Searching BBC Rushes Using Semantic Web Techniques

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BBC Rushes: data statistics - 1

- Rushes are raw footage …
  with a promise to turn into golden nuggets of stockshots
- BBC Rushes: 49.3 hours
  - 4 issues of “Summer Holiday” (~ 2 hours)
  - BBC One News (30’) + fragment (~3’)
- Statistics: clip level
  - 615 clips (308 development + 307 test sets)
  - Duration (mm:ss):
    » Minimal / Maximal - 00:03.48 / 47:11
    » Mean / Median – 04:49 / 02:25
    » Std - 06:02.73
  - Keywords:
    » Different keywords / Occurrences – 1036 / 4908
    » Mean / Median – 7.98 / 7
    » Minimal / Maximal – 0 / 34
BBC Rushes: data statistics - 2
BBC Rushes: data statistics - 3

- **Statistics: shot level**
  - Number of shots 10,064
  - Shot duration (mm:ss)
    - Minimal - 0:00.04
    - Maximal – 22:45.16
    - Mean – 0:17.51
    - Median – 0:09.74
    - Std - 0:33.97
  - Number of key frames
    - Total: 39,132
    - Median per shot: 2
    - Mean per shot: 3.8
    - Maximal: 377
    - Minimal: 1
Faceted navigation

- **Facets** are metadata properties whose ranges form a near-orthogonal set of controlled vocabularies
  - Creator: “Dickens, Charles”
  - Subject: Arsenic, Antimony
  - Location: World > U.S. > California > Venice

- Facets form a frame of reference for information overview, access and discovery
  - Other properties serve as landmarks and cues

- **Faceted navigation** uses facets to provide end user access and discovery in the context of large collections of semi-structured information
  - Providing end user with scope and context directly
Building faceted navigation applications

Metadata is aggregated...

... then represented as instances of concepts in ontologies and tagged using controlled vocabularies...

... then application profiles are created...

... that define navigation services for user applications
Faceted navigation built using SW standards

• Define/reuse ontologies expressed in RDF(S)/OWL
  – Classes for defining instances and controlled vocabularies
  – Properties for facets and additional asset metadata attributes
• Import/transform aggregated instance metadata into an RDF representation
  – Resources referred to via URIs
  – Content and controlled vocabularies
• Write application profiles in terms of RDF
BBC Rushes: representation

- Ontologies
  - RDFS, Dublin Core, SKOS
- Controlled vocabularies
  - TGM-1 (reflecting LSCOM Lite facets), ISO8601 (temporal hierarchy of dates)
- Instances
  - trecvid:Shot, trecvid:Clip
- Application profile
  - Retrieve instances of type trecvid:Shot
  - Textual facets: dc:title (clip title), dc:subject (keywords), dc:creator (director), dcterms:created (production date), dcterms:issued (show date), dc:extent (duration)
BBC Rushes: visual facets

- Facets: color, texture, [shape] + combinations
  - Color, texture, color+texture

- To build facets
  - Extract features (MPEG-7):
    - Color: dominantColor, colorStructure, colorLayout
    - Texture: edgeHistogram, homogenousTexture
  - SOM Clustering of keyframes
    - Select as a visual “word” the closest keyframe to node centroid
  - Represent keyframes as SKOS concepts, centroids as skos:broader of cluster members

- Example:
  - SOM for color 35x28
BBC Rushes: RDF subgraph

- **2000**
  - **Year**
  - **Peppers**
  - **Hot_peppers**
  - **Chilli_peppers**

- **2000-03**
  - **2000-03-01**

- **Color**
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  - **dc:created**
  - **dcterms:partOf**

- **v159_001.wmv**
  - **v159.mpg**
  - **dc:subject**
  - **dc:creator**
  - **dc:title**

- **f000000000.jpg**
  - **color#26547**

- **"thailand, chiang mai/chillis"**
  - **"michelle jones"**

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- **2000**
  - **skos:broadere**
  - **dc:subject**
  - **dc:creator**
  - **dc:title**

- **2000-03-01**
  - **skos:broadere**
  - **dc:subject**
  - **dc:creator**
  - **dc:title**

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  - **skos:broadere**
  - **dc:subject**
  - **dc:creator**
  - **dc:title**

- **2000-03**
  - **skos:broadere**
  - **dc:subject**
  - **dc:creator**
  - **dc:title**

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BBC Rushes Navigator: architecture

BBC Rushes RDF → Metadata Aggregator → Metadata Store → Navigation Web Services → AJAX client in Firefox

XRBR query

XRBR response
BBC Rushes Navigator: user interface
Future work

• More facets
  • Shape + combinations
  • Geographical location

• More Interfaces
  • Map of the world for browsing places
  • Hierarchy of SOM for browsing clips and shots

• More Tools
  • Tagging tool for creating and managing metadata
  • Tools for creating video databases (shot extraction, feature extraction, clustering, classification of events, etc.)
  • Tools for creating audio-video compositions (TV programs, commercials, etc.)
Recommendations

• To bi(-sect) or not?
  • Development / Test sets

• Video database management
  • From shot extraction to semantic classification
  • Mining for stockshots
    – Interesting shots detection
    – New shots classification
    – Usage statistics

• Search for
  • Geographical location
  • Concrete concept (boat, fish, etc.)
  • Abstract concept (serenity, dance, etc.)

• Effectiveness and Usability
  • Interactive query model: fit of faceted navigation
  • Role of tagging in exploration