	4Mbps	24fps	995

The Table 2 below summarizes the MHz for Dual-Threaded MPEG-4 decoder on dual core ARM Cortex-A9 application processor with NEON™ Advanced SIMD and DDR2 RAM.

Table 2. Performance Benchmark Numbers for Dual Core ARM Cortex-A9

Profile	Resolution	Bit-Rate	Frame-Rate	MHz <i>(Dual-Threaded)</i>
SP	1280x720	4Mbps	24fps	256
ASP	1280x720	4Mbps	24fps	291
ASP - QPel	1280x720	4Mbps	24fps	374
ASP	1920x1080	4Mbps	24fps	542
ASP - QPel	1920x1080	4Mbps	24fps	636