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Recently, hard disk and Blu-ray Disc¹ recorders have become popular in the home to record television programmes. Normally a Hard Disk Recorder (HDR) is used for time shift and a Blu-ray Disc (BD) is used for library. When an HDR is used for time shift, television programmes are recorded and played, then many of them are deleted to reuse the spaces for other programmes to be recorded. These programmes are stored as files in a hard disk drive (HDD) using a file system. Continuous recording and deletion of programmes involves the continuous storing and deletion of files in the file system. Television programme streams include at least videos and an electronic programme guide (EPG). The HDR stores videos in a long, variable length file depending on the quality and recording hours. Compared with videos, EPG related information is stored in a shorter file or files but is often updated. This continuous creation, deletion and updating of files of different lengths finally causes the files to be stored in fragments, and the system performance becomes very low.

In a computer, defragmentation tools are provided to solve the problem of a fragmented file system. Normally defragmentation with reallocation of files in sequence takes a long time and the end user cannot but wait for the completion of the defragmentation, with no other activity. In the home server environment, a smarter solution to resolve this problem needs to be provided.

The recent newly developed HDD features will be reflected in the next version of the standard.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the method for allocating requested file space with no fragmentation, to minimize the need for reallocation of fragmented files in the Universal Disc Format (UDF) file system applied to hard disk drives used in hard disk recorders.

2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC 13346 (all parts), *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information*

ISO/IEC 13346-1:1995, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange – Part 1: General*

ISO/IEC 13346-3:1999, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange – Part 3: Volume structure*

ISO/IEC 13346-4:1999, *Information technology – Volume and file structure of write-once and rewritable media using non-sequential recording for information interchange – Part 4: File structure*

OSTA UDF2.01:200, *Information technology – OSTA Universal Disk Format Specification, Revision 2.01*

Secure Universal Disk Format Specification Revision 1.00, *Optical Storage Technology Association (OSTA)*, <http://www.osta.org/>

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations and notation

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

3.1.1 partition

region allocated to a file system by a disk volume space management system

3.1.2 virtual container partition

virtual partition containing a partition which has a minimum size of power-of-2 of allocation unit size of the disk