



Liaison Letter Concerning Publication of HbbTV 2.0.3 and Errata to HbbTV 2.0.1 and 2.0.2

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Dear Per, Erik,

Thank you for your organisation's interest in HbbTV and use of our specifications, test suite and other tools.

We would like to announce the release of version 2.0.3 of the core HbbTV specification. No big new features are added. Instead the focus of this release is updating existing features and removing features (particularly optional ones) that are not used in the real world. A summary of the changes can be found in our document, "HbbTV 2.0.3 Explained" available [here](#). HbbTV has issued a request for proposals for test cases for 2.0.3 and we hope to have these delivered, reviewed and approved in time for the July 2021 release of our test suite – the release aimed at products entering the market in 2022.

Simultaneously we are also releasing an errata document for our specifications. This is the fifth publication for HbbTV 2.0.1 and the second publication for HbbTV 2.0.2. This replaces errata 4 for HbbTV 2.0.1 which was published in August 2020. The changes included in this release of the errata are ones also included in HbbTV 2.0.3 in order to keep 2.0.1, 2.0.2 and 2.0.3 technically aligned for common functionality.

All the documents can be found in the "Resources" section of the HbbTV web site at <https://www.hbbtv.org/resource-library/#specifications> .

For your information, we are currently working on requirements for the following version of the HbbTV Specification (that may or may not be called 2.0.4). Although these are not yet finalised, we confidently expect requirements similar to the following;

- Co-existence of HbbTV applications with accessibility features offered by the TV or STB
- Co-existence of HbbTV applications with any voice assistant offered by the TV or STB
- The ability to run HbbTV broadcast-related applications linked to a DVB-I service

The timing for this following version of the HbbTV specification is not yet clear. Organisations interested in these topics are welcome to join HbbTV and participate in developing the specification and test descriptions.

Regards

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