

Partners Monthly Progress Statement

Project Code 10500

Project Acronym VISICAST

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1 – Issues

1.1 Deliverable/s this period. Expand table as necessary

<i>Deliverable Code & Name</i>		<i>Month Originally planned</i>	<i>Current view Revised Month (*)</i>	<i>Actual delivery</i>
Deliverable/ Milestone No	1.3	30	30	
Deliverable/Milestone Name		TV Specification		
Technical Achievement Description for that deliverable				
Integration of video object-based motion compression within the existing prototype of MPEG-4 Video encoder in progress.				

<i>Deliverable Code & Name</i>		<i>Month Originally planned</i>	<i>Current view Revised Month (*)</i>	<i>Actual delivery</i>
Deliverable/ Milestone No	4.4	30	30	
Deliverable/Milestone Name		Advanced MPEG-4 animation system		
Technical Achievement Description for that deliverable				
MPEG-4 compliant avatar generation: Full version of MPEG-4 compliant <i>NewDan</i> model released. MPEG-4 SNHC player version 1 released. Allows (i) full animation (including face and body) of MPEG-4 compliant avatar model; (ii) importation of MaskVR parameters to MPEG-4 format. Extensive validation of the importation module to be done (see 1.2) Study of the reversibility of TV MaskVR to MPEG-4 motion parameter translation delayed (see 1.2) .				

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1.2 Problems/Delays with Deliverables

Del / Mile No	4.4	Corrective Action
Description		TV will provide INT with the <i>Tessa3</i> model.
<p>Following June General WP meeting at IvD, it has been decided to adopt TV <i>Tessa3</i> avatar as reference model for the Face-To-face Transactions part of ViSiCAST. The <i>Tessa3</i> model must be made available to INT for MPEG-4 translation using the automated procedure developed for the <i>NewDan</i> model.</p> <p><i>This problem has been pending since July monthly statement.</i></p>		<p>Since repeated changes of reference avatar model have been made, it is suggested that a resolution is made at the Consortium level to define a reference avatar for <i>all</i> WPs.</p>
Description		TV will provide INT with a complete <i>Tessa2</i> model.
<p>The <i>Tessa2</i> distribution, provided by TV to INT on September 19, is incomplete: texture data for ears and lower eyelid are missing.</p>		
Description		TV will provide INT with a documentation on the MASKVR format.
<p>A complete description of the MASKVR format used by TV for avatar animation is mandatory for INT to test the reversibility of MASKVR to MPEG-4 conversion. INT has requested to TV this documentation which has been reported by TV to be unavailable.</p> <p><i>This problem has been reported in August monthly statement.</i></p>		
Description		TV will provide INT with a MaskVR player for the body (mesh) model.
<p>The extensive validation of the MaskVR to MPEG-4 importation requires a visual comparison with the original MaskVR data. To this end, a MaskVR player for the body (mesh) model, <i>not</i> the skeleton, is mandatory.</p>		

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1.3 Deviations from Work Package Plan. Complete for each deviation

WP No.	N/A	Deliverables effected	N/A			Action by date	N/A
Describe Deviation from plan:							
N/A							
Why are Deliverables not on schedule:							
N/A							
Describe possible solutions:							
N/A							
State proposed rationale for requested change:							
N/A							
Give pros				cons			
N/A				N/A			
Recommend one solution:							
N/A							

1.4 Others

Description	Actions / recommended solutions
N/A	N/A

2 - Project Web Sites, e-mail addresses and other access points changes

Contact Type	Contact details
N/A	N/A

3 - Project Meetings (held and foreseen)

Title	Date	Location	Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

4 - Travel

Date	Location	Partner/Number of persons	Reason
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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5 - Dissemination / Promotional Information

5.1 Conferences and/or Workshops attended/foreseen

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of conference/workshop</i>	<i>Title of presented Paper</i>
23/10/2000 – 27/10/2000	54 th MPEG Meeting, La Baule, France	Participation to MPEG-4 SNHC and MPEG-7 groups.

5.2 Conferences and/or Workshops organised/foreseen by the project

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of persons attended + other information</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A

5.3 Articles Published , Press coverage etc.

<i>Date and Type</i>	<i>Details</i>
N/A	N/A

5.4 Patent applications, guidelines standards and other important information

<i>Date and Type</i>	<i>Details</i>
N/A	N/A

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6 – Project Effort

6.1 Make an entry for each member of staff on the project. Expand the table as necessary

Effort for the reporting period (in person months)		Work Package No								
names of staff	Category of staff	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Françoise PRETEUX	Senior researcher	0.5 63.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5 63.6
Nicolas ROUGON	Senior researcher	0	0	0	0.5 63.6	0	0	0	0	0.5 63.6
Marius PREDA	Engineer	0.5 63.6	0	0	0.5 63.6	0	0	0	0	1.0 127.2
Titus ZAHARIA	Engineer	0.5 63.6	0	0	0.5 63.6	0	0	0	0	1.0 127.2
	Total	1.5 190. 8	0	0	1.5 190.8	0	0	0	0	3.0 381.6

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6.2 This table is generated from 6.1 Show the last period and person total rows to for all staff working on the project. Expand the table as necessary

Cumulative Effort for the reporting period (person/months)		Work Package No									
name of staff	category of staff		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Françoise PRETEUX	Senior researcher	Last period total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Person Total	3.0 381.6	0	0	0.5 63.6	0	0	0	0	3.5 445.2
Nicolas ROUGON	Senior researcher	Last period total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Person Total	0.5 63.6	0	0	3.0 381.6	0	0	0	0	3.5 445.2
Marius PREDA	Engineer	Last period total	0.5 63.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5 63.6
		Person Total	2.5 318	0	0	5.5 699.6	0	0	0	0	8.0 1017.6
Marius MALCIU	Engineer	Last period total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Person Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Titus ZAHARIA	Engineer	Last period total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Person Total	3.9 496.0	0	0	0.5 63.6	0	0	0	0	4.4 559.6
Cumulative Total All staff to date			9.9 1259.2	0	0	9.5 1208.4	0	0	0	0	19.4 2467.6

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