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# **A Comparative Evaluation of Open-Source Digital Asset Management Systems**

Exploring Organizational and Marketing Criteria for Process and  
Marketing Innovation in SMEs

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## Abstract

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## List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

AI	Artificial Intelligence
DAM	Digital Asset Management
DSR	Design Science Research
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
IT	Information Technology
ML	Machine Learning
MCS	Management Control Systems
MDM	Metadata Management
RBAC	Role-based access control
RBV	Resource-Based View
SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
UX	User Experience
VRIN	Valuable, Rare, Inimitable, Non-substitutable
YOLO	You Only Look Once



# 1 Introduction

To be added

## 1.1 Background

Digital Asset Management (DAM) emerged in the late 1990s as organizations began grappling with the rapid increase in digital content (Krogh, 2009). Early DAM systems were primarily on-premises solutions designed to store and manage assets such as images, videos, and documents. In the early 2000s, these systems transitioned to cloud-based platforms, offering improved scalability and accessibility (McCain et al., 2021).

More recently, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) has transformed DAM by automating key processes like image tagging, sorting, and categorization. Advanced computer vision techniques now enable systems to analyze and tag images automatically, reducing manual effort and increasing accuracy (Wu et al., 2022).

## 1.2 Problem

As bespoke manufacturers scale, managing digital assets—spanning product imagery, design renderings, and technical specifications—becomes essential for brand consistency and operational efficiency. However, most DAM solutions, especially open-source systems, lack the necessary automation, posing adoption and maintenance challenges for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with limited IT infrastructure. Wu et al. studied automated metadata annotation for cultural heritage and found that AI-generated captions often oversimplify context, such as describing a medieval knight merely as a “man on a horse” (Wu et al., 2022). This reflects similar challenges in design-driven manufacturing, where internal product terminology and industry-specific references require more precise and context-aware interpretation.

A core function of DAM is image tagging, sorting, and categorization, directly influencing asset retrievability and structural organization. Although AI has been integrated into some DAM solutions, these implementations typically rely on large pre-trained models that offer broad object classification rather than domain-specific tagging and vocabulary. Recent advancements in computer vision, particularly through algorithms such as YOLO (You Only Look Once), offer an opportunity to overcome these limitations. However, deploying a YOLO-powered system in this domain requires adapting the model to the specific features and vocabulary of the manufacturing sector. Rather than training a model

from scratch—a process that demands extensive annotated data and computational resources—a more feasible approach is to fine-tune a pre-trained model using company-specific data.

### 1.2.1 Research questions

- (a) To what extent does fine-tuning YOLOv11 on company-specific data improve metadata accuracy in DAM for manufacturing assets? What are the trade-offs in computational efficiency between the model and conventional DAM tagging methods? (DATA)
- (b) How does fine-tuning affect model performance across different asset types in a high-end manufacturing context? (DATA)
- (c) How does fine-tuning affect model performance across different asset types in a high-end manufacturing context? (INDEK)

Can fine-tuning effectively capture the subtle distinctions of assets?

## 1.3 Purpose

The primary aim of this thesis is to assess the feasibility and impact of a YOLO-powered DAM system that has been fine-tuned on company-specific data to address the unique needs of premium manufacturing SMEs. The research will benchmark the performance of this fine-tuned system against a conventional open-source DAM platform (ResourceSpace), focusing on improvements in asset categorization accuracy and retrieval efficiency.

### 1.3.1 Societal Impact

Digital transformation has a significant impact on SMEs. These companies account for approximately 60% of total turnover and value-added contributions in Sweden’s private sector, employing around 65% of the workforce (Tillväxtverket, 2021). The adoption of DAM systems is an integral part of this transformation, improving operational efficiency and reducing manual work, which contributes to broader economic growth. A cost-benefit analysis of 319 SMEs found that digital transformation enhances organizational resilience, reduces operational costs, and improves long-term scalability (Teng et al., 2022).

This study is structured around a systematic process encompassing data collection, annotation, model fine-tuning, and testing. These phases represent essential steps that an SME would need to undertake if they were to implement a similar AI-based solution. By addressing both the positive impacts and the possible challenges, the aim is to show if the benefits of adopting this solution

justify the necessary investments and efforts. The project's outcomes are expected to contribute to academic knowledge in the field of AI-powered asset management, fostering further innovation.

### 1.3.2 Ethical considerations

Ethically, the project will investigate issues related to data privacy, transparency, and bias, which are critical in ensuring that automated systems operate fairly and without unintended consequences. These concerns are highlighted in the literature on AI ethics, which emphasizes the need for clear guidelines to mitigate risks associated with autonomous decision-making (Jobin et al., 2019).

### 1.3.3 Sustainability, and social considerations



Figure 1-1: Sustainable Development Target 9.5 and 12.6

From a sustainability perspective, this research contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 9, Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, and SDG 12, Responsible Consumption and Production, (United Nations, 2015). In relation to SDG 9, and more precisely target 9.5 as seen in Figure 1-1, the project seeks to enhance scientific research and upgrade the technological capabilities within industrial sectors. Similarly, under SDG 12 target 12.6 also shown in 1-1, this project supports sustainable business practices by optimizing digital asset management. By enhancing asset categorization and retrieval, the system makes it easier for companies to track and store metrics. This dual focus ensures that the technological advancements proposed are not only efficient and innovative but also ethically sound and socially beneficial.

Further reflection will be revisited in Section 6.4.

## 1.4 Goals

The primary goal is evaluating the feasibility of a YOLO-powered DAM system that has been fine-tuned using company-specific data, in comparison to the open-source solution ResourceSpace. To achieve this, the project has been divided into the following three sub-goals:

### 1. Dataset Development and Annotation:

Develop a robust methodology for collecting a domain-specific dataset that accurately captures the visual and functional nuances of digital assets in premium manufacturing. The annotation process will involve:

- Using bounding boxes to precisely delineate asset regions.
- Assigning appropriate class labels using a standardized labeling schema to ensure consistency and relevance to the manufacturing domain.

This dataset will serve as the foundation for model fine-tuning.

### 2. Model Fine-Tuning and Optimization:

Fine-tune a pre-trained YOLO model on the annotated dataset. The objective is to enhance the model's accuracy in tagging, sorting, and categorizing.

- Adjusting hyperparameters and leveraging transfer learning techniques.
- Implementing regularization and validation strategies.

### 3. Performance Benchmarking and Comparative Analysis:

Benchmark the performance of the fine-tuned YOLO-based DAM system against a conventional open-source DAM called ResourceSpace. Evaluation metrics will include:

- Asset categorization accuracy.
- Retrieval efficiency.
- Overall system usability.

A comparative analysis will be conducted to assess whether the customized system offers significant improvements over traditional solutions. Resulting in practical recommendations and guidelines for manufacturing SMEs considering the adoption of AI-powered DAM solutions

## 1.5 Research Methodology

This research employs a mixed-methods approach to address both the technical performance of the system and stakeholder perspectives. Mixed-methods research combines quantitative techniques (e.g., controlled experiments and statistical analyses) with qualitative techniques (e.g., semi-structured interviews and thematic analysis) to provide a comprehensive evaluation of complex systems (Johnson and Onwuegbuzie, 2004).

Alternative methodologies—such as exclusively quantitative performance evaluations or purely qualitative case studies—were considered but ultimately

rejected because they would not fully capture the multifaceted challenges of deploying an AI-powered system in a dynamic industrial environment.

### 1.5.1 Design Science Approach

Grounded in a pragmatic philosophy that emphasizes practical impact and utility, this study adopts the design science research (DSR) paradigm. DSR is particularly well-suited for technology-driven projects because it promotes the iterative design, development, and rigorous evaluation of IT artifacts to solve real-world problems (Hevner et al., 2004). In this project, the YOLO-powered digital asset management system represents the artifact developed and refined through iteration.

### 1.5.2 Quantitative and Qualitative Methods

Controlled experiments will be conducted to measure key performance metrics—such as asset categorization accuracy, retrieval efficiency, and overall system usability. Statistical analysis will be used to validate the improvements brought about by model fine-tuning, following best practices in empirical research (Creswell, 2014; Yin, 2014).

Complementing this, qualitative methods will capture contextual insights and stakeholder perspectives. Semi-structured interviews and thematic analysis will be employed to understand user experiences and organizational challenges associated with implementing the DAM system.

Moreover, to develop a standardized labeling schema for the dataset, a targeted collaboration with a designated expert from the company will be undertaken. This focused approach is preferred over a large-scale survey. Not all employees interact with digital assets and the expert can ensure domain-specific terminology is accurately captured and applied consistently during annotation.

## 1.6 Delimitations

This thesis focuses exclusively on evaluating a YOLO-powered digital asset management system for premium manufacturing SMEs. The study is limited to a specific company’s environment and a predefined dataset. The research investigates only the fine-tuning of an existing pre-trained YOLO model. Training a model from scratch, which requires vast amounts of data and computational resources, is beyond the scope of this project.

Instead of conducting a large-scale survey, the study uses semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders—particularly a designated domain expert—to develop a standardized labeling schema.

This focused approach is chosen because only a few employees directly manage digital assets.

The assessment will concentrate on technical performance indicators such as asset categorization accuracy, retrieval efficiency, and overall system usability. Broader issues such as integration with other enterprise systems and macroeconomic impacts are beyond the scope of this project.

## 1.7 Structure of the thesis

This thesis is organized into the following main chapters, excluding the introductory chapter, references, and appendices; Chapter 2 provides the necessary background and reviews related work, establishing the context for DAM and identifying the key gaps this project addresses. Chapter 3 outlines the methodology—including the design science approach, mixed-methods strategy, data collection, experimental design, and evaluation criteria—used to assess the YOLO-powered DAM system. Chapter 4 details the implementation, covering system design, model fine-tuning, dataset development, and the technical setup for testing. Chapter 5 presents the results and analysis, discussing both quantitative metrics and qualitative insights to evaluate whether the project’s goals have been met. Finally, Chapter 6 summarizes the key findings, reflects on the limitations of the study, and outlines potential directions for future work.

# 2 Background

## 2.1 Digital Asset Management

Krogh (2009) presents DAM as an essential system for managing digital photography in a way that prioritizes protection, accessibility, and longevity. While the components of a DAM system are deeply interwoven, the guiding principles remain consistent: images must be preserved, findable, and future-proofed (Krogh, 2009).

By structuring digital archives with careful attention to metadata, file formats, and workflow efficiency, he argues photographers and organizations can ensure that their collections remain valuable and usable over time. The primary stages of DAM can be categorized into five stages as illustrated in Figure 2-1.

### 2.1.1 Technology Alone is Not Enough

Love and Matthews (2019) demonstrated through a series of case studies that the promise of DAM is not unlocked simply by adopting new technology but only when companies embrace two fundamental principles.

First, that technology alone does not create value

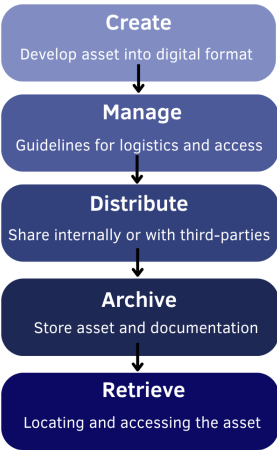


Figure 2-1: Illustrating the main stages of digital asset management.

but must be accompanied by organizational process reengineering, and second, that the benefits of DAM are maximized only through continuous strategic governance to monitor and sustain its impact.

2.2 The Resource-Based View

The Resource-Based View (RBV) suggests that organizations derive competitive advantage by leveraging valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable (VRIN) resources ?. DAM systems fulfill these criteria by providing centralized governance, meta-data standardization, and automation, transforming digital assets into strategic resources ?.

Empirical findings support this perspective. ? report that SMEs achieving full DAM integration demonstrate 23% higher operational resilience during market disruptions compared to those with only partial implementation. This aligns with RBV’s emphasis on resource orchestration and its role in maintaining competitiveness.

Nevertheless, some scholars argue that resource possession alone does not guarantee successful digital transformation. ? found no significant link between dynamic capabilities—a key aspect of RBV that involves adapting, integrating, and reconfiguring resources—and successful digital transformation among Czech manu- facturing SMEs. Their findings suggest that merely possessing dynamic capabilities is insufficient for digital transformation unless supported by complementary factors such as digital literacy and IT infrastructure matu- rity.

The first principle is a recognition that technology does not automatically create value. Rather, its benefits are realized only when organizations actively re-engineer their processes and align them with strategic governance (Love and Matthews, 2019).

Building on these insights, Peppard (2016) argued that technology benefits cannot be achieved without

organizational change, and change efforts must produce tangible benefits to be sustainable. He emphasized the need for strategic oversight to keep DAM systems adaptable and aligned with business needs rather than letting them become static and ineffective(Love and Matthews, 2019).

Building on these insights, Peppard (2016) argued that the realization of technology benefits is inseparable from organizational transformation, stating that "benefits are unable to be delivered without change, and change without benefits cannot be sustained." He underscored the necessity of strategic oversight to ensure that DAM systems evolve alongside business needs rather than remaining static implementations

What about the benefits? A missing perspective in software engineering There are xxx characteristics that distinguish yyy from other information and communication technology (ICT) system, as shown in Figure 2-1. Table 2.1 summarizes these characteristics.



Figure 2-2: An example figure in Section 2.1.

Column 1	Column 2
Data 1	Data 2
Data 3	Data 4

Table 2.1: An example table in Section 2.1.

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2.2.1 Major background area#1#1

Recent studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of various AI techniques in image tagging. Zhang et al. (2019) showcased the application of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for automatic image classification in DAM systems, achieving an accuracy of 92% on a diverse dataset of digital assets

This work was further extended by Li and Chen (2020), who integrated attention mechanisms into CNNs, improving the model’s ability to focus on salient features and increasing tagging accuracy to 95%

The YOLO (You Only Look Once) algorithm has also been applied successfully in DAM contexts. Wang et al. (2021) demonstrated that YOLO-based models could perform real-time object detection and tagging in DAM systems, processing up to 30 images per second with an average precision of 88% This

approach was particularly effective for identifying multiple objects within complex images, a common requirement in DAM applications.

Transformer-based models have recently gained traction in image tagging for DAM systems. A study by Rodriguez and Kim (2022) applied Vision Transformer (ViT) models to DAM image tagging, achieving state-of-the-art performance with an accuracy of 97% on standard benchmarks. The authors noted that transformer models excelled in capturing long-range dependencies in images, leading to more nuanced and context-aware tagging.

While AI-powered image tagging offers significant benefits, it also presents several challenges. Data requirements pose a significant hurdle, as highlighted by Brown et al. (2020), who found that AI models required at least 10,000 labeled images per category for optimal performance in domain-specific DAM applications.

Error rates and handling domain-specific content remain ongoing challenges. A comprehensive study by Thompson et al. (2021) analyzed error patterns in AI-powered image tagging across various industries, revealing that error rates increased significantly (up to 25%) when dealing with highly specialized or technical imagery.

To address this issue, Nguyen and Patel (2022) proposed a hybrid approach combining pre-trained models with domain-specific fine-tuning, reducing error rates by 40% in niche industries such as medical imaging and aerospace engineering.

Despite these challenges, the benefits of AI-powered image tagging in DAM systems are substantial. A large-scale study by Garcia et al. (2023) across 500 organizations found that implementing AI-powered tagging led to a 60% reduction in manual tagging time and a 35% improvement in asset discoverability.

Entangled states are an important part of quantum cryptography, but also relevant in other domains. This concept might be relevant for neutrinos, see for example [2].

### 2.2.2 What is the YOLO model + how does it work from a higher level perspective

Object detection algorithm. It locates object in an image. It is in one stage detection, it is faster than two stages. It is just an algorithm... so you have to do a lot around it?

**Scheme** The YOLOv11 model follows the standard three-part structure of the YOLO family: Backbone, Neck, and Head, as shown in Figure 2-4. According to Hidayatullah et al. (2025), the Backbone extracts features using convolutional layers and downsampling, generating hierarchical feature maps. The Neck refines these features

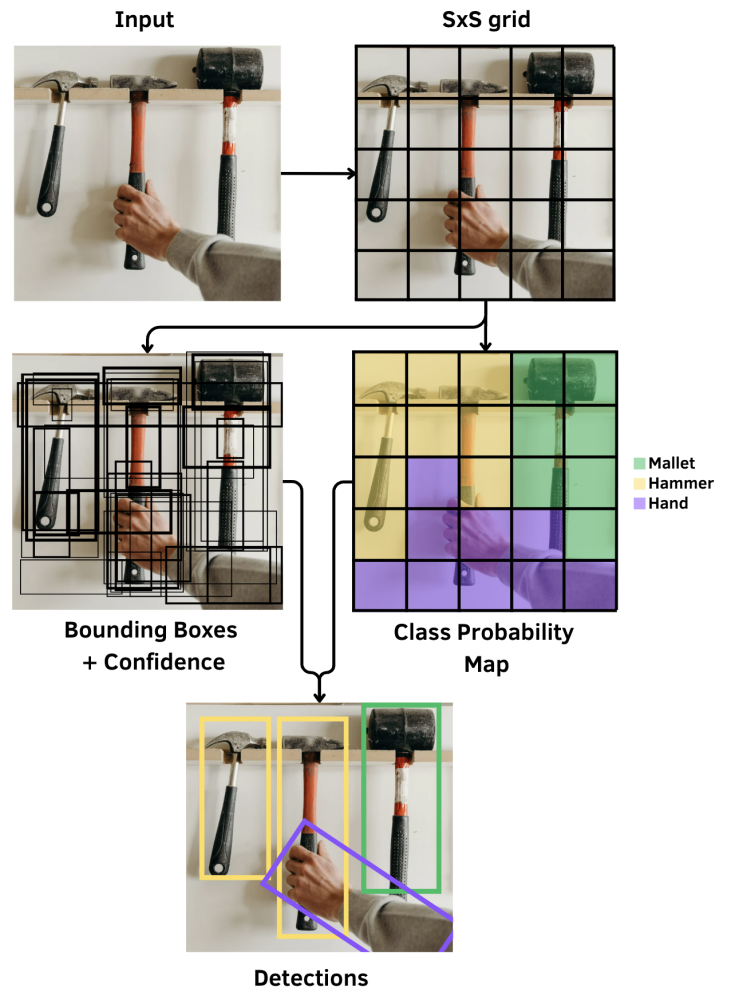


Figure 2-3: YOLOv11 performance comparison (Ultralytics Inc., 2025).

through the SPPF block for multi-scale detection and the C2PSA module to enhance the recognition of small and occluded objects. Upsampling and feature concatenation further improve resolution and information retention. Finally, the Head produces the model's output, predicting class probabilities and bounding boxes across three detection layers (small, medium and large), each specialized for different object sizes (Hidayatullah et al., 2025).

and the Head Create bounding boxes and pair it to a class.

step 1. Overlay image with a grid in size  $s \times s$ . Each grid cell produces 2 things: - 1. a set of bounding boxes centered on a point inside the grid with confidence scores that an object exists inside each bounding box

- 2 a class probability map for each cell: which tells what object class is most likely to be in that cell given that an object exists within the cell.

It combines this info to yield the object detections

### Architecture



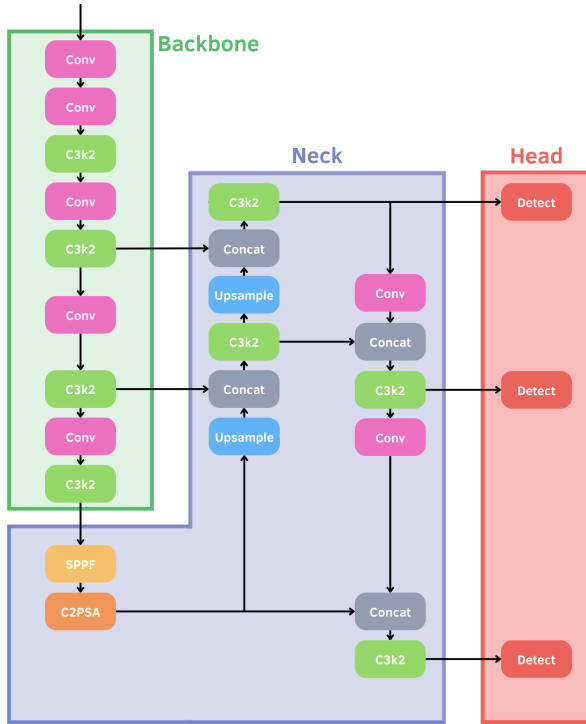


Figure 2-4: The architecture of YOLOv11, illustrating its three main components: Backbone, Neck, and Head.

## Loss Function

### 2.2.3 The YOLO model

As demonstrated in table 2.2 the YOLO series has evolved significantly since its inception, introducing progressive improvements in object detection, computational efficiency, and feature extraction.

YOLOv11 is the best choice for the project due to its superior accuracy, efficiency, and versatility. As Khanam and Hussain (2024) highlight, its architectural upgrades enhance feature extraction while minimizing computational costs, making it ideal for real-time applications requiring both speed and precision (Khanam and Hussain, 2024).

Beyond object detection, YOLOv11 supports instance segmentation, pose estimation, and oriented object detection, offering greater adaptability to the project's needs. Its optimized balance of accuracy and processing speed ensures strong performance across different computing environments, from edge devices to high-performance systems, making it the most effective solution.

The selection of YOLOv11 for the project is driven by its superior architectural enhancements, versatile task support, and optimized balance between accuracy and efficiency. Each version has incorporated refinements aimed at enhancing real-time performance, with YOLOv11 representing the most advanced iteration to date (Khanam and

Release	Capabilities
<b>V1</b> Darknet JUN 2015	A single-stage object detector with basic classification (Redmon et al., 2016).
<b>V2</b> Darknet DEC 2016	Object detection. Darknet-19 architecture, anchor boxes, and higher resolution inputs (Redmon and Farhadi, 2016).
<b>V3</b> Darknet MAR 2018	Object detection. Darknet-53 network & multi-scale predictions for varying object sizes. (Redmon and Farhadi, 2018).
<b>V4</b> Darknet APR 2020	Object detection. Basic object tracking with BCSPDarknet53 and SPP. (Bochkovskiy et al., 2020).
<b>V5</b> PyTorch JUN 2020	Object detection. Basic instance segmentation. PyTorch framework, multi-GPU support, and exports (Ultralytics, 2020).
<b>V6</b> PyTorch SEP 2022	Object detection & instance segmentation. Reparameterizable backbone for model scaling. (Li et al., 2022).
<b>V7</b> PyTorch JUL 2022	Object detection, tracking & instance segmentation. (Wang et al., 2022).
<b>V8</b> PyTorch JAN 2023	Object detection, tracking, instance segmentation, panoptic segmentation, key-point estimation. NVIDIA GPUs, Jetson systems and macOS. (Ultralytics, 2023)
<b>V9</b> PyTorch FEB 2024	Object detection & instance segmentation. PGI for better gradient reliability. GELAN network (Wang et al., 2024b).
<b>V10</b> PyTorch MAY 2024	Object detection & NMS-free training (Wang et al., 2024a)
<b>V11</b> PyTorch SEP 2024	Object detection, instance segmentation, pose estimation & oriented object detection (OBB). (Ultralytics Inc., 2025).

Table 2.2: Summary of YOLO Model Evolution

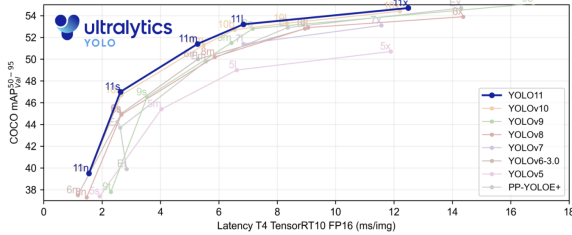


Figure 2-5: YOLOv11 performance comparison (Ultralytics Inc., 2025).

Hussain, 2024).

Computational methods are increasingly used as a third method of carrying out scientific investigations. For example, computational experiments were used to find the amount of wear in a polyethylene liner of a hip prosthesis in [3].

## 2.3 Major background area#2

The application of AI-powered image tagging in DAM systems extends beyond large corporations to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), particularly in premium manufacturing sectors. A case study by Hoffmann and Schulz (2022) examined the implementation of AI-powered DAM in a high-end carpentry company similar to Veermakers. The study found that AI-assisted tagging improved product catalog management efficiency by 45% and reduced time-to-market for new designs by 30%.

However, Chen et al. (2023) noted that SMEs in specialized manufacturing often face unique challenges in adopting AI-powered DAM systems, including limited datasets and highly specific visual content. To address these issues, the authors proposed a transfer learning approach, adapting pre-trained models to domain-specific tasks with minimal additional data, achieving a 75% reduction in required training data while maintaining 90% of the original accuracy.

While academic research has made significant strides in advancing AI-powered image tagging techniques, commercial implementations often lag behind in adopting cutting-edge methods. A comprehensive survey by Martinez and Lee (2022) of 50 leading DAM vendors revealed that only 30% had implemented transformer-based models, despite their superior performance in academic studies. The authors attributed this gap to factors such as implementation complexity, computational requirements, and the need for backward compatibility with existing systems.

### 2.3.1 Major background area#2#1

The integration of AI-powered image tagging in DAM systems raises important ethical, societal, and legal considerations. Privacy concerns are

paramount, as highlighted by a study by Johnson and Smith (2022), which found that 35% of automatically generated tags in a sample of 10,000 images contained potentially sensitive information<sup>22</sup>. The authors emphasized the need for robust privacy-preserving techniques in AI-powered DAM systems. Algorithmic bias presents another significant challenge. Research by Park et al. (2023) revealed systematic biases in AI-generated tags across gender, ethnicity, and age dimensions, with error rates up to 20% higher for underrepresented groups. This study underscores the importance of diverse and representative training data in mitigating bias in AI-powered DAM systems.

### 2.3.2 Major background area#2#2

The potential impact on employment is also a concern. While Garcia et al. (2023) found that AI-powered tagging led to significant efficiency gains, they also noted a 15% reduction in human tagging roles across surveyed organizations. However, the same study observed a 10% increase in higher-skilled positions related to AI model management and quality assurance, suggesting a shift rather than a net loss in employment.

## 2.4 Related work

### 2.4.1 Major related work

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Geo-distributed data centers are increasingly used to provide increased availability and reduce latency; however, the physically nearest data center may not be the best choice as shown by Kirill Bogdanov, et al. in their paper “The Nearest Replica Can Be Farther Than You Think” [4]. Exploring decentralized approaches to AI model training, allowing organizations to collaborate on improving tagging accuracy while preserving data privacy.

### 2.4.2 Major related work

Carrier clouds have been suggested as a way to reduce the delay between the users and the cloud server that is providing them with content. However, there is a question of how to find the available resources in such a carrier cloud. One approach has been to disseminate resource information using an extension to OSPF-TE, see Roozbeh, Sefidcon, and Maguire [5].

### 2.4.3 Minor related work

Do not use the title of the paper/book/... as the title of the section. Instead summarize what the contribution of this work is in your own words.

## 2.5 Summary

It is nice to bring this chapter to a close with a summary. For example, you might include a table that summarizes the ideas of others and the

advantages and disadvantages of each – so that later you can compare your solution to each of these. This will also help guide you in defining the metrics that you will use for your evaluation.

### 3 <Engineering-related content, Methodologies and Methods> Use a self-explaining title

The contents and structure of this chapter will change with your choice of methodology and methods. For example, if you have implemented an artifact, what did you do and why? How will your evaluate it.

Describe the engineering-related contents (preferably with models) and the research methodology and methods that are used in the degree project. Give a theoretical description of the scientific or engineering methodology are you going to use and why have you chosen this method. What other methods did you consider and why did you reject them. In this chapter, you describe what engineering-related and scientific skills you are going to apply, such as modeling, analyzing, developing, and evaluating engineering-related and scientific content. The choice of these methods should be appropriate for the problem. Additionally, you should be consciousness of aspects relating to society and ethics (if applicable). The choices should also reflect your goals and what you (or someone else) should be able to do as a result of your solution - which could not be done well before you started. The purpose of this chapter is to provide an overview of the research method used in this thesis. Section 3.1 describes the research process. Section 3.2 details the research paradigm. Section 3.3 focuses on the data collection techniques used for this research. Section 3.4 describes the experimental design. Section 3.5 explains the techniques used to evaluate the reliability and validity of the data collected. Section 3.6 describes the method used for the data analysis. Finally, Section 3.7 describes the framework selected to evaluate xxx.

#### 3.1 Research Process

Image of: steps conducted to do the research Fig: research processes

#### 3.2 Research Paradigm

#### 3.3 Data Collection

(This should also show that you are aware of the social and ethical concerns that might be relevant to your data collection method.)

#### 3.3.1 Sampling

1. Aa 2. Bb 3. Cc

#### 3.3.2 Sample Size

#### 3.3.3 Target Population

### 3.4 Experimental design/Planned Measurements

#### 3.4.1 Test environment/test bed/model

Describe everything that someone else would need to reproduce your test environment/test bed/model/...

#### 3.4.2 Hardware/Software to be used

### 3.5 Assessing reliability and validity of the data collected

#### 3.5.1 Reliability

How will you know if your results are reliable?

### 3.6 Validity

How will you know if your results are valid?

### 3.7 Planned Data Analysis

#### 3.7.1 Data Analysis Technique

#### 3.7.2 Software Tools

### 3.8 Evaluation framework

## 4 [What you did – Choose your own chapter title to describe this]

What have you done? How did you do it? What design decisions did you make? How did what you did help you to meet your goals?

### 4.1 Hardware/Software design ... /ModelSimulation model parameters/...

Figure 4-1 shows a simple icon for a home page. The time to access this page when served will be quantified in a series of experiments. The configurations that have been tested in the test bed are listed in Table 4-1.



Figure 4-1: An example figure in Section.



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Table 4.1: An example table in Section.

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## 4.2 Implementation ... /Modeling/Simulation/...

# 5 Results and Analysis

In this chapter, we present the results and discuss them.

Keep in mind: How you are going to evaluate what you have done? What are your metrics? Analysis of your data and proposed solution Does this meet the goals which you had when you started?

## 5.1 Major results

Some statistics of the delay measurements are shown in Table 5-1. The delay has been computed from the time the GET request is received until the response is sent.

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Table 5.1: An example table in Section

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## 5.2 Reliability Analysis

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## 5.3 Validity Analysis

LALALA

## 5.4 Discussion

# 6 Conclusions and Future work

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## 6.1 Conclusions

Describe the conclusions (reflect on the whole introduction given in Chapter 1). Discuss the positive effects and the drawbacks. Describe the evaluation of the results of the degree project. Did you meet

your goals? What insights have you gained? What suggestions can you give to others working in this area? If you had it to do again, what would you have done differently?

## 6.2 Limitations

What did you find that limited your efforts? What are the limitations of your results?

## 6.3 Future work

Describe valid future work that you or someone else could or should do. Consider: What you have left undone? What are the next obvious things to be done? What hints can you give to the next person who is going to follow up on your work?

## 6.4 Reflections

What are the relevant economic, social, environmental, and ethical aspects of your work?

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## Appendices

### A Appendix A: Example Appendix Title

This is an example appendix entry. You can include figures, tables, or additional details relevant to your research.



Figure A-1: An example figure in Appendix A.

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Table A.1: An example table in Appendix A.

## **B Appendix B: Another Appendix Example**

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