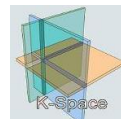




Flexible Interfaces for Semantically Annotated Multimedia

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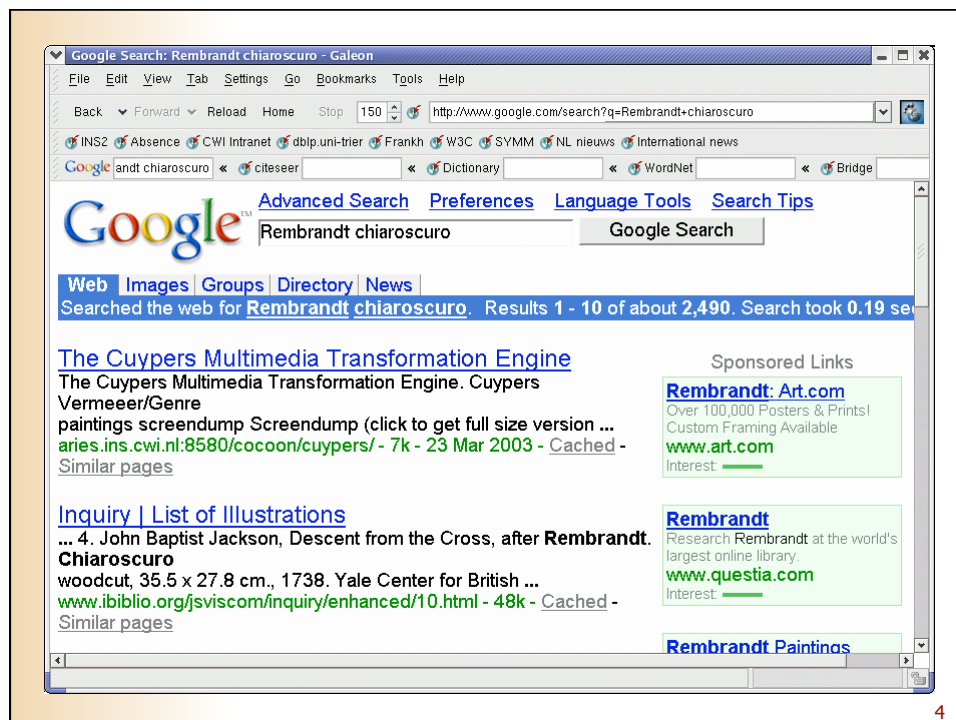
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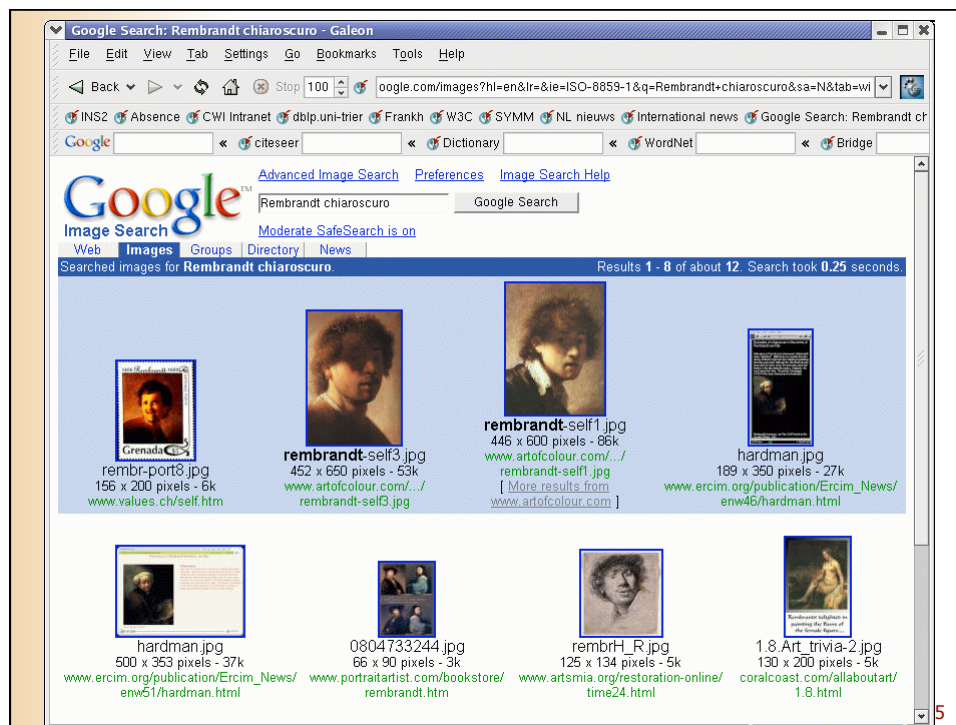
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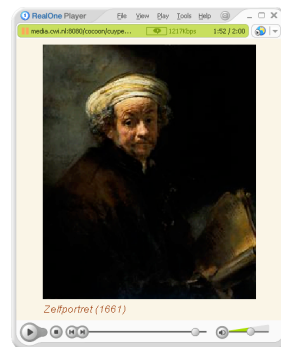
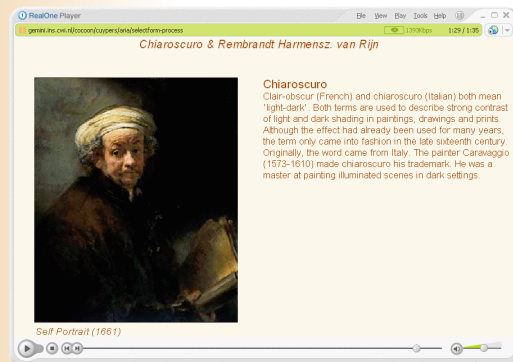
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One size *doesn't* fit all



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The problem

- Too many users need their own information
 - for their level of expertise
 - using appropriate media
 - in an appropriate style
 - displayed on their own device
- Multimedia information design is expensive
- There has to be some automation in the process

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RealOne Player

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Chiaroscuro & Rembrandt Harmensz. van Rijn

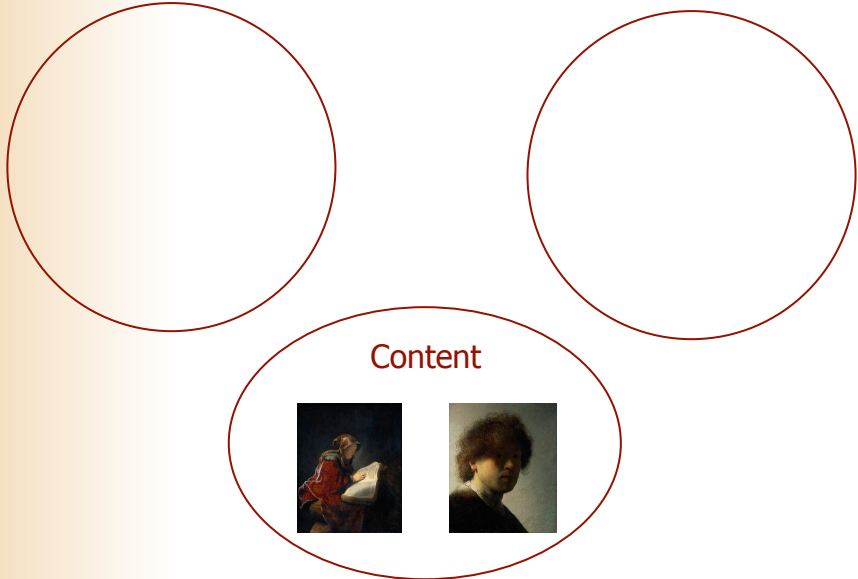


Chiaroscuro
Clair-obscur (French) and chiaroscuro (Italian) both mean 'light-dark'. Both terms are used to describe strong contrast of light and dark shading in paintings, drawings and prints. Although the effect had already been used for many years, the term only came into fashion in the late sixteenth century. Originally, the word came from Italy. The painter Caravaggio (1573-1610) made chiaroscuro his trademark. He was a master at painting illuminated scenes in dark settings.

Self Portrait (1661)

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Three ingredients



Content

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Content of example



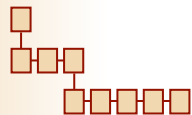
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Three ingredients

Presentation structure



Content



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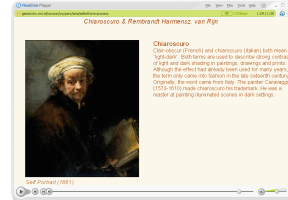
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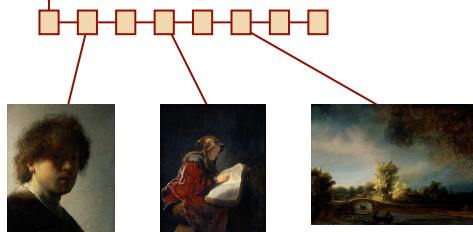
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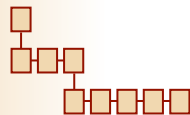
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Aesthetics

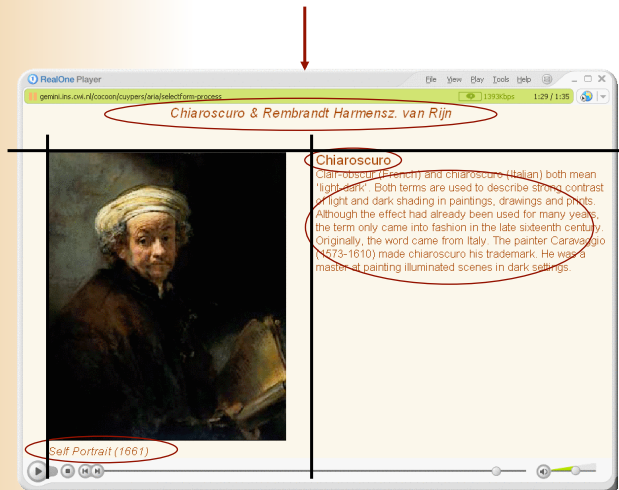
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Content



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Aesthetics of example



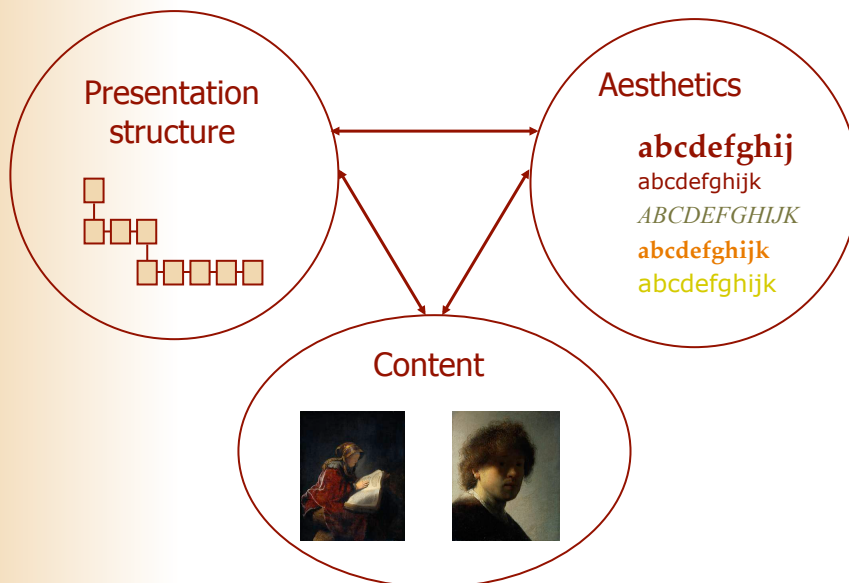
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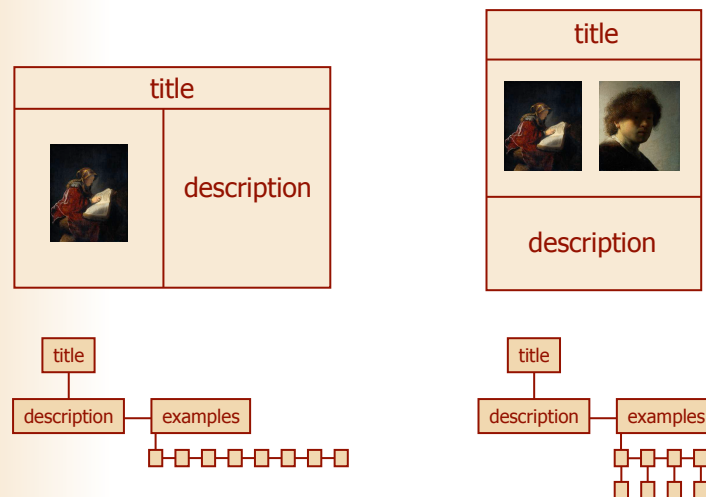
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Design dependencies



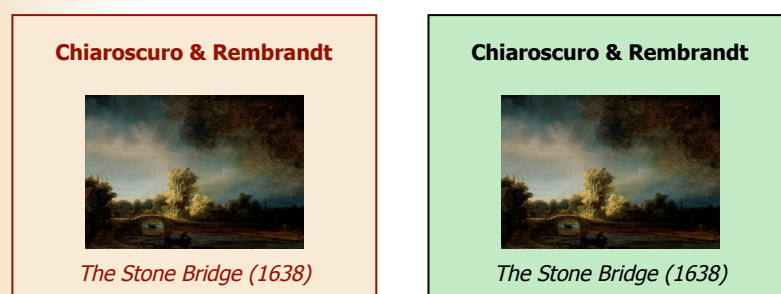
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Presentation Structure depends on Layout

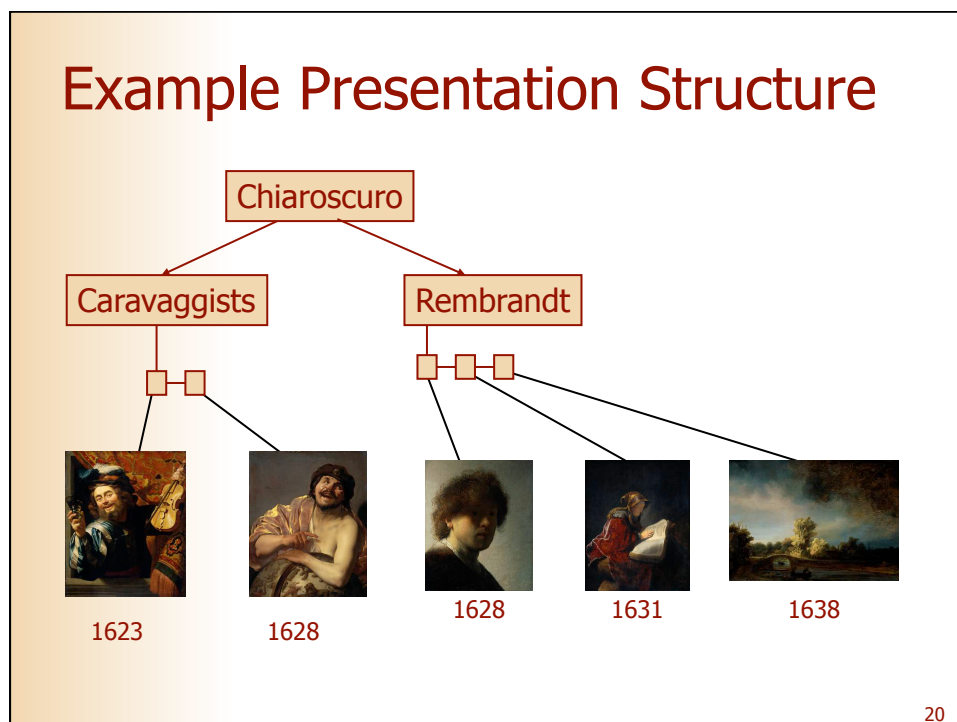
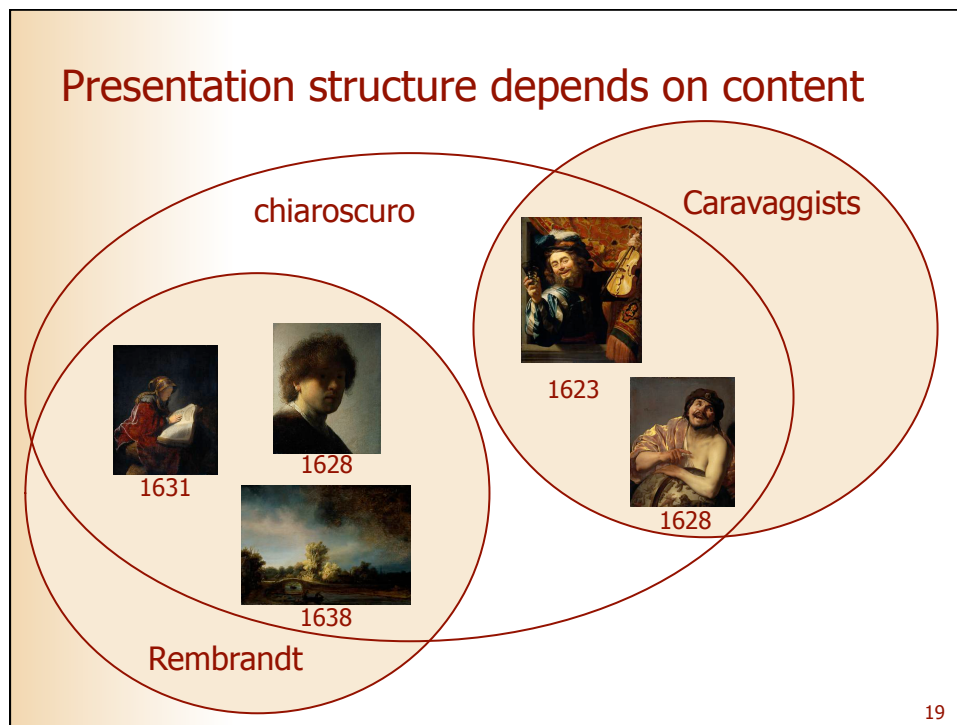


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Style Depends on Content



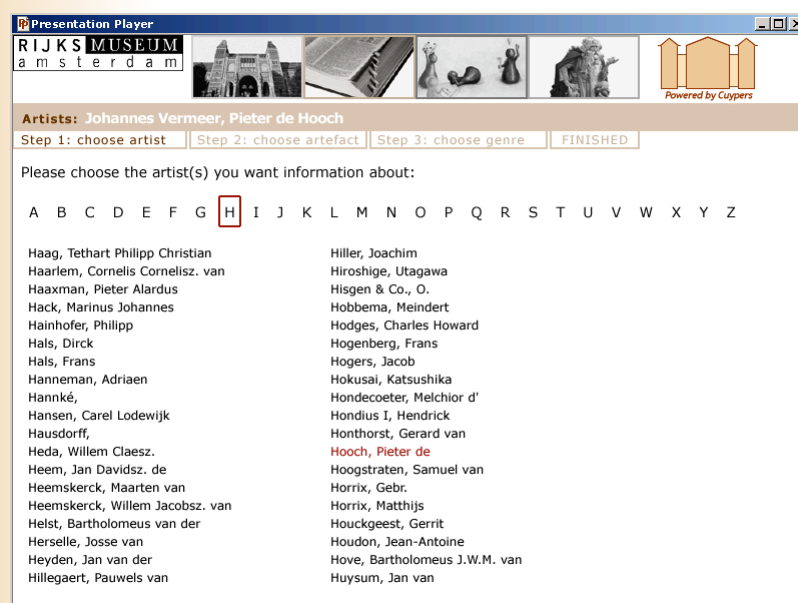
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Different presentation styles

- Large amount of information
- High interaction

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Presentation Player
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Artists: Johannes Vermeer, Pieter de Hooch Artefact: The Kitchen Maid Genre: Genre piece

■ Artist ● Artefact ◆ Style ▲ Genre ▼ Technique

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Text: Audio:

The Kitchen Maid

ca. 1658, Johannes Vermeer
Oil on canvas, 45,5 x 41 cm

With quiet concentration a woman pours milk into a bowl. With her left hand she supports the can she is pouring from. Around her are various objects: a loaf of bread, a stoneware jug, a basket and a brass bucket. The woman is standing near the window so she can see what she is doing. The light falls on her hands; her silhouette is dark against the white wall. There is a fascinating play of light and shadow in this painting.

▲ Genre
This is one of Johannes Vermeer's genre pieces in which he establishes an intensely intimate atmosphere. Although the artist observes his model from nearby, she continues with her work, totally unperturbed.

▼ Technique
Vermeer made use of light and perspective to create the intimate atmosphere. All lines of perspective lead to the right hand of the girl, which subtly accentuates the task of pouring milk in which she is completely engrossed. The horizon lies beneath her head, so that the viewer seems to look up

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◆ Style
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■ Johannes Vermeer
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● The Sleeping Girl
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Classicism
 Light and perspective
 Street
 Genre piece

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Artemisia, ca. 1645, follower of Domenico Fiasella, Canvas

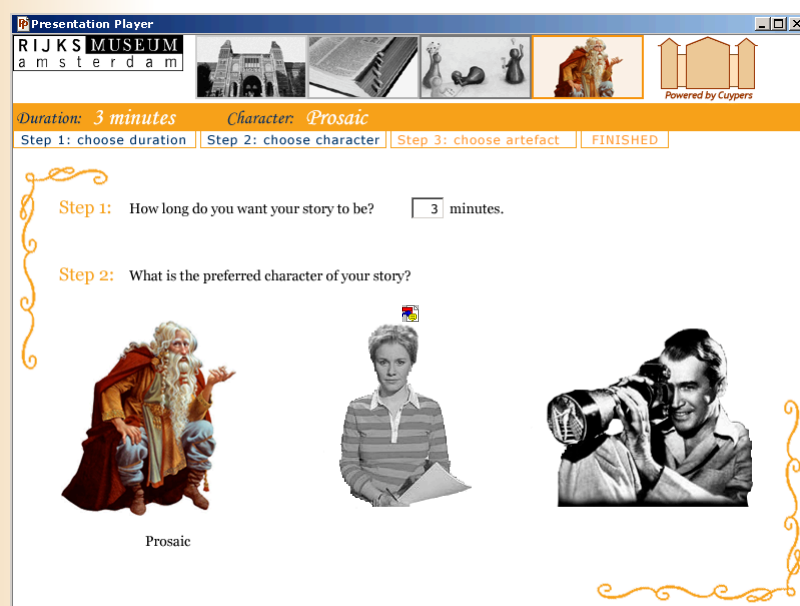
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Different presentation styles

- Entertainment rather than information
- Low interaction

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Duration: 3 minutes Character: Prosaic Artefact: The Kitchen Maid

Step 1: choose duration Step 2: choose character Step 3: choose artefact FINISHED

2. Search by name of artist:

A B C D E F G H I
J K L M N O P Q R
S T U **V** W X Y Z

Vermeer, Johannes

Artefacts in Rijksmuseum:

"Little Street", ca 1658
The Kitchen Maid, ca 1660
Woman reading a Letter, 1662/1663
The Love Letter, 1669/1670

All other Artefacts in chronological order:

Soldier and a laughing Girl, ca 1658
View of Delft, 1660/1661
The Music Lesson, 1662-1664
Woman holding a Balance, 1669/1670
Young Woman with a Water Pitcher, 1669/1670

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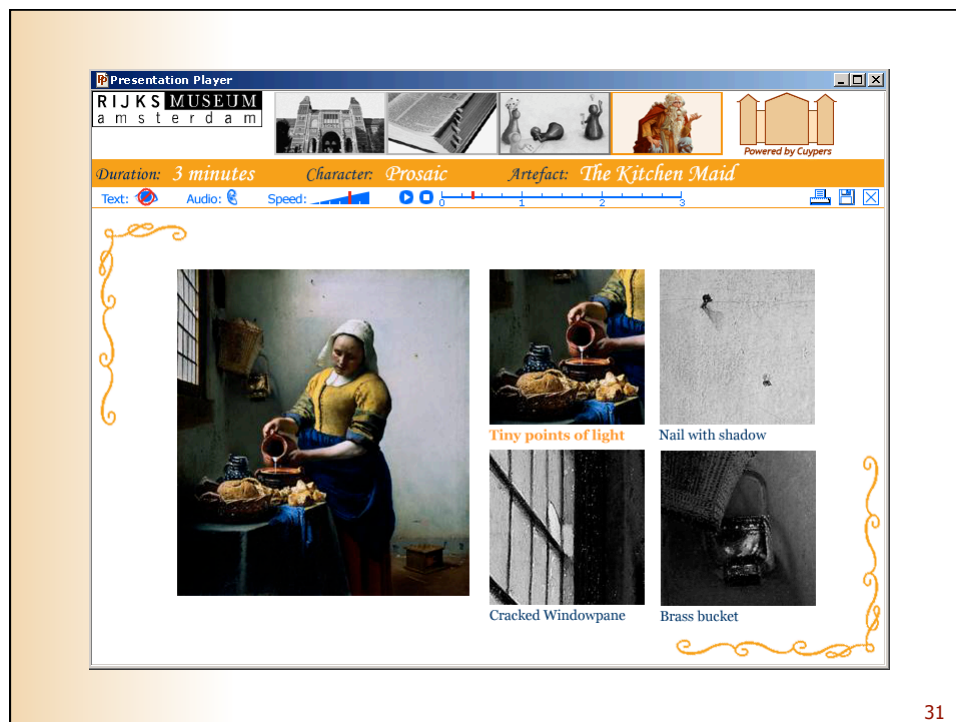
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The Kitchen Maid
by Johannes Vermeer
ca 1660
Oil on canvas
45.5 x 41 cm

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Flexible interfaces to MM

- Creating multimedia presentations requires
 - understanding message of presentation
 - knowing specifications of use context
 - making design dependencies explicit
 - taking these dependencies into account

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Understanding Data+metadata Workflow in Multimedia Applications

- Identify and define a number of canonical processes of media production
- Community effort
 - 2005: [Dagstuhl seminar](#)
 - 2005: ACM MM Workshop on [Multimedia for Human Communication](#)
 - 2008: Multimedia Systems Journal Special Issue (model and companion system papers)
editors: Frank Nack, Zeljko Obrenovic and Lynda Hardman



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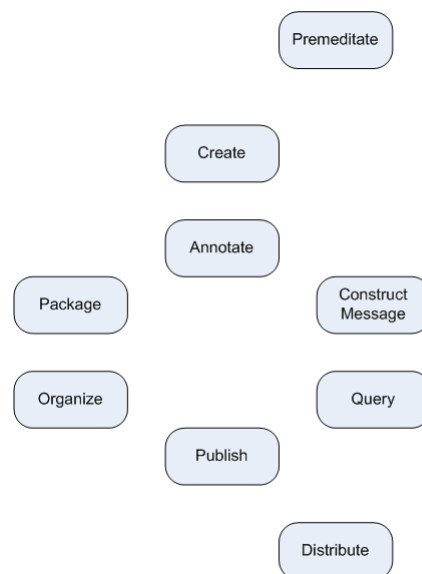
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Why Canonical Processes?

- Canonical: *reduced to the simplest and most significant form possible without loss of generality*
- Identify stages of multimedia creation and provide a common vocabulary
- Allow system developers to output combinations of data and metadata that can be used by other developers

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Overview of Canonical Processes



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Example 1: CeWe Color PhotoBook

- Application for authoring digital photo books
- Automatic selection, sorting and ordering of photos
 - Context analysis methods: timestamp, annotation, etc.
 - Content analysis methods: color histograms, edge detection, etc.
- Customized layout and background
- Print by the European leader photo finisher company

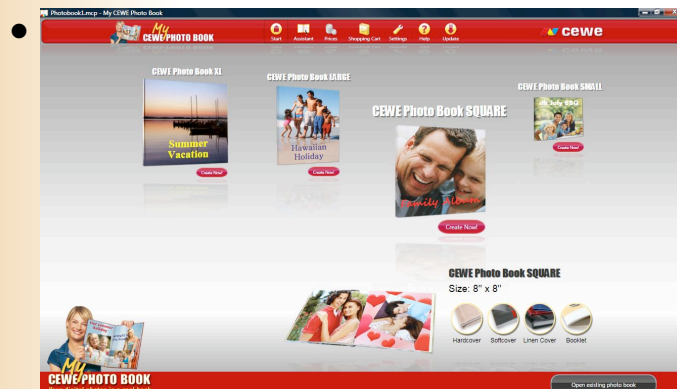
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CeWe Color PhotoBook Processes

- My winter ski holidays with my friends

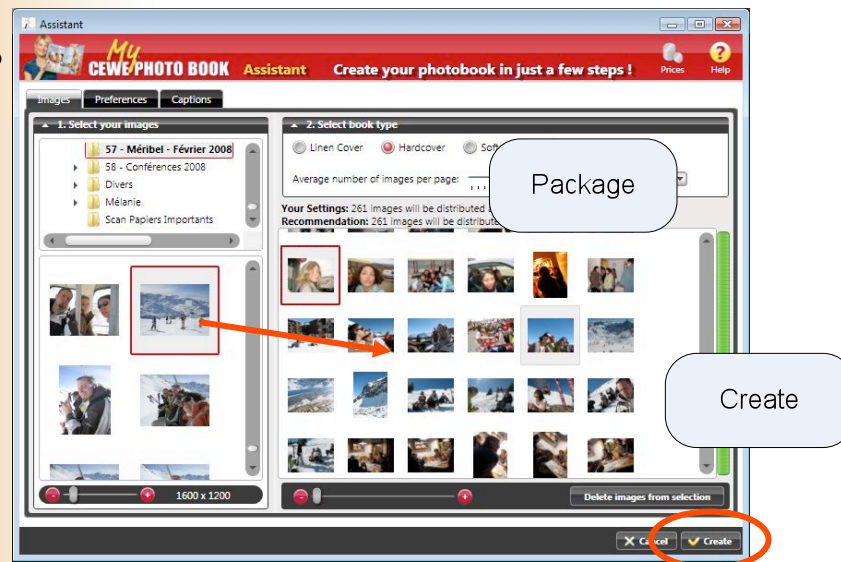
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Construct
Message

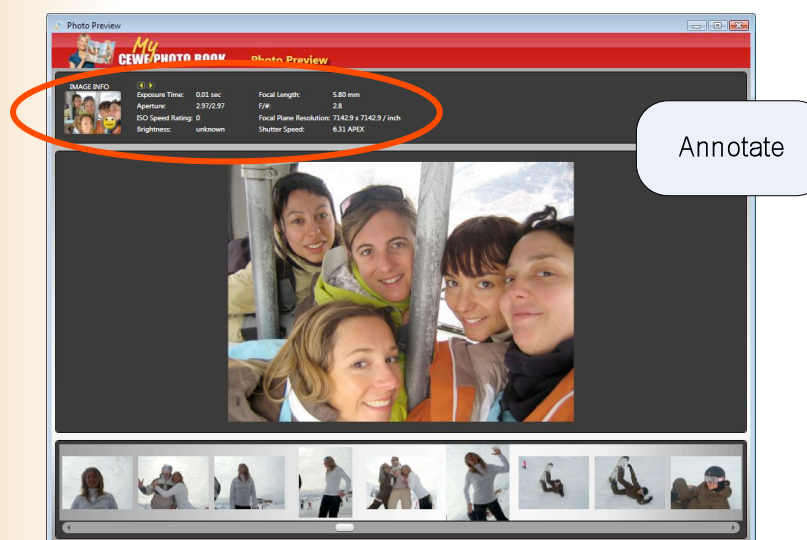
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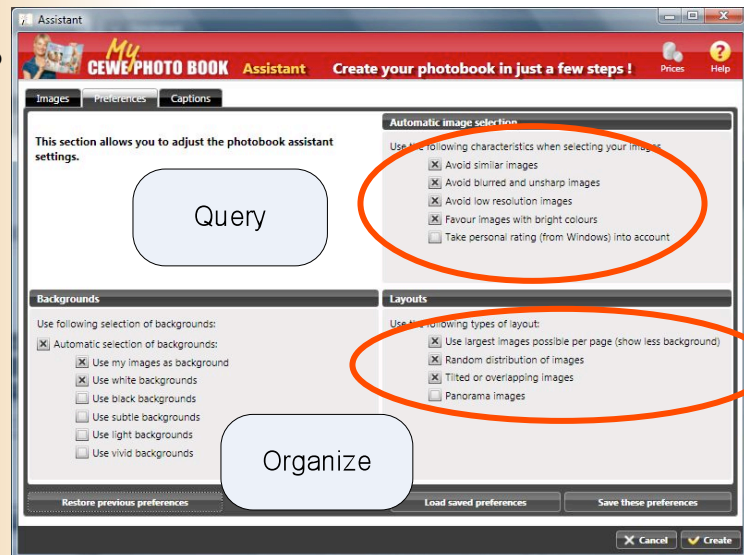
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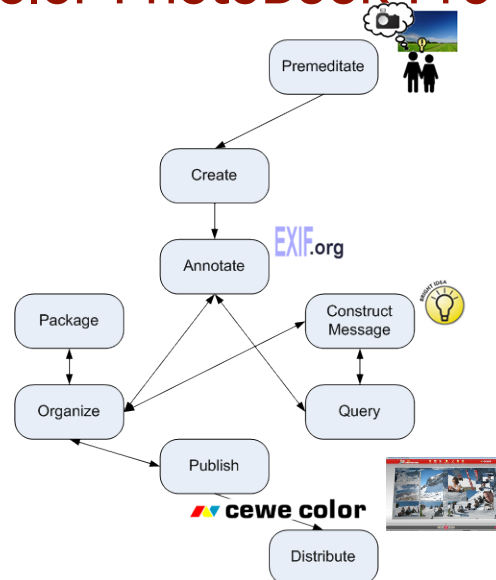
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Generating video
documentaries from annotated
media repositories

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Example 2: Vox Populi Video Sequences Generation

Stefano Bocconi, Frank Nack

- **Interview with America**

video footage with interviews and background material about the opinion of American people after 9-11

<http://www.interviewwithamerica.com>

- Example question:

What do you think of the war in Afghanistan?



"I am never a fan of military action, in the big picture I don't think it is ever a good thing, but I think there are circumstances in which I certainly can't think of a more effective way to counter this sort of thing..."

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Video Documentaries on the Web

- Traditional video authoring
 - only one final version
 - what is shown is the choice of the author/editor
- Proposed video authoring
 - Annotate the video material semantics
 - Show what the user asks to see, using presentation forms a film editor would use

Vox Populi Premeditate Process

- Analogous to the pre-production process in the film industry
 - *Static* versus *dynamic* video artifact
- Output
 - Script, planning of the videos to be captured
 - Questions to the interviewee prepared
 - Profiles of the people interviewed: education, age, gender, race
 - Locations where the interviews take place

Premeditate

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Vox Populi Annotations

- Contextual
 - Interviewee (social), locations
- Descriptive
 - Question asked and transcription of the answers
 - Filmic continuity, examples:
 - gaze direction of speaker (left, centre, right)
 - framing (close-up, medium shot, long shot)
- Rhetorical
 - Rhetorical Statement
 - Argumentation model: Toulmin model

Annotate

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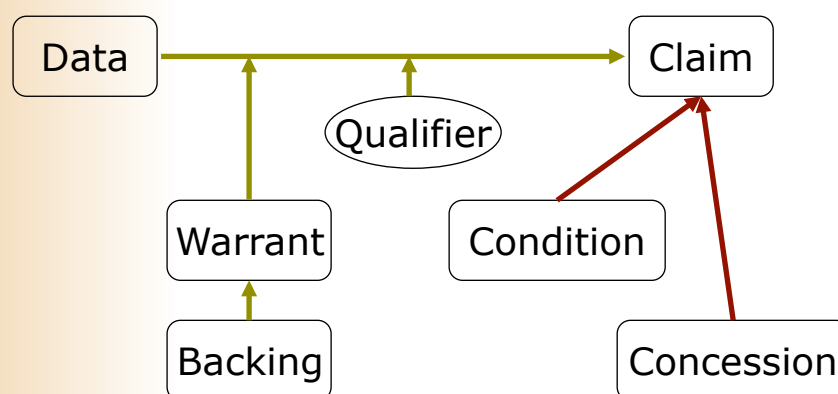
Vox Populi Statement Annotations

- Statement formally annotated:
 - <subject> <modifier> <predicate>
 - E.g. “**war best solution**”
- A thesaurus containing:
 - Terms on the topics discussed (155)
 - Relations between terms: *similar* (72), *opposite* (108), *generalization* (10), *specialization* (10)
 - E.g. **war** *opposite* **diplomacy**

Annotate

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Toulmin Model



*57 Claims, 16 Data, 4 Concessions,
3 Warrants, 1 Condition*

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Vox Populi Query Interface

Construct Message

Question: Why did they do what they did?
 What do you think of the casualties of the war?
 What do you think of the Afghanistan war?
 What are the roots of the problem?
 What do you think about the Anthrax?

Interviewee: Cameroun Parking Guard at Stamford
 Lawyer in Harvard

Opinion: War in Afghanistan - Pro

Position

Age: Middleage, Old, Teenager, Young
 Education: HighEducated, LowEducated, MediumEducated
 Employment: HighIncomeJob, LowIncomeJob, MiddleIncomeJob, Retired, Student
 GeoLocation: NotUSA, USA
 Race: AmericanIndian, Asian, Black, Hispanic, White
 Religion: Atheist, Christian, Muslim
 Sex: Female, Male

First Character

Second Character

Strategy: ☒ None, ☒ Create Clash, ☐ Create Support, ☐ Vox Populi
 Bandwidth: ☐ Low Bandwidth, ☐ Medium Bandwidth, ☐ High Bandwidth
 Intercut: ☐ True, ☐ False
 Caption: ☐ On (can cause problems), ☐ Off

Query

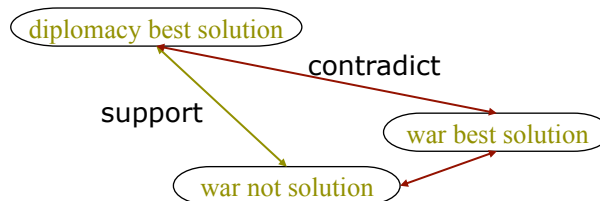
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Vox Populi Organize Process

- Using the thesaurus, create a **graph** of related statements
 - nodes are the statements (corresponding to video segments)
 - "war best solution",
 - "diplomacy best solution",
 - "war not solution"
 - edges are either *support* or *contradict*

Organize



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Result of Vox Populi Query

**I am not a
fan of
military
actions**

**I cannot think
of a more
effective
solution**

Publish



Distribute

**War has
never
solved
anything**

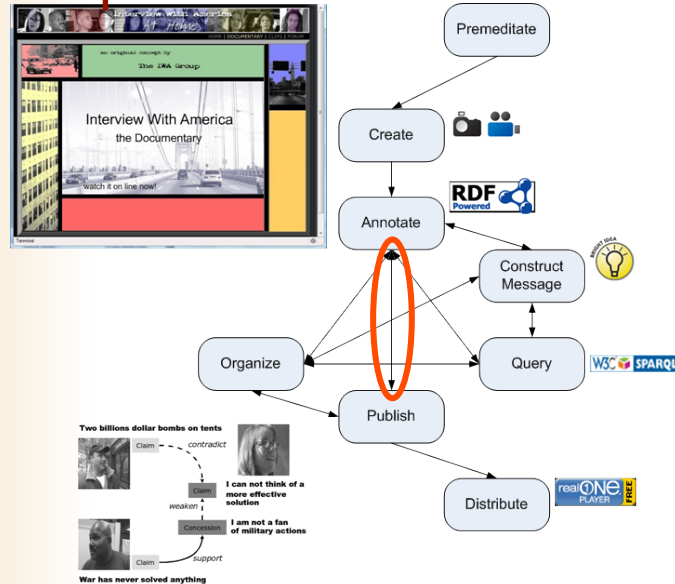
**Two billions
dollar bombs
on tents**

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<http://www.cwi.nl/~media/demo/IWA/>
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Vox Populi Processes



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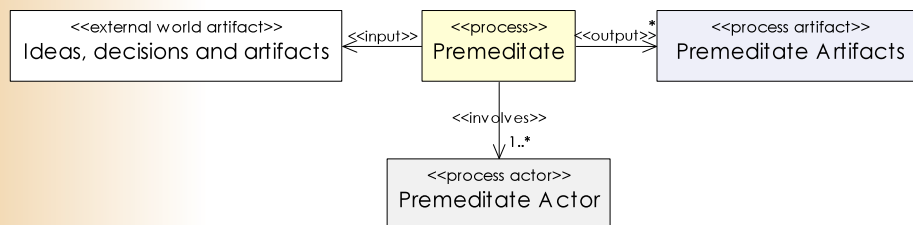
Canonical Processes 101

- Formalization of each process in UML diagrams
 - Process
 - Process artifacts
 - Process actors
 - External world artifacts

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Premeditate

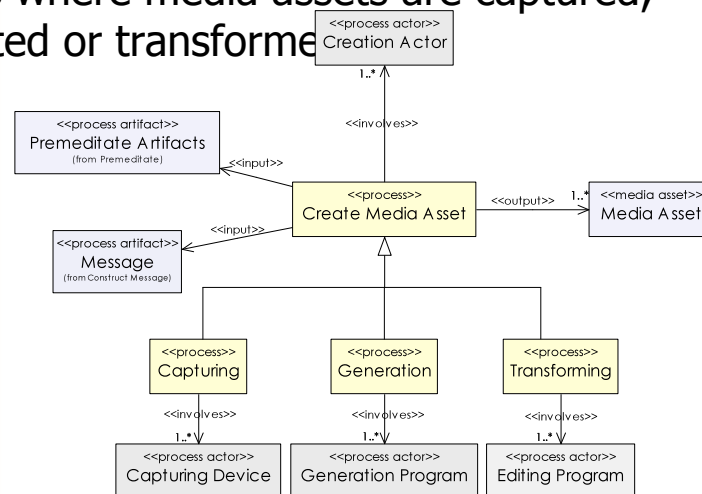
- Process where initial ideas about media production are established
 - *Design a photo book of my last holidays for my family*
 - *Create argument-based sequences of videos of interviews after September 11*



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Create Media Asset

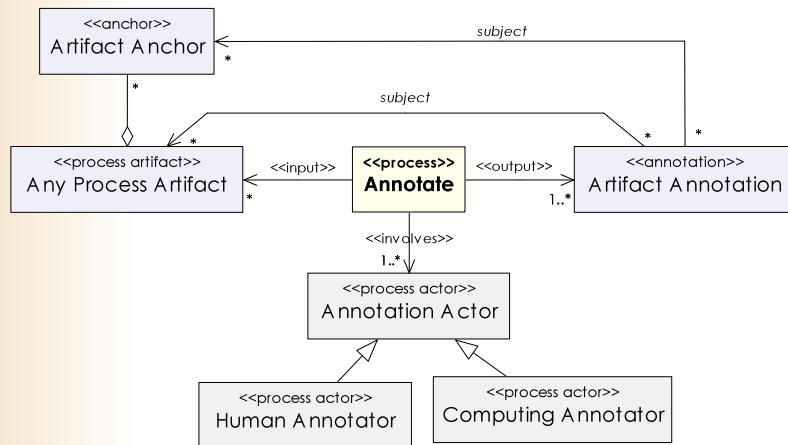
- Process where media assets are captured, generated or transformed



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Annotate

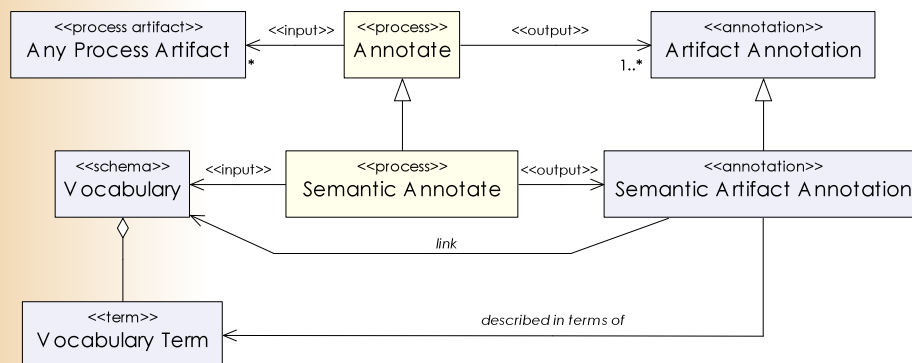
- Process where annotation is created



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Semantic Annotate

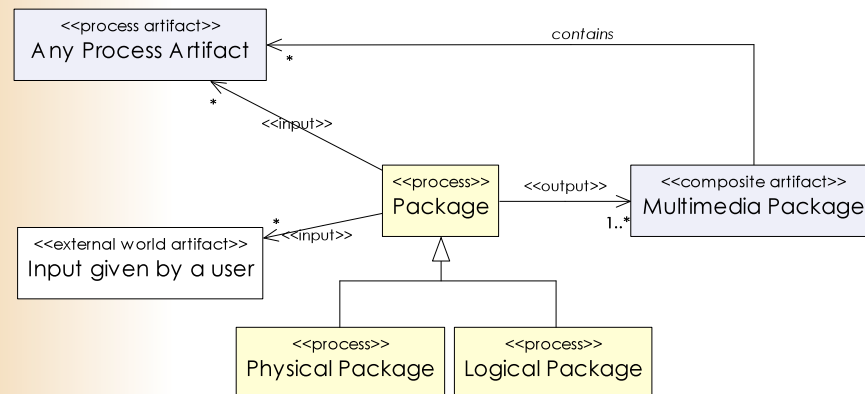
- The annotation uses some controlled vocabularies
 - *Subject matter annotations of your photos*
 - *Rhetorical annotations in Vox Populi*



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Package

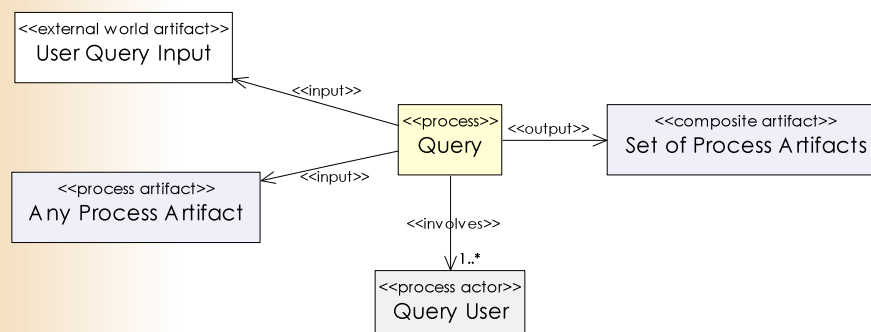
- Process where process artifacts are logically and physically packed



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Query

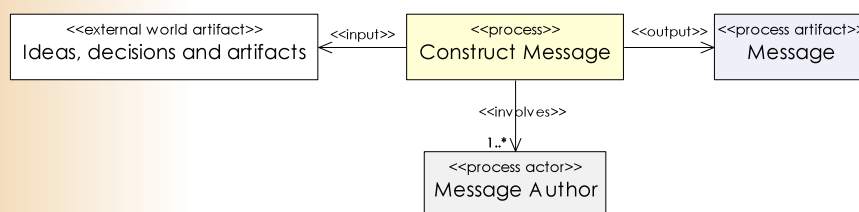
- Process where a user retrieves a set of process artifacts based on a given query



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Construct Message

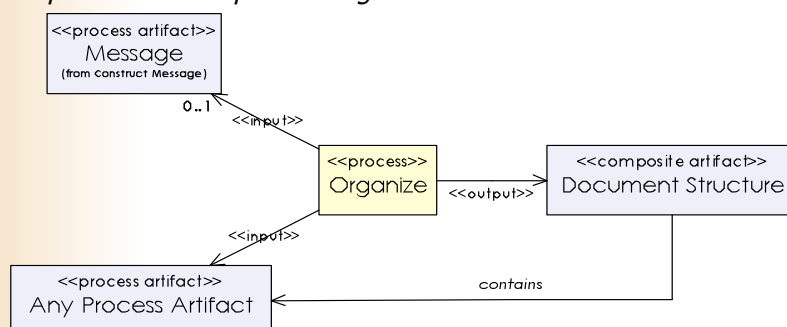
- Process where an author specifies the message they wish to convey
 - *Our holiday was sporty, great weather and fun*
 - *Create clash about whether war is a good thing*



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Organize

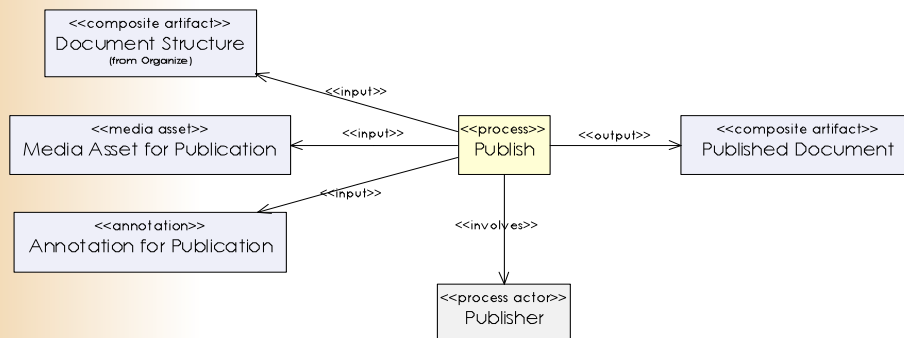
- Process where process artifacts are organized according to the message
 - *Organize a number of 2-page layouts in photobook*
 - *Use semantic graph to select related video clips to form linear presentation of parts of argument structure*



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Publish

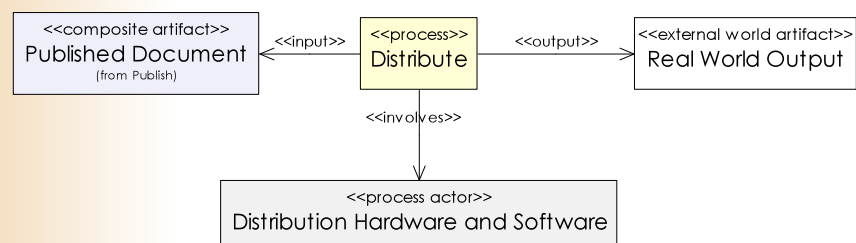
- Process where final content and user interface is created



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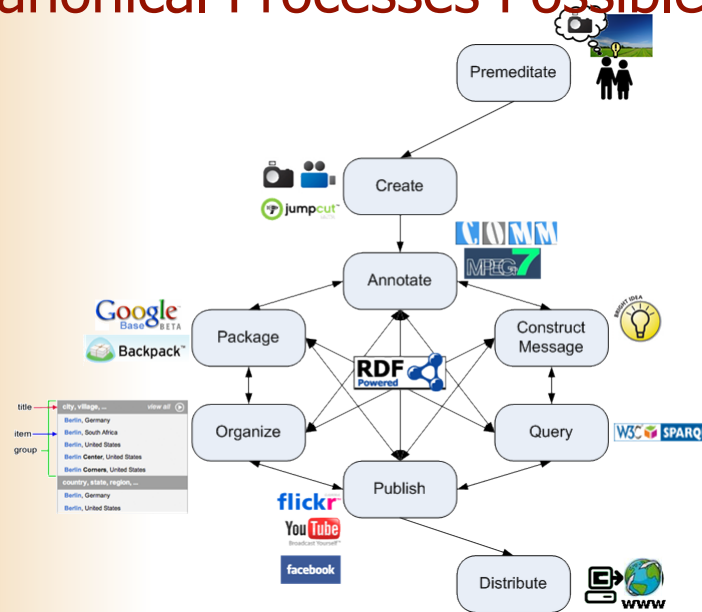
Distribute

- Process where final interaction between end-users and produced media occurs



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Canonical Processes Possible Flow



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Summary

- Community agreement, not “yet another model”
- Large proportion of the functionality provided by multimedia applications can be described in terms of this model
- Initial step towards the definition of open web-based data structures for describing and sharing semantically annotated media assets

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Discussion

- Frequently asked questions
 - Complex processes
 - Interaction
 - Complex artifacts and annotations can be annotated
- Towards a more rigorous formalization of model
 - Relationship to foundational ontologies
 - Semantics of Annotations

Upper Ontology

**Model of Canonical Processes
of Media Production**

Models of Specific Media
Production Processes

Concrete Systems

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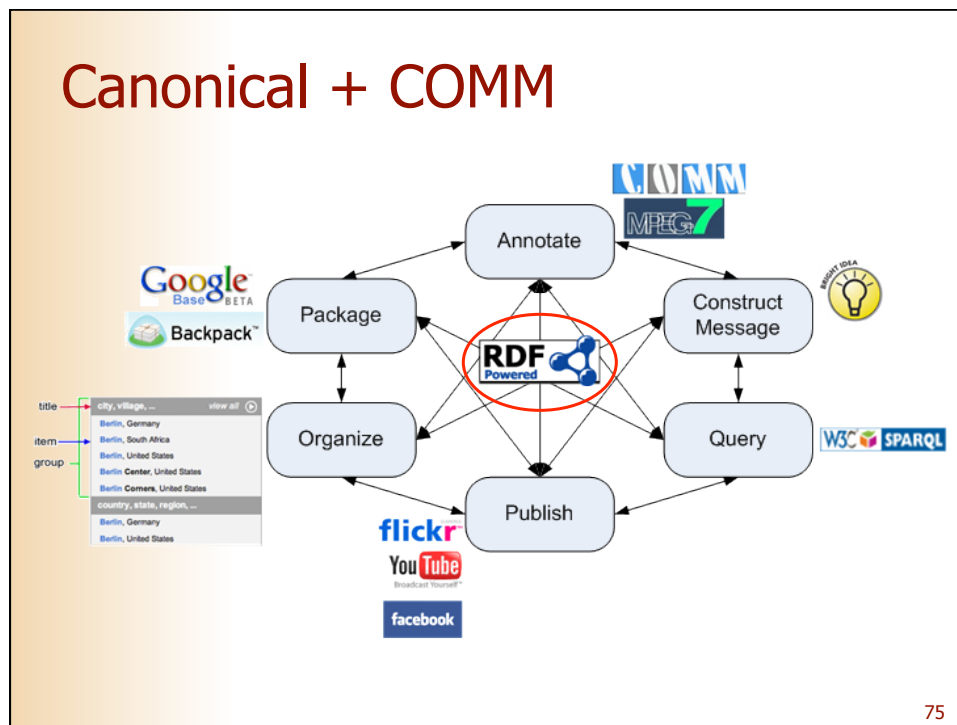
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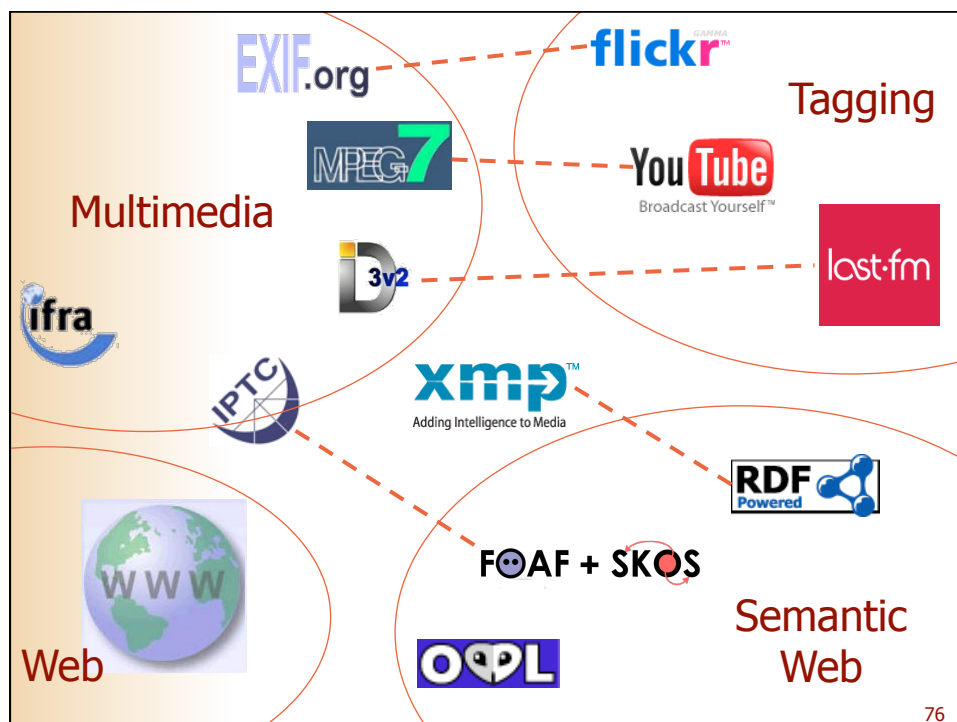
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Canonical + COMM



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Common Scenario



The "[Big Three](#)" at the Yalta Conference (Wikipedia)

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Common Scenario: Tagging Approach

Region



The "[Big Three](#)" at the Yalta Conference (Wikipedia)

- Localize a region
 - Draw a bounding box, a circle around a shape
- Annotate the content
 - Interpret the content
 - Tag: Winston Churchill, UK Prime Minister, Allied Forces, WWII

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Common Scenario: SW Approach

Reg1



The "[Big Three](#)" at the Yalta Conference (Wikipedia)

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- Annotate the content
 - Interpret the content
 - Link to knowledge on the Web

```
:Reg1 foaf:depicts dbpedia:WinstonChurchill
dbpedia:Churchill rdfs:label "Winston Churchill"
dbpedia:Churchill rdf:type foaf:Person
```

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Core Ontology on Multimedia - Mozilla Firefox

http://comm.semanticweb.org/

core ontology for multimedia

Home Ontology Examples Java API Papers

Summary

Semantic descriptions of non-textual media available on the web can be used to facilitate retrieval and presentation of media assets and documents containing them. While technologies for multimedia semantic descriptions already exist, there is as yet no formal description of a high quality multimedia ontology that is compatible with existing (semantic) web technologies. We propose **COMM - A Core Ontology for Multimedia** based on both the **MPEG-7 standard** and the **DOLCE** foundational ontology.

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Scenario: Image

Reg1



The "[Big Three](#)" at the Yalta Conference (Wikipedia)

- Localize a region (bounding box)
- Annotate the content (interpretation)
 - Tag: Winston Churchill, UK Prime Minister, Allied Forces, WWII
 - Link to knowledge on the Web

```
:Reg1 foaf:depicts dbpedia:WinstonChurchill
dbpedia:Churchill rdfs:label "Winston Churchill"
dbpedia:Churchill rdf:type foaf:Person
```

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Scenario: Video



- Localize a region
 - Annotate the content
 - Tag: G8 Summit, Heiligendamn, 2007
 - Link to knowledge on the Web
- EU Summit, Gothenburg, 2001

```
:Seq1 foaf:depicts dbpedia:34th_G8_Summit
:Seq4 foaf:depicts dbpedia:EU_Summit
geo:Heilegendamn skos:broader geo:Germany
```

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Research Problem

Reg1



The "[Big Three](#)" at the Yalta Conference (Wikipedia)

Seq1



A history of G8 violence ([video](#))
(© Reuters)

Seq4



- Multimedia objects are complex
 - Compound information objects, fragment identification
- Semantic annotation
 - Subjective interpretation, context dependent
- Linked data principle
 - Open to reuse existing knowledge

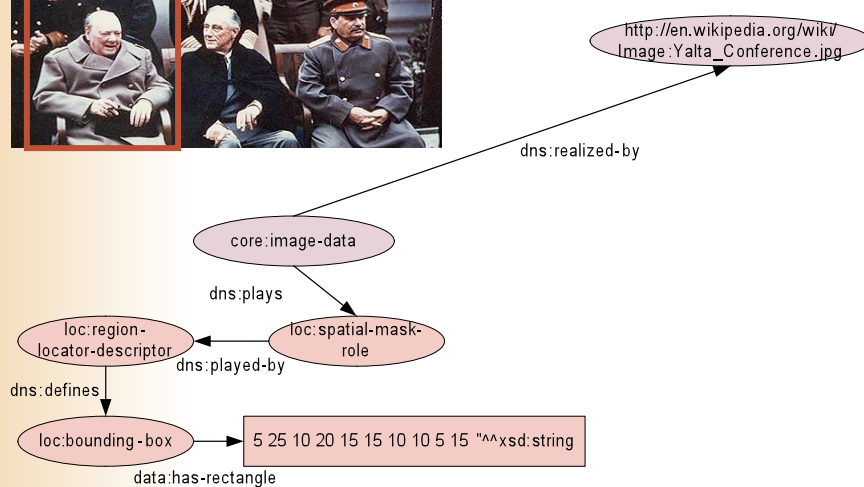
⇒ MPEG-7

⇒ D&S | OIO

⇒ RDF

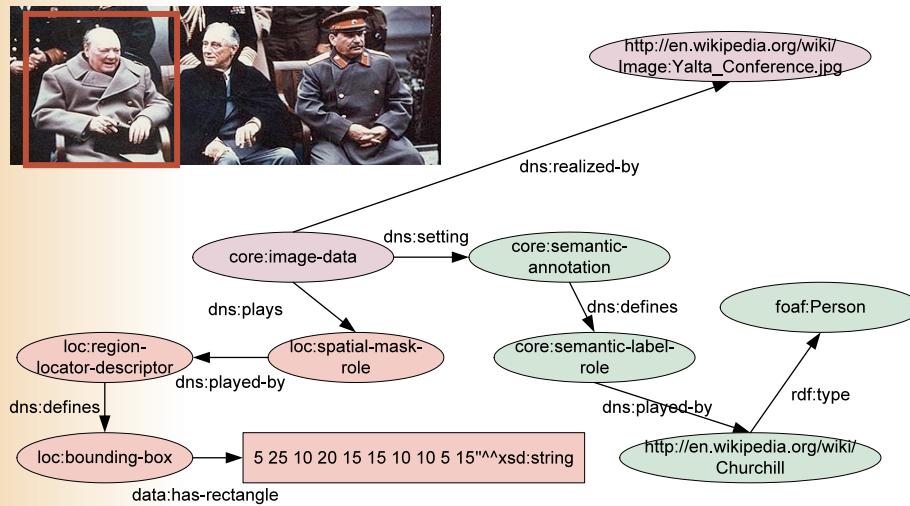
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Example 1: Fragment Identification



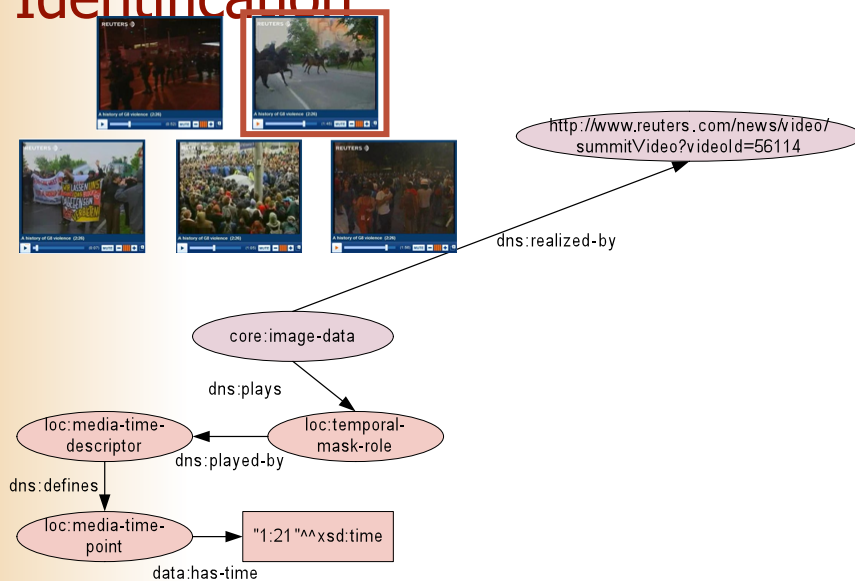
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Example 1: Region Annotation



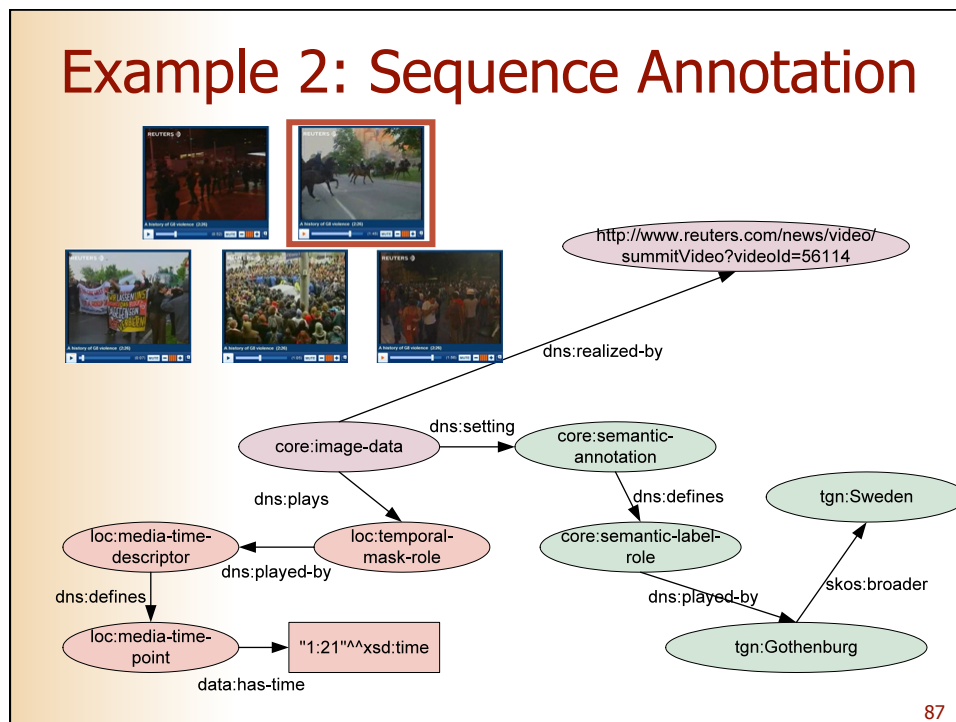
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Example 2: Fragment Identification



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Example 2: Sequence Annotation



Implementation

- COMM fully formalized in OWL DL
 - Rich axiomatization, consistency check (Fact++v1.1.5)
 - OWL 2.0: qualified cardinality restrictions for number restrictions of MPEG-7 low-level descriptors
- JAVA API available
 - MPEG-7 class interface for the construction of meta-data at runtime
- <http://comm.semanticweb.org/>

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A Giant Graph Open to the World

```
<rdf:Description
  rdf:about="Ganesh.jpg">
  <dc:title>An image of the
  Elephant Ganesh</dc:title>
  <dc:creator>
  Raphaël Troncy</dc:creator>
</rdf:Description>
```



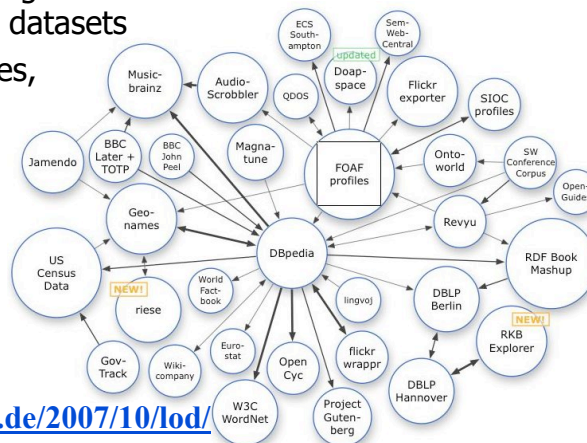
- Annotate the content (interpretation)
Elephant, Ganesh, Thailand, Holidays, Chiang Mai
- Link to knowledge on the Web

```
:img foaf:depicts dbpedia:Ganesh
dbpedia:Ganesh rdfs:label "Vinayaka"
dbpedia:Ganesh skos:altlabel "Ganapati"
dbpedia:Ganesh rdf:type wn:synset-Deities-noun-1
dbpedia:Ganesh owl:sameas wn:synset-Ganesh-noun-1
```

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Linking Open Data Project

- Expose open datasets in RDF
- Set RDF links among the data items for different datasets
- Over 2 billion triples, 3 millions links (March 2008)



<http://richard.cyganiak.de/2007/10/lod/>

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DBpedia

- DBpedia is a community effort to:
 - extract structured "infobox" information from Wikipedia
 - interlink DBpedia with other datasets on the Web



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DBpedia

Extracting Infobox Data

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calgary>

```
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Calgary>
  dbpedia:native_name "Calgary" ;
  dbpedia:altitude "1048" ;
  dbpedia:population_city "988193" ;
  dbpedia:population_metro "1079310" ;
  mayor_name
    dbpedia:Dave_Bronconnier ;
  governing_body
    dbpedia:Calgary_City_Council ;
  ...
```

■ Altogether 9,100,000 RDF triples
extracted from 754,000 infoboxes

Calgary	
	Downtown Calgary
Government	
- Mayor	Dave Bronconnier (Past mayors) Calgary City Council
- Governing body	
- Manager	Owen A. Tober
Area ^[1]	
- City	726.50 km² (280.5 sq mi)
- Metro	5,107.43 km² (1,972 sq mi)
Elevation	1,048 m (3,438.3 ft)
Population (2005) ^[1]	
- City	988,193
- Density	1,360.2/km² (3,522.9/sq mi)
- Metro	1,079,310
- Population rank	3rd
- Metro rank	5th

Christian Bizer et al. DBpedia – Querying Wikipedia Like a Database (May 11, 2007)

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Automatic Links Among Open Datasets

```
<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Calgary>
  owl:sameAs <http://sws.geonames.org/5913490>;
  ...
```

DBpedia

Geonames

```
<http://sws.geonames.org/5913490>
  owl:sameAs <http://DBpedia.org/resource/Calgary>
  wgs84_pos:lat "51.050112282";
  wgs84_pos:long "-114.085285152";
  sws:population "968460"
  ...
```

Processors can switch automatically from one to the other ...

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Take Home Message

- Reuse what is there
 - Of course, one could create RDF data manually ...
... but that is unrealistic on a large scale
 - Goal is to generate RDF data automatically when possible and "fill in" by hand only when necessary
 - service to get RDF from flickr images
<http://www.kanzaki.com/works/2005/imgdsc/flickr2rdf>
 - service to get RDF from XMP
<http://www.ivan-herman.net/cgi-bin/blosxom.cgi/WorkRelated/SemanticWeb/xmpextract.html>

- Expose what you make





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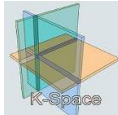
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Semantic Search

Michiel Hildebrand
Jacco van Ossenbruggen, Alia Amin, Lynda Hardman

CWI, Semantic Media Interfaces



Semantic Search

- Text-based search queries
- Explicit semantics improve search results
- Many implementations
 - different types of functionality and interfaces
 - What is useful for end-users?

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Semantic search survey

- 35 systems
 - Search engine, faceted browser, wiki, question answering, portal
- Analysis of search functionality and interface for
 - Query construction
 - Search algorithm
 - Presentation of search results

http://swuiwiki.webscience.org/index.php/Semantic_Search_Survey
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semantic_search

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Query Construction

Feature	Functionality	Interface components
Free text input	Keyword, natural language	Single text-entry, Property specific field
Operators	Syntactic disambiguation, Semantic constraints	
Controlled terms	Disambiguate input, Restrict output, Predefined queries	Value lists, Faceted browser, Graph
User feedback	Pre-query disambiguation	Autocompletion

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Search algorithm

- Syntactic matching
 - Exact, prefix or substring match
 - Minimal edit distance
 - Stemming
- Semantic matching
 - Graph traversal
 - Query expansion
 - RDFS/OWL reasoning

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Result Presentation

Feature	Functionality	Interface components
Data selection	Selected values, Template, Display vocabularies	Visualized by text, graph, tagcloud, map, timeline, calendar
Ordering	Content / link structure based ranking	Ordered list
Organization	Clustering by property, by result path or dynamic	Tree, nested box structure, clustermap
User feedback	Post-query disambiguation, Recommendation	Facets, tagcloud, value list

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Semantic Search

- Point in graph
 - Whole graph
 - Subset of graph useful for human
-
- Search in eCulture
 - <http://e-culture.multimediant.nl>
 - <http://e-culture.multimediant.nl/tutorials/>

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E-Culture Multimediant *cultural heritage search*

search | browse | local view | annotate

This cultural search engine will give you access to artworks from several museum collections.
Type a keyword, for example: Derain, calligraphy, or 1867.

search

Collections

 Artchive.com (>3,000 objects)	 Rijksmuseum.nl (>16,000 objects)	 RMV.nl (>10,000 objects)	 KIT.nl (>78,000 objects)	 Bibliopolis.nl (>1,600 objects)
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Vocabularies and thesauri

 Getty AAT (>31,000)	 Getty ULAN (>130,000)	 Getty TGN (>860,000)	 SVCN (Dutch ethnology, >11,000)	 Princeton Wordnet (>115,000)
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<http://e-culture.multimediant.nl/demo/search>

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Principles of Facet Browsing

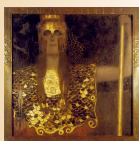
- Groups objects from different perspective
- Build constraints as you go

With thanks to Alia Amin for the slides explaining facet browsing

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Group objects from different perspectives

Example: A set of paintings with these properties. How to group them?



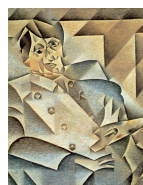
- Art Style: Art Nouveau
- Location: Paris
- Artist: Gustav Klimt



- Art Style: Art Nouveau
- Location : Paris
- Artist: Monet



- Art Style: Expressionist
- Location : Vienna
- Artist: Monet



- Art Style: Impressionist
- Location : Paris
- Artist: Picasso

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Groups of objects from different perspectives (location)

Group objects based on
location:

- Group 1: Paris
- Group 2: Vienna



Paris



Vienna

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Group objects from different perspectives

Example: A set of paintings with these properties. How to group them?



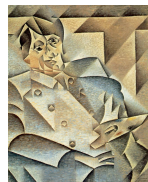
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- Art Style: Expressionist
- Location : Vienna
- Artist: Monet



- Art Style: Impressionist
- Location : Paris
- Artist: Picasso

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Groups of objects from different perspectives (art style)

Group objects based on
art style:

- Group 1: Art nouveau
- Group 2: Expressionist
- Group 3: Impressionist



Art nouveau



Expressionist



Impressionist

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Group objects from different perspectives

Example: A set of paintings with these properties. How to group them?



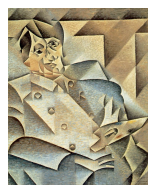
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- Artist: Gustav Klimt



- Art Style: Art Nouveau
- Location : Paris
- Artist: Monet



- Art Style: Expressionist
- Location : Vienna
- Artist: Munch



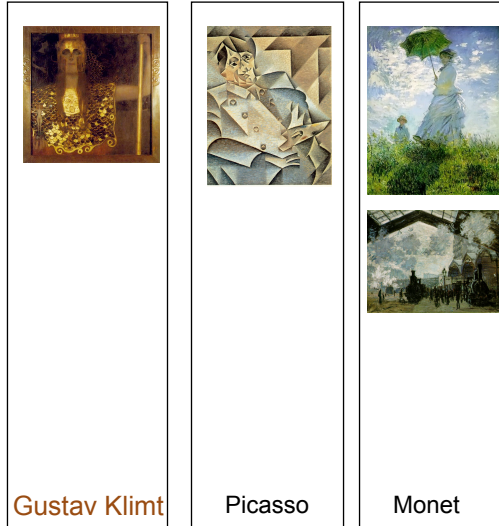
- Art Style: Impressionist
- Location : Paris
- Artist: Picasso

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Groups of objects from different perspectives (artist)

Group objects based on
artist:

- Group 1: **Gustav Klimt**
- Group 2: Picasso
- Group 3: Monet

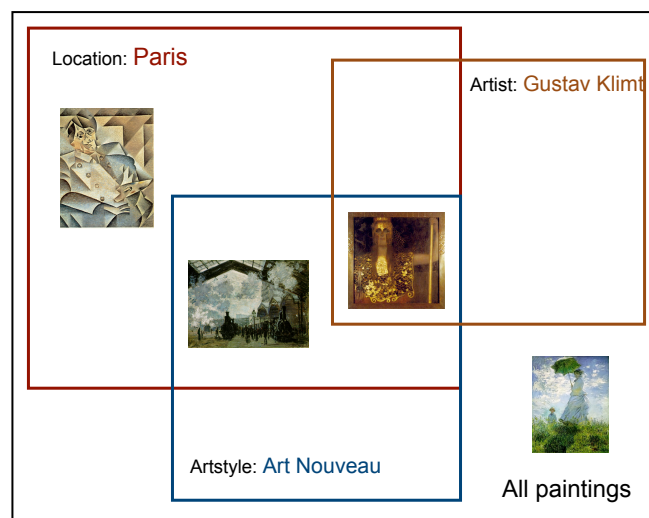


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Build constraints as you go

All paintings which
are

- Location: Paris
- Artstyle: Art Nouveau
- Artist: Gustav Klimt



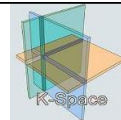
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Examples

- Commercial: Ebay Express
- Noncommercial: /facet, Flamenco
- Main advantage: support exploratory search
- Facet browser tutorial at CHI06 and CHI07

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Semantic Browsing of Multimedia News

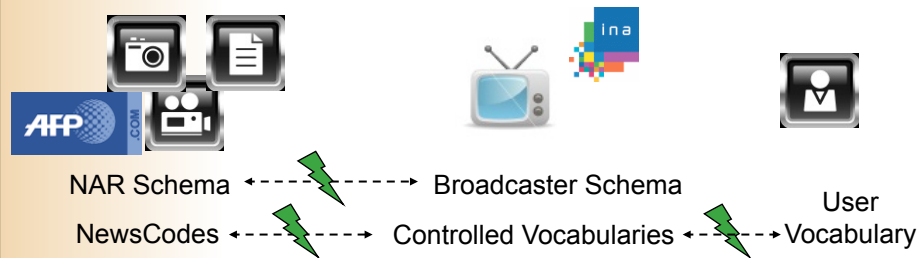


- Goal:
 - Provide an environment for **searching** and **browsing contextualized multimedia news** information
- Method:
 - Semantic processing of multimedia news items
 - Link news items with knowledge on the web
- Datasets:
 - News stories: Jun/Jul 2006 (en/fr) newsfeed, AFP ± 90,000 items
 - Photos: 2006 football world cup, AFP ± 2,500 items
 - Video: Jun/Jul 2006 TV News (fr), INA ± 30 items

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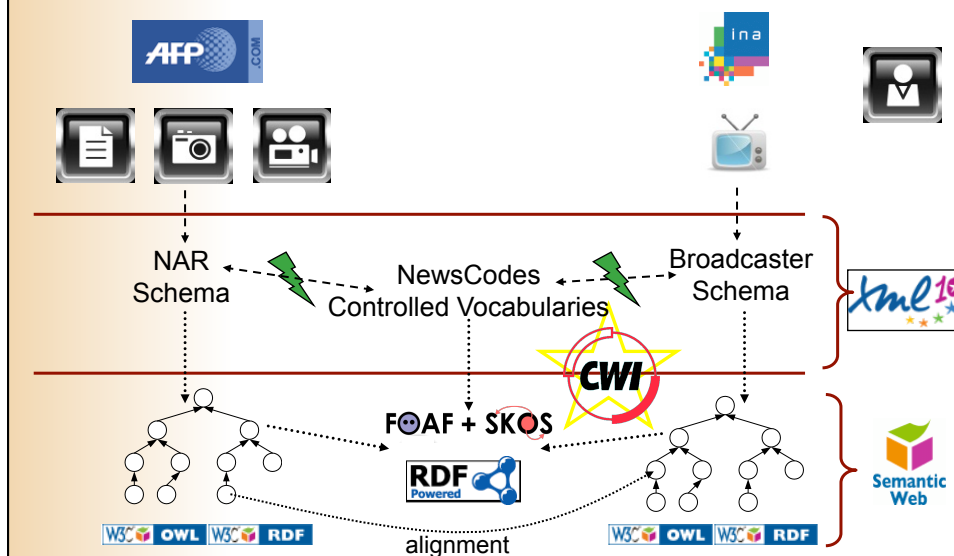
Problems

- No integration of media (stories, photo, video)
- Little (or no) context in the news presentation
- Lack of interoperability in the current workflow



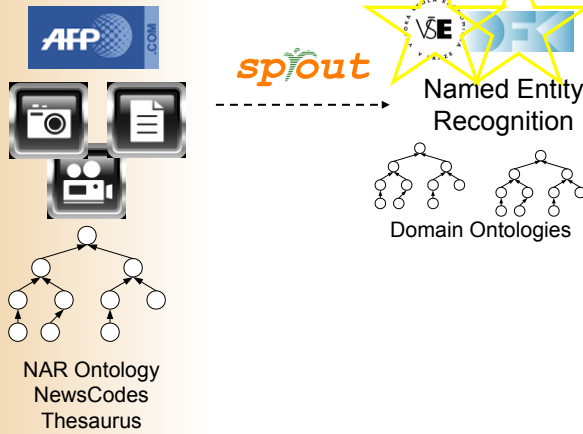
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Metadata Conversion



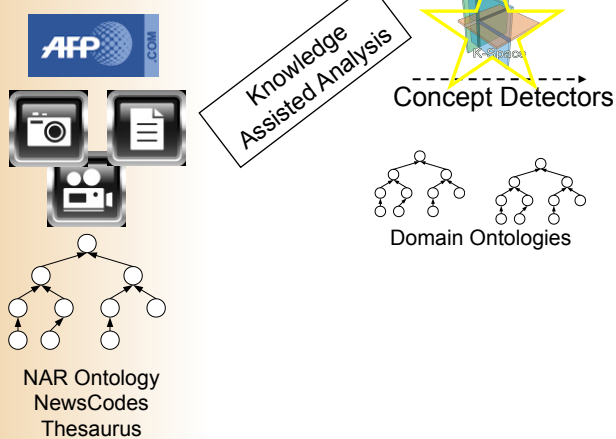
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Semantic Processing

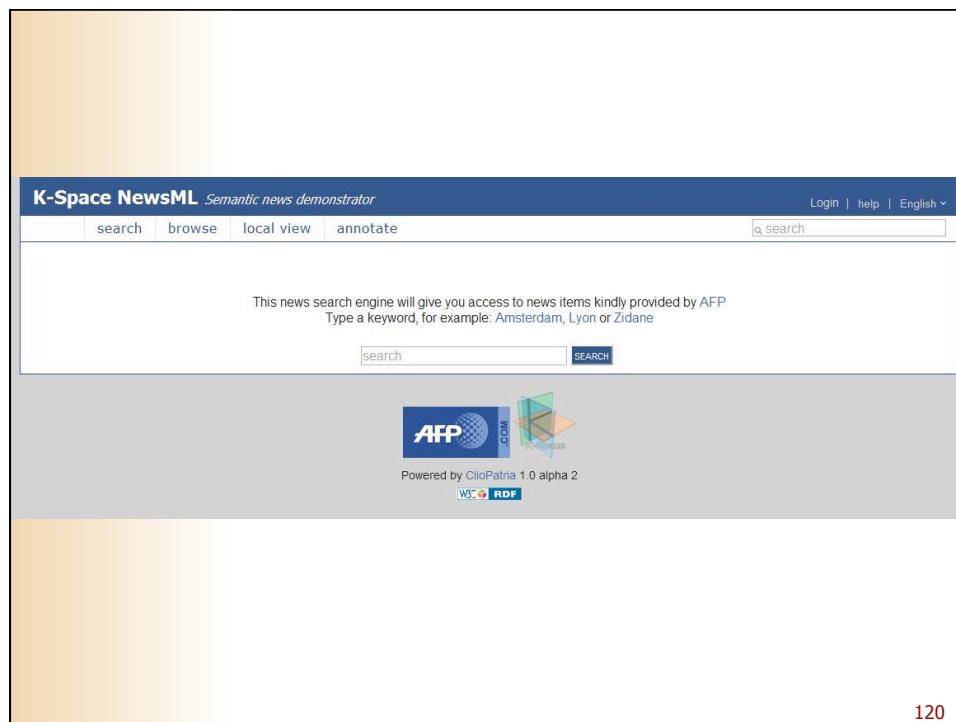
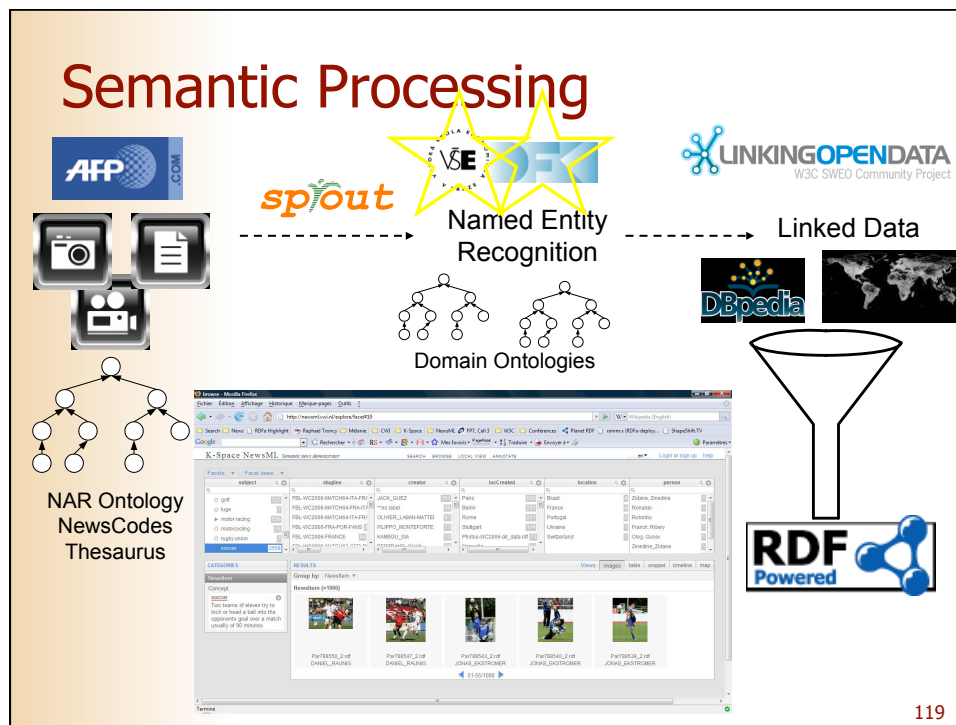


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Semantic Processing



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Interfaces on linked data

- Where are we now?
 - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freebase_\(database\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freebase_(database))
 - <http://www.freebase.com/>
 - <http://mqlx.com/~david/parallax/>
- Where could we be going?
 - <http://adaptivepath.com/aurora/>

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<http://www.w3.org/2008/01/video-activity>.

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What are my messages?



- Features can be extracted and used to describe multimedia content (metadata)
- Multimedia presentations embody messages
- Media, structure and aesthetics all contribute to conveying the message
- The message can be made explicit (more metadata)
- Media content and metadata can be passed around and among systems
- We need to agree on how to do this (e.g. canonical processes; COMM; W³C working groups; IPTC)
- Users can be given much richer and more flexible access to (semantically annotated) content, but...
- we are still figuring out how to do this.

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