

Description

Title of Invention

TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, TRANSMISSION METHOD, RECEPTION
5 APPARATUS, AND RECEPTION METHOD

Technical Field

[0001]

10 The present technology relates to transmission apparatuses, transmission methods, reception apparatuses, and reception methods, and more particularly, to a transmission apparatus that transmits transport media, such as video, audio, and the like, through an RF communication channel or a communication network communication channel, and the like.

15 Background Art

[0002]

MPEG2-TS is conventionally used as a transport structure for broadcasting as described in Patent Literature 1, for example.

20 Citation List

Patent Literature

[0003]

Patent Literature 1: JP 2011-217161A

25 Summary of Invention

Technical Problem

[0004]

30 The MPEG Media Transport (MMT) structure has in recent years been becoming attractive as a transport structure for next-generation broadcasting. A major feature of the MMT structure is its compatibility with IP networks.

[0005]

An object of the present technology is to allow for reliable transport of time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time to a receiver in a transport structure for next-generation broadcasting.

5 Solution to Problem

[0006]

 A concept of the present technology is a transmission apparatus including: a transport stream generation unit configured to generate a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport
10 packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed; a transport stream transmission unit configured to transmit the transport stream to a receiver through a predetermined transmission channel; and a time information insertion unit configured to insert time information for allowing the receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time into the first transport
15 packet or the second transport packet.

[0007]

 In the present technology, the transport stream generation unit generates a transport stream. In the transport stream, a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport packet containing information
20 about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed. For example, the first transport packet and the second transport packet may be MMT packets. The transport stream transmission unit transmits the transport stream to a receiver through a predetermined transmission channel. For example, the predetermined transmission channel may be an RF transmission channel or a communication
25 network transmission channel.

[0008]

 The time information insertion unit inserts time information for allowing a receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time into the first transport packet or the second transport packet. For example, the transport media contained
30 in the first transport packet may include one or more access units, and the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit may be information for

obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time corresponding to each of the one or more access units.

[0009]

In this case, the time information inserted by the time information insertion
 5 unit may have a value of decoding time or presentation time corresponding to the
 initial access unit of the one or more access units, and an offset value from decoding
 time to presentation time each corresponding to each access unit. This use of the
 offset value allows for efficient delivery of the time information. Further, in this
 case, the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit may be
 10 presentation time, or presentation time and decoding time, corresponding to each of
 the one or more access units. This delivery of the presentation time itself, or the
 presentation time and the decoding time themselves, can reduce a process load on a
 receiver.

[0010]

In this case, the offset value may be a relative offset value corresponding to
 15 an absolute offset value, and conversion information for converting the relative offset
 value into the absolute offset value may be added to the time information inserted by
 the time information insertion unit. This use of the relative offset value allows for
 efficient delivery of the offset value to a receiver. For example, the time
 20 information insertion unit may insert the relative offset value after variable length
 coding. This use of variable length coding can reduce time information
 transmission capacity.

[0011]

For example, the payload of the first transport packet may include a payload
 25 header portion and a payload body portion, and the time information insertion unit
 may insert the time information into the payload header portion. For example, the
 payload of the first transport packet may include a payload header portion and a
 payload body portion, in the payload body portion, fragment payloads each
 containing one or more access units obtained by fragmenting the transport media,
 30 may be provided together with fragment headers, and the time information insertion
 unit may insert, into the fragment header or the fragment payload, time information

of the corresponding access unit. For example, the payload of the second transport packet may include a payload header portion and a payload body portion, and the time information insertion unit may insert the time information into the payload body portion.

5 [0012]

Thus, in the present technology, time information for allowing a receiver to obtain decoding time and presentation time is inserted in the first transport packet or the second transport packet, and in a transport structure for next-generation broadcasting, the time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation
10 time can be reliably delivered to a receiver.

[0013]

Another concept of the present technology is a reception apparatus including: a transport stream reception unit configured to receive a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second
15 transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed, from a transmitter through a predetermined transmission channel. Time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time is inserted in the first transport packet or the second transport packet. The reception apparatus further includes a transport media processing unit configured to process the
20 transport media extracted from the transport stream using the decoding time and/or presentation time obtained based on the time information.

[0014]

In the present technology, the transport stream reception unit receives a transport stream from a transmitter through a predetermined transmission channel.
25 In the transport stream, a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed. Time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time is inserted in the first transport packet or the second transport packet. The transport media processing unit processes transport
30 media extracted from the transport stream using the decoding time and/or presentation time obtained based on the time information.

[0015]

For example, the transport media contained in the first transport packet may include one or more access units, the time information may be a value of decoding time or presentation time corresponding to an initial access unit of the one or more access units, and a relative offset value corresponding to an absolute offset value from decoding time to presentation time each corresponding to each access unit, and the reception apparatus may further include an offset value conversion unit configured to convert the relative offset value into the absolute offset value.

[0016]

Thus, in the present technology, time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time is inserted in the first transport packet or the second transport. Decoding time and/or presentation time can be obtained based on the time information, and transport media extracted from a transport stream can be reliably processed.

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Advantageous Effects of Invention

[0017]

According to the present technology, in a transport structure for next-generation broadcasting, time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time can be reliably delivered to a receiver. Note that the advantages described herein are for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to be limited, and there may be additional advantages.

Brief Description of Drawings

25 [0018]

[FIG. 1] FIG. 1 is a block diagram showing an example configuration of a transmission/reception system according to an embodiment.

[FIG. 2] FIG. 2 is a diagram schematically showing a configuration of an MMT payload.

30 [FIG. 3] FIG. 3 is a diagram showing an example correspondence relationship between an MMT file and MMT packets actually delivered.

[FIG. 4] FIG. 4 is a diagram showing another example correspondence relationship between an MMT file and MMT packets actually delivered.

[FIG. 5] FIG. 5 is a diagram showing still another example correspondence relationship between an MMT file and MMT packets actually delivered.

5 [FIG. 6] FIG. 6 is a diagram for describing a case where an MMT packet containing an MFU which is a fragment is a transport packet, and the MMT packet is the head packet (the head of GOP) of random access.

[FIG. 7] FIG. 7 is a diagram for describing a case where an MMT packet containing an MFU which is a fragment is a transport packet, and the MMT packet is a non-
10 head packet of random access.

[FIG. 8] FIG. 8 is a diagram for describing a case where an MMT packet containing an MFU which is a fragment is a transport packet, and the MMT packet is the head packet (the head of GOP) of random access.

[FIG. 9] FIG. 9 is a diagram showing a configuration of an MMT packet in a tree
15 form.

[FIG. 10] FIG. 10 is a conceptual diagram of a transport packet transmission apparatus and a transport packet reception apparatus.

[FIG. 11] FIG. 11 is a diagram showing an “NTP short format.”

[FIG. 12] FIG. 12 is a diagram for describing time information in a case where media
20 data is video and an initial value is decoding time.

[FIG. 13] FIG. 13 is a diagram for describing time information in a case where media data is video and an initial value is presentation time.

[FIG. 14] FIG. 14 is a diagram for describing time information in a case where media data is audio and an initial value is decoding time.

25 [FIG. 15] FIG. 15 is a block diagram showing an example configuration of a decoding/output process unit.

[FIG. 16] FIG. 16 is a timing chart showing an example AV synchronous reproduction control in a control unit.

[FIG. 17] FIG. 17 is a diagram for describing a case where a packet which is an MFU
30 fragment is dropped during transmission of the packet.

[FIG. 18] FIG. 18 is a diagram schematically showing an example method for

inserting time information into an MMT packet.

[FIG. 19] FIG. 19 is a diagram showing an example packet configuration in a case where time information (timestamp) is inserted, corresponding to each access unit, in order to reduce a delay in transmission/reception.

5 [FIG. 20] FIG. 20 is a diagram showing an example structure of an entire MMT packet.

[FIG. 21] FIG. 21 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MMT packet header (mmtp_header()).

[FIG. 22] FIG. 22 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MMT payload header (mmtp_payload_header()).

[FIG. 23] FIG. 23 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MMT payload header extension (mmtp_payload_header_extension()).

[FIG. 24] FIG. 24 is a diagram showing semantics of major information of an example structure of an MMT payload header extension.

15 [FIG. 25] FIG. 25 is a diagram showing another example structure of an MMT payload header extension (mmtp_payload_header_extension()).

[FIG. 26] FIG. 26 is a diagram showing semantics of major information of another example structure of an MMT payload header extension.

[FIG. 27] FIG. 27 is a diagram for describing a case where time information is transmitted in an MPU payload for each access unit which is a fragment.

[FIG. 28] FIG. 28 is a diagram showing an example structure (syntax) of an MFU.

[FIG. 29] FIG. 29 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MFU header (mfu_header()).

[FIG. 30] FIG. 30 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MFU header (mfu_header()).

[FIG. 31] FIG. 31 is a diagram showing semantics of major information of an example structure of an MFU header.

[FIG. 32] FIG. 32 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MFU header extension (mfu_header_extension()).

30 [FIG. 33] FIG. 33 is a diagram showing semantics of major information of an example structure of an MFU header extension.

- [FIG. 34] FIG. 34 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MFU header (mfu_header()) in a case where time information is inserted in an MFU payload.
- [FIG. 35] FIG. 35 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MFU header (mfu_header()) in a case where time information is inserted in an MFU payload.
- 5 [FIG. 36] FIG. 36 is a diagram showing semantics of major information of an example structure of an MFU header in a case where time information is inserted in an MFU payload.
- [FIG. 37] FIG. 37 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MFU payload (mfu_payload()) and semantics of the major information.
- 10 [FIG. 38] FIG. 38 is a diagram showing another example structure of an MFU header (mfu_header()) in a case where time information is inserted in an MFU payload.
- [FIG. 39] FIG. 39 is a diagram showing another example structure of an MFU header (mfu_header()) in a case where time information is inserted in an MFU payload.
- [FIG. 40] FIG. 40 is a diagram showing semantics of major information of another
- 15 example structure of an MFU header in a case where time information is inserted in an MFU payload.
- [FIG. 41] FIG. 41 is a diagram showing an example structure of an MFU payload (mfu_payload()).
- [FIG. 42] FIG. 42 is a diagram showing semantics of major information of an
- 20 example structure of an MFU payload.
- [FIG. 43] FIG. 43 is a diagram showing an example structure (syntax) of a timestamp message.
- [FIG. 44] FIG. 44 is a diagram showing an example structure (syntax) of a timestamp table (timestamp_table()).
- 25 [FIG. 45] FIG. 45 is a diagram showing an example structure (syntax) of a package access message.
- [FIG. 46] FIG. 46 is a diagram showing an example correspondence relationship between decoding time $D(n)$ and presentation time $R(n)$ of an access unit $AU(n)$.
- [FIG. 47] FIG. 47 is a diagram showing an example variable length code table for
- 30 performing variable length coding on a time series of offset values.
- [FIG. 48] FIG. 48 is a diagram showing that as a reorder distance M increases, the

efficiency of reduction of transmission capacity due to variable length coding increases.

Description of Embodiments

5 [0019]

Embodiments for carrying out the present invention (hereinafter referred to as “embodiments”) will now be described. Note that description will be provided in the following order.

1. Embodiments

10 2. Variations

[0020]

<1. Embodiments>

[Example configuration of transmission/reception system]

FIG. 1 shows an example configuration of a transmission/reception system 15 10 as an embodiment. The transmission/reception stem 10 includes a transport packet transmission apparatus 100 and a transport packet reception apparatus 200.

[0021]

The transmission apparatus 100 generates transport packets of the MMT structure (see ISO/IEC CD 23008-1), i.e., a transport stream containing MMT 20 packets, and transmits the transport stream to a receiver through an RF transmission channel or a communication network transmission channel. In the transport stream, a first MMT packet containing transport media, such as video or audio, in a payload, and a second MMT packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed using at least the size of a fragmented packet. 25 In this embodiment, time information for allowing a receiver to obtain decoding time and presentation time is inserted in the first MMT packet or the second MMT packet.

[0022]

The reception apparatus 200 receives the above transport stream from a transmitter through an RF transmission channel or a communication network 30 transmission channel. The reception apparatus 200 processes the transport media extracted from the transport stream using the decoding time and/or presentation time

obtained based on the time information, to display an image and output a sound.

[0023]

FIG. 2 schematically shows a configuration of an MMT payload. In FIG. 2, an MMT package is a logical concept of MMT, and means a transport material.

5 The MMT package contains assets that are media, asset delivery characteristics, messages accompanying the package (package access), information about an MMT packet table (MPT packet table), composition information, and the like. The composition information is information that is used to perform a presentation control on media. In this example, Asset1 is data of video 1, Asset2 is data of audio 1, and
10 Asset3 is data of video 2.

[0024]

FIG. 2 shows an example file configuration in a case where the MMT package is actually an MMT file. This file configuration is basically almost the same as the file configuration of MP4. At the head, there is a box “styp.” This is
15 followed by a box “sidx” as segment information. This is followed by a box “mmpu,” which is unique to MMT. This is followed by a box “moov” as meta-data of an entire file. This is also followed by a box “moof” and a box “mdat.” The box “mdat” contains actual data, such as video, audio, subtitles, or the like. Note that when “mdat” is fragmented, the box “moof” is provided for each fragment.

20 [0025]

When the MMT package is delivered, the MMT package is delivered in units of media processing units (MPUs) as shown in FIG. 2. The MPU, which begins with a random access point (RAP), contains one or a plurality of access units (AUs). Specifically, for example, one group of pictures (GOP) may constitute one
25 MPU. This MPU is defined for each asset. Therefore, an MPU of video containing only video data is generated from a video asset, and an MPU of audio containing only audio data is generated from an audio asset.

[0026]

As shown in FIG. 2, MPUs and a message constitute an MMT payload.
30 The message contains information, such as the above composition information and the like. MMT fragment units (MFUs) are obtained by dividing an MPU, i.e.,

fragmenting an MPU. For example, in the case of video, the MFU may be set to correspond to one NAL unit. Also, for example, when a communication network transmission channel is used for transmission, the MFU may include one or a plurality of MTU sizes.

5 [0027]

As shown in FIG. 2, the MMT payload is delivered in MMT packets. The MMT packet includes an MMT packet header and an MMT packet payload. Also, the MMT packet payload includes an MMT payload header and MMT payload data. MPUs or a message is inserted in the MMT payload data.

10 [0028]

MPUs obtained by fragmenting MPUs of assets are time-division multiplexed as shown in FIG. 2. An MPU is a certain long time unit of, for example, 15 frames or 30 frames. Unless each MPU is fragmented and time-division multiplexing is performed, audio data cannot be transmitted during a certain long period of time when video data is being transmitted. Therefore, a large buffer capacity is required in order to adjust the timing, and in addition, there is a large delay in outputting an image or a sound. Such a problem can be solved by fragmenting each MPU and performing time-division multiplexing.

[0029]

20 FIG. 3, FIG. 4, and FIG. 5 show an example correspondence relationship between an MMT file and MMT packets that are actually delivered. As described above, the MMT file has boxes, such as “styp,” “sidx,” “mmpu,” “moov,” “moof,” “mdat,” and the like.

[0030]

25 An MMT packet includes an MMT packet header (MMT Hdr) and an MMT payload. The MMT header contains a packet ID (packet_id), a packet sequence number (packet_sequence_number), a transmission timestamp (transmission_timestamp), a transmission priority (transmission_priority), private user data (private_user_data), and the like.

30 [0031]

The packet ID is an identifier for identifying a video or audio asset, or a

control message. The packet sequence number is a number indicating the order of packets. The transmission timestamp is a type stamp for transmission, i.e., time when an MMT packet is output from a transmitter.

[0032]

- 5 The transmission priority is the level of priority that is an indicator for determining which MMT packet is passed with priority when the bandwidth of a transmission channel becomes narrow. The private user data is data that may be privately inserted by a user for a certain broadcasting application. The MMT payload includes an MMT payload header (MMT PI_hdr) and MMT payload data.
- 10 The MMT payload header may contain a payload header extension.

[0033]

- The MMT payload header contains a payload length, a payload type, a fragment type (fragmentation_indicator), a fragment count (fragment_count), aggregation info-flag (aggregation_info_flag), an RAP flag
- 15 (random_access_point_flag), and the like.

[0034]

- Also, the MMT payload header contains a data offset (data_offset), a data unit number (numDU), a data unit offset (DU_offset), a payload sequence number (payload_sequence_number), a header extension field flag
- 20 (header_extension_field_flag), and the like.

[0035]

- The payload length is size information of the entire payload. The payload type is information indicating whether the payload is of MPU or control nature (message). One payload can contain data of up to 64 kbytes. The fragment type is
- 25 information indicating whether or not one payload can accommodate a complete MPU.

[0036]

- For example, if a complete MPU is accommodated, "0" is inserted. Otherwise, i.e., if an MPU is fragmented into a predetermined number of MFUs, one
- 30 of "1," "2," and "3" is inserted. The value "1" indicates that the MMT packet contains the first fragment. The value "2" indicates that the MMT packet contains

an intermediate fragment, but not the first or last fragment. The value “3” indicates that the MMT packet contains the last fragment.

[0037]

The fragment count is count information of MFUs. The aggregation info-
 5 flag is flag information indicating whether or not the payload contains a plurality of MPUs. The value “0” indicates that the payload contains only one MPU. The value “1” indicates that the payload contains a plurality of MPUs. The RAP flag is information indicating whether or not the MMT packet contains a random access point, i.e., an access unit corresponding to the head picture of a GOP.

10 [0038]

The data offset is information indicating a size from the head position of the payload to the head position of the payload data, i.e., the size of the payload header. The data unit number indicates the number of MPU data units contained in the payload. The data unit offset is offset information from the head position of
 15 payload data in each data unit. The payload sequence number is the payload sequence number of the MMT packet. The header extension field flag is flag information indicating whether or not a payload header extension is present.

[0039]

FIG. 3 shows example MMT packetization. The meta-data of each of the
 20 boxes “styp,” “sidx,” “mmpu,” “moov,” and “moof” of an MMT file is inserted in one MPU data unit of an MMT payload to generate an MMT packet. In this case, in the MMT payload header, the “fragmentation_indicator” is “0,” the “fragment_count” is “0,” the “aggregation_info_flag” is “0,” and the “RAP flag” is “1.”

25 [0040]

Also, in this case, one MPU that is present in the “mdat” of the MMT file is inserted in one MPU data unit of an MMT payload to generate an MMT packet. In this case, in the MMT payload header, the “fragmentation_indicator” is “0,” the “fragment_count” is “0,” the “aggregation_info_flag” is “0,” and the “RAP_flag” is
 30 “1.”

[0041]

FIG. 4 shows another example MMT packetization. In this case, as in the example of FIG. 3, the meta-data of each of the boxes “styp,” “sidx,” “mmpu,” and “moov” of an MMT file is inserted in one MPU data unit of an MMT payload to generate an MMT packet. Also, in this case, in a plurality of (in this example, three) MPU data units of the MMT payload, three MPUs that are present in the “mdat” of the MMT file are inserted to generate an MMT packet. In this case, in the MMT payload header, the “fragmentation_indicator” is “0,” the “fragment_count” is “0,” the “aggregation_info_flag” is “1,” the “RAP_flag” is “1,” the “numDU” is 3,” and three “DU offsets” are present.

10 [0042]

FIG. 5 shows still another example MMT packetization. In this case. In this case, as in the example of FIG. 3, the meta-data of each of the boxes “styp,” “sidx,” “mmpu,” “moov,” and “moof” of an MMT file is inserted in one MPU data unit of an MMT payload, or predetermined information conversion is performed, to generate an MMT packet.

15 [0043]

Also, in this case, one access unit (AU) that is present in the “mdat” of the MMT file, as well as an MFU header (MFU Hdr), are inserted in one MPU data unit of an MMT payload to generate an MMT packet. In this case, in the MMT payload header, the “fragmentation_indicator” is “1,” the “fragment_count” is “N” that is the count value of MFUs, the “aggregation_info_flag” is one of “1” to “3,” depending on an MFU that is contained, and the “RAP_flag” is “1” or “0.” Note that the MFU header contains information, such as the sequence number (sequence_number) of the MFU.

20 [0044]

FIG. 6 and FIG. 8 show a case where an MMT packet containing an MFU obtained by fragmentation is a transport packet, and the MMT packet is the head packet (the head of a GOP) of random access. In this case, this MMT packet is delivered together with an MMT packet in which the meta-data of each of the boxes “styp,” “sidx,” “mmpu,” “moov,” and “moof” of an MMT file is inserted, or predetermined information conversion is performed.

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[0045]

For example, the “mmpu” area contains information for determining whether or not the data of an MFU is real-time data. This determination information allows a receiver to, at the head of random access, determine whether or not the data of an MFU is real-time data, for example.

[0046]

FIG. 7 shows a case where an MMT packet containing an MFU obtained by fragmentation is a transport packet, and the MMT packet is a non-head packet of random access. In this case, this MMT packet is delivered as an MMT packet having a minimum configuration unlike the above head packet.

[0047]

FIG. 9 shows a configuration of an MMT packet in a tree form. As described above, an MMT packet includes an MMT packet header, an MMT payload header, and an MMT payload. The MMT payload contains a message, a media processing unit (MPU), an FEC repair symbol, and the like. Signaling of these is performed based on a payload type (payload_type) contained in the MMT payload header.

[0048]

Note that various message contents are inserted in a message in a table form. Also, an MPU may be fragmented and divided into MMT fragment units (MFUs). In this case, an MFU header is added to the head of each MFU. In the MMT payload, an MPU related to media data, such as video or audio, and in addition, an MPU related to meta-data, are present. An MMT packet containing each MPU can be identified using a packet ID (Packet_ID) present in the MMT packet header.

[0049]

[Concept of transmission apparatus and reception apparatus]

FIG. 10 is a conceptual diagram of a transport packet transmission apparatus 100 and a transport packet reception apparatus 200. The transmission apparatus 100 includes an asset generation unit 101, an encoder 102, a transport packetization unit 103, a clock generation unit 104, an IP transmission unit 105, and an RF transmission unit 106.

[0050]

The asset generation unit 101 generates video or audio data as media data. The asset generation unit 101 may be a data storage including a hard disk drive (HDD), semiconductor memory, or the like, or alternatively, a video camera,
 5 microphone, or the like. The encoder 102 performs an encoding process on video or audio data generated by the asset generation unit 101 to generate transmission data.

[0051]

The transport packetization unit 103 generates an MMT packet containing media data in which the transmission data generated by the encoder 102 is inserted in
 10 the payload in MPU units or MFU units that are fragments of an MPU unit, and also generates the above MMT packet containing meta-data or the above MMT packet containing a message. The transport packetization unit 103, when generating an MMT packet, inserts time information for allowing a receiver to obtain decoding time (Decode_Timestamp) and presentation time (Display_Timestamp) into the
 15 MMT packet. The insertion of the time information into an MMT packet will be described in detail below.

[0052]

The IP transmission unit 105, when using a communication network transmission channel, converts a transport stream including MMT packets
 20 successively output from the transport packetization unit 103 into IP packets, and transmits the IP packets to a receiver through the communication network transmission channel. The RF transmission unit 106, when using an RF transmission channel, performs RF modulation on a transport stream including MMT packets successively output from the transport packetization unit 103 through an
 25 appropriate adaptation layer or the like, and transmits the resultant transport stream to a receiver through the RF transmission channel. Here, the transmission apparatus 100 adds a transmission timestamp to transmission data based on a system time clock STC output from the clock generation unit 104.

[0053]

30 The reception apparatus 200 has an RF reception unit 201, an IP reception unit 202, a clock reproduction unit 203, a transport unpacketization unit 204, and a

decoding/output process unit 205.

[0054]

The RF reception unit 201 receives a transport stream that is a succession of MMT packets transmitted from a transmitter through an RF transmission channel
 5 after analysis of the adaptation layer, and outputs the transport stream to the transport unpacketization unit 204. Also, the IP reception unit 202 receives a transport stream that is a succession of MMT packets transmitted from a transmitter through a communication network transmission channel, and outputs the transport stream to the transport unpacketization unit 204.

10 [0055]

The clock generation unit 203 generates and supplies a system time clock STC to the transport unpacketization unit 204 or the like. The clock generation unit 203 sets a clock based on a transmission timestamp value (NTP value) added to transmission data. Alternatively, the clock generation unit 203 sets a clock based on
 15 a timestamp value (NTP value) supplied using an NTP packet. In this case, the clock generation unit 203 corrects a generated system time clock STC so that a difference between the generated system time clock STC and a type stamp value (NTP value) falls within a certain range.

[0056]

20 When NTP is supplied using an NTP packet obtained from an NTP server or the like, instead of a transmission timestamp of an MMT packet header, the format of NTP is not limited to an “NTP short format” shown in FIG. 11. Although not shown, NTP may be supplied in an 64-bit “NTP timestamp format (32 bits for the integer part of second + 32 bits for the fractional part of second)” (see IETF RFC
 25 5905). In this case, in a receiver, the decoder clock is set using the value of the received NTP, and is compared with the timestamp value of media. In this case, a difference in precision between the timestamp of presentation or decoding of media and the receiver’s clock is taken into account in the receiver during the comparison.

[0057]

30 The transport unpacketization unit 204 performs unpacketization on MMT packets successively supplied from the RF reception unit 201 or the IP reception unit

202 to obtain reception data as media data, and in addition, meta-data or a message. The decoding/output process unit 205 decodes the reception data obtained by the transport unpacketization unit 204 to obtain video or audio data, and performs video display or audio output based on the meta-data or message.

5 [0058]

In this case, the decoding/output process unit 205 obtains decoding time (Decode_Timestamp) and/or presentation time (Display_Timestamp) for each access unit based on the time information extracted by the transport unpacketization unit 204, and controls decoding timing and presentation timing, to achieve synchronous reproduction of video and audio. This video and audio synchronous reproduction will be described in detail below.

[0059]

Operations of the transmission apparatus 100 and the reception apparatus 200 shown in FIG. 10 will be briefly described. Firstly, an operation of the transmission apparatus 100 will be described. Video or audio data generated by the asset generation unit 101 is supplied to the encoder 102. Thereafter, the encoder 102 performs an encoding process on the video or audio data to generate transmission data (encoded data).

[0060]

20 The transmission data generated by the encoder 102 is supplied to the transport packetization unit 103. Thereafter, the transport packetization unit 103 generates an MMT packet containing media data in which the transmission data is inserted in the payload in MPU units or MFU units that are fragments of an MPU unit, and in addition, the above MMT packet containing meta-data or the above MMT packet containing a message.

25 [0061]

A transport stream including MMT packets successively generated by the transport packetization unit 103 is supplied to the IP transmission unit 105 or the RF transmission unit 106. The IP transmission unit 105, when using a communication network transmission channel, converts the transport stream into IP packets, and transmits the IP packets to a receiver through the communication network

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transmission channel. Also, the RF transmission unit 106, when using an RF transmission channel, performs RF modulation on the transport stream, and transmits the resultant transport stream to a receiver through the RF transmission channel. In this case, a transmission timestamp is added to transmission data based on the system
 5 time clock STC output from the clock generation unit 104.

[0062]

Next, an operation of the reception apparatus 200 will be described. A transport stream transmitted from a transmitter is received by the RF reception unit 201 or the IP reception unit 202, so that the transport stream containing a succession
 10 of MMT packets is obtained. This transport stream is supplied to the transport unpacketization unit 204. The transport unpacketization unit 204 performs unpacketization on the MMT packets to obtain reception data as media data, and in addition, meta-data or a message, and also time information or the like. These pieces of data or information are supplied to the decoding/output process unit 205.

15 [0063]

The decoding/output process unit 205 decodes the reception data obtained by the transport unpacketization unit 204 to obtain video or audio data, and performs video display or audio output based on meta-data or a message. In this case, time information extracted from MMT packets by the transport unpacketization unit 204
 20 is supplied to the decoding/output process unit 205. Thereafter, based on the time information, the decoding/output process unit 205 obtains the decoding time (Decode_Timestamp) and/or presentation time (Display_Timestamp) of each access unit, and controls decoding timing and output timing, to achieve simultaneous reproduction of video and audio.

25 [0064]

[Time information inserted in MMT packet]

Next, time information inserted in an MMT packet will be described. As described above, the time information is information for allowing a receiver to obtain decoding time (Decode_Timestamp) and/or presentation time (Display_Timestamp).
 30 Media data contained in an MMT packet includes one or more access units. The time information inserted in an MMT packet is time information and/or information

for obtaining presentation time each of which corresponds to each of the one or more access units.

[0065]

For example, in a first technique, the time information inserted in an MMT
5 packet contains an initial value, i.e., a value of decoding time or presentation time
corresponding to the initial access unit of the one or more access units. Also, the
time information contains an offset value from decoding time to presentation time
each of which corresponds to each access unit. Also, for example, in a second
10 technique, the time information inserted in an MMT packet contains presentation
time itself, or presentation time and decoding time themselves.

[0066]

The first technique will be described. The offset value is a relative offset
value corresponding to an absolute offset value. Therefore, conversion information
for converting the relative offset value into the absolute offset value is added to the
15 time information. The conversion information contains “timestamp_type,” “time
tick,” “au_rate_scale,” “division_factor,” and the like.

[0067]

The “timestamp_type” is information indicating whether the initial value is
the initial value of decoding time or the initial value of presentation time. The
20 “time tick” is information indicating what clock is used for control. This
information indicates that all is controlled using a clock of 90 kHz, for example.
The “au_rate_scale” is scale information for calculating the rate of video or audio
access units. Note that the conversion information also contains flag information
“Asset_type” indicating whether media data is video or audio.

25 [0068]

For example, in the case of video, if the above “time_tick” indicates 90 kHz,
the “au_rate_scale” has a value of 1500, 1800, 3000, 3600, or the like. By dividing
90 kHz by the respective values, a video rate of 60 Hz, 50 Hz, 30 Hz, 25 Hz, or the
like can be calculated.

30 [0069]

Also, the “division_factor” is a factor for finely adjusting the rate. For

example, in the case of NTSC video, the “division_factor” is a value for adjusting the rate to 30 Hz or 29.94 Hz, i.e., is “1” or “1.001.”

[0070]

Here, a case where the media data is video and the initial value is decoding time will be described. FIG. 12 indicates an example correspondence relationship between decoding times “DTS(n),” offset values “DLT(n),” and presentation times “PTS(n)” that correspond to the zeroth to sixth access units (AUs). In this example, an offset value (dlt_time) from the initial value of decoding time to the initial value of presentation time is “1,” which is a relative offset value.

10 [0071]

Here, the zeroth access unit is an I picture, the initial access unit is a P picture, the second access unit is a B picture, the third access unit is a B picture, the fourth access unit is a P picture, the fifth access unit is a B picture, and the sixth access unit is a B picture. Therefore, decoding times are reordered to obtain presentation times.

[0072]

In this case, the time information inserted and transmitted in an MMT packet is TS0 (here, TS0 = 0) that is the initial value of decoding time, and the relative offset values DLT(n). Note that, in FIG. 12, the “Time” indicates time for each access unit using a relative value.

20 [0073]

When such time information is transmitted to a receiver, the receiver can calculate the decoding time and presentation time of each access unit using the conversion information as follows. In this case, the initial value TS0 is the decoding time DTS(0) of the initial access unit. The offset time (dlt_time) from the initial value TS0 is calculated by Expression (1) below. For example, as a typical example, when the au_rate_scale = 1500 and the division_factor = 1.001, the dlt_time = 1500 * 1.001.

$$\text{dlt_time} = \text{au_rate_scale} * \text{division_factor} \quad (1)$$

30 [0074]

The decoding times DTS(n) of the subsequent access units are calculated by

adding a value obtained by dividing the offset time (dlt_time) by the “time_tick” to the immediately previous decoding time $DTS(n - 1)$ as shown in Expression (2) below. Note that $DTS(0) = TS0$.

$$DTS(n) = dlt_time/time_tick + DTS(n - 1) \quad (2)$$

5 [0075]

Also, as shown in Expression (3) below, the presentation time $PTS(n)$ of each access unit is calculated by adding a value obtained by multiplying the offset value $DLT(n)$ by the “dlt_time/time_tick” to the decoding time $DTS(n)$.

$$PTS(n) = DLT(n) * (dlt_time/time_tick) + DTS(n) \quad (3)$$

10 [0076]

Next, a case where the media data is video and the initial value is presentation time will be described. FIG. 13 indicates an example correspondence relationship between decoding times “ $DTS(n)$,” offset values “ $DLT(n)$,” and presentation times “ $PTS(n)$ ” that correspond to the zeroth to sixth access units (AUs), which is similar to that of FIG. 12. In this example, an offset value (dlt_time) from the initial value of decoding time to the initial value of presentation time is “1.” Also in this case, decoding times are reordered to obtain presentation times.

[0077]

In this case, the time information inserted and transmitted in an MMT packet is $TS0$ (here, $TS0 = 1$) that is the initial value of presentation time, and the relative offset values $DLT(n)$. Note that, in FIG. 13, “Time” indicates time for each access unit using a relative value.

[0078]

In a case where such time information is transmitted to a receiver, the receiver can calculate the decoding time and presentation time of each access unit using the conversion information as follows. In this case, the initial value $TS0$ is the presentation time $PTS(0)$ of the initial access unit. Therefore, as shown in Expression (4) below, the decoding time $DTS(0)$ of the initial access unit is calculated by subtracting, from $PTS(0)$, a value obtained by multiplying a value obtained by dividing the offset time (i.e., the “dlt_time”) by the “time_tick” by the offset value $DLT(n)$.

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$$DTS(0) = PTS(0) - (dlt_time/time_tick) * DLT(n) \quad (4)$$

[0079]

Here, as shown in Expression (5) below, the “dlt_time” is calculated by multiplying the “au_rate_scale” by the “division_factor.”

$$dlt_time = au_rate_scale * division_factor \quad (5)$$

[0080]

The decoding times DTS(n) of the subsequent access units are calculated by adding a value obtained by dividing the offset time (dlt_time) by the “time_tick” to the immediately previous decoding time DTS(n – 1) as shown in the following expression (6).

$$DTS(n) = dlt_time/time_tick + DTS(n - 1) \quad (6)$$

[0081]

Also, the presentation time PTS(n) of each access unit is calculated by adding a value obtained by multiplying the offset value DLT(n) by the “dlt_time/time_tick” to the decoding time DTS(n) as shown in the following expression (7).

$$PTS(n) = DLT(n) * (dlt_time/time_tick) + DTS(n) \quad (7)$$

[0082]

Next, a case where the media data is audio and the initial value is decoding time will be described. FIG. 14 indicates an example correspondence relationship between decoding times “DTS(n),” offset values “DLT(n),” and audio output times “PTS(n)” that correspond to the zeroth to sixth access units (AUs). In this example, the “dlt_time/time_tick” is “1.”

[0083]

Note that an audio access unit is a set of a plurality of audio samples. Here, as shown in Expression (8) below, the “dlt_time” is calculated by multiplying the “au_rate_scale” by the “division_factor.” For example, as a typical example, when the audio sampling frequency is 44.1 KHz and the audio encoding scheme uses 1024 samples as one audio access unit, the au_rate_scale = 2089.8, the division_factor = 1, and the dlt_time = 2089.8 * 1.

$$dlt_time = au_rate_scale * division_factor \quad (8)$$

[0084]

In this case, the time information inserted and transmitted in an MMT packet is TS0 (here, TS0 = 0) that is the initial value of audio output time, and the relative offset values DLT(n). Note that, in FIG. 14, the “Time” indicates time for each access unit using a relative value. In a normal case, after being decoded, the time information is transferred to a buffer directly without reordering, and therefore, DLT(n) indicating a difference between the decoding time DTS(n) and the audio output time PTS(n) is “0.”

[0085]

When such time information is transmitted to a receiver, the receiver can calculate the decoding time and audio output time of each access unit using the conversion information as follows. In this case, the initial value TS0 is the audio output time PTS(0) of the initial access unit, and is also directly the decoding time DTS(0) of the initial access unit.

[0086]

The decoding times DTS(n) and audio output times PTS(n) of the subsequent access units are calculated by adding a value obtained by dividing the offset time (dlt_time) by the “time_tick” to the immediately previous audio output time PTS(n – 1) as shown in Expression (9) below. Note that PTS(0) = TS0.

$$\text{PTS}(n) = \text{DTS}(n) = (\text{dlt_time}/\text{time_tick}) + \text{PTS}(n-1) \quad (9)$$

[0087]

[Example configuration of decoding/output process unit of reception apparatus]

The decoding/output process unit 205 of the reception apparatus 200 will be further described. FIG. 15 shows an example configuration of the decoding/output process unit 205. The decoding/output process unit 205 has a demultiplexer 301, a video decoder 302, a video display unit 303, an audio decoder 304, an audio output unit 305, and a control unit 306.

[0088]

The demultiplexer 301 extracts various kinds of information or data from an output of the transport unpacketization unit 204. Specifically, the demultiplexer

301 extracts encoded video data of each video access unit, and also extracts encoded audio data of each audio access unit.

[0089]

Also, the demultiplexer 301 extracts time information for obtaining the
5 decoding time DTS(n) and presentation time (audio output time) PTS(n) of each video or audio access unit. As described above, this time information contains the initial value TS0 and the relative offset values DLT(n).

[0090]

Also, the demultiplexer 301 extracts various kinds of information
10 (conversion information) for converting the relative offset value DLT(n) into the absolute offset value. As described above, this conversion information contains the “timestamp_type,” “time_tick,” “au_rate_scale,” “division_factor,” and the like.

[0091]

The video decoder 302 performs a decoding process on the encoded video
15 data of each video access unit extracted by the demultiplexer 301 to obtain decoded video data of each access unit. The video display unit 303 performs video display (image display) based on the decoded video data of each access unit obtained by the video decoder 302.

[0092]

20 The audio decoder 304 performs a decoding process on the encoded audio data of each audio access unit extracted by the demultiplexer 301 to obtain decoded audio data of each access unit. The audio output unit 305 performs audio output (sound output) based on the decoded audio data of each access unit obtained by the audio decoder 304.

25 [0093]

The control unit 306 calculates the decoding time DTS(n) and presentation time (audio output time) PTS(n) of each video or audio access unit based on the time information and conversion information extracted by the demultiplexer 301. Thereafter, the control unit 306 performs a synchronous reproduction control on
30 audio or video as follows.

[0094]

Specifically, the control unit 306 controls the decoding timing and presentation timing of each video access unit based on the decoding time DTS(n) and presentation time PTS(n) of each access unit. In this case, the control unit 306 controls the video decoder 302 so that the video decoder 302 starts decoding each access unit at a timing when the system clock STC generated by the clock generation unit 203 (see FIG. 7) indicates the decoding time DTS(n). Also, the control unit 306 controls the video display unit 303 so that the video display unit 303 starts video display using each access unit at a timing when the system clock STC indicates the presentation time PTS(n).

10 [0095]

Also, the control unit 306 controls the decoding timing and presentation timing of each audio access unit based on the decoding time DTS(n) and audio output time PTS(n) of each access unit. In this case, the control unit 306 controls the audio decoder 304 so that the audio decoder 304 starts decoding each access unit at a timing when the system clock STC indicates the decoding time DTS(n). Also, the control unit 306 controls the audio output unit 305 so that the audio output unit 305 starts audio output using each access unit at a timing when the system clock STC indicates the audio output time PTS(n).

[0096]

20 An operation of the decode/output control unit 205 shown in FIG. 15 will be briefly described. An output of the transport unpacketization unit 204 is supplied to the demultiplexer 301. The demultiplexer 301 extracts encoded video data of each video access unit, and supplies the encoded video data to the video decoder 302.

[0097]

25 The video decoder 302 performs a decoding process on the encoded video data of each video access unit to obtain decoded video data of each access unit. Thus, the decoded video data of each access unit is supplied to the video display unit 303. The video display unit 303 performs video display (image display) based on the video data of each access unit.

30 [0098]

Also, the demultiplexer 301 extracts encoded audio data of each audio

access unit, and supplies the encoded audio data to the audio decoder 304. The audio decoder 304 performs a decoding process on the encoded audio data of each audio access unit to obtain decoded audio data of each access unit. Thus, the decoded audio data of each access unit is supplied to the audio output unit 305. The
 5 audio output unit 305 performs audio output (sound output) based on the audio data of each access unit.

[0099]

Also, the demultiplexer 301 extracts time information (the initial value TS0 and the relative offset values DLT(n)) for obtaining the decoding time DTS(n) and
 10 presentation time (audio output time) PTS(n) of each video or audio access unit. Moreover, the demultiplexer 301 extracts various kinds of conversion information for converting the relative offset value DLT(n) into the absolute offset value. These pieces of time information and conversion information are supplied to the control unit 306.

15 [0100]

The control unit 306 calculates the decoding time DTS(n) and presentation time (audio output time) PTS(n) of each video or audio access unit based on the time information and the conversion information. Thereafter, the control unit 306 performs a synchronous reproduction control on audio or video based on the
 20 decoding time DTS(n) and the presentation time (audio output time) PTS(n).

[0101]

In this case, the control unit 306 controls the decoding timing and presentation timing of each video access unit based on the decoding time DTS(n) and presentation time PTS(n) of each video access unit. Also, the control unit 306
 25 controls the decoding timing and output timing of each audio access unit based on the decoding time DTS(n) and audio output time PTS(n) of each audio access unit.

[0102]

Note that, in the foregoing description, a case where the time information inserted in an MMT packet is of the first technique, i.e., the time information is the
 30 initial value of decoding time or presentation time and the offset value corresponding to each access unit, has been described. Although not described in detail, there may

be a case where the time information inserted in an MMT packet is of the second technique, i.e., the time information is the presentation time itself, or presentation time and decoding time themselves, of each access unit. In this case, the control unit 306 uses these times directly.

5 [0103]

FIG. 16 is a timing chart showing an example AV synchronous reproduction control in the control unit 306. FIG. 16(a) shows a system clock STC generated by the clock generation unit 203. As described above, this system clock STC is set based on a transmission timestamp (NTP value) transmitted from a transmitter or a
10 timestamp value (NTP value) supplied in an NTP packet.

[0104]

As shown in FIG. 16(b), each time the system clock STC indicates the decoding time DTS(n) of each video access unit, decoding of each video access unit is started. Thereafter, as shown in FIG. 16(c), each time the system clock STC
15 indicates the presentation time PTS(n) of each video access unit, video display (image display) of each video access unit is started.

[0105]

As shown in FIG. 16(d), each time the system clock STC indicates the decoding time DTS(n) of each audio access unit, decoding of each audio access unit
20 is started, and audio output (sound output) is started. FIG. 16(e) shows audio sample output.

[0106]

Note that if a packet that is an MFU fragment is dropped during transmission, or it is determined that such a packet is not used for presentation in the
25 reception apparatus 200, the count of access units of a timestamp table that is reproduced in a receiver, and access units that are actually received, have a relationship shown in FIG. 17. Access units (AUs) as MFU data that are assorted according to the sequence number (sequence_number) of the MFU header, are checked on the timestamp table, and are transferred from a compression buffer to a
30 decoder at the timing of DTS(n). Also, the access units are transferred from the decode buffer to a presentation process at the timing of PTS(n). Thus, it is

determined whether or not a timestamp (Timestamp) is to be referenced with respect to an access unit that is not received or an access unit that it has been determined is not to be presented.

[0107]

5 [Method for generating time information when file is converted into transport packets]

When a file state is converted into transport packets, time information (time information for allowing a receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time) that is to be inserted in an MMT packet is generated based on information that is
10 obtained from an MMT file as described below. The time information that is to be inserted in an MMT packet is generated from information in a file by the transport packetization unit 103.

[0108]

Firstly, a case where “moov” information is used for an entire file will be
15 described. In this case, the decoding times and presentation times of all samples contained in a file are supplied using boxes ‘stts’ and ‘ctts’ in the box “Moov.” In this case, the decoding time is given by the box ‘stts’ (decoding time to sample). Also, a difference between the decoding time and the presentation time is given by the box ‘ctts’ (composition time to sample). Also, a sample position of random
20 access is shown in a box ‘stss’ (sync sample table).

[0109]

Next, a case where “moof” information is used for each fragment will be described. In this case, the decoding time and presentation time of a sample for each fragment are supplied using boxes ‘trun’ and ‘tfra’ in the box “Moof.” In this
25 case, an offset position from the head position of a fragment, and an offset between the decoding time and presentation time of a sample (the number of frames in the case of video, and the number of audio samples in the case of audio), are supplied using the box ‘trun’ (track fragment run). Also, a random access position and the decoding time of the sample are supplied using the box ‘tfra’ (track fragment random
30 access). Also, a presentation time is known from a difference value between the decoding time and presentation time of each sample.

[0110]

[Position where time information is inserted]

Next, a method for inserting time information will be described. FIG. 18 schematically shows a method for inserting time information into an MMT packet. FIG. 18(a) shows a case where time information is transmitted in an MPU payload header. In this case, if the payload of an MPU contains a plurality of access units (AUs), time information corresponding to the plurality of access units is inserted in a payload header extension. On the other hand, if a single access unit is provided in the payload of an MPU, time information is inserted in a payload header extension for each access unit.

[0111]

FIG. 18(b) shows a case where time information is transmitted in an MPU payload for each access unit (AU) that is a fragment. In this case, a single access unit is provided in an MFU, and time information is inserted in an MFU header extension for each access unit. Alternatively, time information is inserted in an MFU payload for each access unit. Also, FIG. 18(c) shows a case where time information is transmitted in a message. In this case, at least, a message having time information for media related using a packet ID (packet_id) of interest is delivered in units of a random access point (RAP).

[0112]

FIG. 19 shows an example packet configuration in a case where time information (time information for allowing a receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time) is inserted for each access unit in order to reduce a delay in transmission/reception. FIG. 19(a) shows an example packet configuration in a case where time information is inserted in an MMT payload header. FIG. 19(b) shows an example packet configuration in a case where time information is inserted in an MFU. Moreover, FIG. 19(c) shows an example packet configuration in a case where time information is inserted in an MMT message.

[0113]

Note that, in each example packet configuration, if an MMT packet having an access unit of interest is the head packet of random access, i.e., a packet of a

random access point, the MMT packet is delivered together with an MMT packet in which meta-data of each of the boxes “styp,” “sidx,” “mmpu,” and “moov” of an MMT file is inserted. On the other hand, if this MMT packet is a non-head packet of random access, i.e., a packet of a non-random access point, an MMT packet in
5 which the above meta-data is inserted is not delivered.

[0114]

The case where time information is transmitted in the MPU payload header will be further described. FIG. 20 shows an example structure (syntax) of an entire MMT packet. The MMT packet (mmt packet()) contains an MMT packet header (mmtp_header()) and an MMT payload (mmtp_payload()). Moreover, the MMT
10 payload contains an MMT payload header (mmtp_payload_header()) and MMT payload data (mmtp_payload_data()).

[0115]

FIG. 21 shows an example structure (syntax) of the MMT packet header (mmtp_header()). Although not described in detail, the MMT packet header contains, as described above, a packet ID (packet_id), a packet sequence number (packet_sequence_number), a transmission timestamp (transmission_timestamp), a transmission priority (transmission Priority), private user data (private user_data), and the like.
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20 [0116]

FIG. 22 shows an example structure (syntax) of the MMT payload header (mmtp_payload_header()). Although not described in detail, the MMT payload header contains, as described above, a payload length (payload_length), a payload type (payload_type), a fragment type (fragment_type), a fragment count (fragment_count), an aggregation info-flag (aggregation_info_flag), an RAP flag (random_access_point_flag), a data offset (data_offset), a data unit number (numDU), a data unit offset (DU_offset), a payload sequence number (payload_seq_number), a header extension field flag (header_extension_field_flag), and the like.
25

[0117]

30 Also, when the header extension field flag is “1,” the MMT payload header further contains an MMT payload header extension

(mmtp_payload_header_extension()).

[0118]

FIG. 23 shows an example structure (syntax) of the MMT payload header extension (mmtp_payload_header_extension()). This example structure corresponds to a case where time information is transmitted in the MPU payload header. FIG. 24 shows semantics of major information in the example structure.

[0119]

A “payload_header_extension_type,” which is a 16-bit field, indicates the type of the MMT payload header extension. For example, “0x0001” indicates that time information (type stamp) for processing is provided. A “payload_header_extension_length,” which is a 16-bit field, indicates the size of the MMT payload header extension. The “asset_type,” which is a 2-bit field, indicates an asset type. For example, “01” indicates video, and “10” indicates audio.

[0120]

A “time_tick,” which is a 2-bit field, indicates what clock is used for control. The value “01” indicates a value of a clock of 90-kHz precision. The value “10” indicates the “NTP short time.” An “au_rate_scale,” which is a 3-bit field, indicates scale information for calculating the rate of video or audio access units.

[0121]

If the asset type is video, “000” indicates a value of 3750, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 24 Hz. Also, “001” indicates a value of 3600, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 25 Hz. Also, “010” indicates a value of 3000, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 30 Hz.

[0122]

Also, “011” indicates a value of 1800, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 50 Hz. Also, “100” indicates a value of 1500, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 60 Hz. Also, “101” indicates a value of 900, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 100 Hz. Also, “110” indicates a value of 750, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 120 Hz. Note that “111” is reserved.

[0123]

On the other hand, if the asset type is audio, “000” indicates a value of 1920, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be $48 \text{ KHz} * 1024$. Also, “001” indicates a value of 2089.8, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be $44.1 \text{ KHz} * 1024$. Also, “010” indicates a value of 2880, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be $32 \text{ KHz} * 1024$. Note that the others are reserved.

5 [0124]

A “division_factor,” which is a 2-bit field, is a factor for finely adjusting the rate. If the asset type is video, “00” indicates 1, and “01” indicates 1.001. Also, if the asset type is audio, “00” indicates 1, and “01” indicates 2.

10 [0125]

A “timestamp_type,” which is a 1-bit field, is information indicating whether the initial value is the initial value of decoding time or the initial value of presentation time. The value “1” indicates decoding time (decode_timestamp), and the value “0” indicates presentation time (display_timestamp).

15 [0126]

A “timestamp_for_processing,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates the initial value. In this case, if the “time_tick” is “01,” the timestamp is in 90-KHz precision. Also, if the “time_tick” is “10,” the timestamp is the “NTP short timestamp” defined in RFC5059.

20 [0127]

An “au_count_in_mpu,” which is a 10-bit field, indicates the number of access units (AUs) contained in an MPU. A “delta_sequence_type,” which is a 1-bit field, indicates whether the offset value is a variable length code or an 8-bit fixed length. The value “1” indicates a variable length code, and “0” indicates an 8-bit fixed length. Note that variable length coding of the offset value will be described below.

25 [0128]

A “delta_fixed_length_code,” which is an 8-bit field, is an area where an offset value having an 8-bit fixed length is inserted. A “delta_variable_length_code,” which is a variable length area, is an area where an offset value is inserted as a variable length code. Note that a “trailing_filler()” is

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used to insert a 1-bit to 7-bit succession of “0” with respect to accumulation of the “delta_variable_length_code” when necessary for byte alignment of the size of the MMT payload header extension (mmtp_payload_header_extension()).

[0129]

- 5 Note that, by adding to the semantics of FIG. 24, the time_tick = 60Hz and the au_rate_scale = 1 can be assigned in the case of video, and the time_tick = 44.1 KHz and the au_rate_scale = 1 can be assigned in the case of audio.

[0130]

- 10 Note that, in the foregoing, an example structure corresponding to the first technique in which decoding time or presentation time, and an offset value, are inserted in the MMT payload header extension, has been illustrated. There may be another example structure corresponding to the second technique in which presentation time, or presentation time and decoding time, are inserted in the MMT payload header extension.

15 [0131]

FIG. 25 shows an example structure (syntax) of the MMT payload header extension (mmtp_payload_header_extension()) in that case. This example structure also corresponds to a case where time information is transmitted in the MPU payload header. FIG. 26 shows semantics of major information in the example structure.

20 [0132]

- 25 A “payload_header_extension_type,” which is a 16-bit field, shows the type of the MMT payload header extension. For example, “0x01” indicates that a presentation timestamp (presentation time) is supplied in the NTP short time format. The value “0x02” indicates that a presentation timestamp and a decoding timestamp (decoding time) are supplied in the NTP short time format. The value “0x03” indicates that a presentation timestamp is supplied in 90-KHz precision. The value “0x04” indicates that a presentation timestamp and a decoding timestamp are supplied in 90-KHz precision.

[0133]

- 30 A “payload_header_extension_length,” which is a 16-bit field, indicates the size of the MMT payload header extension. A “presentation_timestamp,” which is

a 32-bit field, indicates the value of a presentation timestamp (presentation time). A “decoding_timestamp,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates the value of a decoding timestamp (decoding time).

[0134]

5 Next, the case where time information is transmitted for each access unit (AU) which is a fragment in an MPU payload will be further described. In this case, for example, as shown in FIG. 27, presentation time (presentation timestamp) PTS and an offset value DLT are inserted and transmitted in the MFU header extension (mfu_header_extension) area for each access unit (AU). Although not shown,
10 decoding time (decoding timestamp) DTS may be delivered instead of the presentation time (presentation timestamp) PTS.

[0135]

FIG. 28 shows an example structure (syntax) of an MFU. The MFU contains an MFU header (mfu_header()) and MFU media data (mfu_media_data()).
15 FIG. 29 and FIG. 30 show an example structure (syntax) of the MFU header (mfu_header()). FIG. 31 shows semantics of major information of this example structure.

[0136]

A “sequence_number,” which is a 32-bit field, is an MFU sequence number
20 in an MPU. A “trackref_index,” which is an 8-bit field, is a media track number. A “sample_number,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates the ordinal number of a sample (access unit) to which the MFU belongs in the box moof. A “priority,” which is an 8-bit field, shows the level of priority of the MFU in the MPU. A “dependency_counter,” which is an 8-bit field, indicates the number of MFUs on
25 which decoding depends in the MFU.

[0137]

An “offset,” which is a 16-bit field, indicates an offset from the box mdat. A “length,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates the size of an MFU. A “multiLayer_flag,” which is a 1-bit field, indicates the presence or absence of
30 multilayer information. A “mfu_header_extension_flag,” which is a 1-bit field, indicates the presence or absence of an MFU extension (mfu_extension).

[0138]

A “dependency_id,” “depth_flag,” “temporal_id,” “quality_id,” “priority_id,” “view_id,” and “layer_id” indicate IDs that indicate various dependence relationships between MFUs. An “Item_ID” indicates the ID of a file.

- 5 If the MFU header extension flag (mfu_header_extension_flag) is “1,” the MFU header extension (mfu_header_extension()) is present.

[0139]

- FIG. 32 shows an example structure (syntax) of the MFU header extension (mfu_header_extension()). FIG. 33 shows semantics of major information of this example structure. An “asset_type,” which is a 2-bit field, indicates an asset type. For example, “01” indicates video, and “10” indicates audio.

[0140]

- A “time_tick,” which is a 2-bit field, indicates what clock is used for control. The value “01” indicates that all is controlled using a clock of 90-kHz precision. The value “10” indicates the “NTP short time.” An “au_rate_scale,” which is a 10-bit field, indicates scale information for calculating the rate of video or audio access units.

[0141]

- If the asset type is video, “000” indicates a value of 3750, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 24 Hz. Also, “001” indicates a value of 3600, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 25 Hz. Also, “010” indicates a value of 3000, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 30 Hz.

[0142]

- Also, “011” indicates a value of 1800, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 50 Hz. Also, “100” indicates a value of 1500, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 60 Hz. Also, “101” indicates a value of 900, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 100 Hz. Also, “110” indicates a value of 750, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be 120 Hz. Note that “111” is reserved.

- 30 [0143]

On the other hand, if the asset type is audio, “000” indicates a value of 1920,

and the rate can be calculated from that value to be $48 \text{ KHz} * 1024$. Also, “001” indicates a value of 2089.8, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be $44.1 \text{ KHz} * 1024$. Also, “010” indicates a value of 2880, and the rate can be calculated from that value to be $32 \text{ KHz} * 1024$. Note that the others are reserved.

5 [0144]

A “division_factor,” which is a 2-bit field, is a factor for finely adjusting the rate. If the asset type is video, “00” indicates 1, and “01” indicates 1.001. Also, if the asset type is audio, “00” indicates 1, and “01” indicates 2.

[0145]

10 A “timestamp_for_processing,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates time of a corresponding access unit. In this case, if the “time_tick” is “01,” the timestamp is in 90-KHz precision. Also, if the “time_tick” is “10,” the timestamp is the “NTP short timestamp” defined in RFC5059.

[0146]

15 A “timestamp_type,” which is a 1-bit field, indicates whether the time indicated by the above “timestamp_for_processing” is decoding time or presentation time. The value “1” indicates that the time is decoding time (decode_timestamp), and the value “0” indicates that the time is presentation time (display_timestamp). The “delta_fixed_length_code,” which is an 8-bit field, is an area where an offset value having an 8-bit fixed length is inserted.

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[0147]

Note that, in the foregoing, an example structure in which time information (e.g., the presentation time PTS or the decoding time DTS, and the offset value DLT) is inserted in the MFU header extension, has been illustrated. There may be an example structure in which time information is inserted in the MFU payload. FIG. 34 and FIG. 35 show an example structure (syntax) of the MFU header (mfu_header()) in that case. FIG. 36 shows semantics of major information of this example structure.

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[0148]

30 A “timestamp_type,” which is a 2-bit field, indicates whether or not a timestamp is supplied to the head of the MPU payload. The value “00” indicates

that a timestamp is not supplied. In this case, the first byte (1st byte) of the MPU payload is equal to the head byte of the fragmented MPU payload. The value “01” indicates that a presentation timestamp is supplied to the head of the MPU payload. In this case, the head byte of the fragmented MPU payload is supplied immediately
 5 after the presentation timestamp. The value “10” indicates that both a decoding timestamp and a presentation timestamp are supplied to the head of the MFU payload. In this case, the head byte of the fragmented MPU payload is supplied immediately after the timestamps.

[0149]

10 A “time_tick,” which is a 1-bit field, indicates the precision of the value of a timestamp. The value “0” indicates that the timestamp is in 90000-Hz precision. The value “1” indicates that the timestamp is in the NTP short time format.

[0150]

FIG. 37 shows an example structure (syntax) of the MFU payload
 15 (mfu_payload()), and semantics of the major information. A “presentation_timestamp,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates the value of a presentation timestamp (presentation time). A “decoding_timestamp,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates the value of a decoding timestamp (decoding time). If the “timestamp_type” in the MFU header is “01,” the “presentation_timestamp,” which
 20 is a 32-bit field, is present immediately before the payload data (payload_data). Also, if the “timestamp_type” in the MFU header is “10,” the “presentation_timestamp,” which is a 32-bit field, and the “decoding_timestamp,” which is a 32-bit field, are present immediately before the payload data (payload_data).

25 [0151]

FIG. 38 and FIG. 39 shows another example structure (syntax) of the MFU header (mfu_header()) in a case where time information is inserted in the MFU payload. FIG. 40 shows semantics of major information of this example structure. A “payload_header_flag,” which is 1-bit flag information, indicates whether or not
 30 an MFU payload header is present at the head of the MFU payload. The value “0” indicates that an MFU payload header is not present. In this case, the first byte (1st

byte) of the MFU payload is equal to the head byte of the fragmented MPU payload. The value “1” indicates that an MFU payload header is present. In this case, the head byte of the fragmented MPU payload is supplied immediately after the MFU payload header.

5 [0152]

FIG. 41 shows an example structure (syntax) of the MFU payload (mfu_payload()). FIG. 42 shows semantics of major information of this example structure. An “mfu_payload_header_type,” which is an 8-bit field, indicates the type of the MFU payload header. For example, “0x01” indicates that a presentation
10 timestamp (presentation time) is supplied in the NTP short time format. The value “0x02” indicates that a presentation timestamp and a decoding timestamp (decoding time) are supplied in the NTP short time format. The value “0x03” indicates that a presentation timestamp is supplied in 90-KHz precision. The value “0x04” indicates that a presentation timestamp and a decoding timestamp are supplied in 90-
15 KHz precision.

[0153]

An “mfu_payload_header_length,” which is an 8-bit field, indicates the size of the MFU payload header immediately after this element in the number of bytes. A “presentation_timestamp,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates the value of a
20 presentation timestamp (presentation time). A “decoding_timestamp,” which is a 32-bit field, indicates the value of a decoding timestamp (decoding time).

[0154]

Next, the case where time information is transmitted in a message will be further described. FIG. 43 shows an example structure (syntax) of a timestamp
25 message. The timestamp message is a message for supplying time information of a receiver in order to allow the receiver to obtain the decoding time (decode_timestamp) and presentation time (display_timestamp) of each access unit (AU) contained in an MPU.

[0155]

30 The timestamp message contains a timestamp table (timestamp_table()) in which contents of a message are provided. FIG. 44 shows an example structure

(syntax) of the timestamp table (timestamp_table()). Although not described in detail, the timestamp table contains information (time information, conversion information) similar to the above MMT payload header extension (mmtp_payload_header_extension()) (see FIG. 23 and FIG. 24).

5 [0156]

The timestamp message contains a packet ID (acket_ID), and is related at the asset level. In addition, the timestamp message additionally contains information, such as a table ID (table_id), version, length, and the like, according to a conventional table configuration. Here, the table ID or version assigned is unique
10 to the system. Also, the length indicates the size of the entire table.

[0157]

The timestamp table (timestamp_table) is a message that is a bundle of messages. The timestamp table can be delivered in a message payload (message payload()) in a package access message. FIG. 45 shows an example structure
15 (syntax) of the package access message.

[0158]

In this case, as shown in the drawing, the package access message begins with a “message_id” indicating the package access message in the header portion, followed by the “version” and the “length.” Following this, a “number_of_tables”
20 indicates the number of tables, and there are as many loops as there are tables. Each loop begins with a “table_id,” followed by a “table_version” and a “table_length.” The “table_id” matches the “table_id” in the timestamp table (timestamp_table). The “table_length” contains the “timestamp_table,” and indicates a size including another “table.” Thereafter, the “timestamp_table” is
25 directly supplied in the “message_payload.”

[0159]

[Variable length coding of offset value]

Next, variable length coding of the offset value DLT(n) will be described. As described above, in order to allow a receiver to reproduce the decoding time and
30 presentation time of each access unit (AU), the offset value of each access unit is delivered in a time-series manner. The offset value is effective when a sequence in

the order of transmission (= the order of decoding) is rearranged to the order of presentation. The offset value is mainly referenced in order to correctly perform picture reordering for video and ensure synchronous presentation.

[0160]

5 FIG. 46 shows an example correspondence relationship between the decoding time $D(n)$ and presentation time $R(n)$ of an access unit $AU(n)$. In the case of this example, a reorder distance $M = 3$, and the following values, which are as many as there are access units, are encoded.

The offset value DLT of $D(0) \rightarrow R(0) = +1$

10 The offset value DLT of $D(1) \rightarrow R(1) = +3$

The offset value DLT of $D(2) \rightarrow R(2) = 0$

The offset value DLT of $D(3) \rightarrow R(3) = 0$

[0161]

 Therefore, the time-series representation of the offset values DLT is +1, +3,
15 0, 0, +3, 0, 0, 3, . . . This depends on the reorder distance M . As the reorder distance M increases, the proportion of “0” inserted increases. In this embodiment, by utilizing this, an effective code size is ensured, depending on the probability of occurrence of 0, and variable length coding is performed in order to match the transmission capacity.

20 [0162]

 FIG. 47 shows an example variable length code table for performing variable length coding on a time series of offset values. A short word is assigned to “0” that occurs with high probability, and a long word is assigned to a value that occurs in units of the reorder distance M . Such variable length coding can
25 efficiently reduce the transmission capacity of a time series of offset values.

[0163]

 Note that the proportion of B pictures increases with an increase in the reorder distance M , and therefore, the above reduction efficiency of transmission capacity due to variable length coding increases. This is shown in FIG. 48. For
30 example, if the reorder distance M is 3, the transmission capacity of the offset values of four access units “IPBB” is 10 bits, and the average is 10/4 bits. In contrast to

this, for example, if the reorder distance M is 6, the transmission capacity of the offset values of four access units “IPBBBBB” is 13 bits, and the average is 13/7 bits.

[0164]

As described above, in the transmission/reception system 10 shown in FIG. 1, time information for allowing a receiver to obtain the decoding time and/or presentation time of each access unit is inserted in an MMT packet that is transmitted from the transmission apparatus 100 to the reception apparatus 200. Therefore, for example, the time information for allowing a receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time can be satisfactorily delivered.

10 [0165]

Also, in the transmission/reception system 10 shown in FIG. 1, time information is, for example, the value (initial value) of decoding time or presentation time corresponding to the initial access unit of one or more access units, and an offset value from decoding time to presentation time each of which corresponds to each access unit. Also, this offset value is a relative offset value, but not an absolute offset value. Therefore, the time information can be efficiently delivered.

[0166]

Also, in the transmission/reception system 10 shown in FIG. 1, a time series of offsets are subjected to variable length coding before being delivered. Therefore, the transmission capacity of time information can be reduced.

20 [0167]

<2. Variations>

Note that, in the above embodiments, a method has been described in which time information in a file is included in an MMT packet. Alternatively, time information in “moov” or “moof” may be supplied directly in an area in an MMT payload header or MFU, or a message, which provides a similar advantage.

[0168]

Also, in the above embodiments, the present technology is applied to the transmission/reception system 10 in which a transport stream containing transport packets having the MMT structure, i.e., MMT packets, is delivered through an RF transmission channel or a communication network transmission channel. The

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present technology is, of course, also similarly applicable to transmission/reception systems in which a similar transport stream is delivered through an RF transmission channel or a communication network transmission channel.

[0169]

5 Additionally, the present technology may also be configured as below.

(1)

A transmission apparatus including:

a transport stream generation unit configured to generate a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second
10 transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed;

a transport stream transmission unit configured to transmit the transport stream to a receiver through a predetermined transmission channel; and

a time information insertion unit configured to insert time information for
15 allowing the receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time into the first transport packet or the second transport packet.

(2)

The transmission apparatus according to (1),

wherein the transport media contained in the first transport packet includes
20 one or more access units, and

wherein the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit is information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time corresponding to each of the one or more access units.

(3)

25 The transmission apparatus according to (2),

wherein the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit has a value of decoding time or presentation time corresponding to the initial access unit of the one or more access units, and an offset value from decoding time to presentation time each corresponding to each access unit.

30 (4)

The transmission apparatus according to (3),

wherein the offset value is a relative offset value corresponding to an absolute offset value, and

wherein conversion information for converting the relative offset value into the absolute offset value is added to the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit.

(5)

The transmission apparatus according to (4),

wherein the time information insertion unit inserts the relative offset value after variable length coding.

10 (6)

The transmission apparatus according to (2),

wherein the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit is presentation time, or presentation time and decoding time, corresponding to each of the one or more access units.

15 (7)

The transmission apparatus according to any one of (1) to (6),

wherein the payload of the first transport packet includes a payload header portion and a payload body portion, and

wherein the time information insertion unit inserts the time information into the payload header portion.

(8)

The transmission apparatus according to any one of (1) to (6),

wherein the payload of the first transport packet includes a payload header portion and a payload body portion,

wherein, in the payload body portion, fragment payloads each containing one or more access units obtained by fragmenting the transport media, are provided together with fragment headers, and

wherein the time information insertion unit inserts, into the fragment header, time information of the corresponding access unit.

30 (9)

The transmission apparatus according to any one of (1) to (6),

wherein the payload of the first transport packet includes a payload header portion and a payload body portion,

wherein, in the payload body portion, fragment payloads each containing one or more access units obtained by fragmenting the transport media, are provided
5 together with fragment headers, and

wherein the time information insertion unit inserts, into the fragment payload, time information of the corresponding access unit.

(10)

The transmission apparatus according to any one of (1) to (6),
10 wherein the payload of the second transport packet includes a payload header portion and a payload body portion, and

wherein the time information insertion unit inserts the time information into the payload body portion.

(11)

15 The transmission apparatus according to any one of (1) to (10),
wherein the predetermined transmission channel is an RF transmission channel or a communication network transmission channel.

(12)

The transmission apparatus according to any one of (1) to (11),
20 wherein the first transport packet and the second transport packet are MMT packets.

(13)

A transmission method including:

a transport stream generation step of generating a transport stream in which
25 a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed;

a transport stream transmission step of transmitting the transport stream to a receiver through a predetermined transmission channel; and

30 a time information insertion step of inserting time information for allowing the receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time into the first transport

packet or the second transport packet.

(14)

A reception apparatus including:

5 a transport stream reception unit configured to receive a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed, from a transmitter through a predetermined transmission channel,

10 wherein time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time is inserted in the first transport packet or the second transport packet, and

wherein the reception apparatus further includes a transport media processing unit configured to process the transport media extracted from the transport stream using the decoding time and/or presentation time obtained based on the time information.

15 (15)

The reception apparatus according to (14),

wherein the transport media contained in the first transport packet includes one or more access units,

20 wherein the time information is a value of decoding time or presentation time corresponding to an initial access unit of the one or more access units, and a relative offset value corresponding to an absolute offset value from decoding time to presentation time each corresponding to each access unit, and

wherein the reception apparatus further includes an offset value conversion unit configured to convert the relative offset value into the absolute offset value.

25 (16)

A reception method including:

30 a transport stream reception step of receiving a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed, from a transmitter through a predetermined transmission channel,

wherein time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time is inserted in the first transport packet or the second transport packet, and

wherein the reception method further includes a transport media processing step of processing the transport media extracted from the transport stream using the decoding time and/or presentation time obtained based on the time information.

[0170]

A major feature of the present technology is that the value of decoding time or presentation time corresponding to the initial access unit of a plurality of access units, and a relative offset value from decoding time to presentation time each of which corresponds to each access unit, are inserted in an MMT packet, whereby time information can be efficiently delivered (see FIG. 15 and FIG. 18).

Reference Signs List

[0171]

15	10	transmission/reception system
	100	transport packet transmission apparatus
	101	asset generation unit
	102	encoder
	103	transport packetization unit
20	104	clock generation unit
	105	IP transmission unit
	106	RF transmission unit
	200	transport packet reception apparatus
	201	RF reception unit
25	202	IP reception unit
	203	clock generation unit
	204	transport unpacketization unit
	205	decoding/output process unit
	301	demultiplexer
30	302	video decoder
	303	video display unit

- 304 audio decoder
- 305 audio output unit
- 306 control unit

CLAIMS

Claim 1

A transmission apparatus comprising:

5 a transport stream generation unit configured to generate a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed;

a transport stream transmission unit configured to transmit the transport stream to a receiver through a predetermined transmission channel; and

10 a time information insertion unit configured to insert time information for allowing the receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time into the first transport packet or the second transport packet.

Claim 2

15 The transmission apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the transport media contained in the first transport packet includes one or more access units, and

wherein the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit is information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time corresponding to
20 each of the one or more access units.

Claim 3

The transmission apparatus according to claim 2,

25 wherein the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit has a value of decoding time or presentation time corresponding to the initial access unit of the one or more access units, and an offset value from decoding time to presentation time each corresponding to each access unit.

Claim 4

30 The transmission apparatus according to claim 3,

wherein the offset value is a relative offset value corresponding to an

absolute offset value, and

wherein conversion information for converting the relative offset value into the absolute offset value is added to the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit.

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Claim 5

The transmission apparatus according to claim 4,

wherein the time information insertion unit inserts the relative offset value after variable length coding.

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Claim 6

The transmission apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein the time information inserted by the time information insertion unit is presentation time, or presentation time and decoding time, corresponding to each of the one or more access units.

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Claim 7

The transmission apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the payload of the first transport packet includes a payload header portion and a payload body portion, and

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wherein the time information insertion unit inserts the time information into the payload header portion.

Claim 8

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The transmission apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the payload of the first transport packet includes a payload header portion and a payload body portion,

wherein, in the payload body portion, fragment payloads each containing one or more access units obtained by fragmenting the transport media, are provided together with fragment headers, and

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wherein the time information insertion unit inserts, into the fragment header,

time information of the corresponding access unit.

Claim 9

5 The transmission apparatus according to claim 1,
 wherein the payload of the first transport packet includes a payload header
 portion and a payload body portion,
 wherein, in the payload body portion, fragment payloads each containing
 one or more access units obtained by fragmenting the transport media, are provided
 together with fragment headers, and
10 wherein the time information insertion unit inserts, into the fragment
 payload, time information of the corresponding access unit.

Claim 10

 The transmission apparatus according to claim 1,
15 wherein the payload of the second transport packet includes a payload
 header portion and a payload body portion, and
 wherein the time information insertion unit inserts the time information into
 the payload body portion.

20 Claim 11

 The transmission apparatus according to claim 1,
 wherein the predetermined transmission channel is an RF transmission
 channel or a communication network transmission channel.

25 Claim 12

 The transmission apparatus according to claim 1,
 wherein the first transport packet and the second transport packet are MMT
 packets.

30 Claim 13

 A transmission method comprising:

a transport stream generation step of generating a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed;

5 a transport stream transmission step of transmitting the transport stream to a receiver through a predetermined transmission channel; and

a time information insertion step of inserting time information for allowing the receiver to obtain decoding time and/or presentation time into the first transport packet or the second transport packet.

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Claim 14

A reception apparatus comprising:

a transport stream reception unit configured to receive a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second
15 transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-division multiplexed, from a transmitter through a predetermined transmission channel,

wherein time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time is inserted in the first transport packet or the second transport packet, and

20 wherein the reception apparatus further includes a transport media processing unit configured to process the transport media extracted from the transport stream using the decoding time and/or presentation time obtained based on the time information.

25 Claim 15

The reception apparatus according to claim 14,

wherein the transport media contained in the first transport packet includes one or more access units,

wherein the time information is a value of decoding time or presentation
30 time corresponding to an initial access unit of the one or more access units, and a relative offset value corresponding to an absolute offset value from decoding time to

presentation time each corresponding to each access unit, and

wherein the reception apparatus further includes an offset value conversion unit configured to convert the relative offset value into the absolute offset value.

5 Claim 16

 A reception method comprising:

 a transport stream reception step of receiving a transport stream in which a first transport packet containing transport media in a payload and a second transport packet containing information about the transport media in a payload, are time-
10 division multiplexed, from a transmitter through a predetermined transmission channel,

 wherein time information for obtaining decoding time and/or presentation time is inserted in the first transport packet or the second transport packet, and

 wherein the reception method further includes a transport media processing
15 step of processing the transport media extracted from the transport stream using the decoding time and/or presentation time obtained based on the time information.