What is Media Mixing?

making media more valuable for its owner and more useful for its consumer

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Structure of the talk

• Introducing: the EU project MediaMixer
• Trends in the enterprise: more creation and re-use of media assets
• The grand vision: a global market of media fragments
• Limitations of current media technology solutions
• The MediaMixer offer to your company
Introducing.. MediaMixer
Key aspects of MediaMixer

- “set up and sustain a **community** of video producers, hosters and redistributors…”
- “who will be supported in the **adoption** of semantic multimedia technology…”
- “to build an European **market** for media fragment re-purposing and re-selling.”
Expert organisations in MediaMixer

- Modul University Vienna
- Universitat de Lleida
- Institut "Jožef Stefan", Ljubljana, Slovenija
- Eurecom
- Acuity Unlimited
- Condat®
Years of R&D expertise led to this
Trends in the enterprise
Access to audiovisual material is exploding

- EU has 2\textsuperscript{nd} highest TV viewing figures, produces more films than any other region, hosts >500 online video platforms
- >42.7m hrs of footage in online archives of broadcasters and producers (61% of archive footage is online)
- 170 000 videos from broadcasters & cultural heritage archives at EUScreen, to be expanded by EUScreenXL (2013-6)
- UGC on the advance: e.g. YouTube receives 48 hrs of video/minute
Media hosting domain

- Media archives sitting on huge amounts of valuable AV material but unable to effectively re-distribute or re-sell it.
- Original media owners would like to continue to benefit from the (online) availability of (older, long tail) content – currently content to make a free distribution (cf. open video) or use ad-supported hosting (eg. YouTube)
Media production domain

• More archive content being used in productions as substitute for original footage, to lower costs and save effort.
• More online and non-professional media production as tools become more accessible and affordable (media production becomes mass market).
Is online media being monetarized?

• Cultural industry (incl. AV sector) creates 3% of EU GDP, €500 bil market, 6 mil jobs
• Trade in media archive content had €430 mil revenue in 2009 with ca. 8% CAGR
• Video platforms (redistributing media) foresee $2.1 bil revenue in 2012
• UGC largely untapped w.r.t. direct resale (revenue via advertising. Online video ad spend in 2011 was ca. $3 billion)
Media creation & re-use growing in any industry

• Company data is increasingly multimedia: more images & video being produced and used
  – Internally, increased need to find media again, cost savings through re-use
  – Externally, media access and reprovisioning could be a new business channel for the company (whether monetary or promotional)
Media Re-selling

• Wrong: Instagram

Instagram apologizes to users: We won't sell your photos
Facebook breaks its silence, pledging to "remove" language that sparked a revolt among Instagram users concerned their photos would be sold for advertising or marketing purposes.

• Right: Getty Images

...While it started out providing expensive images for limited use to a small group of customers, now it also provides cheaper images for broad use to a big group of customers...

http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2012-08-23/gettys-pics-worth-1-000-words-and-3-dot-3-billion
Stock footage is a growing market

- Stock footage market: $2.88 billion global revenue
  - 18% is original content (images)
  - 3-11% of the market is video ($300 mil annually)

“It is growing at more than 20% per annum, fuelled by increased demands for new programming and the huge saving it represents compared with shooting new footage. Interactive technology and the Internet will further contribute to the growth of the market as it makes stock footage cheaper and easier to locate and license.”
- http://moneyam.uk-wire.com/cgi-bin/articles/200201020827103514P.html
Stock footage from anyone for anyone

- UGC reselling in its infancy
  - NewZulu for user-sourced news video
    - ... a citizen journalism platform serving 100,000 photographers in more than 150 countries... the images contributed are licensed via the AFP Image Forum (more than 7000 clients globally)...
  - EyeEm looking to monetarize user photos
    ... premise is that users can offer their photos for sale through the EyeEm Marketplace, while those looking for a type of image can place a request... has begun working with companies including Lufthansa and RedBull to offer EyeEm users revenue share in exchange for the licensing of their image...
Media Re-purposing

Harlem Shake

- Originally a free track
- Went viral on YouTube
- >100000 spin off videos with >400mil views (3/13)
- Music owners can „claim“ use of their IP on YouTube videos
- Revenue sharing on every ad click in a video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfuh3JOSfSg

http://www.thembj.org/2013/05/harnessing-the-harlem-shake/
Media re-mixing within social video

• MixBit encourages remixing & redistribution of user video
The grand vision...
Issues

• Media reselling is „all or nothing“

Platforms generally offer all of the hosted media to everyone who wants it – but often a part is of interest rather than the whole → exchange is not made as only the whole is on offer.

Sellers may wish to distinguish between potential buyers. For buyers, finding and using a part of other’s media has to be part of the media production process with a low barrier to entry.

• Media and its (meta)data is now within reselling platforms and each platform is different
MediaMixer wants....

• To make media reselling a case of „all the media owner wants to offer“ to „all the media consumer actually needs“
• To give media owners finer control over WHO can do WHAT with their media
• To let media owners KEEP their media and its metadata and publish as much as they want to whatever third party reseller (or other media management system) when they want to
The MediaMixer hub

• Video analysis tools
• Video annotation tools
• Video metadata creation and publication
• Digital rights management
• Media search and retrieval
• Media negotiation, purchase and re-use

AV Content Provider

1) AV material analysis and annotation
2) Fragment Definition
3) Rights and Cost Assignment

AV Content Demander

4) Fragment Upload
5) Clearing (Sell)
6) Search, Browsing
7) Rights and Cost Assessment
8) Download
9) Composition of new AV materials
10) Clearing (Buy)

Media Mixer Repository

annotated & linked Media Fragments
The Hub as Internet or Intranet

- The same IT solution can be applied to managing the access to and re-use of media assets within the organisation as to managing this globally and publicly across the Internet.

Inter-organisational media re-use

Cross organisation media re-use (direct)

Cross organisation media re-use (3rd party reseller)
Media management today
Media metadata

As media collections grow, how to find again a specific media item?

- Computers can only automatically extract low level media features while humans tend to query with high level “concepts” or “events”
  - Query by Example (QBE)
  - Content based Media Retrieval
  - Computer Vision

“Semantic gap” an ongoing research issue!
Google creates neural network, teaches itself to recognize cats

By Rick Burgess
On June 27, 2012, 4:30 PM

Google engineers claim they've designed a computer network capable of analyzing, categorizing and ultimately teaching itself to recognize the content of images. The "neural network" was fed 10 million images from YouTube video thumbnails and -- without being told how -- created its own concept of what a cat is.

In fact, programmers found that the system had created a fuzzy, dream-like image of a cat's face from scratch (pictured to the right) as at least one generic reference used for identifying felines.

"We never told it during the training, 'This is a cat,' " said Dr. Dean, who originally helped Google design the software that lets it easily break programs into many tasks that can be computed simultaneously. "It basically invented the concept of a cat. We probably have other ones that are side views of cats."

Textual metadata has long been a key factor in media collections

- Dublin Core has summarized the main fields for indexing and retrieval; different industries have developed richer metadata models
- Manual entry by collection experts, varying terminology and interpretation
- Increasing automated production of metadata from all available input sources (e.g. ASR, OCR, subtitling, transcripts, associated text...)
Media metadata (4)

- Effective retrieval needs good query formulation
  - Controlled / known vocabularies
  - System learning, query suggestion or drill-down search
  - Term normalisation / mapping
- „Named entity recognition“ (NER) extracts distinct entities out of natural language text
  - Disambiguation & classification
  - Trend towards global unique identification
Media metadata: trade-off

- More metadata – better retrieval / computer supported re-use
  - More manual curation – more cost
  - More automated creation – less accuracy
Media management

- Media asset = media object + metadata

*Media asset management system: “addresses the coordination of tasks that manage operations over media lifecycles, such as ingestion, annotation, cataloguing, storage, preservation, discovery, access control, retrieval and distribution of digital video assets.”*

- Media asset identification: internal or according to an industry or Web authority
- Media object model: Decouple media assets and their metadata across different formats and target groups
Media management

- OAIS provides a generalised view on digital preservation oriented media workflows
Media management example: Fedora Commons

- Open source MAM system supporting OAIS model, and image/video as primary content type

Flexible media object model, distinguishing the object, with its persistent identifier, from its representations (datastreams) which are both media bitstreams and the associated metadata.
Media going to the cloud

• MAM systems are increasingly cloud based
  + Media owners don't have to install and maintain complex software locally
  + All system processes run remotely – system updates, back-ups, media transcoding etc.
  + Storage can be increased on demand
    – Not all organisations are comfortable with their media on remote servers
    – Internet connection dependent!
Issues around media management

- Identifiers are often specific to the MAM system
- Incompatible media rights expression languages (more likely: none used!)
- Incompatible media metadata descriptions (likely: not at a granular or semantic level)
- Systems tend to be monolithic regarding access control, permissions etc.
# MediaMixer Core Technology Set

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The MediaMixer offer
Overview

- An online portal (WP1)
  - repository for information
  - interactive forum for the community

- Use cases and demonstrators (WP2)

- Community set-up and maintenance (WP3)

- Industry co-operation (WP3)

- Hold information, demonstration & training events (WP4)
MediaMixer community portal

Welcome to the MediaMixer community portal!

Making Media more valuable for its owner and more useful for its consumer

Free sign-up

Intro to all technology at community.mediamixer.eu/about

Updated with latest materials on all Media Mixer topics:
- Technology use cases
- Demonstrators
- Tutorials
- Presentations
- Software
- Specifications

Discussion fora for conversations on Media Mixer topics

Events calendar

http://community.mediamixer.eu
MediaMixer use cases & demonstrators

Extend e-learning video platform VideoLectures to mash up video fragments for learners to quickly browse across distinct collections on the same topic.

Recommend to newsroom editors video fragments relevant to the news story from heterogeneous content sources, integrating video material directly in the production workflow.

Provide intuitive UI for media owners to express richly the media reselling and repurposing license, and enable automated negotiation with customers before closing a media deal.
MediaMixer events

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- Masters and PhD students with a multimedia topic: Winter School co-located with MMM 2014, January 2014, Dublin
  [http://winterschool.mediamixer.eu](http://winterschool.mediamixer.eu)

- Events calendar at [http://community.mediamixer.eu/events](http://community.mediamixer.eu/events)
MediaMixer community

Community membership is FREE and WITHOUT COMMITMENT

- Just sign up at community.mediamixer.eu and get:

Full access to use cases from the industry;
Full access to materials – documents, presentations and videos;
Full details of appropriate APIs, software, tools and services;
Full access to software and service documentation and training material;
Online demonstrators of small scale prototypes with industry partners;
First information about upcoming MediaMixer presentations and partner attendance at events;
Invitations to meetings between research and industry partners for information days, technology presentations, demos, and training;
Preferred registration at MediaMixer organized events such as the summer school for students and professionals;
Direct mails about all of the above so that you are always the first to know.
MediaMixer core members

Want more than that!!! Then we have CORE MEMBERSHIP.

Core members fill in a simple acceptance letter and:

- are invited to collaborate with MediaMixer experts on a use case benefitting from MediaMixer technology;

- directly consult with technology experts on the appropriate approach;

- create with MediaMixer a proof of concept demonstrator to evaluate the benefits of the technology for their business;

- access necessary knowledge and technology transfer within the project;

- access financial support to meet with MediaMixer partners or attend MediaMixer events (subject to approval, EU only)
Thank you for your attention!

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