MTurk Instruction - Turker

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Issues related to Vidat, please create issues here.

1 Sign In or Create an Account

MTurk Worker Sandbox

You may be required to fill a registration form if you are the first time to use MTurk.

Worker Registration

Create an Amazon Mechanical Turk Account

Country of residence



Figure 1: Worker registration

2 Find Our Hit



Figure 2: Search for IKEA Assembly Instruction Video Segmentation and Accept.



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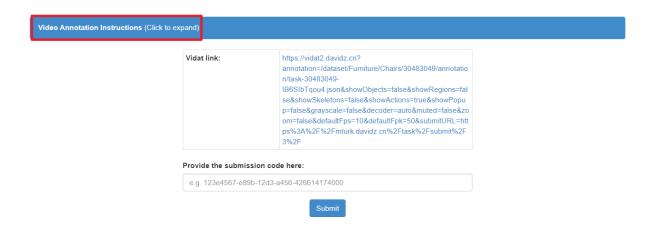


Figure 3: Expand to read the instruction.

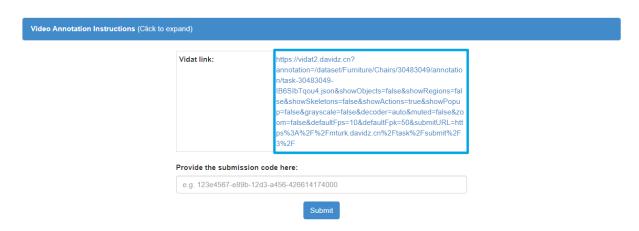


Figure 4: Open the link in a new tab.

3 Annotation In Vidat

3.1 Abstract

You will be annotating a video segmentation task. Obtained from YouTube, each video contains one or more persons assembling IKEA furniture. The corresponding IKEA official instruction manual is split into steps. Your task is to find the start and end time of each step. Using the Vidat(video annotation tool) we provided.

3.2 Vidat Introduction



Figure 5: Header a video caching status and a dark mode toggle. Once all frames are cached, you can change the frame smoothly.



some useful hot keys for video control:

• P play / pause video segment



Figure 6: Keyframe Panel on the left, you can play the video segment specified by the range or edit keyframe list. In the middle, you can change the frame of left/right panel by dragging the left/right thumb or the range, the purple below indicates the frames annotated by actions. One the right, you can quick locate the keyframe(s).

Some useful hot keys for frames control:

- COMMA, <, PERIOD, > advance to previous / next keyframe
- LEFT-ARROW, RIGHT-ARROW previous / next frame
- UP-ARROW, DOWN-ARROW cycle through the frame slider: right > range > left
- PAGE-UP, PAGE-DOWN, jump to previous / next 10% of video



Figure 7: Left/Right Canvas Panel and Control Panel (in the middle) there is an action indicator on the left-bottom corner to show actions which cover current frame.



Figure 8: Action / Video Segment Table you can modify the action annotation List.

- ADD or press PLUS (+) key on your keyboard to add a new action
- CLEAR bulk delete all actions
- start start time in seconds
- end end time in seconds
- duration duration (end time start time) in seconds
- action the action label, in this task, it refers to steps
- object the corresponding object label, please leave it as default in this task
- description
- set start/

set start/end time as current left/right frame



set current left/right frame as start/end time



delete this action

3.3 Annotation Steps

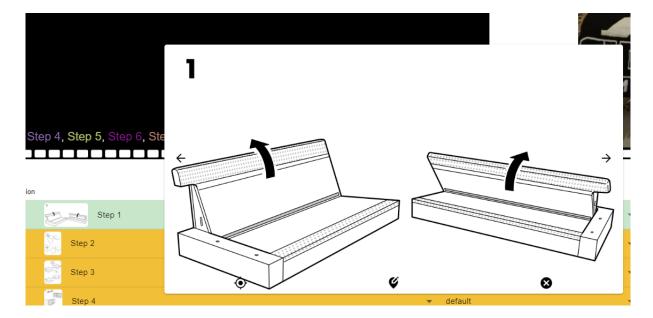


Figure 9: Click the thumbnail(not the action name dropdown menu) to open the step preview. You can first go through all steps by the prev next buttons.

3.3.0.1 Step 1

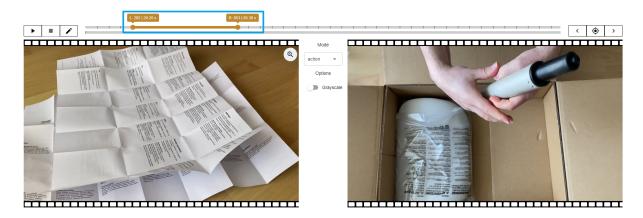


Figure 10: Locate left and right panel to align start and end frame of current action. Here you can use up/down/left/right keyboard shortcuts (details are shown in the above section).

3.3.0.2 Step 2



Figure 11: Click the second button on the corresponding row to set start and end time for this segment. Or the same button on the step preview.

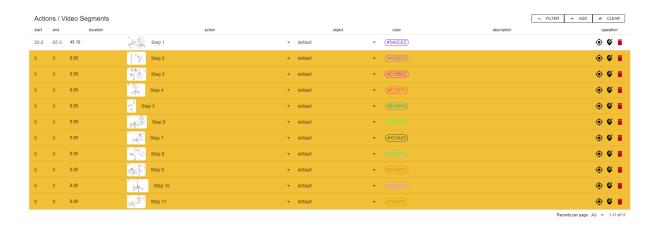


Figure 12: Once the duration is longer than 0, the warning (yellow) color will disappear.

3.3.0.3 Step 3



Figure 13: Delete the segment if it is not shown in the video.

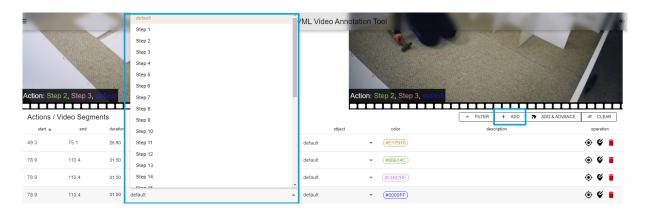


Figure 14: Add a new action and set it to the corresponding step in situations like two or more steps are overlapping with each other.

3.3.0.4 Step 4

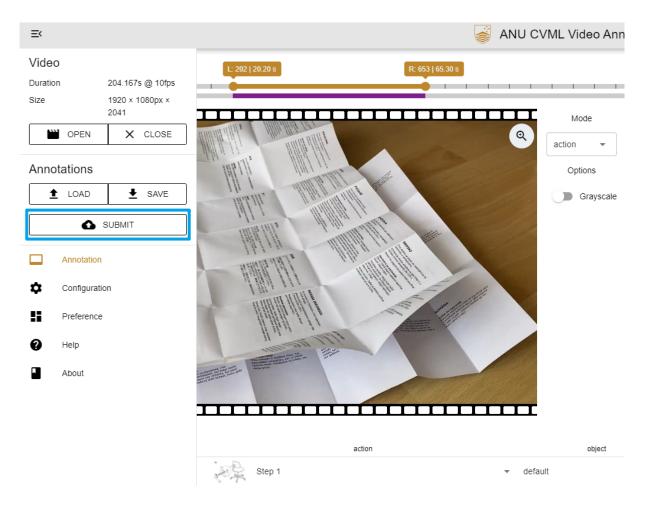


Figure 15: Open the side menu after finishing annotation, and click submit button

3.3.0.5 Step 5

Please check the followings before submitting

- the video has not changed
- the configuration has not changed
- duration of each action is greater than 0

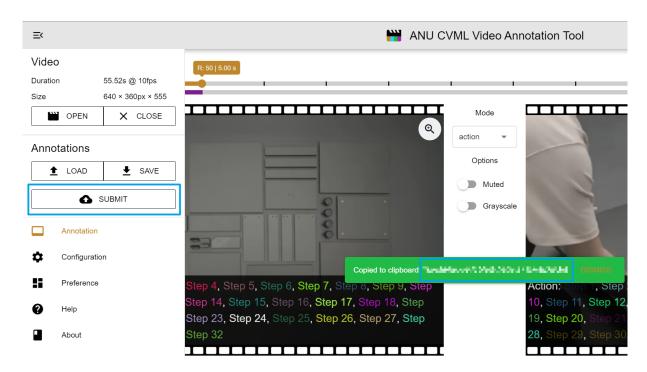


Figure 16: Your submission id will be notified and copied to your clipboard automatically. This is REALLY IMPORTANT as it is the only prove of your work. Please do paste the correct submission id back to the MTurk.

4 Submit In MTurk



Figure 17: Paste the submission id and click submit.

Thanks for your cooperation, cheers!