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SeaTube: Overview and Demonstration

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Presentation Overview

Main Topics

- Video Annotations Why? and Overview
- SeaTube Features
- Use of SeaTube in your Organization

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Video Annotations – An Overview

Video Annotations – Why?

Why are they required?

- Oceanographic institutes worldwide conduct many varied expeditions to study the ocean
- Deep ocean environments represent the least known areas of planet earth, and video observations are required to characterize the subsea flora, fauna and biota
- An integral and critical component of these exploration cruises is the ability to reliably and accurately annotate ROV dives in conjunction with video, audio and other sensor data recordings
- These video observations require experts in relevant fields of study to identify items of interest (biological, geological, physical, etc.)
- Annotation quality (or lack thereof) will directly impact the amount and quality of the science that can be conducted

Video Annotations Overview

Problem Statements

- Video data are information rich, expensive to collect, massive in size and difficult to search/ browse/ analyze
- □ Video annotations are laborious to create yet are critical for scientific analysis and O&M activities
- Annotations need experts but with limited space onboard vessels, it is difficult to sail with all the required expertise onboard
- Many dives are exploring unknown oceans where there is no prior expectation as to what will be encountered
- Ability to analyze captured annotations is limited without use of structured vocabularies
- Availability and distribution of captured video and annotation data can be challenging and involve sometimes lengthy delays

Key Features Demanded by Scientists

NOAA OER conducted a study to determine the key features that their scientific community needed to address these problems. The key features were:

- Ability to capture *real time annotations* as observations are being made during the ROV dive
- ❑ Ability to *view annotations with associated video and sensor data* (ROV position, depth, temperature, salinity, etc.) in an *easily accessible environment* during and after the dive
- Enhanced collaboration via the ability to engage and utilize remote scientific resources onshore (potentially with a world-wide distribution) both during and post-cruise
- Ability to *filter, search and export the annotations* (along with snapshot imagery), with the full ability to edit the contents
- □ Cloud-based to support real time access during dives, and full archival access post-cruise

SeaTube – Main Features

SeaTube addresses these challenges by providing:

- U Web-based, telepresence platform that enables real time streaming of video and sensor data
- Support for both vessel-based and remote users (distributed worldwide), with real time synchronization of data between all users ("invited" crowdsourced video annotations)
- Integration with *defined taxonomies* (i.e. WoRMS, CMECS, etc.) and ability to create *customized, structured vocabularies*. In addition, provides support for *free-form comments*.
- □ Integration with OBIS for real time detection and alerting of observations not previously recorded in the area of interest
- Synchronized data display of dive map (ROV and annotation location) and other sensor data (i.e. temperature, depth, salinity, etc.)
- User interface structured for *ease of use* and *quick entry* of annotations, critical for real time dive annotation creation
- **G** Full ability to *filter, search and export* annotations for further processing outside of SeaTube
- Ability to create *playlists* of key observations, useful for *science collaboration*, *public outreach via social media*
- User interface fully customizable, allowing display of only the panels of interest and in location/size they want
- Ability to further engage public "Citizen Scientists" through use of game-ified tool (Digital Fishers) for additional crowdsourced annotations
- □ Mobile support

"Invited" Crowdsourced Annotations – What Is It?

- A distributed annotation model: Interested and vetted scientists participate in real time ROV dives
- Telepresence brings the ship's control room to labs and offices.
- Real time annotations online through a web-browser



Accuracy / Completeness



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User Interface Overview



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Sensor Data

Sensor data synched with annotation and video time

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Annotation Tools

Annotation Search



Customizable Taxonomies

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Use by Your Organization

Usage of SeaTube

SeaTube is currently an integrated component of Oceans 2.0 – ONC's master data acquisition, archive, distribution and visualization system

Options:

1. ONC-Hosted

□ System administration by ONC staff

Data stored at ONC, but fully owned and managed by the user organization

2. Blended

□ ONC administered

Data stored at the client facility

<u>*Note</u> - this option currently involves more complexity to setup and configure

ONC is also working on a fully stand-alone SeaTube offering, allowing for full administration and local storage at user organization location.

ONC would also like to foster discussion with other organizations regarding a collaborative, open-sourced platform for SeaTube.

ONC-Hosted Advantages

- □ Minimizes initial expenses and time to implement
- Allows assessment of full capabilities utilizing your own data (Try Before You Buy)
- SeaTube / Oceans 2.0 has been field proven and represents over a decade of dedicated development
- □ Provides robust capability out-of-the-box, and allows for custom expansion of services by client
- All administration, configuration, archiving, continuity of operations, etc. already exist and would be extended to the client
- Extra operational support available as required to support client's cruises & dives
- Avoids the financial and technical risk associated with a large, new, customized development projects undertaken by the client to replicate existing SeaTube / Oceans 2.0 functionality
- ONC has a large professional software development team dedicated to the continual maintenance and innovative evolution of SeaTube / Oceans 2.0
- □ An ONC-hosted solution also allows clients and their users to utilize our extensive computing resources
- Client data can be protected for only authorized access

Estimated Costs

- □ Installation model chosen (ONC-hosted or Blended)
- □ Whether the full system or select components (i.e. SeaTube) will be included
- □ The number, type and specific oceanographic instruments that will need to be configured and supported
- Estimated data volumes
- Whether extra hardware is required, depending on estimated data volumes and installation model chosen
- □ Whether existing customer hardware can be utilized for local components
- □ Whether extra data products are required
- Level of training, administration, data stewardship, QA/QC, etc., services that the client would like ONC to provide
- Extension of the system access to other organizations beyond the original client (i.e. if the client intends the installation to support a national program consisting of multiple member organizations)

Thank You!

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