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Standard API for Encryption Key Exchange

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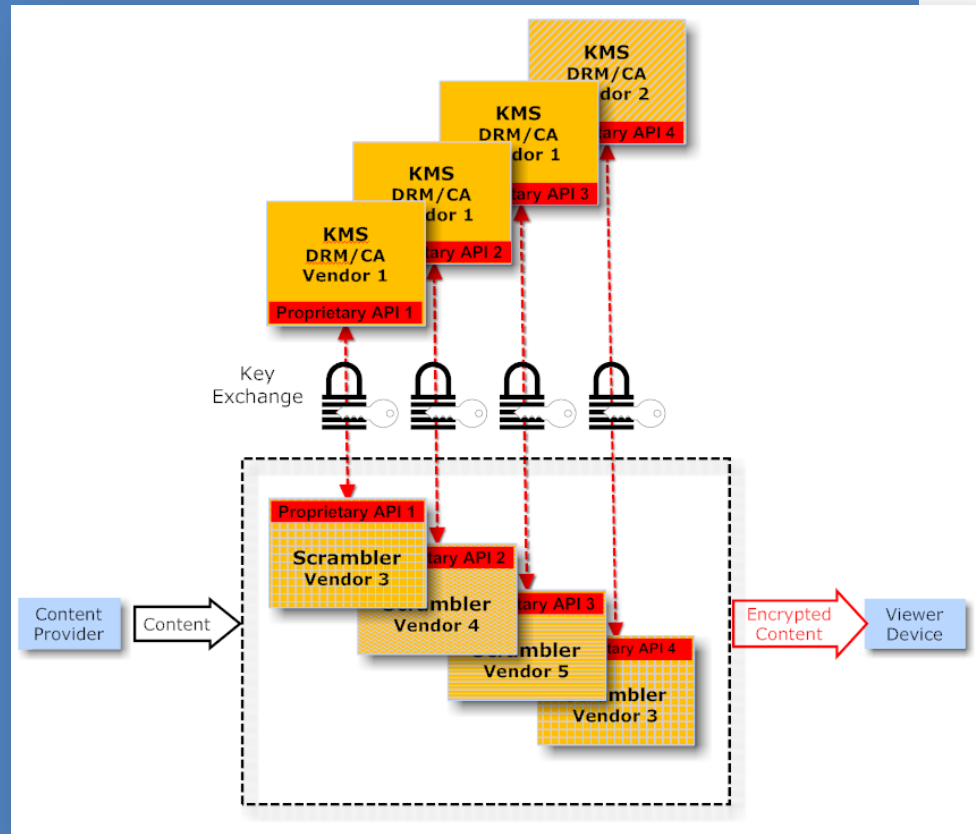
This Presentation

- Aimed at all
 - DRM/CA (KMS) vendors
 - Scrambler (e.g. transcoder) vendors
- Purpose
 - Additional participants in Working Group Phase II
 - Submissions of draft APIs
 - Broader industry awareness
- Topics
 - Value Proposition
 - High level overview of completed Requirements Documents



Proprietary Key Exchange APIs

- High value video protected by encryption prior to online distribution
- Encryption implemented in scramblers - often embedded in transcoding solutions
- Encryption keys typically managed by Key Management Servers (KMS)
- Keys exchanged between KMS and Scrambler via API
- Lack of standardization of API leading to more and more proprietary APIs (per vendor partnership)



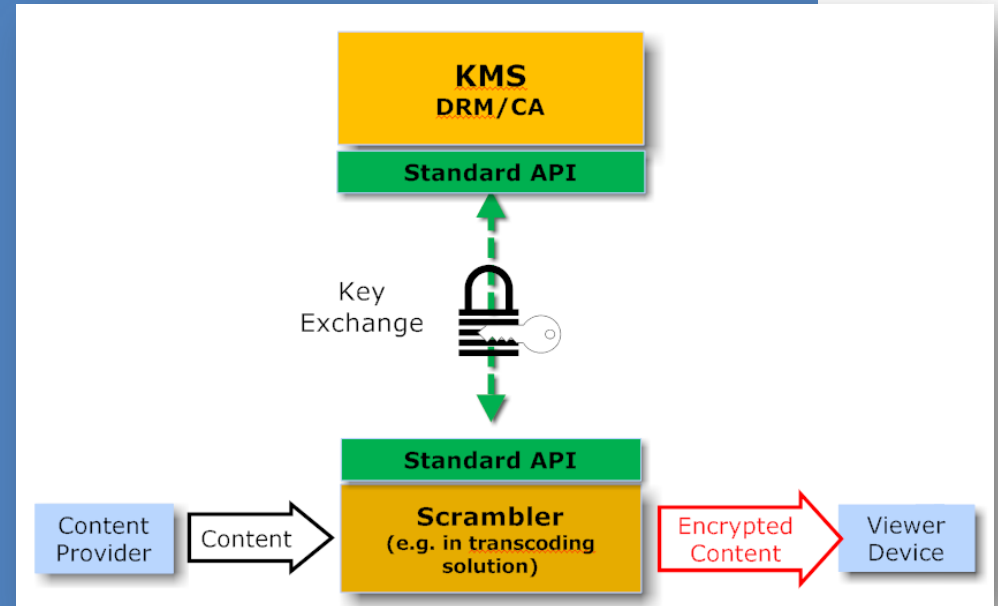
Proprietary means

- ➔ Increased time to market
- ➔ Increased costs of operation and maintenance

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Standardized Key Exchange API

- Single API requires less
 - Development
 - Testing
 - Maintenance
- MPEGIF Working Group set up to transition industry to standardized API
- **Value proposition** for KMS and Scrambler vendors
 - **Elimination of duplicate APIs**
 - **Reduction of potential interoperability problems** through the use of a robust, tested API
 - **Increased availability** of use-cases based on industry-wide consensus during the creation of the API



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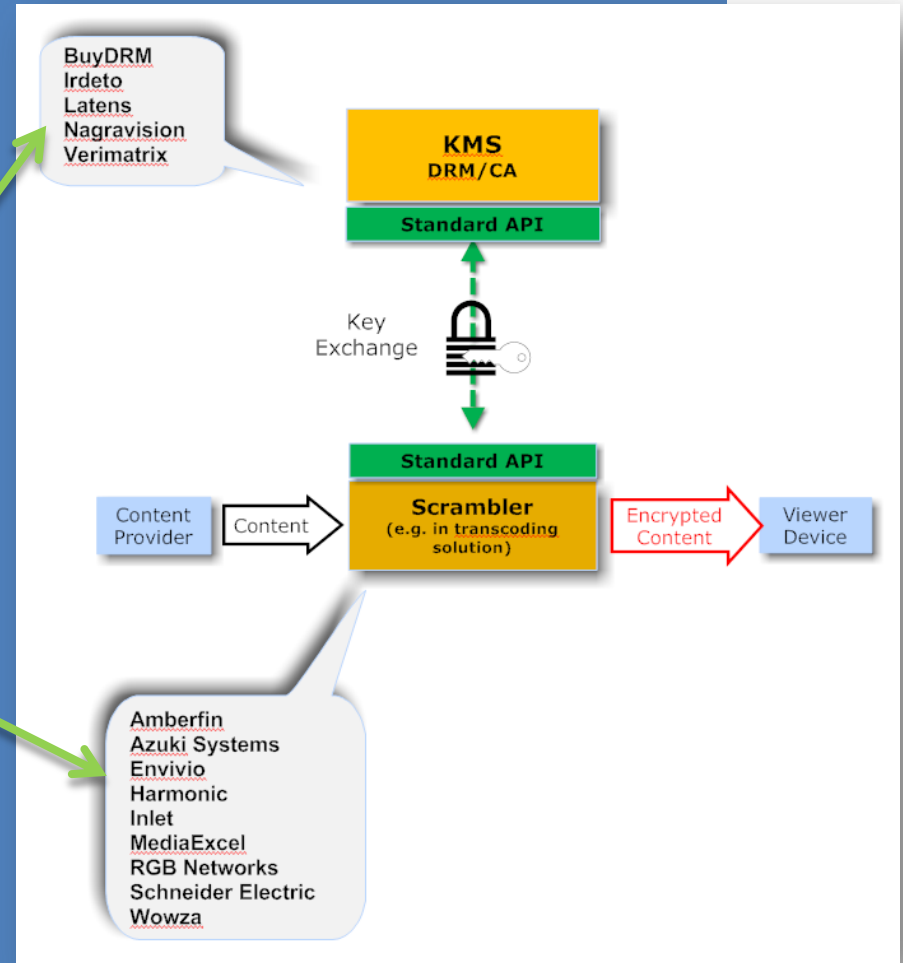
Working Group Phase I (completed)

- Requirements Document covering

- Protocols
- KMS
- Scramblers
- Type of data exchanged
- I/O
- Authentication

- 14 active participants

- Due for publication – Feb 2011



Protocol Requirements

- *API to be published openly*
- *Protocol stateless in nature – except for underlying state mechanisms*
- *Support for redundant configurations*
- *Scrambler*
 - *initiates sessions*
 - *requests for keys*
 - *determines interval of key requests*
 - *manages primary and redundant delivery*
 - *determines content identifier*
 - *time stamp in request*

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KMS Requirements

- *Capability of*
 - *creating encryption keys on demand*
 - *storing encryption keys together with an associated content ID reference*
 - *creating keys for both VoD and live content*
 - *signaling which types of encryption algorithm and keys it supports*
- *Support for rotating keys*

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Scrambler Requirements

- *Communicate and accept keys from at least two distinct KMS service points*
- *Ability to create encryption keys*
- *Independent of underlying content encoding/segmentation mechanism*

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Data Exchange Requirements

- *Encryption keys, content identifiers and timestamps support character string representation*
- *Enables unambiguous key requests from client devices*
- *Support for exchange of auxiliary data*
- *Allows for the insertion of all data necessary for decryption*

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I/O Requirements

- *Uses HTTP in the clear or using SSL to protect the data exchange*

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Authentication Requirements

- *Mutual authentication prior to any key exchange*
- *Announcing supported authentication schemes*
- *Negotiating a mutual scheme used for mutual authentication*

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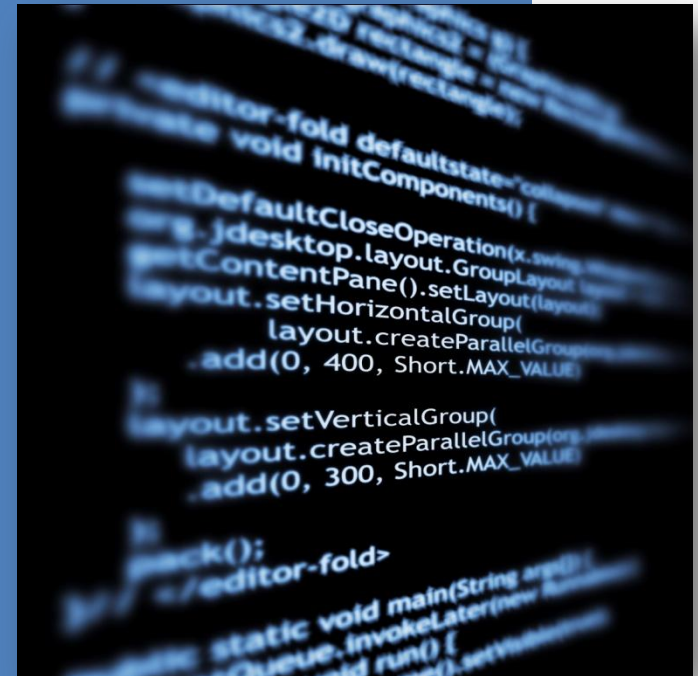
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Working Group Phase II

- Draft API based on Requirements Document (Phase I)
- **Invitation for API submissions** to launch work
- **Group open to all DRM/CA and scrambler vendors**
- Target launch of work - February 2011
- Target release of draft API - 3Q2011



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