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Foreword

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Introduction

The partial file format is designed to contain files partially received over a lossy link (with unreceived or corrupted sections), for further processing such as playback or repair. The file structure is object-oriented; a file can be decomposed into constituent objects very simply, and the structure of the objects inferred directly from their type. Files conforming to this format may be exchanged without losing information on losses, allowing redistribution (local gateways) or further repair processes.

The partial file format may be used to document reception of files, regardless of their bitstream format. For generic cases, it provides ways for file readers to resynchronize their parsing in case of byte losses. For cases where the documented file derives from ISO/IEC 14496-12, the partial file format provides additional tools, such as an index of the source file structures and data integrity information.

[Annex A](#) of this document defines the associated MIME type for files conformant to this document.

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Part 14: Partial file format

1 Scope

This document specifies the partial file format, which is a generic format for describing file partially received over lossy communication channels. This format contains the correctly received data, missing block identification, and repair information such as location of the file or high-level original indexing information. This format can be used with any file formats, and provides additional helper tools for formats deriving from ISO/IEC 14496-12.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 14496-12, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 12: ISO Base Media file format*

IETF RFC 5905, *Network Time Protocol Version 4: Protocol and Algorithms Specification*, Mills, D., et al, June 2010

3 Terms, definitions, symbols, abbreviated terms and conventions

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1.1

chunk

addressable set of bytes of a partial segment

3.1.2

indexed box

box in the *source file* (3.1.5) indexed by a `BoxIndexBox` in the *partial file* (3.1.3)

3.1.3

partial file

name of the files conforming to the file format described in this document

3.1.4

partial segment

portion of the *partial file* (3.1.3) containing a single `PartialSegmentBox` and identifying its associated source data

3.1.5

source file

file described and encapsulated by the *partial file* ([3.1.3](#))

3.2 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviated terms apply.

MD5	Message Digest 5
FDT	File Delivery Table
FEC	Forward Error Correction
FLUTE	File Delivery over Unidirectional Transport
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
RFC	Request for Comments
SHA	Secure Hash Algorithm

4 Partial file organization

4.1 Object structure

A partially received file, hereinafter referred to as partial file, is represented as a sequence of partial segments, preceded by a header. The header and the partial segments are formed as a series of objects, called boxes, as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12; files under this document are object-structured files as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12.

All object-structured files conformant to [Clause 4](#) shall contain a `FileTypeBox` as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12. The `FileTypeBox` shall contain a compatible brand of type 'paff' for partial files, and of type 'pmff' for mixed partial files.

In this document, top-level boxes (boxes not contained in other boxes) are indicated as being at 'file' level, with the notation "Container: File".

The MIME type associated with a file conforming to this specification shall be formatted as defined in [Annex A](#).

4.2 Design consideration

4.2.1 Features

The partial file format is intended to serve as a storage and exchange format for other file formats delivered over lossy channels. The format provides the following set of tools:

- Reception data, which provides means to store the received data and document transmission information such as received or lost byte ranges and whether the corrupted/lost bytes are present in the file.
- Repair information, such as location of the source file, possible byte offsets in that source, byte stream position at which a parser can try processing a corrupted file; depending on the communication channel, this information may be setup by the receiver or through out-of-band means.

- File format specific information, which depends on the type of file stored as a partial file; this document only defines additional tools for files based on ISO/IEC 14496-12.

4.2.2 Data layout

The partial file format is designed to allow continuous recording and storing of received data in a flexible way. A partial file is composed of a header providing information valid for the entire recording followed by any number of segments; all of these segments are described by partial segment structures and are hence called partial segments, although some can be correctly received. The header does not contain any data from the source file and contains only information that can usually be inferred from the parameters of the transmission, and hence does not require editing of the header values upon finalizing the recording. Each partial segment contains a variable number of received bytes from a given source, a map of valid byte ranges for these received bytes and optionally some repair information. Byte maps give offsets relative to the first byte of data in this partial segment, rather than from the first byte of data in the source file, in order to process partial segments without any knowledge of their position in the partial file. Each partial segment may describe correctly received data, lost data or a mix of correctly received and loss data.

4.2.3 Box order

An overall view of the normal encapsulation structure is provided in [Table 1](#). In the event of a conflict between this table and the prose, the prose prevails. The order of boxes within their container is not necessarily indicated in the table.

The table shows those boxes that may occur at the top level in the left-most column; indentation is used to show possible containment. Not all boxes need to be used in all files; the mandatory boxes are marked with an asterisk (*). See the description of the individual boxes for a discussion of assumptions if the optional boxes are not present.

Objects using an extended type may be placed in a wide variety of containers, not just the top level.

The following rules shall be followed for the order of boxes in a partial file:

- The FileTypeBox shall occur first in the file.
- The PartialFileBox, if present, shall occur immediately after the FileTypeBox.

Table 1 — Box types, structure and cross-reference

Box types, structure and cross-reference						
ftyp				*		file type and compatibility
pfil					5.1.1	container for metadata global to file
	pfhd			*	5.1.2	data about the entire partial file
	srul				5.1.8	source URL and mime for the complete source file
	ptle				5.1.7	entry points information for the complete source file
	fidx				5.2.2	box file index for the complete source file
		bidx			5.2.3	box index for a box of the source file
			dint		5.2.4	data integrity container for the complete source file
				dihd	*	5.2.5 data integrity hash
			frpa		5.2.6	front part (initial bytes) of an indexed box
	dref				5.1.1	data reference box as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12
pdat					5.1.2	partial segment data
pseg				*	5.1.4	partial segment
Key						
* Boxes that are mandatory within their container, which itself can be mandatory or optional.						

Table 1 (continued)

Box types, structure and cross-reference							
	pshd			*	5.1.5	<i>partial segment header containing information related to the partial segment</i>	
	ploc			*	5.1.6	<i>partial segment location</i>	
	surl				5.1.8	<i>source URL and mime of the source file for the partial segment</i>	
	ptle				5.1.7	<i>entry point information of the source file for the partial segment</i>	
	fidx				5.2.2	<i>box file index of the source file for the partial segment</i>	
		bidx			5.2.3	<i>box index for a box of the source file for the partial segment</i>	
			dint		5.2.4	<i>data integrity container of the source file for the partial segment</i>	
				dihd	*	5.2.5	<i>data integrity hash</i>
			frpa		5.2.6	<i>front part (initial bytes) of an indexed box</i>	
Key							
* Boxes that are mandatory within their container, which itself can be mandatory or optional.							

4.2.4 Mixed partial files

When the source file uses a format derived from ISO/IEC 14496-12, it can be desirable to encapsulate only the corrupted top-level boxes of the source file in a partial segment, while leaving the correctly received top-level boxes untouched. Figure 1 shows the case where certain movie segments have been received complete, other parts are only partial and there are yet other parts for which it is known that no information has been received. The incomplete parts map to one or several partial segments.

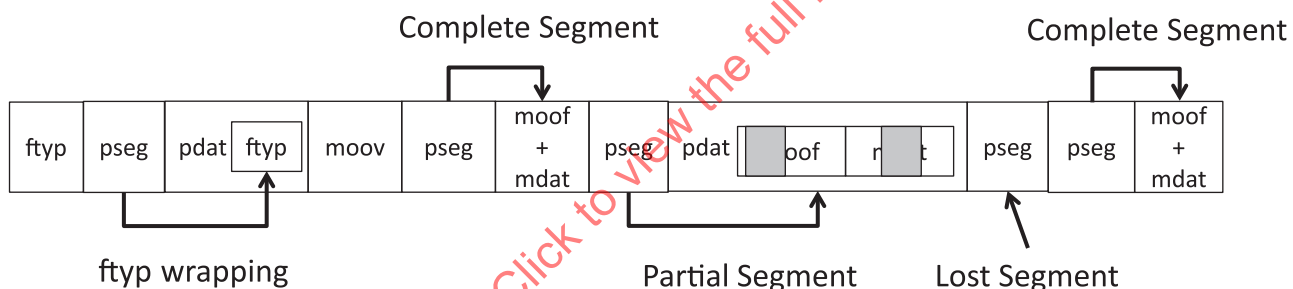


Figure 1 — Mixed partial file

This design is referred to as mixed partial file. In this configuration, the FileTypeBox shall contain a compatible brand of type 'pmff'. The FileTypeBox of the source file, whether or not correctly received, shall not be modified; it shall be encapsulated in one partial segment and stored in a PartialDataBox, in order to ensure unicity of the FileTypeBox at the container level. Mixed partial file writers may insert, in the FileTypeBox of the partial file, brands from the source ISOBMFF file if the requirements of these brands are still met in the mixed partial file. This design allows backward compatibility with existing ISOBMFF file reader, as they would skip unrecognized boxes but still play the rest of the presentation.

The mixed partial file format is designed to store partially received fragments of a given ISOBMFF file, without any inspection or modification of the internal box structure of the source file. This format cannot be used to indicate, through in-file structures such as SampleTableBox or TrackFragmentBox, which items or samples are missing or corrupted. Such operation requires reprocessing of the source file and is possible using dedicated structures defined in ISOBMFF.

NOTE 1 In case an ISOBMFF segment made of multiple movie fragments is corrupted and the initial SegmentTypeBox is lost, a mixed partial file reader might have to insert a SegmentTypeBox at the appropriate place for correct processing by higher application layers.

NOTE 2 When ISOBMFF segments are stored in a mixed partial file, track timing can be lost if correctly received ISOBMFF segments do not contain TrackFragmentBaseMediaDecodeTimeBox.

4.2.5 Processing model

The processing model of partial files or mixed partial files is illustrated in Figure 2. In partial file mode, there is a “partial file handler” that is used, which in turn delegates to the original file handler. In mixed partial mode, the original file handler can be extended to handle partial files with their own original MIME type.

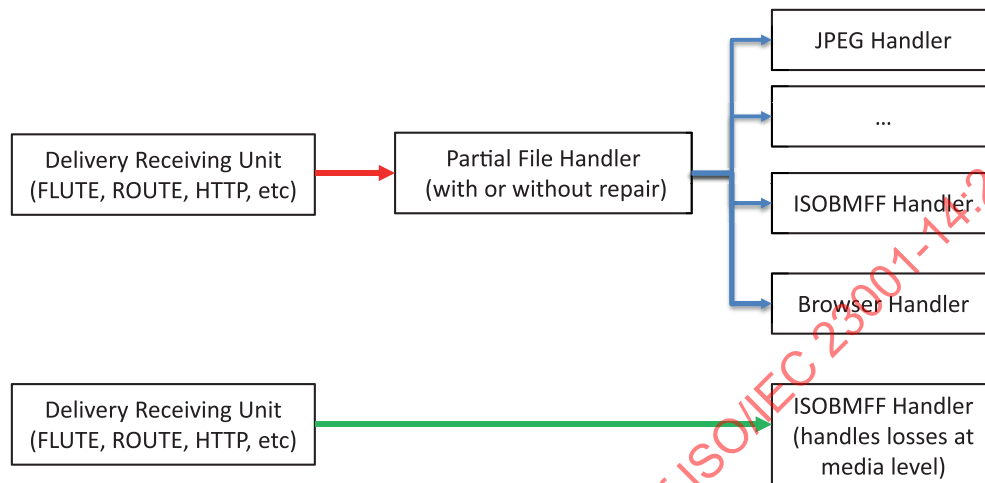


Figure 2 — Processing model of partial files or mixed partial files

The source file shall be identical to the ordered concatenation of the data of each partial segment for that given source if no losses occurred or if all corrupted blocks were successfully repaired. A mixed partial file handler may typically optimize this process by not reconstructing the complete source file.

5 Box structures

5.1 Partial file general boxes

5.1.1 Partial file box

5.1.1.1 Definition

Box Type: 'pfil'

Container: File

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or One

This box contains metadata information for the partial file. This metadata can be overridden with each partial segment.

A PartialFileBox may contain zero or one DataReferenceBox as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12. Data references shall only be used to indicate an external location of (part of) the stored data; consequently, entries of the DataReferenceBox shall not use the flag value 0x000001.

NOTE Usage of data references allows building a partial file describing the recorded result of a transmission session stored in another format than the partial file format; for example, a partial file can be computed to describe the current reception state of a torrent session.

When enclosed, the BoxFileIndexBox provides a summary of the box hierarchy of the complete source file. It may be used to describe only type and size of a file-level box, or the complete or partial

hierarchy of child boxes of one or several file-level boxes. Each top-level box of the source file will typically have zero or one associated `BoxIndexBoxes` in the `BoxFileIndexBox`.

If the set of boxes in the `BoxFileIndexBox` is also complete, the corresponding bit in `file_flags` should also be set.

If one `BoxFileIndexBox` is present in the `PartialFileBox`, it indexes (part of) the complete file and no other `BoxFileIndexBox` shall be present in any subsequent `PartialSegmentBox`.

5.1.1.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class PartialFileBox extends Box('pfil') {
    Box other_boxes[]
}
```

5.1.2 Partial file header box

5.1.2.1 Definition

Box Type: 'pfhd'

Container: `PartialFileBox`

Mandatory: Yes, if `PartialFileBox` is present

Quantity: Exactly one

This box contains general information about the partial file data and structures.

The following flag is defined for the `PartialFileHeaderBox`:

- `complete_index`: flag value is 0x000001, when set, indicates that the `BoxFileIndexBox` contained in this box is complete (the contents are always required to be dense and start at the beginning, so this means that the box documents all bytes to the end of the original box-structured file). This flag shall not be set for non-box-structured original files.

5.1.2.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class PartialFileHeaderBox extends FullBox('pfhd', 0,
flags) {
}

```

5.1.3 Partial segment box

5.1.3.1 Definition

Box Type: 'pseg'

Container: File

Mandatory: Yes

Quantity: One or more

The `PartialSegmentBox` is a container for metadata describing one or more blocks of received data from a given source, missing or corrupted bytes, source or indexing information. There are usually several instances of `PartialSegmentBox` in a partial file.

A `PartialSegmentBox` only contains boxes describing the source data; it does not contain any source data. Each `PartialSegmentBox` shall contain one `PartialSegmentHeaderBox` containing configuration of the partial segment; the associated source data may be located after or before the `PartialSegmentBox`, as described by the `PartialSegmentLocationBox`, and may be encapsulated in one or more `PartialDataBox`.

The resulting partial segment (i.e. the `PartialSegmentBox` and its associated data) shall conform to the object structure defined in subclause 4.1.

Since reconstruction of the source file is based on information from partial segment, storing a segment received without errors still requires the presence of a partial segment box describing the received data.

When enclosed, a `BoxFileIndexBox` provides a summary of the box hierarchy of the source file data in the current partial segment. It may be used to describe only type and size of a file-level box, or the complete or partial hierarchy of child boxes of one or several file-level boxes. Each top-level box of the source file will typically have zero or one associated `BoxIndexBoxes` in the `BoxFileIndexBox`.

If the set of boxes in the `BoxFileIndexBox` box is also complete, the corresponding bit in `segment_flags` should also be set.

If one `BoxFileIndexBox` is present in the `PartialFileBox`, it indexes (part of) the complete file and no other `BoxFileIndexBox` shall be present in any subsequent `PartialSegmentBox`.

5.1.3.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class PartialSegmentBox extends Box('pseg') {
    Box other_boxes[]
}
```

5.1.4 Partial segment header box

5.1.4.1 Definition

Box Type: 'pshd'

Container: `PartialSegmentBox`

Mandatory: Yes

Quantity: One per `PartialSegmentBox`

The `PartialSegmentHeaderBox` gives general information for the partial segment. The `PartialSegmentHeaderBox` shall be placed first in the `PartialSegmentBox`.

The following flags are defined for the `PartialSegmentHeaderBox`:

- `last_segment`: flag value is 0x000001. Presence of this flag indicates that this partial segment is the last one from the associated source; for a given file location as indicated by `SourceURLBox`, there should not be more than one partial segment with `last_segment` flag set in the `PartialSegmentHeaderBox`, and that partial segment should be the last one in the file. Readers may stop processing the file data from this source once this flag is encountered.
- `no_further_repair`: flag value is 0x00000002. This flag indicates that the repair operation(s) repaired the maximum information (no further repair would be beneficial), yet there may still be corrupted chunks in the content.
- `complete_index`: flag value is 0x000004; when set, has the same semantics as the `complete_index` flag defined for the `PartialFileHeaderBox`.

NOTE The `last_segment` flag can be used to detect end of file reception by file readers processing a file being recorded by another entity. The `no_further_repair` flag can be used to avoid repair attempts on content no longer available.

5.1.4.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class PartialSegmentHeaderBox extends FullBox('pshd',
version, flags) {
    if (version==0) {
        unsigned int(32) source_byte_offset;
    } else {
        unsigned int(64) source_byte_offset;
    }
    unsigned int(64) last_repair_time;
}
```

5.1.4.3 Semantics

`source_byte_offset` gives the offset in bytes in the associated file indicated by `SourceURLBox` of the first byte of the first chunk in this partial segment; value 0 means that this first byte of the first chunk is the first byte of the associated source file. The meaning of this field is unspecified if no `SourceURLBox` is present in the partial file.

`last_repair_time` gives the 64-bit NTP timestamp of the last repair process. The value shall be formatted in accordance with IETF RFC 5905. If 0, that time is unknown. File readers may use this information to decide whether attempting a repair on the file is useful or not (for example in scenario of file redistribution in a home network where the access point would have attempted the repair).

5.1.5 Partial data box

5.1.5.1 Definition

Box Type: 'pdat'

Container: File

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or more per `PartialSegmentBox`

The `PartialDataBox` contains source file data for this partial segment. In some cases, it can be desirable to have more data in this box than a 32-bit size would permit. In this case, the large variant of the size field, as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12, can be used.

File readers should not assume file data contained in `PartialDataBox` can be safely inspected. For example, if the source file is an ISOBMFF file, it is likely that the structure of the file (such as boxes and samples) is corrupted. There is also no guarantee that reception blocks contained in `PartialDataBox` are stored in reception order.

5.1.5.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class PartialDataBox extends Box('pdat') {
    bit(8) data[];
}
```

5.1.5.3 Semantics

`data` contains source file data. The exact layout of the received bytes is given by the `PartialSegmentLocationBox`.

5.1.6 Partial segment location box

5.1.6.1 Definition

Box Type: 'ploc'

Container: PartialSegmentBox

Mandatory: Yes

Quantity: Exactly one per PartialSegmentBox

The PartialSegmentLocationBox contains a map of received and missed byte ranges from the source file for this partial segment, expressed as data chunks. Each chunk describes a lost or received byte range and its storage location in the partial segment.

When the list of chunks is not empty, it shall describe the complete, ordered set of bytes in the source file required to repair the partial segment.

A repair byte range for a corrupted or lost chunk may be built by summing the size of all previous chunks in the partial segment and adding the `source_byte_offset` indicated in the PartialSegmentHeaderBox.

The chunk data location is indicated by means of relative offset in the container file. For source files not based on the box structure defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12, the chunk data shall be stored in a PartialDataBox. For mixed partial files, chunk data may also be stored directly within the container file, provided that the resulting file is still compliant to both this document and ISO/IEC 14496-12; this implies that only completely received top-level boxes from the source file can be stored outside of PartialDataBox. Furthermore, when the source file derives from ISO/IEC 14496-12 and uses segments as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-12, a segment shall only be stored at partial file level if it is completely received without errors; otherwise, the partially received segment shall be stored in a PartialDataBox.

5.1.6.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class PartialSegmentLocationBox extends FullBox('ploc',
version=0, flags=0) {
    unsigned int(4)    length_size;
    unsigned int(4)    offset_size;
    unsigned int(16)   data_reference_index;
    unsigned int(16)   chunk_count;
    for (i=0; i < chunk_count; i++) {
        bit(1)    corrupted_chunk;
        bit(1)    data_present;
        bit(6)    reserved=0;
        unsigned int(length_size*8) chunk_size;
        if (data_present==1) {
            if (data_reference_index == 0) {
                signed int(offset_size*8) chunk_offset;
            } else {
                unsigned int(offset_size*8) chunk_offset;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

5.1.6.3 Semantics

`length_size` indicates the number of bytes used to encode chunk sizes in this box.

`offset_size` indicates the number of bytes used to encode chunk offsets in this box.

`data_reference_index` indicates the index of the data reference entry to use to retrieve data associated with the chunks. Data reference entries are stored in the `DataReferenceBox` in the `PartialFileBox`. A value of 0 indicates that the data is located in the containing file. A non-zero value indicates the index of the data reference entry, ranging from 1 to the number of data reference entries.

`chunk_count` indicates the number of chunks composing this partial segment. A value of 0 indicates that the partial segment is composed of a single chunk of unknown size; this may be used for example in mixed partial file to indicate the loss of an ISOBMFF segment without knowing its original size.

`corrupted_chunk` indicates that the chunk is corrupted. When `corrupted_chunk` is set, this indicates that this chunk data is corrupted or lost. When `corrupted_chunk` is not set, this indicates that this chunk data is valid data that has been received or repaired.

`data_present` indicates that the received data is present in the indicated file. When both `data_present` and `corrupted_chunk` are set, this indicates that all corrupted bytes have been kept, and missing bytes have been replaced with padding bytes; whenever padding is used, it is recommended to use 0x00 as the padded bytes value. When `data_present` is not set and `corrupted_chunk` is set, this indicates a missed or corrupted byte range, not stored in the partial segment.

`chunk_size` specifies the size of this chunk in bytes.

`chunk_offset` specifies the start offset of this chunk in the partial file. When the data reference index is 0 (data contained with the file), the offset is given as a signed number counting the number of bytes between the start of the containing `PartialSegmentBox` and the start of the chunk; a negative offset implies that the chunk data is located before the `PartialSegmentBox`. When the data reference is not 0 (data contained in another file), the offset is given as a positive number counting the number of bytes between the start of the chunk and the start of the file.

NOTE During the repair process, `corrupted_chunk` is set to 0 only after the chunk has been successfully repaired. When `data_present` is set, repair can be done by replacing the padding data with valid data. When `data_present` is not set, valid data is added during the repair process, `data_present` is set to 1 and `chunk_offset` of this chunk is added after the repair process completion. In this case, the `chunk_offset` of other chunks might need to be modified.

5.1.7 Partial top level entry point box

5.1.7.1 Definition

Box Type: 'ptle'

Container: `PartialSegmentBox` or `PartialFileBox`

Mandatory: No

Quantity: At most one per `PartialSegmentBox`, or one in `PartialFileBox`

The `PartialTopLevelEntryPointBox` indicates one or several top-level (file level) offsets in the source file at which a file reader may resume parsing in case of corrupted data. This allows a file reader to resynchronize file structure parsing in case of corrupted data impacting one of the previous top-level structures.

NOTE 1 For example, if the source file is a fragmented ISOBMFF file, the offsets can be used to indicate the position of different `MovieFragmentBox` in the file, allowing a parser to skip a series of fragments with errors, possibly removing fragments with errors.

NOTE 2 This information is usually transported out-of-band or through well-protected packets with more FEC in the transport layer; for example, the information can be described in the FDT of the file in a FLUTE session.

If this box is present in the `PartialFileBox`, it shall indicate the entry points for the complete file using absolute offsets, and no other `PartialTopLevelEntryPointBox` shall be present in any subsequent `PartialSegmentBox`.

The following flag is defined for the `PartialTopLevelEntryPointBox`:

- `relative_offset`: flag value is 0x000001. Presence of this flag indicates that indicated offsets are relative to the first byte of the first chunk of the partial segment containing this box. Absence of this flag indicates that indicated offsets are relative to the beginning (first byte) of the source file. This flag shall not be set if the container box is a `PartialFileBox`.

5.1.7.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class PartialTopLevelEntryPointBox extends
FullBox('ptle', version, flags) {
    unsigned int(32)    entry_count;
    for (i=0; i < entry_count; i++) {
        if (version==1) {
            unsigned int(64)    index_offset;
        } else {
            unsigned int(32)    index_offset;
        }
    }
}
```

5.1.7.3 Semantics

`entry_count` is the number of entry points listed in this box.

`index_offset` specifies the offset of the entry point in the source file. If version 1 is used, 64-bit data offsets are used; otherwise 32-bit data offsets are used.

5.1.8 Source URL box

5.1.8.1 Definition

Box Type: 'surl'

Container: `PartialSegmentBox` or `PartialFileBox`

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or more

The `SourceURLBox` is used to indicate a source URL and associated MIME type of the source file. It is typically inserted in `PartialFileBox` or `PartialSegmentBox` by the receiver and can be used by a file reader to repair the file.

There may be several `SourceURLBox` in a partial file. `SourceURLBox` declared in `PartialFileBox` define sources valid for the entire partial file; `SourceURLBox` declared in `PartialSegmentBox` define sources valid for the partial segment only, in which case `SourceURLBox` declared in `PartialFileBox` shall be ignored. If no `SourceURLBox` is declared in a `PartialSegmentBox`, the `SourceURLBox` declared in `PartialFileBox`, if any, can be used to identify source files. When several instances of `SourceURLBox` are declared for a partial segment, all URLs given in these `SourceURLBox` are equally valid for a repair process.

NOTE 1 Using several different `SourceURLBox` allows for gathering in a single file several files transmitted over the network, such as a layered coded media where each layer is carried in a separate file.

NOTE 2 A partial file writer can avoid inserting a `SourceURLBox` in each segment by inserting a `SourceURLBox` in `PartialFileBox`.

5.1.8.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class SourceURLBox extends FullBox('surl', 0, 0) {
    string url;
    string mime;
}
```

5.1.8.3 Semantics

`url` is a NULL-terminated C string encoded in UTF-8; the last NULL character shall be set even if the URL is empty. The URL specifies a source URL for the source file data in the partial file or partial segment. This may identify the physical network or an alternative URL where the file can be found for later repair.

`mime` is a NULL-terminated C string encoded in UTF-8; the last NULL character shall be set even if the mime is empty. It specifies the mime type associated with the file at the given URL.

5.2 Partial file ISO base media file helpers

5.2.1 General

The boxes defined in this subclause shall only be used when the source file is following a specification derived from the ISO/IEC 14496-12. These boxes use the box-based structure information of the source file to provide further details for parsing or validating of a partial file or partial segment.

5.2.2 Box file index box

5.2.2.1 Definition

Box Types: 'fidx'

Container: PartialSegmentBox or PartialFileBox

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or one within the PartialFileBox.
Either exactly zero per PartialSegmentBox, if the PartialFileBox contains BoxFileIndexBox; or at most one per PartialSegmentBox otherwise.

The BoxFileIndexBox provides a summary of the box hierarchy of a box-structured file. It contains a set of BoxIndexBox boxes, each of which describes one top-level box. Each top-level box of the source file will typically have zero or one associated BoxIndexBoxes in the BoxFileIndexBox.

NOTE This information is usually transported out-of-band or through well-protected packets in the transport layer; for example, the information can be described in the FDT of the file in a FLUTE session.

The set of bytes documented by the set of contained BoxIndexBox boxes shall start with the first byte in the associated source file if the BoxFileIndexBox is present in a PartialFileBox, or with the byte starting at `source_byte_offset` in the associated source file if the BoxFileIndexBox is present in a PartialSegmentBox. This shall apply regardless of the location of the BoxFileIndexBox (embedded in the indexed file or stored outside the file).

The set of documented boxes shall be both in-order (in the same order as the boxes they are indexing in the source file) and "dense" i.e. document a contiguous set of original bytes. The `complete_index` flag in the PartialFileHeaderBox or external signalling can indicate whether the set is also complete.

5.2.2.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class BoxFileIndexBox extends Box('fidx') {
    BoxIndexBox other_boxes[];          // to end of the box
}
```

5.2.3 Box index box

5.2.3.1 Definition

Box Types 'bidx'

Container: BoxFileIndexBox or BoxIndexBox

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or More

The BoxIndexBox provides a summary of the box hierarchy of a box.

If the described box does contain child boxes, the `other_boxes` array may contain zero or more instances of BoxIndexBox. BoxIndexBox boxes are not required, i.e. the depth of the nesting documented is at the choice of the writer. If contained BoxIndexBox boxes occur, however, they shall be complete and document all bytes of the enclosing original box, in order.

If the described box does not contain any child boxes, the `other_boxes` array shall not contain any BoxIndexBox.

If the described box has some fields that are not deriving from boxes, the `other_boxes` array may contain zero or one FrontPartBox. Otherwise, the `other_boxes` array shall not contain any FrontPartBox.

NOTE The contents of this box follow exactly the syntax for a Box in ISO/IEC 14496-12.

5.2.3.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class BoxIndexBox extends Box('bidx') {
    unsigned int(32) indexed_box_size;
    unsigned int(32) indexed_box_type;
    if (indexed_box_size==1) {
        unsigned int(64) indexed_box_largesize;
    } else if (indexed_box_size==0) {
        // original box extends to end of original file
    }
    if (indexed_box_type=='uuid') {
        unsigned int(8)[16] indexed_box_usertype;
    }
    Box other_boxes[];          // to end of the box
}
```

5.2.3.3 Semantics

`indexed_box_type` is the type of the indexed box in the described file.

`indexed_box_size` is the 32-bit size of the indexed box in the described file. If the indicated size is 0, this means that the indexed box extends until the end of the indexed container, as specified in ISO/IEC 14496-12.

`indexed_box_largesize` is the 64-bit size of the indexed box in the source file.

`indexed_box_usertype` is the extended type of the indexed box in the described file when user extension is used.

`other_boxes` is a list of boxes containing `BoxIndexBox`, `DataIntegrityBox` or `FrontPartBox`.

5.2.4 Data integrity box

5.2.4.1 Definition

Box Type: 'dint'

Container: `BoxFileIndexBox` or `BoxIndexBox`

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or one per `BoxIndexBox`

The `DataIntegrityBox` contains integrity data information for a set of boxes. A `DataIntegrityBox` always refers to the indexed box described by its parent `BoxIndexBox`.

5.2.4.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class DataIntegrityBox() extends Box('dint') {  
}
```

5.2.5 Data integrity hash box

5.2.5.1 Definition

Box Type: 'dihd'

Container: `DataIntegrityBox`

Mandatory: Yes if `DataIntegrityBox` is present

Quantity: One or more per `DataIntegrityBox`

The `DataIntegrityHashBox` carries cryptographic hash information for a set of boxes or samples. This includes the algorithm used for computing the cryptographic hash, the cryptographic hash itself and which and how boxes are used to produce the cryptographic hash.

Three flavors of the data integrity protection are specified, discriminated using the mode field of the `DataIntegrityHashBox`.

- When a `DataIntegrityBox` contains a `DataIntegrityHashBox` with mode set to zero, it indicates to the reader that the integrity is computed for the indexed box described by the `DataIntegrityBox`, i.e. for the entire content indexed by the `BoxFileIndexBox` or the `BoxIndexBox` that contains the `DataIntegrityBox`.
- There shall be a maximum of one `DataIntegrityHashBox` with mode set to zero in the parent `DataIntegrityBox`.
- When a `DataIntegrityBox` contains a `DataIntegrityHashBox` with mode set to one, it indicates to the reader that the integrity is computed for child boxes of the indexed box described by the `DataIntegrityBox`.
- There can be multiple `DataIntegrityHashBox` with mode set to one in the parent `DataIntegrityBox`.

- When a `DataIntegrityBox` `box` contains a `DataIntegrityHashBox` with mode set to two, it indicates to the reader that
 - the `sub_mode` in the `DataIntegrityHashBox` `box` is one of 'stsz', 'trak' or 'sgpd', and
 - the hash is computed over specific types of sample information, described by the `DataIntegrityHashBox` itself.

There shall be at most one `DataIntegrityHashBox` with mode set to two and `sub_mode` set to 'stsz' or 'trak' in the parent `DataIntegrityBox`. There may be multiple instances of `DataIntegrityHashBox` with mode set to two and `sub_mode` set to 'sgpd' in the parent `DataIntegrityBox`; this type of `DataIntegrityHashBox` is used to provide the sanity check information of coded samples associated with a given sample group.

5.2.5.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class DataIntegrityHashBox () extends FullBox('dihd', 0,
flags=0) {
    unsigned int(16) mode;
    unsigned int(16) algorithm;

    if (mode==0)
        num_hashes = 1;
    else if (mode==1) {
        unsigned int(32) num_hashes;
    } else if (mode==2) {
        unsigned int(32) sub_mode;
        if (sub_mode == 'sgpd') {
            unsigned int(32) num_hashes;
        }
    }
    for (i=0; i< num_hashes; i++) {
        if (mode == 1) {
            unsigned int(32) box_4cc;
        } else if ((mode == 2) && (sub_mode == 'sgpd')) {
            unsigned int(32) grouping_type;
            unsigned int(32) num_entries;
            for(i=0; i<num_entries; i++) {
                unsigned int(32) group_description_index[i];
            }
        }
        bit(nb_hash_bits) hash_value;
    }
}
```

5.2.5.3 Syntax

`mode` indicates the type of integrity check used. The valid values of this field are 0, 1 and 2. Other values are reserved. When the mode field is set to 0, the hash string is computed over the concatenated bytes of the indexed box described by this box. When the mode field is set to 1, the hash is computed over the concatenated bytes of child boxes contained in the indexed box described by this box. When the mode field is set to 2, the type of integrity check is indicated by the `sub_mode` field. A `DataIntegrityBox` with `DataIntegrityHeaderBox` with mode set to two can be contained only in a `BoxIndexBox` indexing `SampleTableBox` or `TrackFragmentBox`.

`algorithm` indicates the algorithm used for computing the cryptographic hash. The algorithms are specified using four character codes, as follows:

Algorithm 4CC	Algorithm used
'md5 '	MD5 checksum as specified in RFC 6151
'sha1'	SHA-1 checksum as specified in RFC 3174

`num_hashes` indicates the number of hashes present in the box. When not present, the value 1 is inferred.

`sub_mode` indicates, using a four character code, the samples over which the cryptographic hash is computed. The following four character code are specified:

- `'stsz'`: the hash string is computed over the concatenated 32-bit sizes of the samples in the track or track fragment.
- `'trak'`: the hash string is computed over the concatenated bytes of samples that are in the track or track fragment.
- `'sgpd'`: the hash string is computed over concatenated bytes of samples that are mapped to selected entries of a group of the indicated type.

`box_4cc` indicates the four character code of the child boxes of the indexed box described by this box, used for computing the hash. If this value is 0, all child boxes of the indexed box described by this box are used for computing the hash.

`nb_hash_bits` indicates the number of bits used to code the hash string. When the `algorithm` field value is `'md5'`, this field takes the value 128. When the `algorithm` field value is `'sha1'`, this field takes the value 160.

`hash_value` indicates the resulting cryptographic hash for the given mode and parameters.

`grouping_type` indicates the sample group type used when sample groups are used for the hash calculation; only samples associated to this grouping type will be considered samples for the hash string calculations.

`num_entries` indicates the number of sample group entries to consider when selecting samples for cryptographic hashing; if 0, all sample mapped to any entry of the sample group of the given grouping type are considered for cryptographic hash; otherwise, the cryptographic hash is derived from those samples mapped to the indicated sample group description indices.

`group_description_index[i]` specifies that the checksum is derived from samples mapped to the sample group description index equal to `group_description_index[i]`.

5.2.6 Front part box

5.2.6.1 Definition

Box Types `'frpa'`

Container: `BoxIndexBox`

Mandatory: No

Quantity: Zero or One

The `FrontPartBox` provides a selected number of initial bytes of the content of the box identified by the containing `BoxIndexBox`. The number of bytes carried should be “small” and may be limited by the application, profile or specification (e.g. 256 bytes). The content of the box starts with the first byte following the fields defined for the class `Box` in ISO/IEC 14496-12.

NOTE This information can be used for carrying metadata that is essential for interpreting the file structure within the file index.

5.2.6.2 Syntax

```
aligned(8) class FrontPartBox extends Box('frpa') {
    unsigned int(8)    box_content[];
}
```