Framework for Interoperable Media Services (FIMS) IBC 2011







The Problem(s)

- IT-based media technologies have arrived
- Proprietary solutions exist
- Could be free and still cost more than hardware with standards!!
- Media Interfaces tightly coupled / complex
- Little process management in media
- Little / no KPIs
- Poor visibility of work in progress









Tight vs. Loose Coupling





Changing a Tool is Difficult (Disruptive)

Changing a Tool is EASY!







Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)



In order to maximize the potential of SOA, standardization of the Industry common interfaces is essential.



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What is the FIMS Activity?

- Define interoperable media service interfaces between
 - Orchestration Systems
 - Media Services







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Messages in the FIMS Demo

• Rapid deployment possible

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- FIMS demo was developed within weeks after agreement of specification
- Adaptors for existing services





Demo Workflow



FIMS is the Solution for Media

- FIMS is a SOA framework applied to Media
- Works more at the business or workflow level
- FIMS specifies the interfaces ("work orders") between services
- FIMS has support across the industry (users and vendors)
- FIMS understands media
 - High-bandwidth, large file media
 - Codec and wrapper independent
 - Human-oriented, collaborative, craft environments
 - Distributed (cloud) architectures







FIMS is an Opportunity

• System Designers:

- SOA value and benefits agility!
- Simplified upgrades, maintenance, multi-vendor selection benefits
- Standards for interoperability
- FIMS is gathering steam with many vendors contributing

• Service Providers/Vendors:

- Leverage the FIMS ecosystem standards, interoperability, re-use
- Vendors can design 'best of breed' products with a FIMS interface
- Engineering, marketing, sales focus with FIMS
- Faster time to market



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FIMS is an Opportunity

• For Management/Owner:

- Employ media services with ease; loose coupling benefit
- Media workflows integrate more easily with the business workflow
- Less manual intervention, more reliable
- Choice of FIMS providers avoid vendor lock-in
- Reduced risks
- Lower Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)



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FIMS Future

- FIMS specification v1.0 available, ready for review by AMWA and EBU
- The FIMS Framework: a solid foundation to build on
- Phase 2: Request For Technologies (RFT) published at IBC
 - identify/add new service definitions, based on business cases
 - we will consider all media domains, workflows

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