

a - requirements

capture and store

- capture videostreams from ip cams (existing infrastructure)
- optional for now: capture video data in other ways
 - store and forward for higher robustness, ...

--> in any case a server component that can

- receive rtsp, ... streams

- store the received data in a organized and permissioned way
is needed

- optional for now: increased data security, data lineage, ...

b - requirements

image processing

- basic zone
 - algo / sensitivity adjustable
- different ml/ai models
 - can be limited to zones
 - could be parameterized

--> zone management

- case by case

- templates for reproducibility

c - requirements

automation

- alarms
 - based on image processing
 - fighting mice
 - based on zones
- based on system state
 - missing video data
 - ...

d - requirements

view and export

- for compliance check
- for using the data in of research
- unclear
 - integrated tag managment needed?
 - managment of externally postprocessed vodo files
 - managment of externally generated taging data
 - managment of externally generated results

e 1 - status

zoneminder ~ ZM

- can capture and store streams
- open source projekt looks not attractive
 - status of documemtation
 - status of docker
 - usability
 - handling zones (on a case by case basis) is messy
 - experienced problems with config
 - has some user/permission system
 - integrating ai/ml models is in early draft stage
 - on selected images of a stream
 - in realtime, not for postprocessing

e 2 - status

zoneminder

- some extension code for imouse exists
 - who will
 - develop it further
 - keep it aligned with a further developed zonminder open source
- unclear
 - handling of externally postprocessed streams
 - postprocessing in zoneminder
 - zone templates
 - zone management for ai extensions
 - ...

e 3 - status

frigate ~ FG

- can capture and store streams
 - looks more active in development / attractive
 - offers a extension model
 - not sure if tis is used for the custom code
 - limited visionai model integration via frigate+ (paid) supported
 - custom code not working properly
 - custom code source not available
 - recheck license compatibility
 - existing custom code seems to integrate badly in frigate (reupload of video data)
 - not focused on research data management

e 4 - status

frigate

- tbd

f 1 - strategy

business model

- selling the retrofit hardware is not the business model
- selling a solution for handling research data is the goal
 - options in context with open source:
 - consulting
 - freemium
 - saas
 - (managed) on premise deployment .. full service
 - premium hardware (data lineage, store&forward, edge processing)
 - premium add-on services as alarms ...

f 2 - strategy

business model

- more effort needed to become a
 - data sharing platform
 - data mediator
 - data broker
 - ...

g 1 - steps forward

current situation zonminder

- zoneminder
 - seems to be working better than frigate for now
 - source for extension is available
 - works more OKish the frigate + custom extension
 - author is more responsive (sometimes)
- use zoneminder but don't invest to much

g 2 - steps forward

current situation frigate

- frigate
 - source of extension not licensed by imouse
 - effectively imouse is the sales department of the software company
 - unclear how good frigate and the custom extension can be developed together in the next years
 - already given the current bad integration of postprocessed video files
- try to get license / function / cooperation issues resolved
- deeper look technical into frigate as basis for development
 - decide go on / no go (more likely)

g 3 - steps forward

questions for the next years

- moving a open source project (like ZM/FG) into research data managment software direction means contributing to the project with unclear results
 - forking is possible: more freedom short term, less shared benefit long term, legacy in code and license
- how much value is in the limited/not yet working ai/ml integration of the ZM/FG
- how much value is in the limited/badly working zone managment integration of zm/fg
- how limiting are the open source projects ZM/FG for the business model / strategy (tbd)

g 4 - steps forward

serverside

- use ZM/FG as is (with so far working extensions / as usable) for data capture and storage
- work on own limited data capture and storage system for data lineage, reliability
- work on own frontend component for management of zones, models, .. for edge deployments and server
- work on own frontend component for management of video data and metadata
 - import, export, postprocessing, tagging

g 5 - steps forward

hardware / edge

- look into edge processing for more reliability, reduced data size, data lineage, options for premium hardware business model (can be COTS HW with closed software)
 - see: management of edge deployment of zones, models, ..

