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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Scope of the Document

The specification is primarily targeted at peripheral developers and platform/adaptor developers, but provides valuable information for platform operating system/BIOS/device driver, adaptor independent hardware vendors/independent software vendors, and system OEMs. This specification can be used for developing new products and associated software.

### 1.2 USB Product Compliance

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### 1.3 Document Organization

Chapters 1 and 2 provide an overview for all readers, while Chapters 3 through 13 contain detailed technical information defining USB4.

### 1.4 Design Goals

USB 3.1 and USB 3.2 were evolutionary steps to increase bandwidth. The goal for USB4 remains the same with the added goal of helping to converge the USB Type-C® connector ecosystem and minimize end-user confusion. Several key design areas to meet this goal are listed below:

- Offer display, data, and load/store functionality over a single USB Type-C connector.
- Retain compatibility with existing ecosystem of USB and Thunderbolt™ products.
- Define Port Capabilities for predictable and consistent user experience.
- Provide increased host flexibility to configure bandwidth, power management, and other performance-related parameters for system needs.

### 1.5 Related Documents

Universal Serial Bus 3.2 Specification, Revision 1.0, September 22, 2017 (USB 3.2 Specification)

USB Type-C® Cable and Connector Specification, Release 2.0 (USB Type-C Specification)

USB 3.0 Jitter Budgeting white paper (USB Jitter Paper)

Universal Serial Bus Power Delivery Specification, Release 3.0, Version 2.0, August 2019 (USB PD Specification)

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