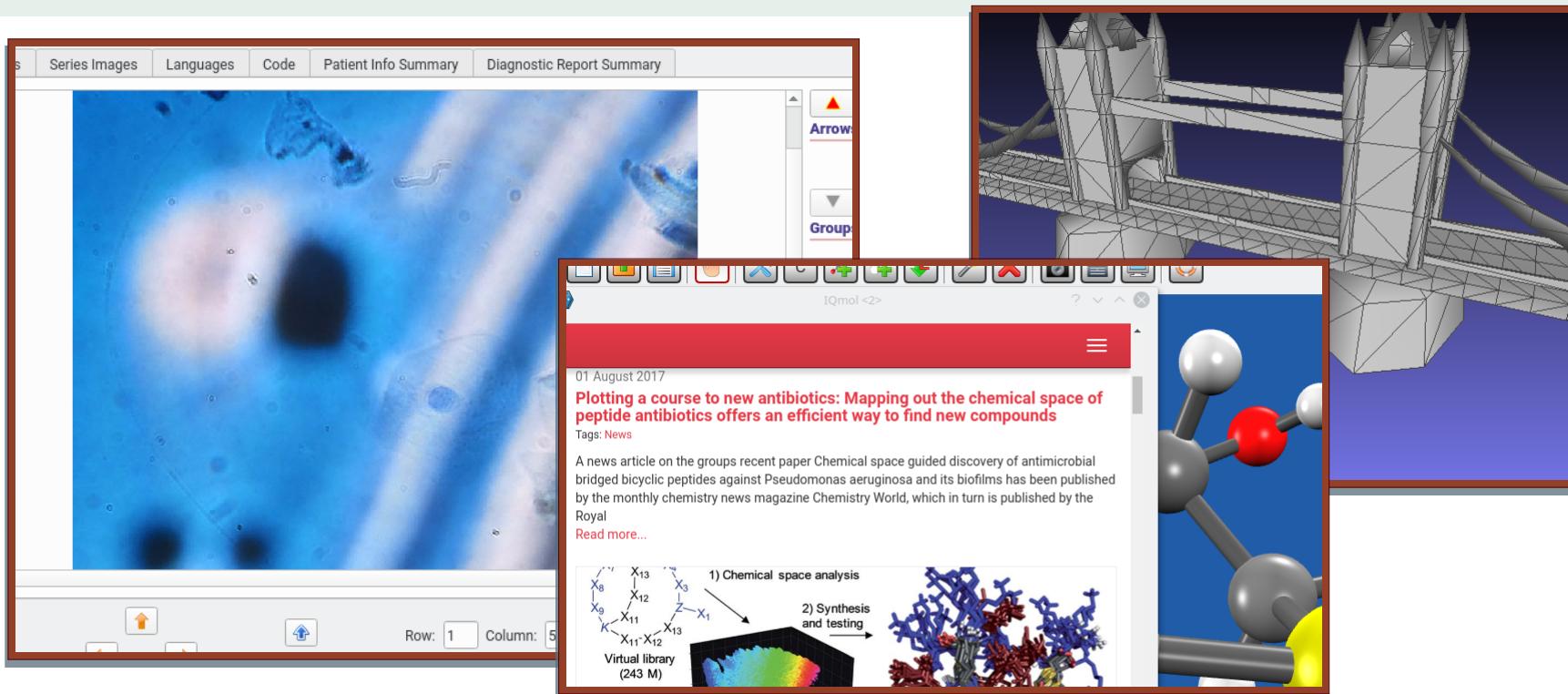


The NCN/A3R ("NA3")

Native Application Development Framework



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The NCN (Native Cloud/Native) Protocol

Cloud/Native Components as back-ends for native software

- Our “Native Cloud/Native” protocol refers to native application front-ends paired with Cloud/Native (back-end) container instances.
- Code libraries and data representation may be shared across both endpoints.
- Common representation on both server- and client-side streamlines network communications (no need to marshal data between different formats).
- The NA3 technology can be ported to other application frameworks apart from Qt (wxWidgets, XCode, MFC, etc.).
 - Note: This presentation will focus on NA3’s default Qt implementation.

How Cloud Back-Ends Enhance Native Front Ends

- Cloud Backup ● Share Data between Users ● Collaborative Editing
- Maintain users’ application state across different computers (home/school/office)
- Upgrade running applications without needing to re-compile

“Application-As-A-Resource” (A3R)

The A3R Application Model

- A3R Applications are self-contained, citable resources which can conform to modern resource documentation standards, such as the Research Object protocol.
- A3R Applications can use Hypergraph-structured metadata to describe data types, procedures, User Interface features, and inter-type relationships (for instance, the relation between data types and the types of GUI components which visualize them).

A3R Developer Tools

- Hypergraph-based data modeling and serialization.
- Framework for building custom scripting, parsing, and data persistence engines.
- Enhanced support for applications specifically designed to access research data sets.
- Convenient framework for sharing data among applications (to establish inter-application workflows) or between applications and cloud or web services (including leveraging “NCN” services).

The Qt Ecosystem

NA3
NCN
A3R
Qt
Examples

Qt is the most popular native, cross-platform application-development framework.

- ◆ ~1 million active developers ◆ Over 5,000 client companies ◆ Worldwide “Qt Partners” Ecosystem ◆ ~US \$250 million overall market

However ... Limited Qt Cloud Integration Support

- “Qt Cloud Services” Discontinued in 2016.
- Currently there is no standard model for accessing Cloud services from Qt applications.
- Nor is there a standard Qt-based Cloud/Native container architecture.

Example Use-Cases

Inter-Application Networking and Workflow Management

- Export data and instructions between Qt-based applications (slides 6-7).
- Embed document or multi-media viewers inside scientific or dataset applications (slides 18-21).

Responsive desktop-style applications for enhanced UX

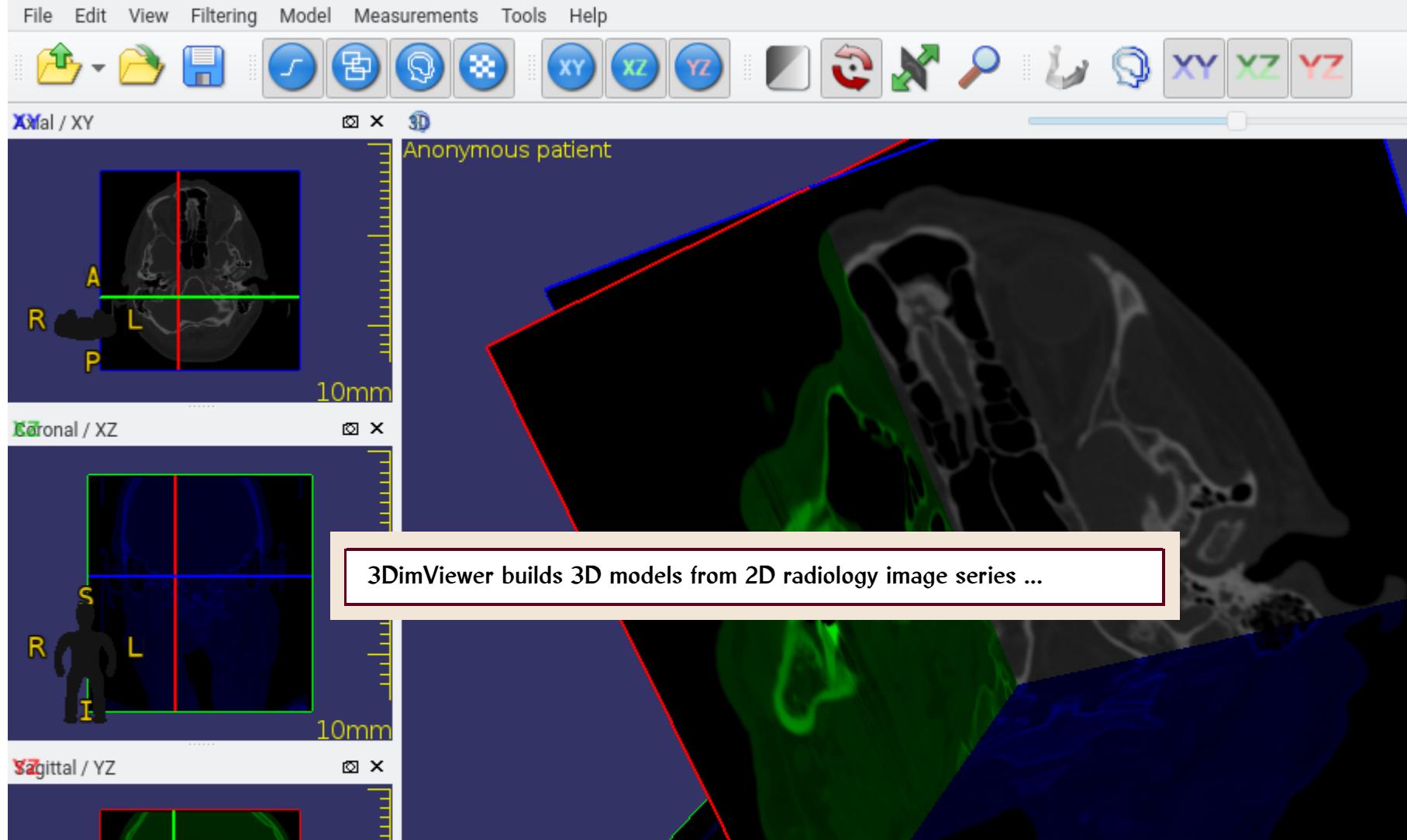
Native applications offer superior User Experience, leveraging distinct interactive features of desktop GUIs: context menus, dialog boxes, tool tips, Multiple Window Display, dock windows, and so on:

- Compelling front-ends for e-commerce, Real Estate, VR, etc. (slides 11-17).
- For scientists and researchers, build innovative data-collection instruments as well as interactive Research Object applications (slides 8-10).

An Example of Inter-Application Networking

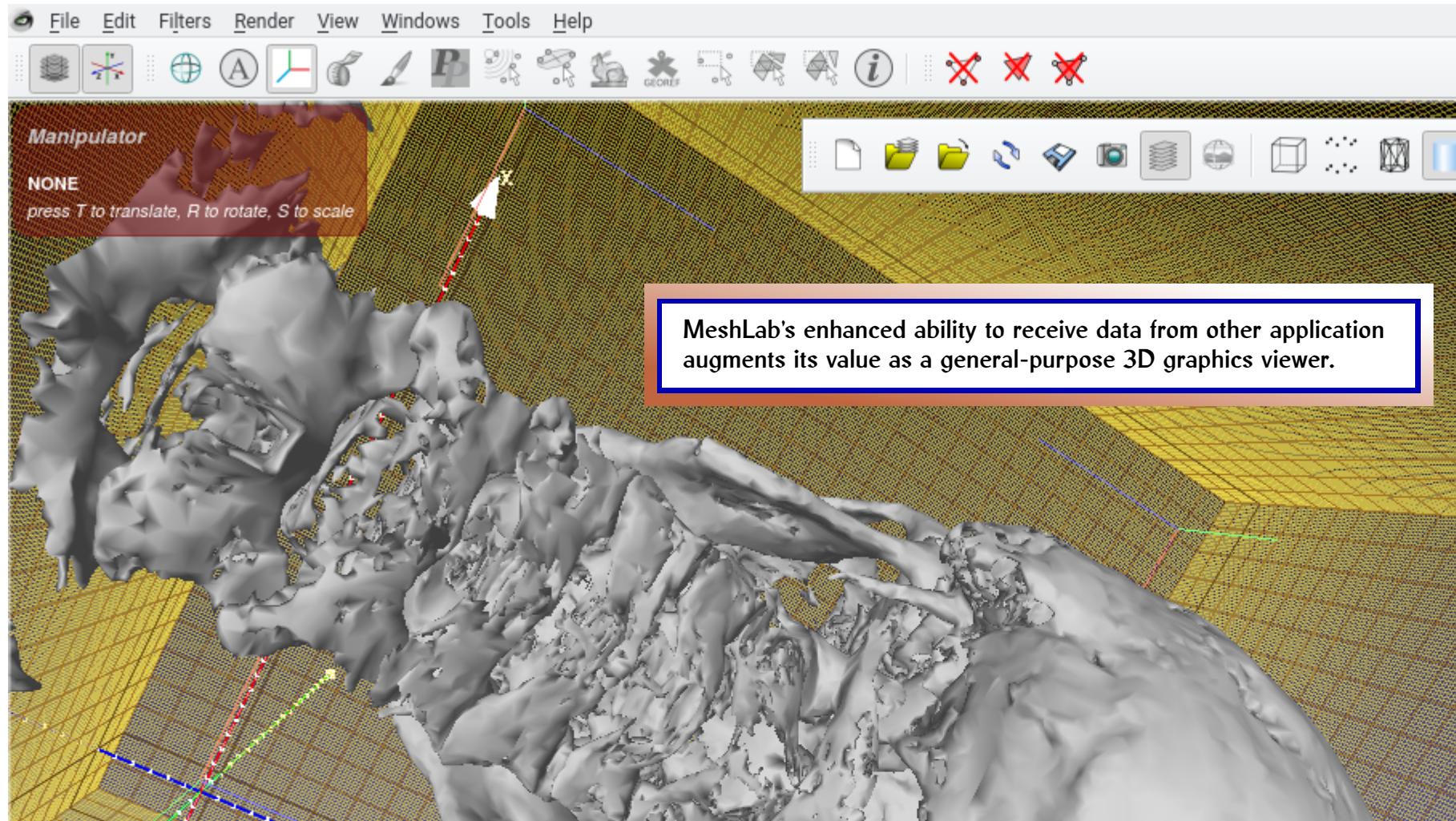
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This slide and the next demonstrate a case-study where inter-application data sharing enhances the capabilities of two applications: 3DimViewer (a radiology tool) and MeshLab (a 3D graphics engine).



3D Graphics Sent to MeshLab

... Once the 3D tissue sample is constructed by 3DimViewer's algorithms, an A3R inter-application networking protocol (implemented as an extension to both applications) allows 3DimViewer to export the model to MeshLab so that it may be studied in a more comprehensive 3D viewing environment.



MeshLab's enhanced ability to receive data from other application augments its value as a general-purpose 3D graphics viewer.

A3R Applications as Data Collection Instruments

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Click on a subheading to continue

Patient Information
Chief Complaint
Review of Symptoms
Treatment History
Medical History
Current Medications
Family History

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Referred By (Choose One): Clinical Specialist

Date of Visit: 1/9/16

Please List your Previous Stays

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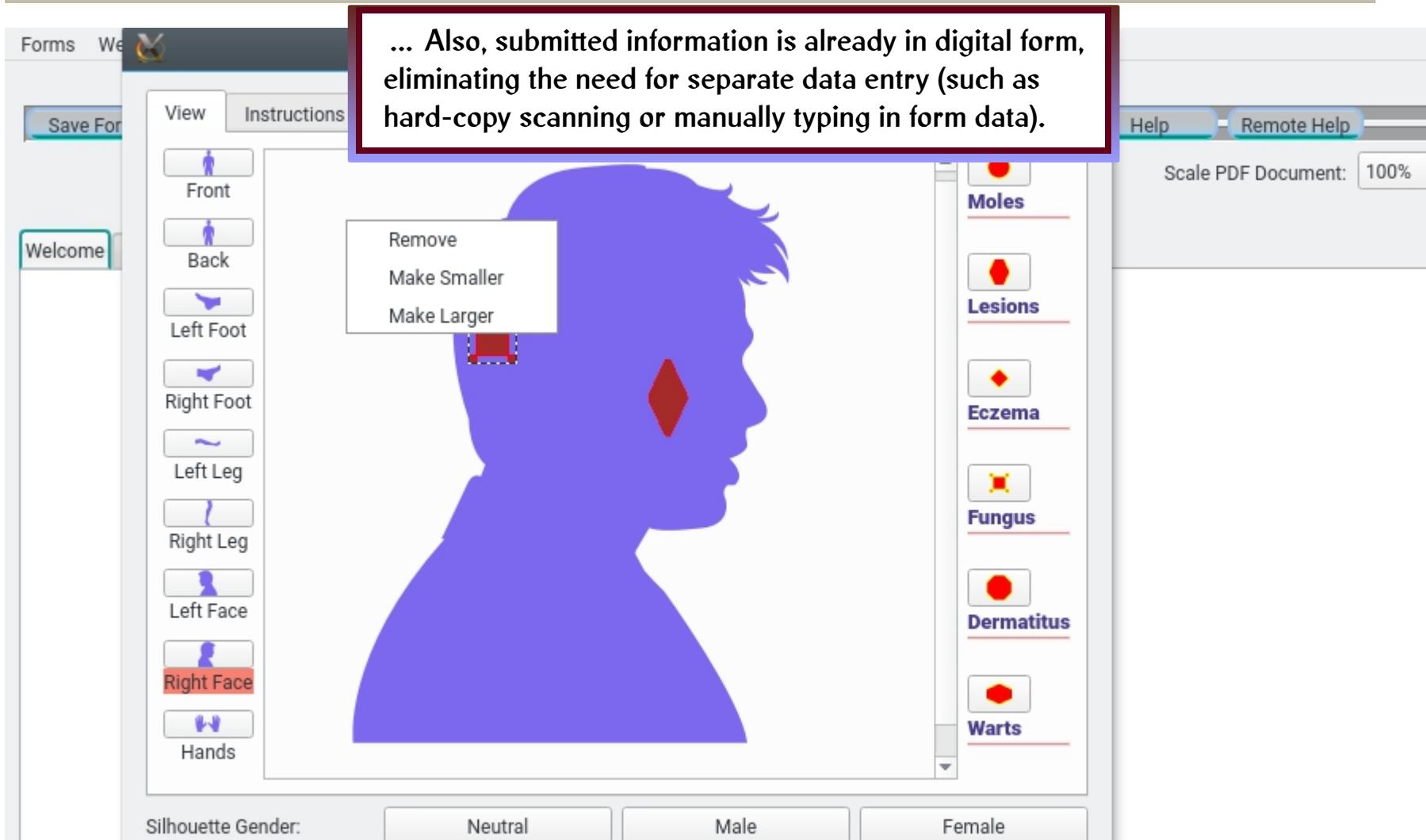
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In medicine and social science, “data collection instruments” (DCIs) refer to surveys, questionnaires, and other tools to obtain human feedback.

Qt-Based Interactive Forms

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Data Collection Instruments implemented as native desktop applications can have easily navigable, interactive forms that make it simpler for people to provide information ...



A3R Applications as Research Objects

Complementary to A3R components which facilitate *obtaining* research or experimental data, A3R “Data-Set Applications” are also powerful tools for visualizing and analyzing research findings.

Data-Set Applications are “Research Object Bundles” — combinations of code and data, providing access to data sets without the need for external software dependencies.

The interface shows a central image of a cell with a red arrow pointing to its nucleus. To the left is a vertical stack of small thumbnail images. To the right are toolbars for annotations: Arrows, Comments, Lists, Arcs, and Rulers. At the bottom are controls for Silhouette Zoom, Image Transforms, Annotations Transforms, and movement buttons (Pan, Zoom, Slide, Pan, Rotate, Zoom).

Native Applications as Interactive Catalogs

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As a case-study in enhanced User Experience afforded by native applications, consider how static PDF catalogs and brochures can be turbo-charged into engaging, interactive software-based presentations.

The screenshot shows a native application interface for a shoe catalog. In the center is a large image of two brown leather sneakers with white soles. A context menu is open over the right shoe, listing options: Detach Image, Detach Noteboook, Detach Description, **Detach Everything** (which is highlighted), Merge Windows, Explore Color Matches ..., View 3D Model ..., Take Screenshot, View Item List, and View Shopping Cart. To the left of the main image is a sidebar with three thumbnail images: a brown sneaker, a white sneaker, and a person's legs wearing jeans and shoes. At the bottom left, there are navigation icons for up, down, and left-right. Below the image, the text "Item: 3" and "Image Zoom:" with a slider are visible. At the very bottom, there are tabs for "Overview", "Features", "Specs", and "Reviews". The "Overview" tab is currently selected. On the far right, there is a sidebar with the title "Grand Crosscourt II Sneaker" and a description: "Sleek and simple, the Grand Crosscourt II sneaker from Cole Haan is the perfect way to add some tailored casual style to your every day look!". Below this, under "Actions:", are two bullet points: "Add to Cart" and "Explore Colors". There are also two small circular color swatches at the bottom of the sidebar.

Detach Image
Detach Noteboook
Detach Description
Detach Everything
Merge Windows
Explore Color Matches ...
View 3D Model ...
Take Screenshot
View Item List
View Shopping Cart

Grand Crosscourt II Sneaker

Sleek and simple, the Grand Crosscourt II sneaker from Cole Haan is the perfect way to add some tailored casual style to your every day look!

Actions:

- [Add to Cart](#)
- [Explore Colors](#)

Item: 3 Image Zoom:

Overview Features Specs Reviews

- Leather upper
- Lace-up
- Round toe

Interactive Shopping Carts

Instead of static lists, shopping carts can be made into multi-dimensional, multiple-window interactive displays.

The screenshot illustrates a multi-dimensional shopping cart interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes File, Email, Events, APIs, Web, and Broadleaf. Below it are search and filter controls: Page: 0, Search for:, and a zoom setting at 100%. A grid of thumbnail images shows various flower arrangements. Two main product windows are displayed side-by-side:

- Product Window <2>:** Features a purple peony bouquet. The left sidebar contains the product name: "Lily Garden Silk Peony Bouquet Home Decoration, Lilac, 18 Inches High". The right sidebar shows a detailed description: "Frosted Hydrangea, Mauve, 32 Inches High, 12 Floral Sprays".
- Product Window <3>:** Features a large hydrangea arrangement. The left sidebar is empty. The right sidebar shows a detailed description: "Frosted Hydrangea, Mauve, 32 Inches High, 12 Floral Sprays".

Each product window has tabs for Overview, Specs, Reviews, and Q & A, along with OK and Cancel buttons at the bottom.

Explore Products with Native Software

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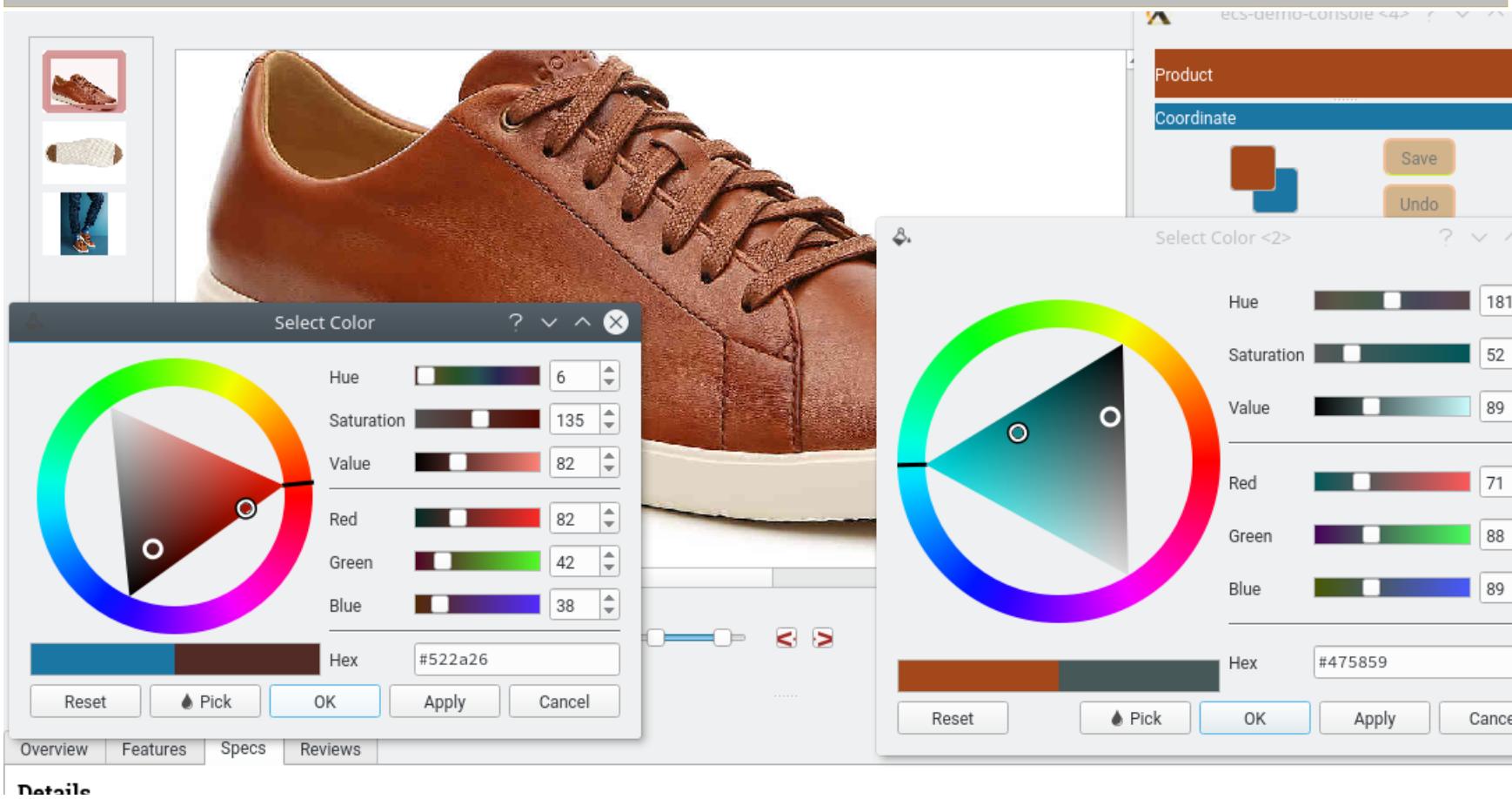
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Interactive catalogs allow designers to incorporate many unique features and capabilities of desktop applications, such as using HSV color-wheel controls to explore color coordination while shopping.



Interactive Real Estate

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A3R programming can also bring enhanced UX to Real Estate presentations: instead of just groups of photos, properties can be displayed via interactive, multi-dimensionally organized, color-coded photo viewers.

The screenshot shows a user interface for viewing real estate photographs. On the left, there is a grid of thumbnail images representing different rooms and exterior views of a property. A specific thumbnail in the bottom row is highlighted with a red border and has an arrow pointing to it from a callout box labeled "Color-Coded Groups". To the right of the grid is a large, detailed photograph of a master bedroom. The bedroom features a large wooden bed with a headboard, a matching wooden dresser, and a chaise lounge. The walls are painted a light green color, and there are large windows with valances. A callout box labeled "Current Photo" is positioned over the photograph. At the bottom of the interface, there are navigation controls (left and right arrows), an item counter (Item: 19), an image zoom slider, and standard "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Groupings

- Entrance/Foyer/Hall
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Living Room/Den
- Bath/Powder Room
- Bedroom/Closet
- Master Bedroom/Spa
- Basement/Game Room

Current Photo

Color-Coded Groups

Item: 19

Image Zoom:

OK Cancel

Photo Viewer Interactive Cues

These slides demonstrate visual cues aiding photo navigation, such as color bands (overlays) that switch from horizontal to vertical indicating which photos have been viewed so far; and the thumbnail of the current viewed photo marked with a thick colored border (surrounding the thumbnail photo and its overlays).

The screenshot shows a photo viewer interface with a grid of thumbnail images. A large, detailed image of a living room is displayed on the right side of the screen. On the left, there is a sidebar with a list of 'Groupings' and a navigation bar at the bottom.

- Already Viewed (vertical color band):** A callout points to a thumbnail in the top row that has a thick vertical purple border around it.
- Not Yet Viewed (horizontal color band):** A callout points to a thumbnail in the middle row that has a thick horizontal purple border around it.
- Current Photo (viewed for the second time):** A callout points to a thumbnail in the bottom row that has a thick purple border around it, and the corresponding image on the right is also highlighted with a purple overlay.

Groupings:

- Entrance/Foyer/Hall
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Living Room/Den
- Bath/Powder Room
- Bedroom/Closet
- Master Bedroom/Spa
- Basement/Game Room

Navigation:

- Left arrow: <
- Right arrow: >
- Item: 10
- Image Zoom: [Slider]

Filtering Photos

Another feature which may be conveniently implemented in A3R-style photo viewers is a filtering option, which — given a collection of pictures classified into several groups — allows users to show or hide photos based on the group they belong to (note the check-box buttons on the group listing).

The screenshot shows a photo viewer interface with a sidebar of thumbnail images and a main view showing a living room. The sidebar includes a 'Groupings' section with several filter options.

Visible Groups: Entrance/Foyer/Hall (checked), Living Room/Den (checked), Bedroom/Closet (checked), Master Bedroom/Spa (checked). These are highlighted with a green oval.

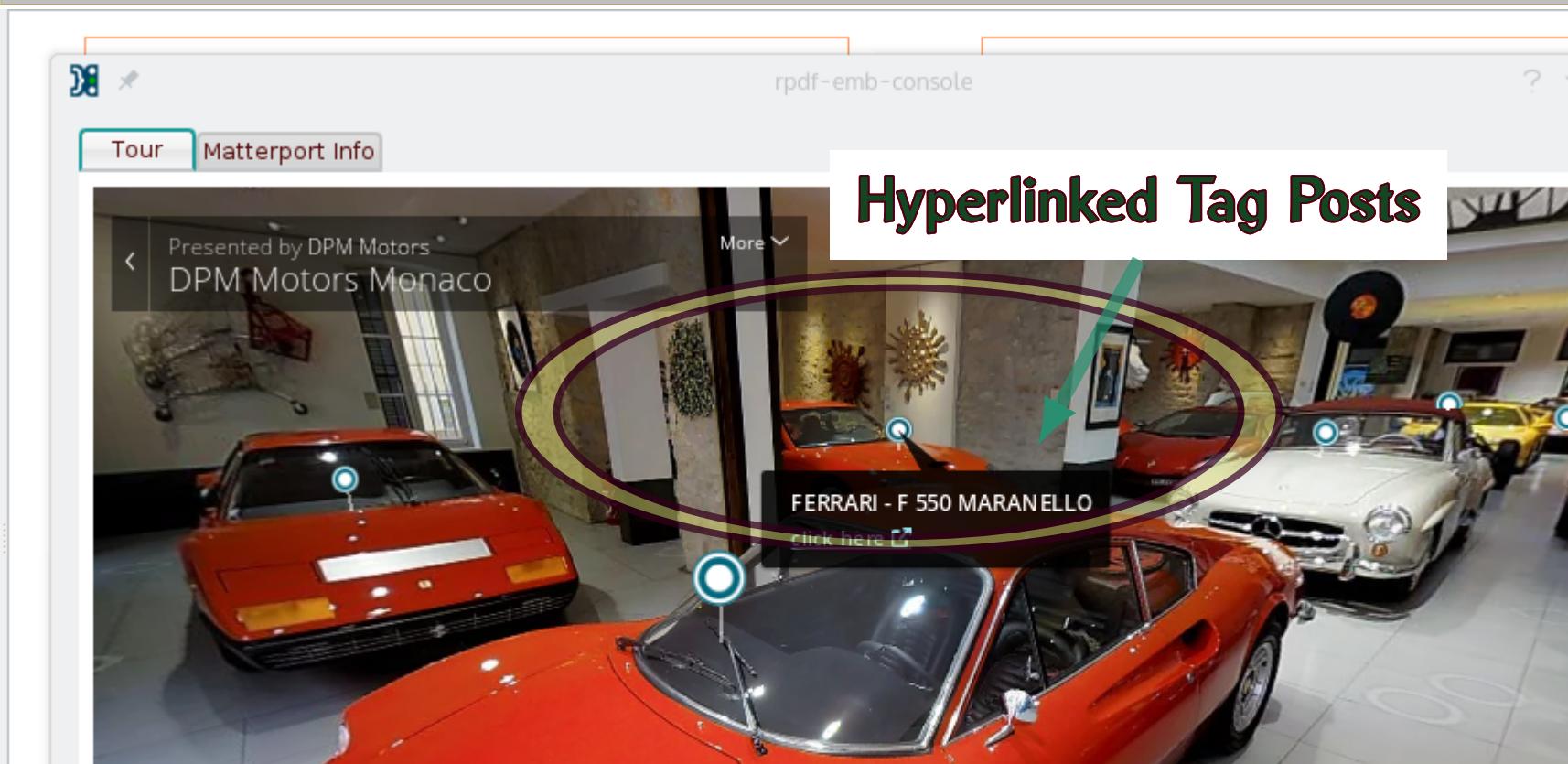
Check Boxes: Kitchen/Dining Room, Bath/Powder Room, Basement/Game Room. The 'Bath/Powder Room' checkbox has a red arrow pointing to it, and the 'Basement/Game Room' checkbox is circled in red.

Hidden Groups: The 'Kitchen/Dining Room' and 'Bath/Powder Room' checkboxes are shown in a greyed-out state, indicating they are currently hidden.

Below the sidebar, there are navigation arrows, an 'Item: 3' indicator, an 'Image Zoom:' slider, and 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Interactive VR: Hyperlinked Tag Posts

Another emerging technology, relevant to both e-Commerce and Real Estate, is the use of Panoramic Photography to create immersive Virtual Reality scenes. Panorama-Photography-based VR engines, like Matterport, allow “tag posts” with embedded hyperlinks, which in a native-application context become channels of communication between the VR renderer and the host application. The full capabilities of this interactive modality — combining VR with clickable links and text “bubbles” — can only be fully realized via Virtual Reality engines (such as WebGL) embedded in native software.



A3R Document Viewers

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A3R applications may embed viewers for document formats such as e-Pub, HTML, and PDF; then supplement conventional publications with special components customized for individual manuscripts: e.g. (as in this case), a widget allowing readers to visually explore patterns in classical Indian music.

The screenshot shows a digital journal interface. At the top, there are three icons: a gear, a book, and a person reading. Below them are links for 'References', 'Library', and 'Reading'. A navigation bar includes 'HTML Source', 'Lisp', 'CSS', and 'XML'. A large red rectangular area covers the main content area. Below it, the text 'Read article view' is visible. At the bottom, there's a small icon of a person reading.

ANTHROPOLOGY AND HUMANISM

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Ethnographer as Apprentice: Embodying omusical Knowledge in South India

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Published: 26 December 2012 [Full publication history](#)

This screenshot shows a specialized A3R application window. At the top, it says 'Display Tala Types: Jhoomra/Dhamar (14 beats)'. Below is a visualization of musical patterns as colored rectangles (red, purple, green) arranged in a grid. A horizontal slider at the bottom is labeled 'Patterns' with 'Pattern 1 (3-4-3-4)' on the left and 'Pattern 2' on the right. Below the slider is a file path 'File /extension/ScignSeer/articles/svg/tala.svg'. On the right side of the window, there's a vertical scroll bar and a decorative graphic of a sun-like symbol.

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A3R Document Viewers as Embedded Components

Document Viewers may also be embedded in host applications which provide domain-specific visualization capabilities. For example, chemistry papers might be viewed within IQmol (a Qt-based program for molecular visualization and physical/chemical analysis) via an A3R document-viewer plugin.

The screenshot shows a chemistry application interface. At the top is a menu bar with options: Display, Build, Calculation, SONIC, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. On the left, there's a sidebar with a "Springer" logo and a search bar showing "Showing 157 results." Below the search bar are filters for "ENT" (157 results), "CS", and "Jemi" (37 results). The main area features a 3D ball-and-stick model of the amino acid cysteine, with its characteristic sulfur atom highlighted in yellow. To the right of the molecule is a small window titled "SONIC Reader" containing links: "Springer Keyword Search: Cysteine", "Springer Web Search Home", and "Search Saved Articles". At the bottom of the screen is a navigation bar with icons for back, forward, and search.

Display Build Calculation SONIC Help

Configure
Select All
Reperceive Bonds
Duplicate Geometry
Atomic Charges
Remove

SONIC ► Springer Keyword Search: Cysteine
Springer Web Search Home
Search Saved Articles

Springer

Search Showing 157 results.

ENT 157

CS

Jemi 37

www.springer.com/gp/search?query=cysteine&submit=Submit

Document Viewers Augmented With APIs

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Another strategy for interactive publications is linking documents with APIs maintained by publishers, or by cultural or educational institutions.

View Instructions

As an example, documents mentioning artifacts held in a museum can provide features to view more information about those museum-pieces through the host institution's API.



MEDAL

 Click the icon to save

This is a **Medal**. We acquired it in 1920. It is a part of the **Product Development** department.

Cite this object as

Medal; bronze; 1920-3

Row: 0 Column: 0

Embedded Multimedia

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Custom-built A3R document viewers can provide convenient access to multimedia content embedded in or linked to texts — including audio files, videos, and 3D graphics scenes or models.

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In this case a video player is launched in a dialog box, floating above the article text. For those reading digital books or articles, videos and other multimedia content can be presented through secondary windows launched via context menus; text and multimedia may thereby be viewed side-by-side.

Behavior

Red pandas are generally solitary, but there are a couple of cases where they develop extended associations with their mothers that last throughout the breeding season.



In terms of territoriality, red pandas tend to have overlapping home ranges with other. This means that they do not search for their own food, but instead patchily distributed across the landscape.

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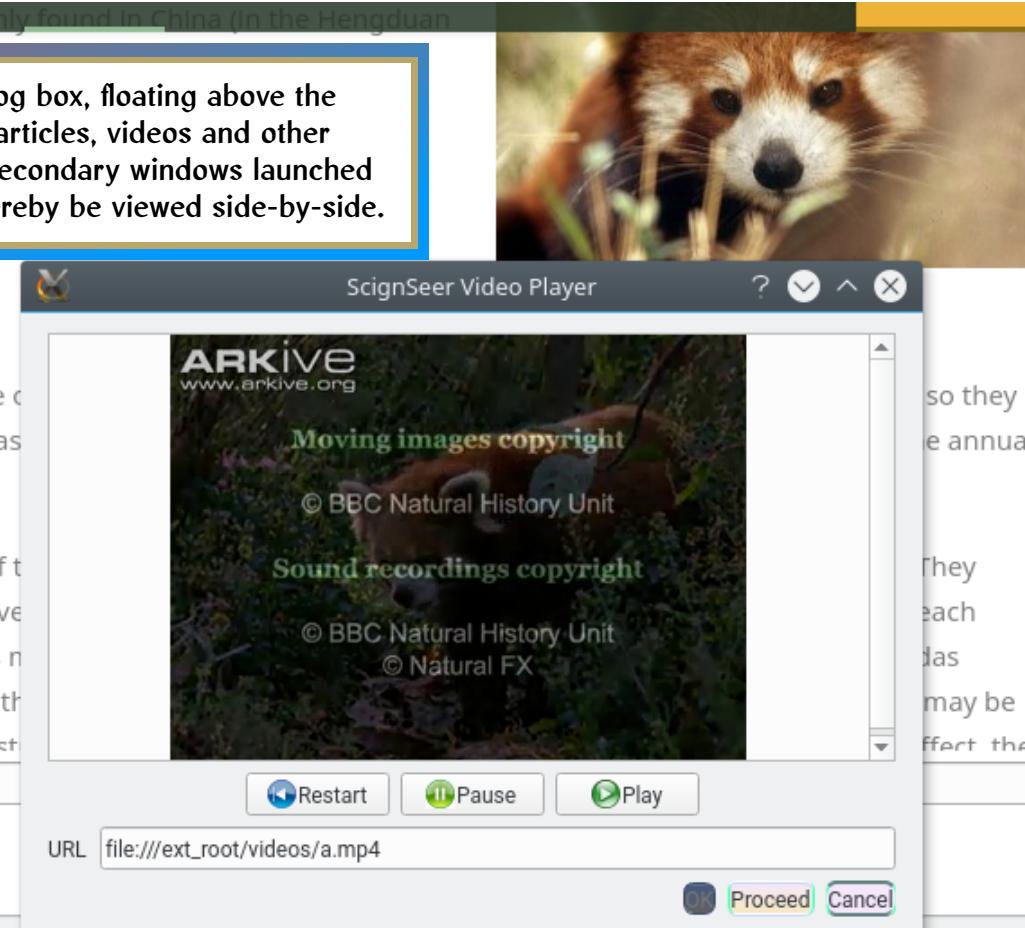
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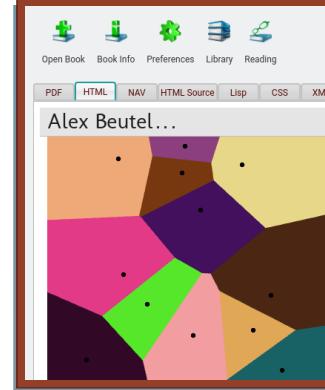
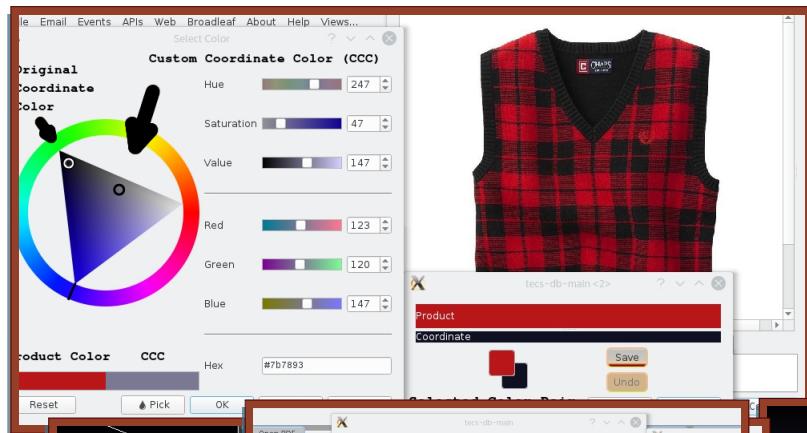


Figure 2 The Voronoi Diagram of the set of Melbourne's inner city train stations

It should also be noted that this account aims to represent space partitioning at a cognitive rather than at a physical level. What this means is that *at* will not be

