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ABSTRACT

Video and audio recordings serve as a primary data source in many fields, especially in the social and behavioral sciences. Recordings present unique opportunities for reuse and reanalysis for novel scientific purposes, but also present challenges related to respecting the privacy of individuals depicted. Databrary is a webbased service for sharing and reusing the video data created by researchers in the developmental and learning sciences. By investigating how researchers organize, analyze, and mine their own recordings, we have implemented a system that empowers researchers to capture, store, and share recordings in a standardized way. The Databrary service promotes storage, management, sharing, and reuse of research data, controls access privileges to restricted human subject data, and facilitates browsing and discoverability of datasets.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Databrary ensures that videos with identifiable information can be shared under four different release levels:



Private: Content has not been shared and is restricted to collaborators



Authorized Users: Content is restricted to authorized Databrary users



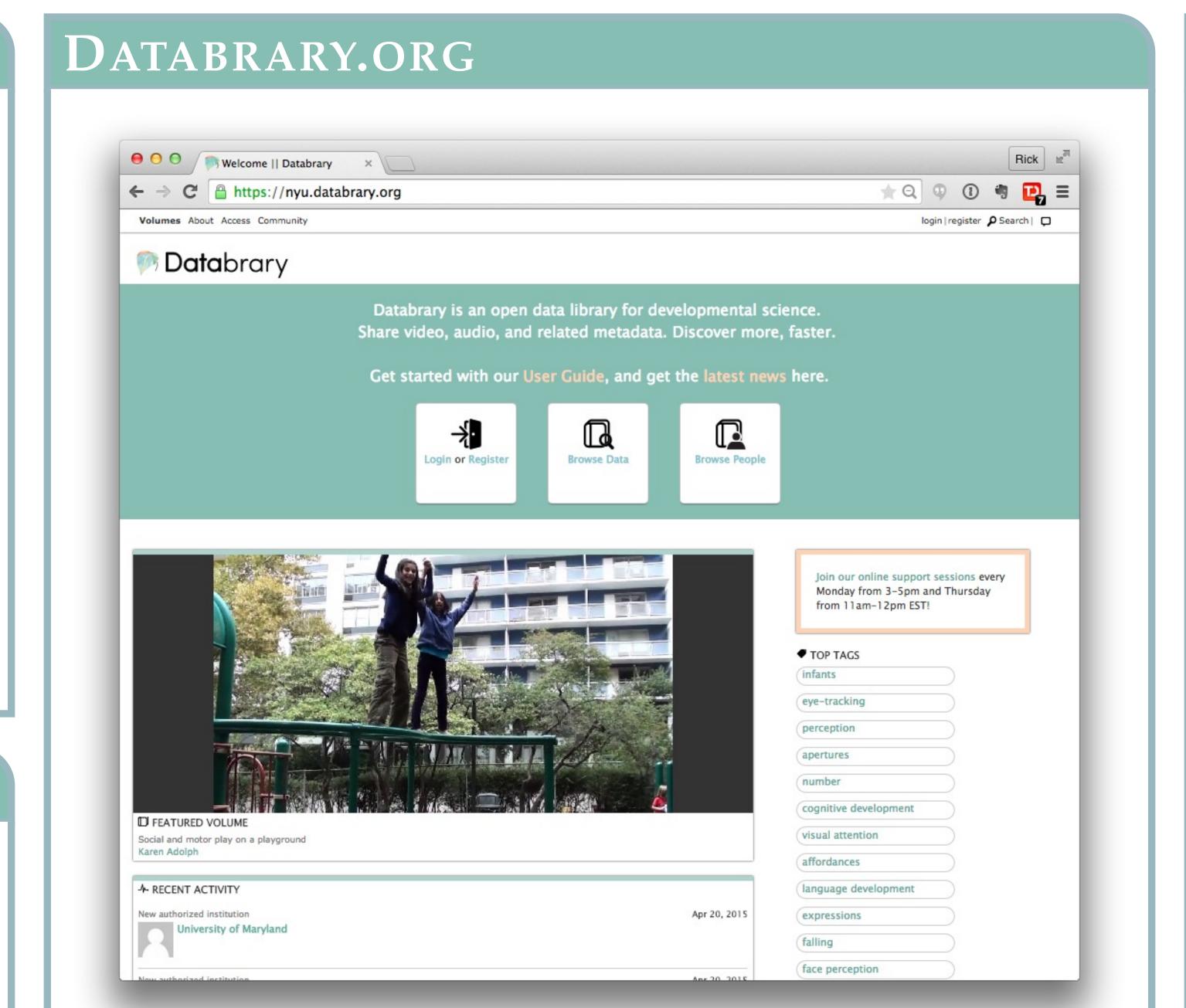
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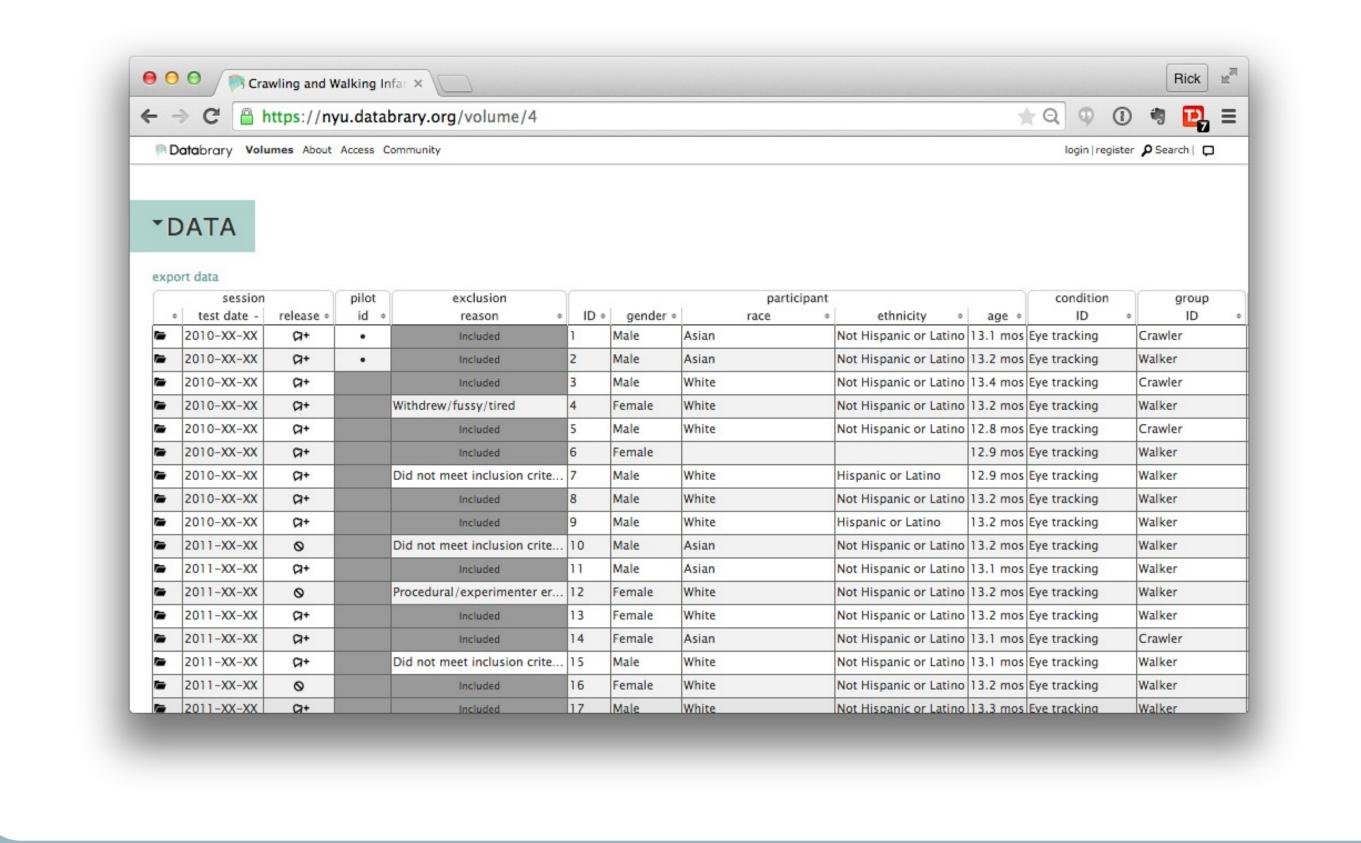
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WHAT CAN BE SHARED

Databrary can house video, audio, PDF, spreadsheet, image, and text-based files along with associated metadata and annotations. Video files are transcoded into standard, HTML5-compatible formats, currently H.264+AAC in MP4.

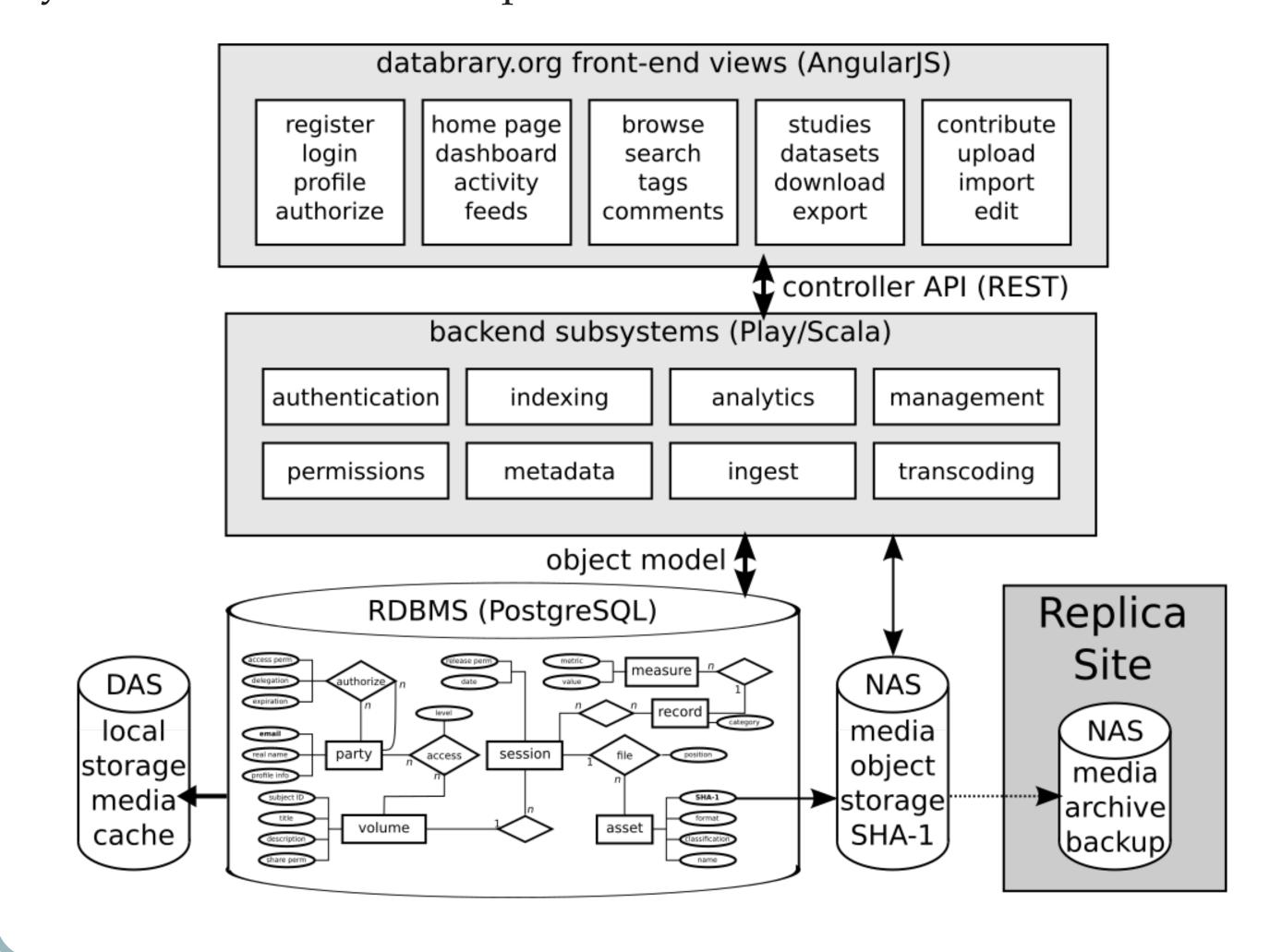


SESSION-LEVEL DATA MANAGEMENT

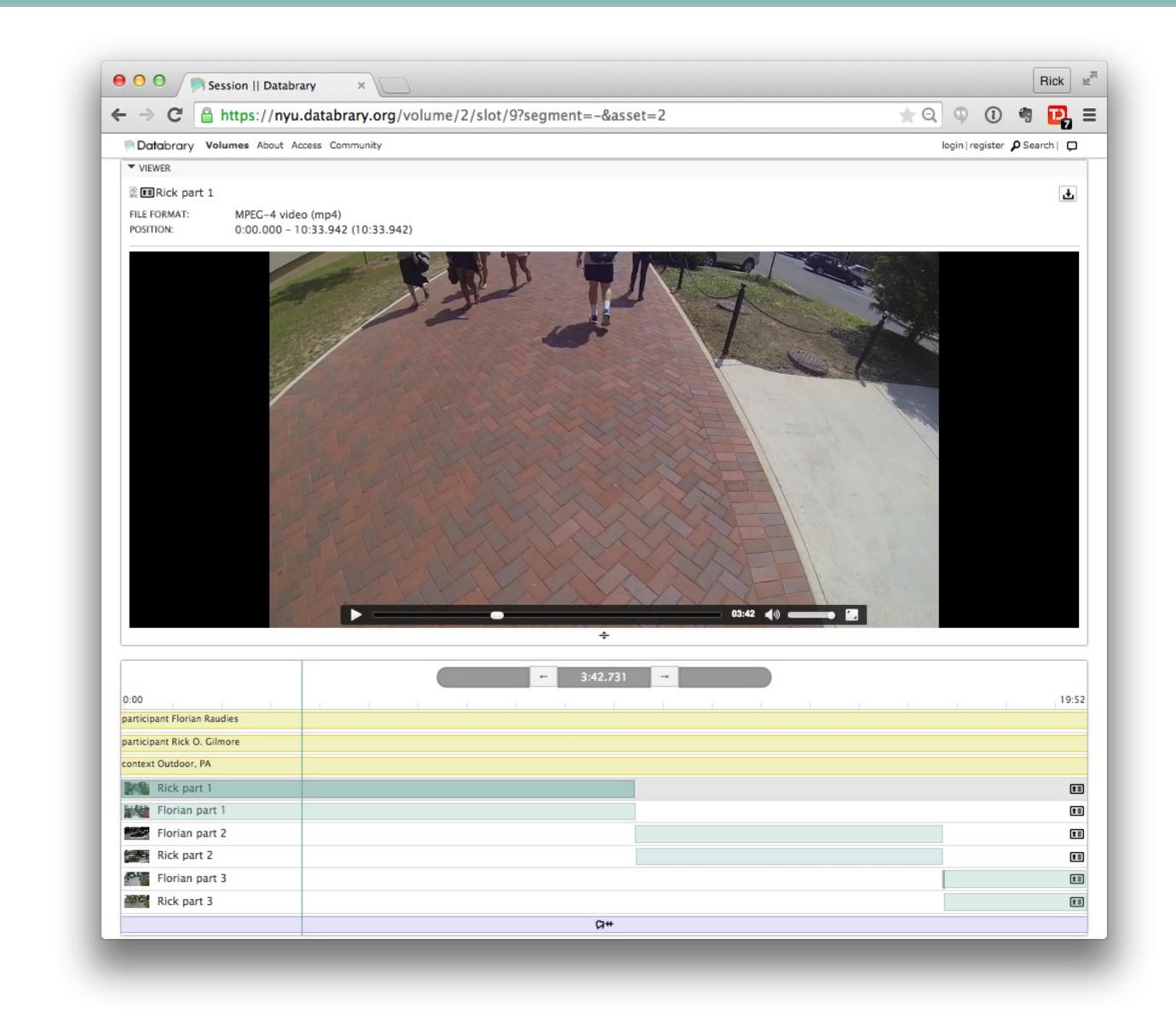


TECHNOLOGY STACK

Databrary is built on PostreSQL using the Scala Play framework and AngularJS. Data are preserved indefinitely in a secure data storage facility at NYU. There is no cost to use the system; a sustainability model is under development. All code is GPL on GitHub.



TIMELINE



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