

Fish4Knowledge Deliverable D7.8

Second 6-monthly report to EC

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Abstract: This document summarises the project activities in months 13-18.

Deliverable due: Month 18

1 Administrative Progress


The main administrative activities were 2 project consortium meetings December 12-13, 2011 (Catania) and April 26-27, 2012 (Amsterdam). Minutes and PDFs of all meeting presentations are available on the project “Members Only” pages. The main administrative topics were the overview of the technical achievements and associated deliverables. Several technical working meetings were planned. The core technical goals of the December meeting were: Status and Access to Scientific Cluster, Status of SQL on Scientific Cluster machines, Mass data storage, User Interface : Database linkage and Integration planning. The core technical goals of the April meeting were similar as these are the issues that link the various components together.

The project web site has been updated with recent publications and deliverables.

A poster has been developed for use at Int. Supercomputing Conf., Hamburg, June 17-21, 2012, which gives an overview of the project:

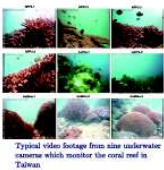
Massive Live Marine Fish Observation and Analysis
 The Fish4Knowledge Project

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Abstract: The purpose of the Fish4Knowledge project is undertaking research into tools for marine biologists to automatically capture, store and analyse massive amounts of underwater video recordings.

Problem
 To acquire and process multiple underwater camera data (24/7) to allow marine biologists to identify and track interesting objects, events and changes.




Typical video footage from three underwater cameras which monitor the coral reef in Taiwan.


How
 • 10 underwater cameras
 • massive data storage
 • image processing
 • supercomputer cluster
 • specialised user interface




Finding fish in video based on Background Subtraction



Following the fish in multiple frames for fish behaviour studies




Fish images extracted from the video footage for fish recognition



11 most common species in our video footage

State of System (mid project)
 • 10% data collected
 • Fish detection and tracking working:
 • 6 million fish detected
 • Fish recognition starting: 43 species identified
 • Computer cluster + database server are set up
 • User interface prototype




Global design of the Fish4Knowledge system

Scale of Problem
 • Video Data: 10 camera years = 10⁹ camera-frames = 112 Tb
 • Fish 10⁶ detections
 • Descriptive data: 20 Tb
 • Summary data: 500 Gb
 • Target: 1 sec query answering

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Web-Interface for Marine Biologists to analyse the processed data based on the video footage of the underwater camera



A presentation was made at “The Ocean of Tomorrow 2013” in Brussels on 6 June 2012, with the hope of engaging potential partners for future projects.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Catania and the Caribbean Aquacam Research Programme regarding joint PhD students has been signed.

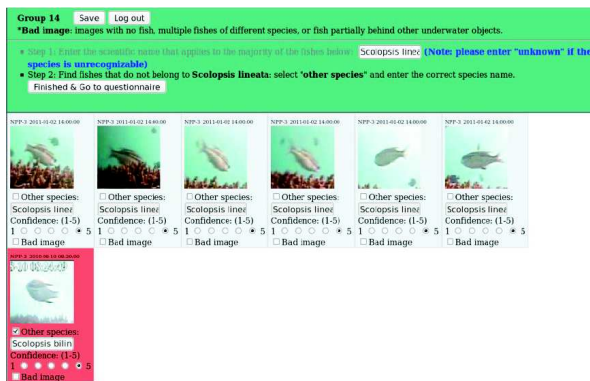
There is about a 3 month delay in project progress as a consequence of the rate at which the research staff were hired.

2 Technical Progress

This section summarises the progress made by each of the different teams during project months 12-18.

2.1 CWI team achievements

- Published the “User Information Needs” based on interviews with a number of domain experts.
- Developed plans for answering the different types of expert queries.
- Have developed a first prototype of the UI which focuses on visualisation of the expert’s fish counting questions.
- Developed a tool for helping determine the true fish species by fusing multiple expert opinions:



- Have been developing a process for reporting the uncertainty associated with fish counting tasks, based on the uncertainties that arise from the image analysis modules.

2.2 NARL team achievements

- NARL has the main project machine (48 cores) up and running with a virtual machine execution environment for users.
- Additional NAS memory has been added for video and database storage, now 49 TB.
- NARL has been exploring different SQL options for use on the machine.
- c. 7000 hours video have been captured and stored.

2.3 UCATANIA team achievements

- A new detection algorithm w/background model using observed pixel values, exploiting intraframe properties and a probabilistic approach to evaluate tracking uncertainty. Results in a detection rate of about 75% with a 9% false alarm rate. Performance evaluation has been made on higher resolution videos (640x480).

- Improved automatic detected fish contours and also contour ground truthing by combining user annotations.
- Web-based detection ground truth and performance evaluation tool



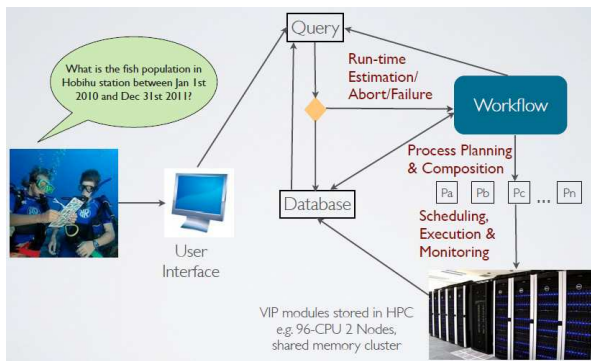
plus the Fish game: tracking and recognition ground truth labelling, and a voting algorithm to combine multiple user annotations.



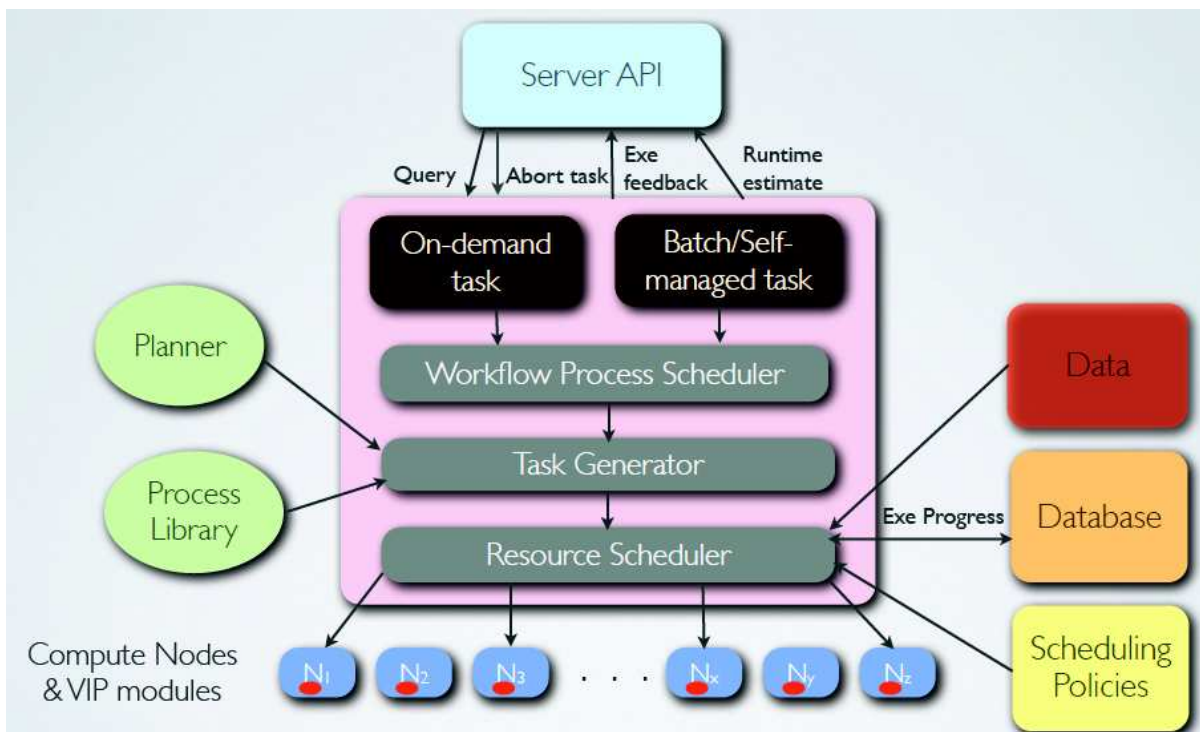
- Filling out database: processed 471 hours video, 3,869,473 detections, 456,622 tracked fish.
- Fish trajectories representation and clustering and anomalous Fish Trajectories Detection by means of HMMs.
- Co-organisation of VIGTA 2012 workshop and a special journal issue on “Methods and Tools for Ground Truth Collection in Multimedia Applications” in the journal Multimedia Tools and Applications.

2.4 UEDIN workflow team achievements

- Ontologies for video description, capabilities, goals
- Designing workflow composition and execution



- Second Life building ‘finished’
- Installed Sun Grid Engine (SGE) resource scheduler on Taiwanese VM.
- Designed workflow process management architecture:

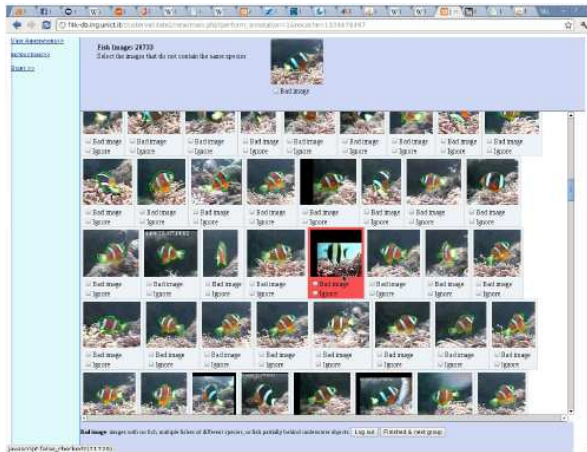


- Started implementation of baseline workflow composition engine.
- Organising an Intelligent workflow workshop at KES AMSTA, to be held in June 2012.

2.5 UEDIN vision team achievements

- Properties (66+) have been extracted from the fish detections, to be used for clustering and recognition.
- Hierarchical classification for the most common fish species (c. 90% correctness for 3179 fish, 479 tracks, 10 species)
- Large scale fish clustering method, testing on 100,000 fish.

- Improved groundtruth annotation using clustering: dataset of 10000+ fish, 43 species, c. 98% consistent labels after 6 users. Here s a snapshot of the groundtruthing tool:



- First version of fish recognition and clustering components running in Taiwan.
- A design for query database parallelisation.
- Literature study into recent studies of fish behaviour understanding and a preliminary filtering mechanism for normal fish trajectories.

3 Plan for technical working meetings

We have identified a number of technical working meetings that are to take place.

- UEDIN (workflow) + NCHC : integration architecture, database, process control
- UCAT+UEDIN(VISION)+CWI: Groundtruth and Certainty Representation
- NCHC + UCATANIA + CWI + UEDIN workflow: HPC workflow
- NCHC + CWI: HPC query interfacing
- ALL: integration and testing

4 Deliverable Summary

Below is a summary of the deliverables that are due since the first annual review.

Most are approaching completion, but have been delayed by about 3 months due to the lag in recruitment of the project researchers.

Each deliverable document, dataset and software component now has an identified person from another project partner who is responsible for reviewing the content and performance of the deliverable. The Quality Control person is identified in the table below.

Num	Team	Title	Mth	Done	QC
D2.2	CWI	Identified user scenarios and impl plan & UI design	6	Y	Jessica
D4.1 D6.1b	NCHC	Video and RDF store, plus access	12	Y	Bas
D4.2	NCHC	Workflow platform	12	Y	Concetto Jessica
D7.11	UEDIN	Second annual public report	14	Y	all
D2.3	CWI	Component based prototypes + evaluation criteria	15		Bas
D1.2	UCTAN	Fish and environment property description	18		Bas
D3.2	UEDIN	Process planning and composition	18	Y	Bas
D7.8	UEDIN	Second 6-monthly report to EC	18	Y	all

5 Publications since year 1 report

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