

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method implemented by a decoder, the method comprising:
receiving, by a receiver of the decoder, a bitstream comprising one or more output layer sets (OLSs) and a video parameter set (VPS), wherein the VPS specifies the OLSs and comprises sequence-level hypothetical reference decoder (HRD) parameters that apply to all OLSs specified by the VPS; and
decoding, by a processor of the decoder, a picture from the OLSs.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the sequence-level HRD parameters are included in a general HRD parameters (`general_hrd_parameters`) syntax structure, and wherein the `general_hrd_parameters` syntax structure provides parameters used in HRD operations.
3. The method of any of claims 1-2, wherein the HRD operations include a set of bitstream conformance tests that are performed by a HRD.
4. The method of any of claims 1-3, wherein the sequence-level HRD parameters include a decoding unit HRD parameters present flag (`decoding_unit_hrd_params_present_flag`), wherein the `decoding_unit_hrd_params_present_flag` is set to one when the HRD is scheduled to operate at an access unit (AU) level or a decoding unit (DU) level, and wherein the `decoding_unit_hrd_params_present_flag` is set to zero when the HRD is scheduled to operate at the AU level.
5. The method of any of claims 1-4, wherein the sequence-level HRD parameters include a HRD coded picture buffer count (`hrd_cpb_cnt_minus1`), wherein the `hrd_cpb_cnt_minus1` plus one specifies a number of alternative coded picture buffer (CPB) delivery schedules, and wherein a value of `hrd_cpb_cnt_minus1` is constrained to a range from zero to thirty one, inclusive.
6. The method of any of claims 1-5, wherein the VPS further comprises a sublayer CPB parameters present flag (`sublayer_cpb_params_present_flag`), wherein the `sublayer_cpb_params_present_flag` is set to one when an *ith* layer HRD parameter syntax structure contains HRD parameters for sublayer representations with a temporal identifier (ID)

in a range of zero to a maximum HRD temporal ID (`hrd_max_tid[i]`), inclusive, and wherein the `sublayer_cpb_params_present_flag` is set to zero when an *i*th layer HRD parameter syntax structure contains HRD parameters for a sublayer representation with a temporal ID equal to `hrd_max_tid[i]` only.

7. The method of any of claims 1-6, wherein a presence of the sequence-level HRD parameters in the bitstream indicates the decoder is capable of decoding the bitstream according to a delivery schedule.

8. A method implemented by an encoder, the method comprising:
encoding, by a processor of the encoder, a bitstream comprising one or more output layer sets (OLSs);
encoding into the bitstream, by the processor, a video parameter set (VPS) specifying the OLSs, the VPS comprising sequence-level hypothetical reference decoder (HRD) parameters that apply to all OLSs specified by the VPS; and
performing, by the processor, a set of bitstream conformance tests based on the sequence-level HRD parameters.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the sequence-level HRD parameters are included in a general HRD parameters (`general_hrd_parameters`) syntax structure, and wherein the `general_hrd_parameters` syntax structure provides parameters used in HRD operations.

10. The method of any of claims 8-9, wherein the HRD operations include the set of bitstream conformance tests, and wherein the bitstream conformance tests are performed by a HRD operating on the processor.

11. The method of any of claims 8-10, wherein the sequence-level HRD parameters include a decoding unit HRD parameters present flag (`decoding_unit_hrd_params_present_flag`), wherein the `decoding_unit_hrd_params_present_flag` is set to one when the HRD is scheduled to operate at an access unit (AU) level or a decoding unit (DU) level, and wherein the `decoding_unit_hrd_params_present_flag` is set to zero when the HRD is scheduled to operate at the AU level.

12. The method of any of claims 8-11, wherein the sequence-level HRD parameters include a HRD coded picture buffer count (`hrd_cpb_cnt_minus1`), wherein the `hrd_cpb_cnt_minus1` plus one specifies a number of alternative coded picture buffer (CPB) delivery schedules, and wherein a value of `hrd_cpb_cnt_minus1` is constrained to a range from zero to thirty one, inclusive.
13. The method of any of claims 8-12, wherein the VPS further comprises a sublayer CPB parameters present flag (`sublayer_cpb_params_present_flag`), wherein the `sublayer_cpb_params_present_flag` is set to one when an *i*th layer HRD parameter syntax structure contains HRD parameters for sublayer representations with a temporal identifier (ID) in a range of zero to a maximum HRD temporal ID (`hrd_max_tid[i]`), inclusive, and wherein the `sublayer_cpb_params_present_flag` is set to zero when an *i*th layer HRD parameter syntax structure contains HRD parameters for a sublayer representation with a temporal ID equal to `hrd_max_tid[i]` only.
14. The method of any of claims 8-13, wherein a presence of the sequence-level HRD parameters in the bitstream indicates the decoder is capable of decoding the bitstream according to a delivery schedule.
15. A video coding device comprising:
a processor, a receiver coupled to the processor, a memory coupled to the processor, and a transmitter coupled to the processor, wherein the processor, receiver, memory, and transmitter are configured to perform the method of any of claims 1-14.
16. A non-transitory computer readable medium comprising a computer program product for use by a video coding device, the computer program product comprising computer executable instructions stored on the non-transitory computer readable medium such that when executed by a processor cause the video coding device to perform the method of any of claims 1-14.
17. A decoder comprising:
a receiving means for receiving a bitstream comprising one or more output layer sets (OLSs) and a video parameter set (VPS), wherein the VPS specifies the OLSs and comprises sequence-level hypothetical reference decoder (HRD) parameters that apply to all OLSs specified by the VPS;

a decoding means for decoding a picture from the OLSs; and
a forwarding means for forwarding the picture for display as part of a decoded video sequence.

18. The decoder of claim 17, wherein the decoder is further configured to perform the method of any of claims 1-7.

19. An encoder comprising:

an encoding means for:

encoding a bitstream comprising one or more output layer sets (OLSs); and

encoding into the bitstream a video parameter set (VPS) specifying the OLSs, the VPS comprising sequence-level hypothetical reference decoder (HRD) parameters that apply to all OLSs specified by the VPS;

a HRD means for performing a set of bitstream conformance tests based on the sequence-level HRD parameters; and

a storing means for storing the bitstream for communication toward a decoder.

20. The encoder of claim 19, wherein the encoder is further configured to perform the method of any of claims 8-14.

21. A computer-readable medium comprising a bitstream encoded or decoded by the method of any one of claims 1-14.