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DVB & HbbTV are complementary

- HbbTV arose from a failed DVB attempt to build on MHP using HTML-like technologies
- Both are Swiss-based, not-for-profit Associations based at EBU HQ
- Many similar Members each paying a similar €8k per year fee
 - DVB has 150
 - HbbTV has 77 (almost all HbbTV Members are DVB Members, but not vice-versa)
- Many common personalities:
 - DVB Chair co-chairs HbbTV Requirements Group
 - HbbTV Vice-Chair chairs DVB Technical Module
- But some key differences



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- DVB has a wider scope than HbbTV.
 - DVB's focus includes pay TV and vertical markets. It includes STBs. These are not the primary focus of HbbTV.
 - HbbTV's focus is retail/horizontal markets and TV sets.
- HbbTV has a policy of developing its own Test Suites for implementers
 - It's a key HbbTV activity that consumes the majority of its annual budget
- DVB has moved its activities further up the OSI stack of late and has adopted a lighter-touch Verification and Validation approach than is used in HbbTV



HbbTV life cycle examples

Requirements

Requirements capture on basis of set of criteria and categorised:

- 1. Ext. Tech.
- 2. New features
- 3. Deprecation
- 4. Ind. Specs. into Core Spec.
- 5. Errata

T-24 months

Test Assertions

Availability depending on the complexity of additional spec features

A test suite is requisite for prod the market.

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months

A test suite is a prerequisite for product on the market. HbbTV currently commissions Test Suites at considerable cost from external suppliers

T-6 months

HbbTV continues aim of reference external tech. where possible. This tech. may be updates according to regular cycles.

Draft Specification

18 months

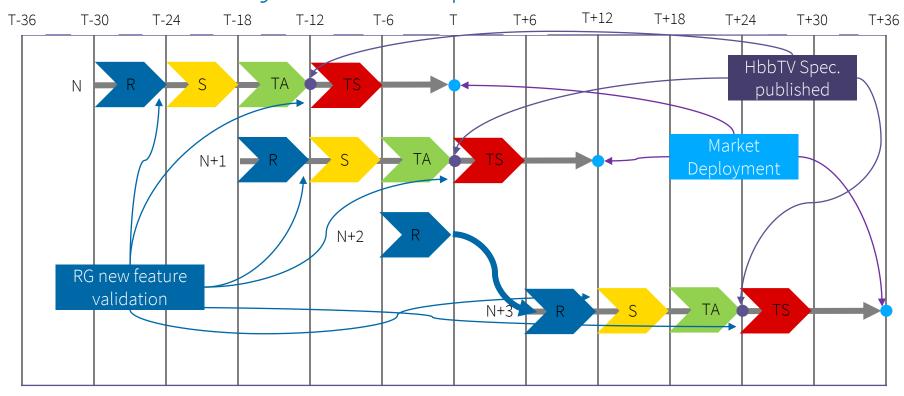
HbbTV gates it Spec publication on the availability of the specification and an associated Test Assertions

Spec. Publication

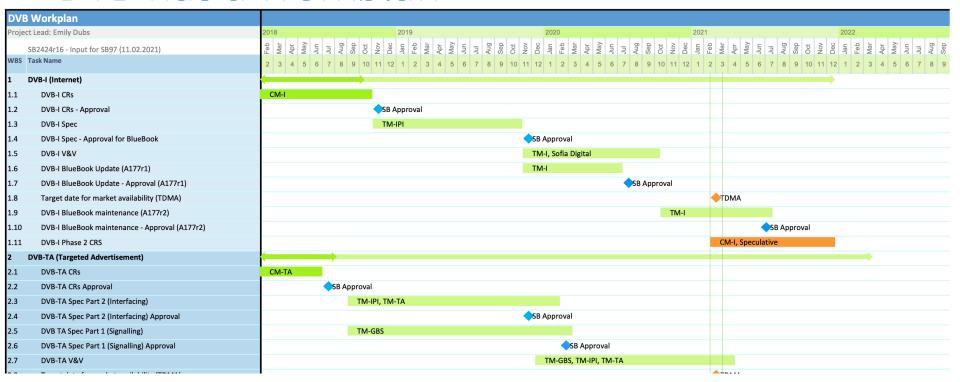
HbbTV's process ends with deployment of product based on its specification

Deployment

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DVB has a Workplan





What does HbbTV mean for DVB?

- HbbTV has replaced MHP as DVB's hybrid TV solution and every operator should be exploiting the DVB/HbbTV solutions
- DVB and HbbTV work on areas of common interest:
 - DVB-I's reference application is available as a HbbTV OpApp
 - DVB and HbbTV have developed a targeted advertising solution
 - And continue to work on upgrades
 - DVB and HbbTV share the burden of developing DVB-DASH content validation tool



Conclusions

- HbbTV and DVB are similar but have different areas of focus
- There are many areas of common interest
- DVB & HbbTV have a symbiotic relationship fostered by common Members and personalities

