

# Automatic Mobile Video Director

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**Abstract**—The abstract goes here.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the last years the Internet has changed rapidly. Users not only retrieve information of simple websites anymore, rather they are sharing information, videos and pictures all over through networks. With the "Web 2.0", user-generated content has become an important part of the Internet we know nowadays. Well-known platforms like, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter make it easy for regular people to distribute data and media.

With the changing role of mobile phones from simple communication devices to devices with a multiplicity of functionalities, user-generated content has even seen a faster growth in recent years. Due to more precise sensors, integrated high-resolution cameras and of course faster mobile network technologies, it has never been so simple to contribute content when ever and where ever you want. This fact leads to complete new opportunities for web services using data and user information, in order to create dynamic content.

Let us imagine an interesting, public event like a political speech, concert or any kind of sport event, which is not filmed and streamed professionally by TV channels. Fortunately it has become common of spectators nowadays to capture parts of ongoing events by their phone camera. The potentials are tremendous. Why not using these user-generated media to provide a real-time stream or list of videos of the ongoing event, which not present people could therefore follow anyhow. A high quality mash up of an event requires an complex selection of all potential videos available, in order to cover the whole event with the best quality provided and being aware of bandwidth constraints of the mobile network.

In the following paper we want to deal with this kind of situations and introduce our implemented approach of an Automatic Mobile Video Director. Thereby we focus on the interaction between multi clients and one central server, our automatic video director, while addressing bandwidth and complexity problems, already mentioned above. Furthermore we do not focus on retrieving sensor information, which is done only in a rudimentary and simple way.

## II. RELATED WORK

Describe articles and how our work differs from theirs. Throw in some references [1] so bibliography does not look empty. [2]

## III. METHODOLOGY

### A. System Overview

BRAINSTORMING: goal of our application? Client-Server architecture? RESTful Web Service.

### B. Client application

BRAINSTORMING: architecture? android sdk, camera, mediamanager, sensor, http client, service class, sqlite.

### C. Server application

Server general description goes here. Video storage, database connection, server framework description. RESTful Web Service

### D. Client-server interaction

BRAINSTORMING: HTTP protocol,

1) *Protocols*: Our Automatic Mobile Video Director server implementation provides a general interface to applications which wish to interact with it. It is implemented through HTTP requests to certain server locations result.

GET /events

Lists all events (including videos) in JSON.

GET /event/*id*

Returns Event (including videos) in JSON.

POST /event/new

Create new event from JSON. Expects request body to be a JSON string containing attribute *name*.

POST /event/*id*

Upload JSON metadata about a video for Event with given *id*.

PUT /video/*video\_id*

Upload video *video\_id* from Event *id*. Expects request body to be a file stream containing a full video file.

GET /video/*video\_id*

Retrieve video *video\_id* from Event *id*.

GET /selected

Retrieve a list of selected but not yet uploaded videos in JSON.

### E. Metadata format

JSON vs XML arguments here As a final result we should state that metadata is transferred in JSON format.

*id*

Client-side unique identification of the video.

filename  
File name in client's local file system.

timestamp  
Video creation time.

duration  
Video duration in frames.

width  
Video frame width in pixels.

height  
Video frame height in pixels.

shaking  
Amount of shaking detected by sensors.

status  
Video status. Indicates video life cycle phase.

serverId  
Server-side unique identification of the video.  
Needed for coordination of all clients.

#### IV. VIDEO DIRECTOR ALGORITHM

##### A. Video life cycle

##### B. Selection algorithm

#### V. EVALUATION

How good/bad it is.

##### A. Data Traffic

Thilo can test it. I will have a look to this. If someone has experience please let me know.

##### B. Battery consumption

Who wants to test it?

##### C. Selection criteria

#### VI. FUTURE WORK

Put down all the awesome ideas we have.

#### VII. CONCLUSION

The conclusion goes here.

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TABLE I  
TASK DISTRIBUTION

Part	Task	Subtask	Responsible
Android application	Video Capture		Thilo Weigold
	Sensor data collection		Thilo Weigold
	Metadata class		Thilo Weigold
	Http Client	Post Method	Thilo Weigold
		Cookies, Callbacks	Alexander Egunov
		Get & Update methods	Alexander Egunov
	Background upload service		Thilo Weigold
	SQLite database connection		Thilo Weigold
	Preferences		Alexander Egunov
	GUI		Thilo Weigold, Alexander Egunov
	Client-server data exchange		Alexander Egunov
Server application	RESTful Server application	Client authorization	Alf-André Walla
		Request processing	Alf-André Walla
		Video and Event logic	Alf-André Walla
	MySQL database connection		Jon Pettersen
	Video Director		Alf-André Walla
	Client-server data exchange debug		Alexander Egunov
	Video upload		Alf-André Walla, Alexander Egunov
Web Server	MySQL Administration		Alexander Egunov
	Nginx setup for streaming video		Alexander Egunov
Documentation	Basic template formatting		Alexander Egunov