

Reporting Period: 2000-11 to 2000-11 **Report No:** 11

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Executive Summary

Continued development of WP1, broadcast system prototype.
Continued development of WP2, WP3 & WP4, Active X Avatar player
ActiveX Ihost version 2 - UEA, IRT, IvD, UH

Prepared demos and for IST Nice Event; attended and participated in dissemination activity.
Prepared demos and presentation for RNID Exhibition and conference, London. Manned stand (Dissemination activity)

Overview –

WP1 Motion Capture Animation files for new TX test sequence post-produced and supplied to IRT. File Storage application supplied to IRT

WP2

WP3 Assisted at Signing Session, UEA. Successful capture of most signs needed for latest version of transaction system using new Visia model. Also scripting and file capture for new broadcast test sequence (see WP1)

Supplied player which can be integrated with PO GUI/Speech system

WP4 Work on Active X player continues. Work on character integration S/W continues
BAF converter - 2 versions to INT, and UEA

AllPlay update - called corrfaceAllPlay to UEA, UH, IvD

Documentation on the new AllPlay to UEA, UH, IvD

Investigation of issues for off-camera capture of major body moves underway

WP5 Supply of Active X control Avatar, tailored for use with SiGML

WP6

WP7

WP8 Attendance and demos at IST-Nice 2000 and Post Office disability conference as detailed below

1.2 Milestones

| <i>Milestone</i> | <i>Planned date</i> | <i>Actual date</i> | <i>Comments</i> |
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1.3 Deliverables

| <i>Deliverable Code & Name</i> | <i>Planned date</i> | <i>Actual date</i> | <i>Comments</i> |
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1.4 Deviations from Plan

| <i>Causes and Description</i> | <i>Corrective actions</i> |
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2 – Contractual Arrangements

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3 - Project Meetings (held and foreseen)

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Data and Place</i> | <i>Main conclusions</i> |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Strategy Meeting | 8 th Nice | We need one |
| WP4 Meeting | 17 th Paris | Review of MPEG progress |

4 - Dissemination / Promotional Information

4.1 Conferences and/or Workshops attended/organised/foreseen by the project

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Number of persons attended + other information</i> |
|-------------|---|-----------|---|
| 1/2 | British Computer Society IT Awards | | 2 – Manned stand, participation in competition, e: awards: Visicast won the UK's top IT award |
| 5/8 | IST 2000 Nice Event | | 1 - Manned Stand, Demos. |
| 16 | Post Office Disability Conf., Milton Keynes | | 1 – Manned stand, Demos to major retailers of prototype retail system |

4.2 Articles Published, Press coverage, development web sites, etc.

| <i>Date/ Type</i> | <i>Details</i> |
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| Magazine /Press | Throughout early November, project achieved major press and trade coverage following its triumph in the BCS top national awards competition. Included major two-page feature in "The Times" |

5 – Main results

| <i>Description</i> | <i>Details</i> |
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| New transmission format and new file format | Work on the TX system led to the specification of an avatar format based on hierarchy rather than absolute geometry. This was utilised as a run-time transmission data format and it has been agreed within the consortium to further develop it as a file storage format as this presents a number of operational advantages. |

Table 6.1 Indicative Effort for the reporting period (Decimal Person Months)

Period: November 2000

| Work Packages | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | TOTAL | |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|---|---|------|-------|------|
| P No | Short Name | Staff Name | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | TV | Steve Cullingford | | | 0.48 | | | | | 0.48 | |
| | | Dan Archer | | | 0.06 | | | | | 0.06 | |
| | | Matthew Simper | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Farzad Pezeshkpour | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Steve Pye | | | | | | | 0.06 | 0.06 | |
| | | Sanja Rankov | | | | 1.03 | | | 0.06 | 1.09 | |
| | | Marcus Tutt | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Jamie Warren | | | | 0.05 | | | 0.02 | 0.07 | |
| | | John Clark | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Mark Wells | | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.31 | | | | 0.34 | 0.74 |
| Total Months | | | 0.03 | 0.06 | 1.93 | | | | 0.48 | 2.50 | |

Table 6.2 Indicative Effort for the reporting period (Person Hours)

| Work Packages | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|---|---|------|-------|
| P No | Short Name | Staff Name | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | TV | Steve Cullingford | | | 63.0 | | | | | 63.0 |
| | | Dan Archer | | | 7.5 | | | | | 7.5 |
| | | Matthew Simper | | | | | | | | |
| | | Farzad Pezeshkpour | | | | | | | | |
| | | Steve Pye | | | | | | | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| | | Sanja Rankov | | | | 135.0 | | | 7.5 | 142.5 |
| | | Marcus Tutt | | | | | | | | |
| | | Jamie Warren | | | | 7.0 | | | 3.0 | 10.0 |
| | | John Clark | | | | | | | | |
| | | Mark Wells | | 4.0 | 7.5 | 41.0 | | | | 45.0 |
| Actual Hours Total | | | 4.0 | 7.5 | 253.5 | | | | 63.0 | 328.0 |
| Planned Hours Total | | | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Acumulated Hours | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Acumulated Hours | | | 4.0 | 7.5 | 253.5 | | | | 63.0 | 328.0 |