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Purpose of this Tutorial

- **Course Objectives**
 - Show what can be created using AXMEDIS production tools & framework,
 - Present the AXMEDIS production chain,
 - Interleave generic introductions with practical demonstrations.
- **Expected Audience**
 - People working in content factories.
- **Learning outcomes**
 - What is AXMEDIS
 - Which are the main components and tools available for content production in AXMEDIS
 - How to use the main tools of the AXMEDIS suite
 - The benefits of adopting AXMEDIS in respect to traditional production methods

Preface

- **Currently, the digital-content market is growing very fast and it needs solutions of production, protection and distribution of massive content collections for accessing new markets and defining/trial new business solutions.**
- **Major limitations:**
 - ◆ Convergence of the media, interoperability of content
 - ◆ DRM applications and introduction in several distribution channel
 - ◆ Massive processing of content processing and distribution
 - ◆ Etc.
- **These are a real challenge for many industries that are discovering the complexity of managing large digital content factories and distribution chains.**
- **Content producers, providers, aggregators and distributors constantly need to adopt innovative means.**

AXMEDIS Content model & production overview

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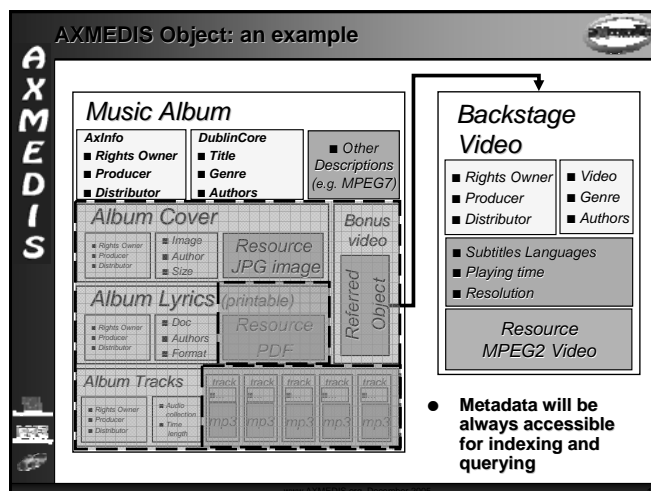
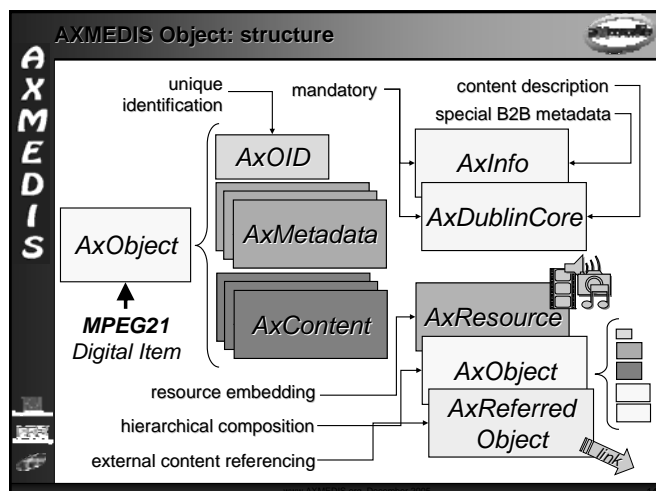
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AXMEDIS Model

- **An AXMEDIS Object is a container of:**
 - ◆ Metadata (Dublin Core, AXMEDIS specific metadata, any XML metadata)
 - ◆ Any Digital Resources (audio, video, images, documents)
 - ◆ An (optional) SMIL file for the presentation of digital resources
 - ◆ Other AXMEDIS Objects (embedded or referenced)
- **An AXMEDIS Object is a MPEG21 Digital Item with a specific structure**
- **Kinds of AXMEDIS Objects**
 - ◆ A *Basic AXMEDIS Object* is an AXMEDIS object with resources and the related metadata
 - ◆ A *Composite AXMEDIS Object* contains/references other Basic/Composite AXMEDIS Objects
- **Only AXMEDIS Objects have metadata**
- **Only AXMEDIS Objects can be protected but metadata are always accessible**

Metadata – Dublin Core

- **Dublin Core Metadata are a standard set of metadata usable for multimedia cataloguing**
- **15 basic elements**
 - ◆ title,
 - ◆ creator,
 - ◆ contributor,
 - ◆ description,
 - ◆ coverage,
 - ◆ format,
 - ◆ date,
 - ◆ identifier,
 - ◆ language,
 - ◆ publisher,
 - ◆ rights,
 - ◆ source,
 - ◆ subject,
 - ◆ type,
 - ◆ relation
- **Other elements and derived elements**
 - ◆ abstract, audience, available, conformsTo, dateAccepted, ...



Metadata - AxInfo

- **The AxInfo contains B2B and AXMEDIS specific metadata**
 - ◆ ObjectCreators (ID, Name, Company, Nationality, etc.)
 - ◆ Owner (ID, Company etc.)
 - ◆ Distributor (ID, Name, Company, etc.)
 - ◆ Object version & revision
 - ◆ ObjectStatus, ObjectType
 - ◆ IsPromoOf (AXOIDs)
 - ◆ History of object production
 - ◆ Workflow information
 - ◆ Fingerprints algorithms used
 - ◆ Internal Potential Available Rights (the rights owned)
 - ◆ Potential Available Rights (the rights on sell)
 - ◆ Metadata certification and status

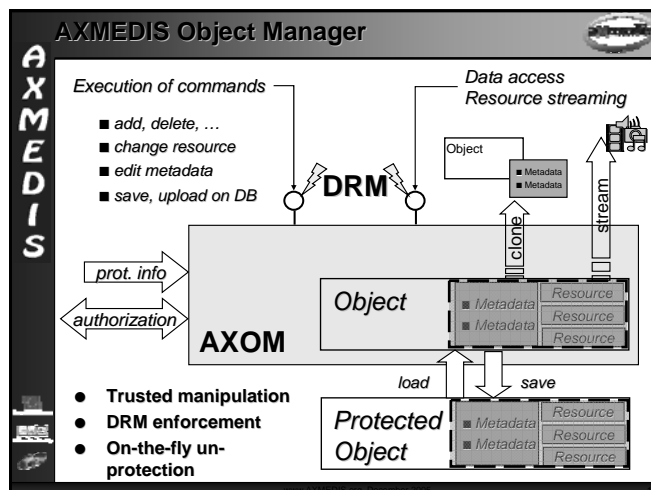
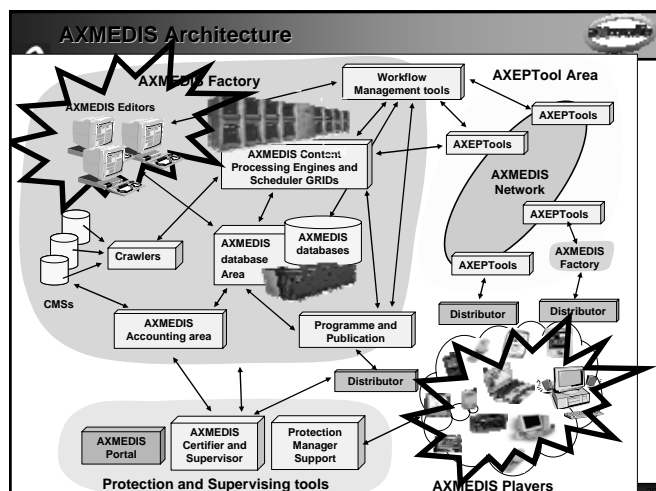
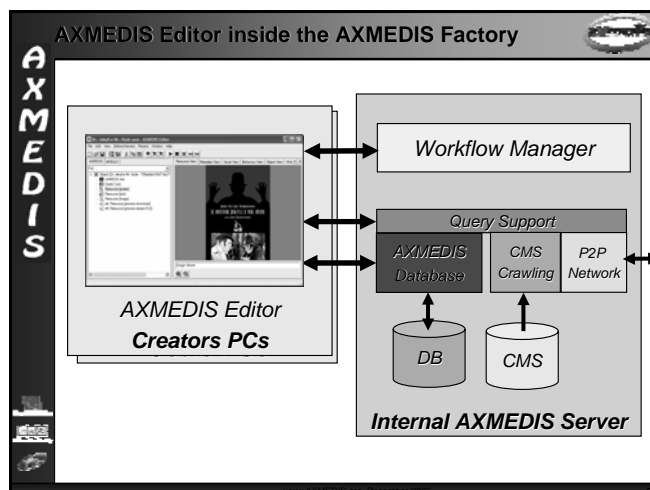


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AXMEDIS ActiveX

- The AXMEDIS ActiveX allows
 - ◆ the fruition of AXMEDIS Objects within other Windows applications and web pages
- It allows to:
 - ◆ Show the resources inside the object
 - ◆ Control the execution of resources (play/pause/stop)
 - ◆ Hide/show the AXMEDIS Hierarchy

- It has been used to produce a prototype of the PC Player

AXMEDIS Editor

- The AXMEDIS Editor is an application allowing
 - ◆ manual production of AXMEDIS objects
 - ◆ inspection of automatically produced objects
 - ◆ finishing AXMEDIS objects pre-produced automatically
- It integrates many Editors & Viewers to handle all the aspects of the AXMEDIS Objects production
 - ◆ Resource
 - ◆ Metadata
 - ◆ DRM
 - ◆ Protection
 - ◆ Presentation
 - ◆ Workflow
 - ◆ Annotation
 - ◆ ...

AXMEDIS Player Mozilla's plugin

This page contains a test case which demonstrates the AXMEDIS plugin for Mozilla/Netope. Click on **Load** to load a sample file and use the buttons on the right to call methods on the plugin using javascript.

You may use Javascript to dynamically control the properties of the player and to call its methods

You may also simply add it into an HTML page to display protected content

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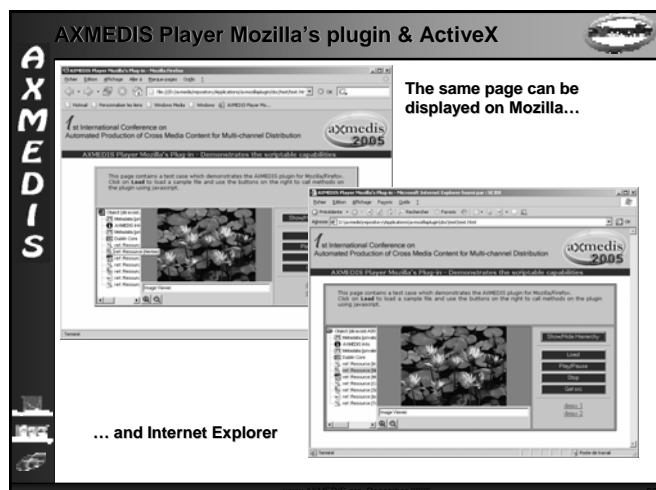
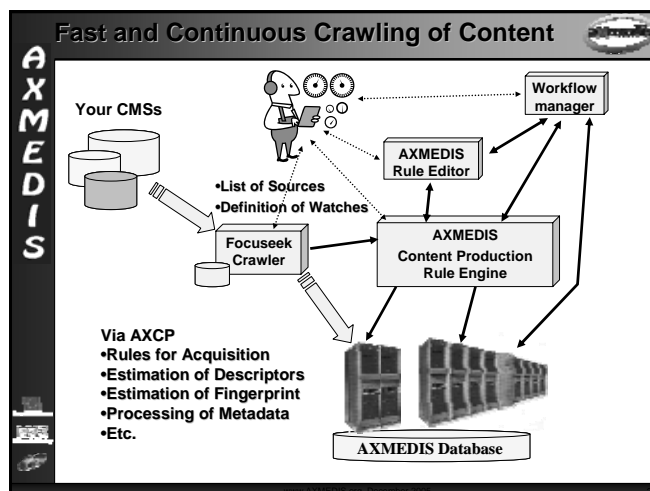


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Demos:

- **Demonstration**
 - ◆ AXMEDIS Editors
 - ◆ Metadata editor
 - ◆ DRM editor
 - ◆ Plug in for processing content
 - ◆ Access to the database
 - ◆ Creation of composed objects
 - ◆ AXMEDIS Players as Active X and plugins



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Crawling the TISCALI Xaura2 CMS

- Xaura2 is a Java XML/XSL based CMS platform for Internet content distribution
- All content metadata are stored in the file system as XML files, only a few of them, mainly for search, indexing and status purposes, are stored in the Database.
- The MediaClub is an instance of Xaura2 containing a movie archive:
 - ◆ 89 movies
 - ◆ 189 people (directors and actors)

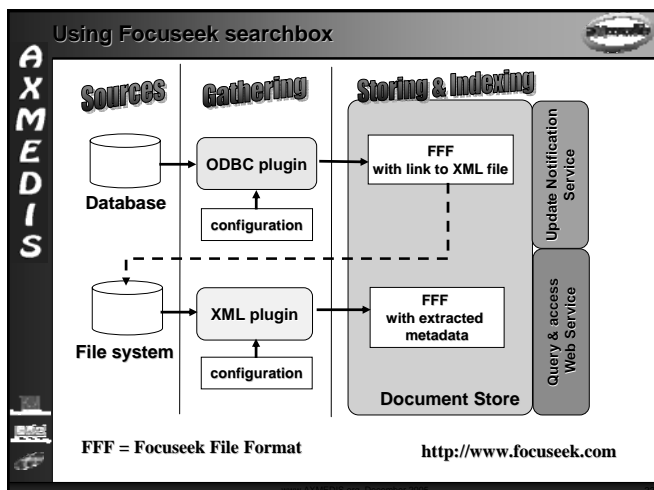
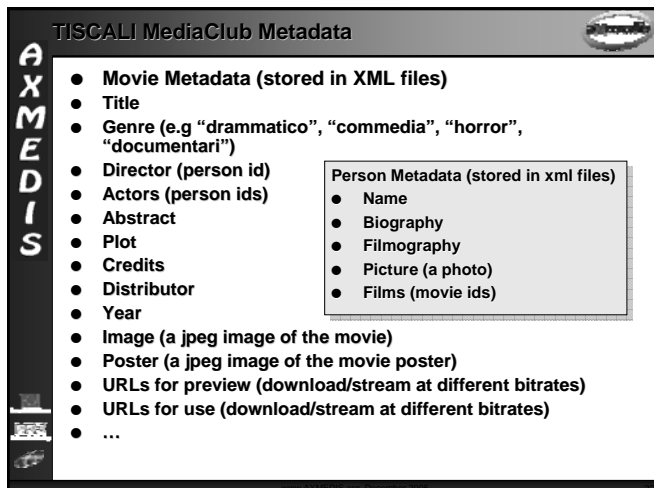
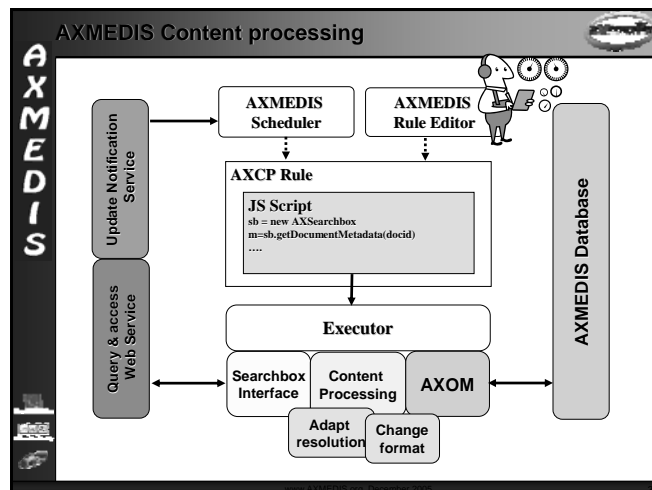
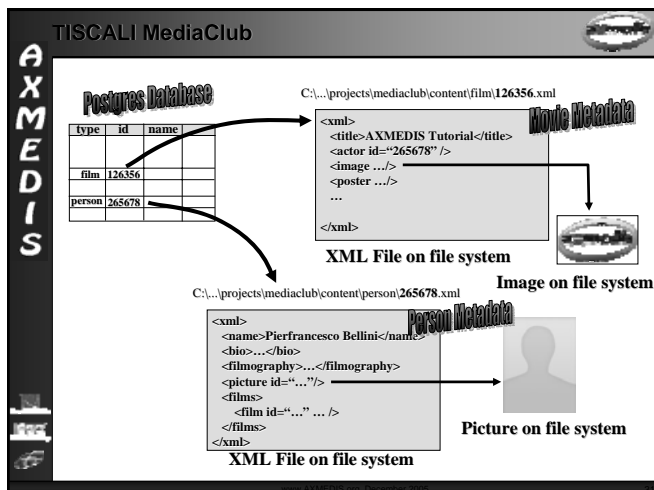
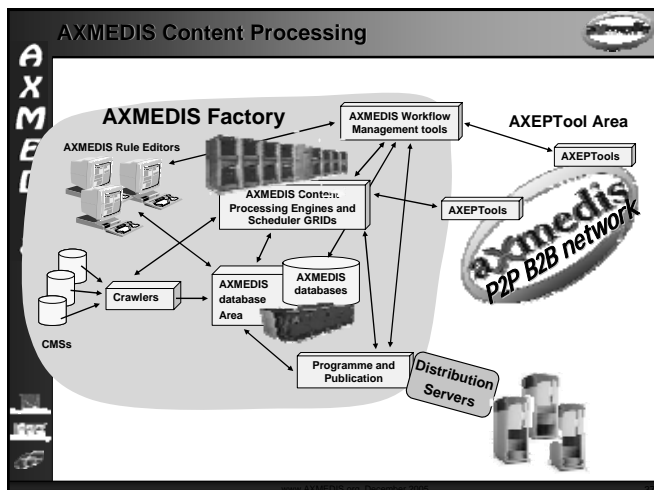


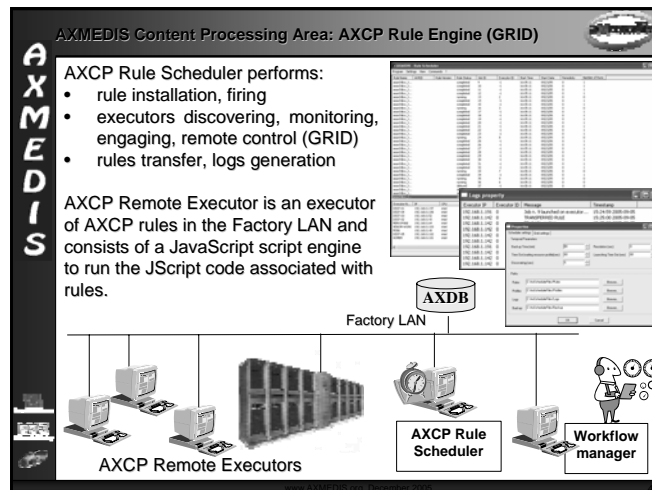
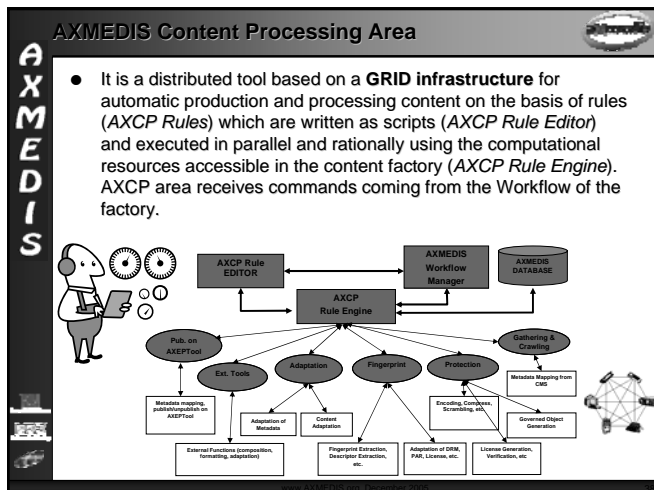
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AXMEDIS Content Processing Area: AXCP Rule Editor

- It is an IDE tool for:
- Creating and editing AXCP Rules
- Defining parameters and required AXMEDIS Plugins
- Editing, checking and debugging JS code
- Activating AXCP Rules into the AXCP Rule Engine



AXMEDIS Content Processing Area: AXCP Rule

- AXCP Rules include metadata for heading information (**Header**) and firing (**Schedule**)
- AXCP Rules contain algorithms for composition, formatting, adaptation, transcoding, extraction of fingerprint and descriptors, protection, license manipulation, potential available rights manipulation, resource manipulation, load and save from databases and file system, content migration etc. (**Definition**)

- Algorithms are written by using JavaScript programming language
- JS was extended
 - with data types derived from AXMEDIS Framework, MPEG21, and general resource definition such as: images, documents, video, licenses, etc.
 - to use different functionalities for content processing by means the AXMEDIS Plugin technology (adaptation, fingerprint, etc...)

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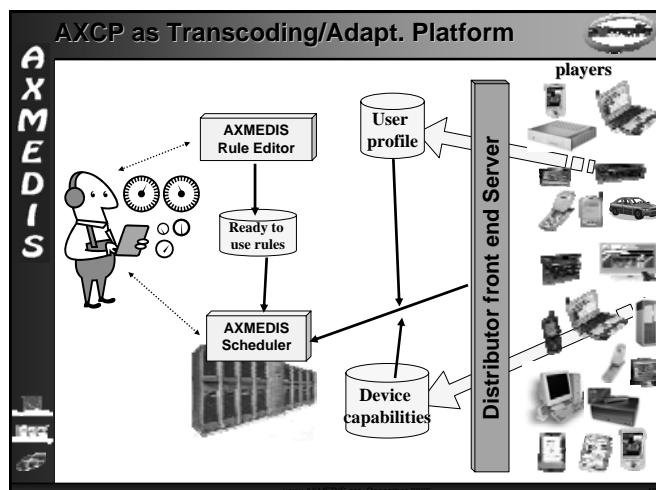
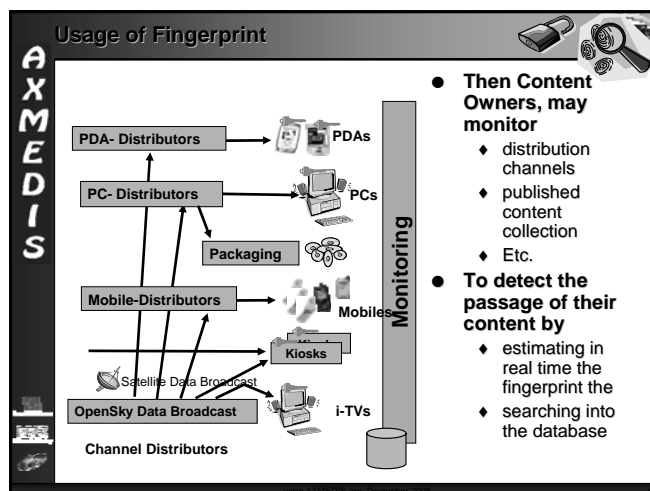


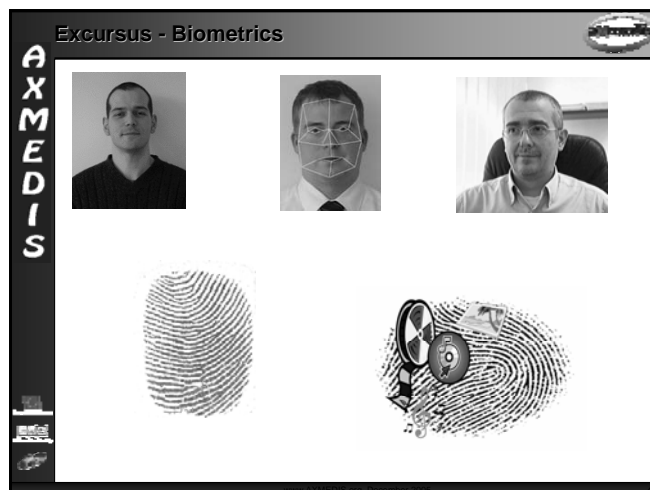
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- ### Adaptation of audio content
- Functionalities:
 - ◆ Support a variety of file formats and codecs (mp3, wav, aiff, wma...)
 - ◆ Supports down-sampling and channel-mixing
 - ◆ Allows selecting precisely a piece of a file
 - ◆ Support for MPEG-21 Digital Item Adaptation descriptors:
 - adapt to a particular user's presentation or rendering preferences
 - adapt to a particular user's auditory deficiency
 - adapt to output capabilities of the terminal



- ### Adaptation of multimedia content
- Functionalities
 - ◆ Allows creating generic multimedia files (3GP, MP4 ISMA compliant)
 - ◆ Adaptation of aggregated simple media files (MPEG-4 audio and video, MPEG-1/2 audio and video, JPEG images, AVI files, SRT subtitles...)
 - ◆ Media tracks may be added, removed and delayed
 - ◆ Extraction of single track from multimedia files
 - ◆ File splitting by size or time
 - ◆ Concatenation of multimedia files
 - ◆ Conversion between different multimedia scene formats (MP4, BT, XMT, SWF, X3D, SMIL...)



Fingerprinting - Motivation

- **General Purpose**
 - ◆ Content Identification
 - ◆ Content Verification
- **Purpose within AXMEDIS**
 - ◆ Primary: ensuring a "clean" AXMEDIS environment
 - ◆ Secondary: content identification, e.g. for monitoring of the distribution channels
- **In AXMEDIS**
 - ◆ Developments for audio content, images, video content
 - ◆ Plug-In interface for the integration of existing algorithms

Extraction of descriptors from audiovisual data

- **MPEG-7 "Multimedia Content Description Interface"**
 - ◆ Description of audiovisual content in multimedia environments
 - ◆ Provides standardized core technologies
- **Applications**
 - ◆ Indexing
 - ◆ Retrieval
 - ◆ Recommendation
 - ◆ Intelligent browsing
 - ◆ Classification
 - ◆ Automatic summarization

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Extraction of descriptors from audio content

- **Functionalities**
 - ◆ Each file characterized by a numerical model describing its content according to different dimensions of music perception:
 - Currently: timbre
 - ◆ Models can be used to compute similarity between files
 - ◆ Application:
 - Music classification
 - Music recommendation
 - Playlist generation
 - Clustering of music collections
- **Future functionalities**
 - ◆ Rhythm and melody/harmony models to describe audio content more faithfully
 - ◆ Segmentation based on semantic regions to allow for easy browsing of audio files and automatic thumbnailing

Extraction of descriptors from audiovisual data

- **Low Level Descriptors**
 - ◆ Describe audiovisual data on a low semantic level
 - ◆ Example:
 - Spectrum shape of an audio signal
 - Dominant colour of a picture
- **High Level Descriptors**
 - ◆ Descriptors with a higher semantic hierarchy
 - ◆ Example:
 - Music genre of a song
 - Keywords of a text

Functionalities of Metadata Extractor from text

- **Lexical processing**
 - ◆ PoS tagging of plain text files (English only)
 - ◆ Extraction of a definable number of single word keywords (TF.IDF)
 - ◆ Integration with collocation keywords
- **Semantic processing**
 - ◆ Word Sense Disambiguation of the extracted keywords
 - ◆ WordNet synset association to each keyword
 - ◆ Identification of main semantic domain

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Content Processing

- **Demonstrations:**
 - ◆ AXMEDIS Content processing Rule editor
 - ◆ Rule scheduler and GRID in action
 - ◆ Content Gathering from legacy CMSs
 - ◆ Automatic Production of AXMEDIS content Objects
 - ◆ Processing content for adaptation, fingerprint, descriptors, etc.
 - ◆ Workflow integration

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Axmedis Workflow Integration

For AXMEDIS, the workflow will form a backbone for the automation of various production and distribution activities by inter-acting with various AXMEDIS tools.

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    WE[Workflow Engine e.g. Openflow] --> AE[Axmedis Editors]
    WE --> EE[Axmedis Engines]
    WE --> RE[Axmedis Rule Editors]
    WE --> DS[Axmedis Database Query Support]
  
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- Axmedis Editors**
 - Object Editor
 - Metadata Editor
 - DRM Editor
- Axmedis Engines**
 - AXEPTool
 - PnP Engine
 - Composition & Formatting Engine
- Axmedis Rule Editors**
 - AXEPTool Rule Editor
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- Axmedis Database Query Support**
 - Query Support UI

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Rights clearance process – state of the art

Multimedia producer

1 I want to create a multimedia work

It will contain copyrighted works or portions of works

Still images Music Videos

Documentary of Florence

Resulting work will be distributed, publicly performed, etc

Documentary of Florence → DVD PC TV

Rights clearance process – state of the art

Multimedia producer

1 I have to identify the rights holders

Videos

Potential Rights holders

- Producer
- Production company
- Music rights holders
- Actors
- Screenwriters
- Directors
- Distributors (of various markets)

Rights clearance process – state of the art

Multimedia producer

1 I have to identify the rights holders

Still images

Potential Rights holders

- Photographer
- Artist (if painting is not in public domain)
- Publisher (e.g., book, catalogue)
- Company owning photos (Images, studio, record company etc)
- Company with rights to license
- Entity that owns building (if you need photos of buildings)
- Individual represented in image

Problems to be solved

Multimedia producer

1 Issue of rights holders identification

Multiplicity of rights
The multimedia producer has a lot of rights to clear.

Multiplicity of right owners
The multimedia producer has a lot of right owners to search for. He needs to identify and obtain all third parties licenses necessary to authorize him to incorporate the various works in the product.

Overlapping rights
Many individual items incorporated in multimedia products are subject to overlapping rights.

Legal insecurity
He may not know whether multimedia rights are available. Current right holders, may not have acquired all the rights necessary to license multimedia products. Only in few countries some of these rights are licensed by collecting societies

Rights clearance process –state of the art

Multimedia producer

1 I have to identify the rights holders

Music

To use music in a visual work the customer needs a synchronisation license which is generally negotiated on an individual basis with the music publisher and the master owner who respectively will share the received fee with the authors/composers and with the artists.

Potential Rights holders

- Music Producer – master owner
- Music Publisher
- Recording label
- Companies with rights to license (i.e. sub-publisher)
- Distributors (licensed in various markets)

Sound recording of famous Florence songs

Musical works of famous Florence songs

Sound recording of Mozart

Rights clearance process – state of the art

Multimedia producer

2 I have to negotiate clearances for the intended usage with each right holder of each work

RIGHT HOLDERS

Still images Music Videos

I have to send them all information needed (description of the new work, usage, territories, terms etc)

Right holders may change some conditions (only certain territories)

... may not grant permission for certain usage (can't edit the work)

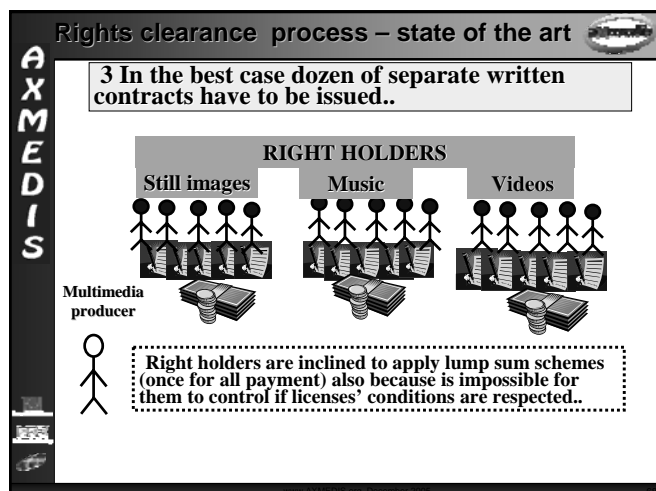
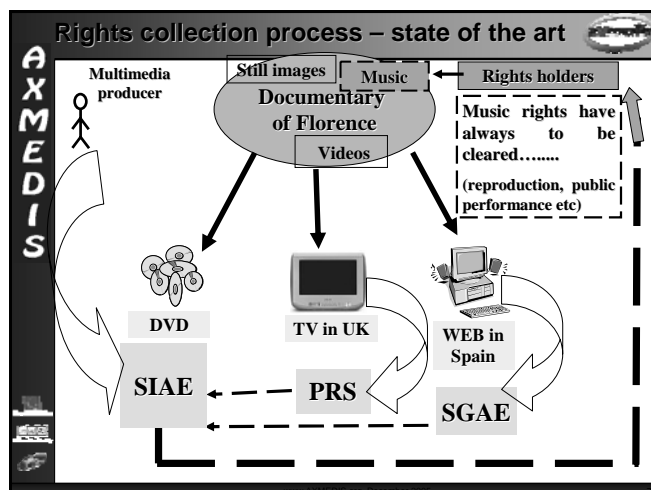
or worst, they may deny permission on my preferred choices... or propose too high costs

Problems to be solved

2 Rights negotiation process is arduous and frustrating...

The multimedia producer has spent a lot of time
 The multimedia producer has spent a lot of money
 The multimedia producer has not get permission for all chosen works
 The multimedia producer can't afford all proposed costs
 The multimedia producer has to reshape the original project or, worst, renounce to do it ...

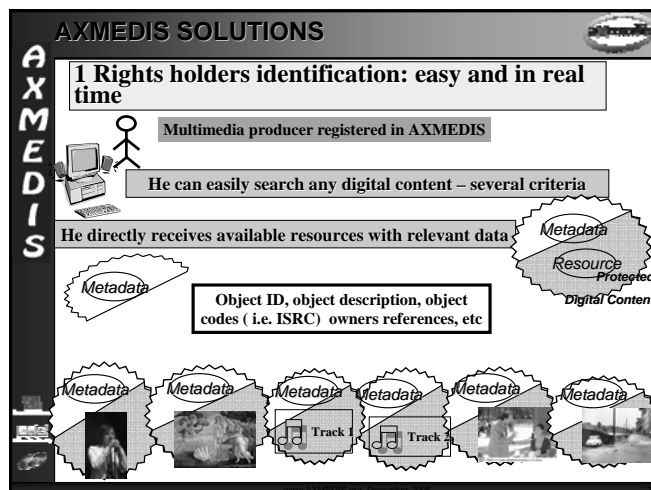
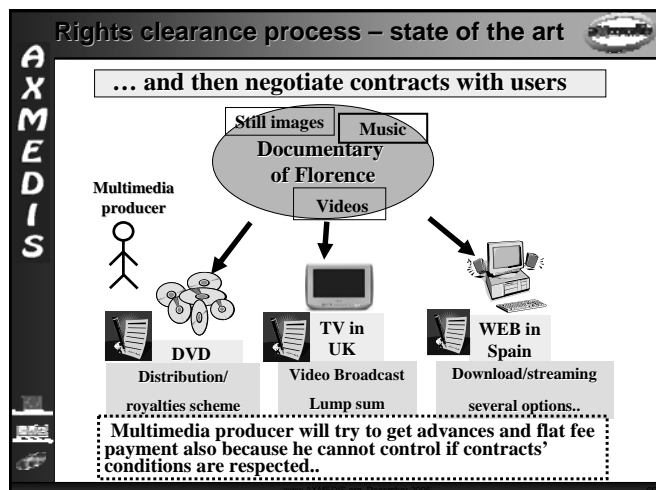
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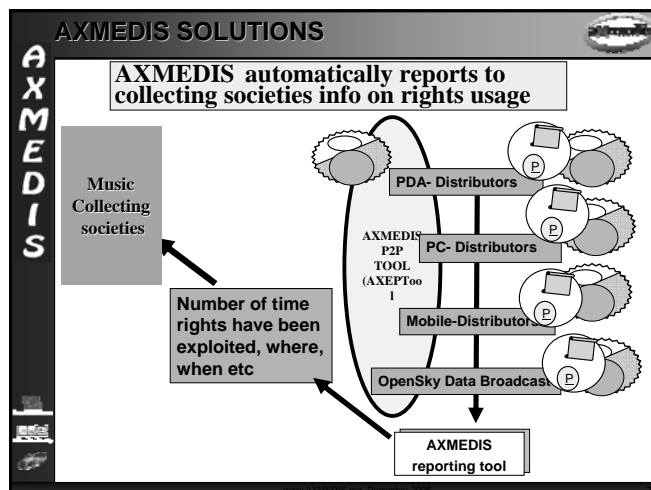
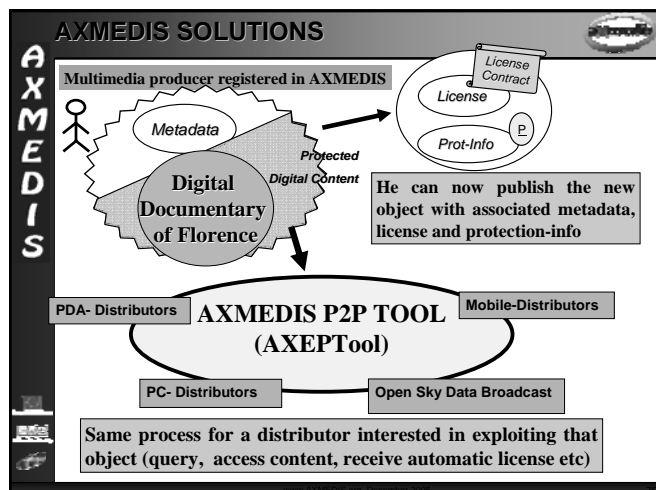
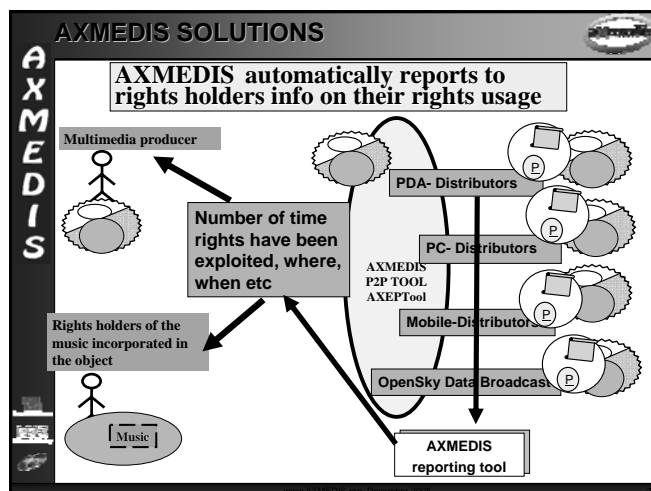
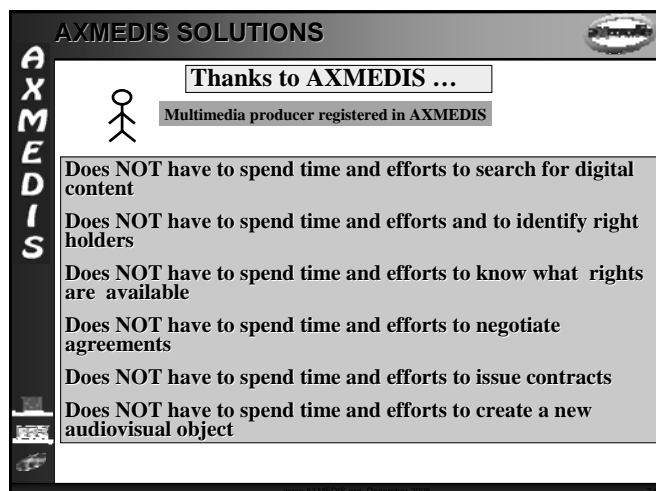
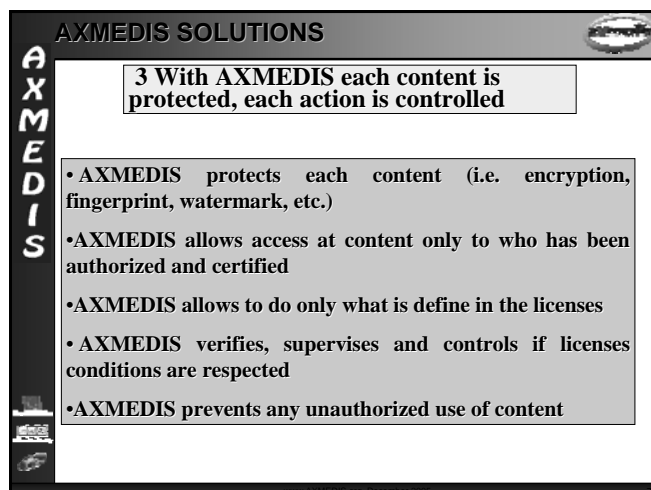
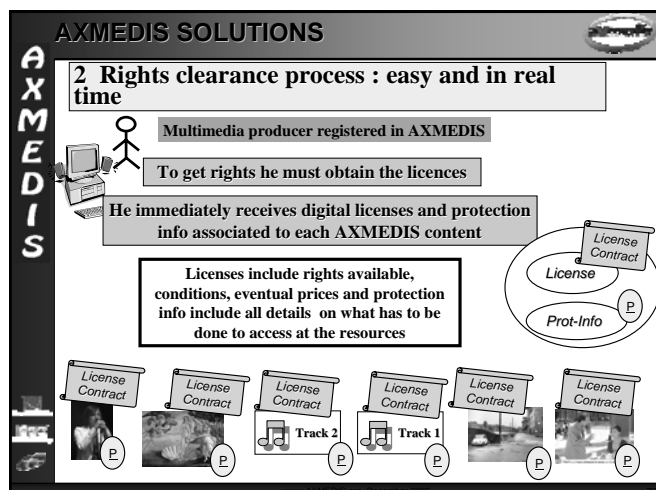


Problems to be solved

Rights holders cannot control if their contracts are respected
 Rights holders cannot control the use of their rights
 Multimedia producers cannot control if their contracts are respected
 Users may not control consumers behaviors..
 Users reports sent to collecting societies are often not homogenous
 Collecting societies data are often not exhaustive
 Collection and distribution of rights revenues may be frustrated

**Risk of piracy
 Loss of creativity
 Loss of business
 Loss of revenues**





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4 With AXMEDIS each right usage is automatically reported to actors involved in the value chain

- With AXMEDIS each right holder CAN control the use of their rights (original right holders, new right holders, distributors, users etc)
- With AXMEDIS consumers behavior CAN be controlled
- With AXMEDIS collecting societies CAN get all data needed to monitor users and to collect and distribute revenues in an efficient and transparent manner.

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AXMEDIS SOLUTIONS

In addition AXMEDIS incorporated objects can be separately exploited

AXMEDIS P2P TOOL AXEPTool

A registered user watches the documentary. He wants to get rights for using a song heard in the documentary but he does not know the song title

He makes the query to get metadata and rights available on that object

Option 1
That song CAN be extracted for reuse following the associated license and he can directly get the license

Option 2
That song CAN'T be extracted but He got data to directly make the query of that song

5 AXMEDIS increments the access to content and offers several new business opportunities

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Managing License Chain

- Alice says, "Bob has the right to issue a license to anyone to print the book."
- Bob says, "Carol has the right to print the book."
- To solve the SubSubLicense all the connected Licenses are needed
- They have to be accessible on Processing Engine
- This may involve massive processing

AXMEDIS SOLUTIONS

With AXMEDIS rights holders identification is easy and in real time
 With AXMEDIS rights clearance process is easy and in real time
 With AXMEDIS each content is protected, each action is controlled
 With AXMEDIS each right usage is automatically reported to actors involved in the value chain and to collecting societies
 AXMEDIS increments the access to content and offers several new business opportunities

**No risk of piracy
 More creativity
 More business
 More revenues**

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Managing License Chain in AXMEDIS

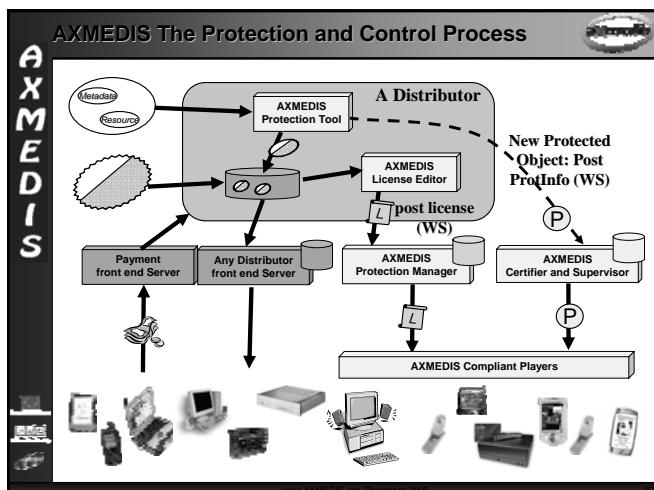
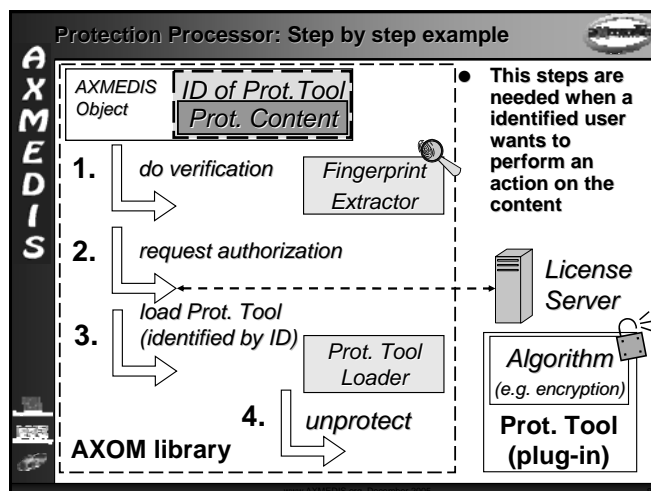
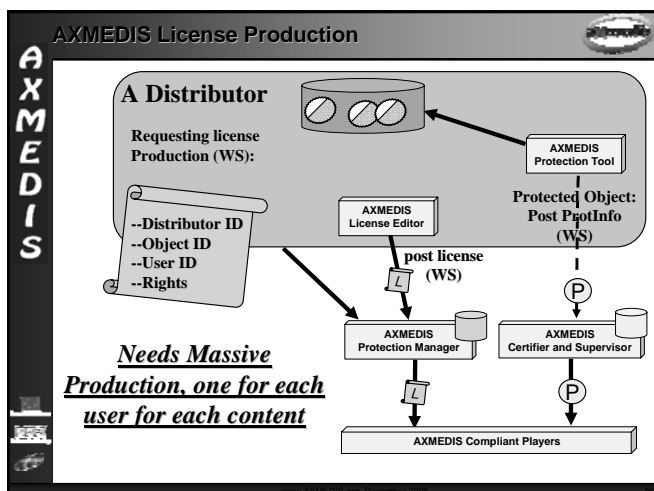
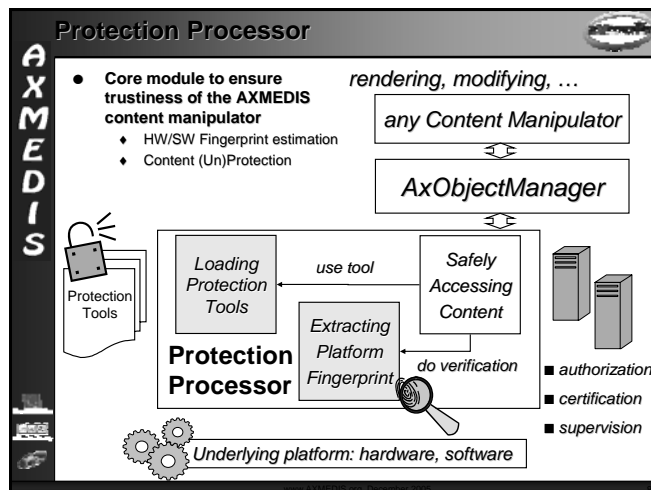
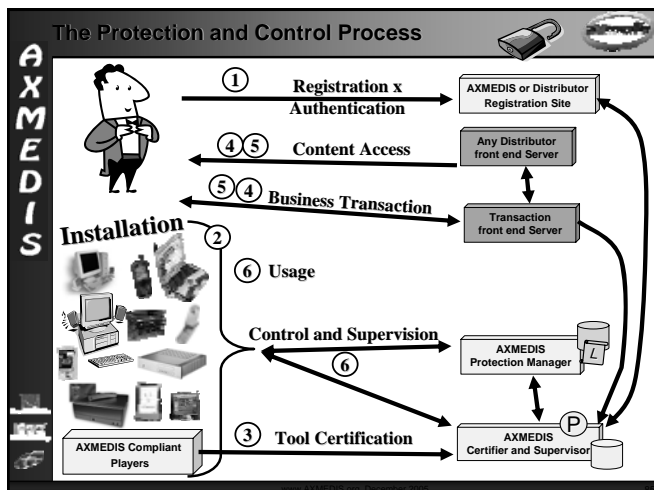
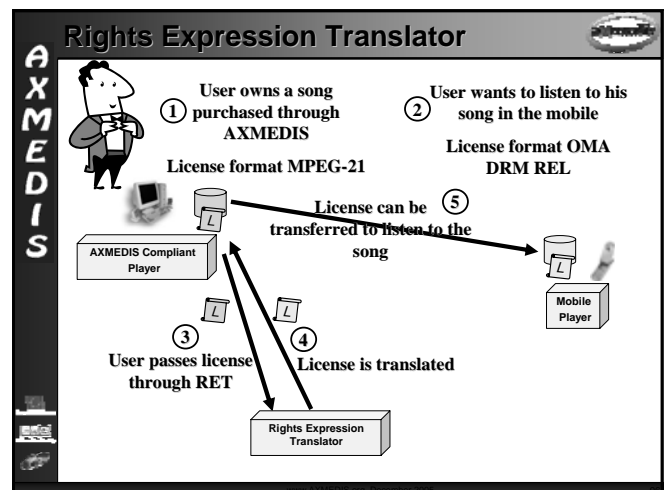
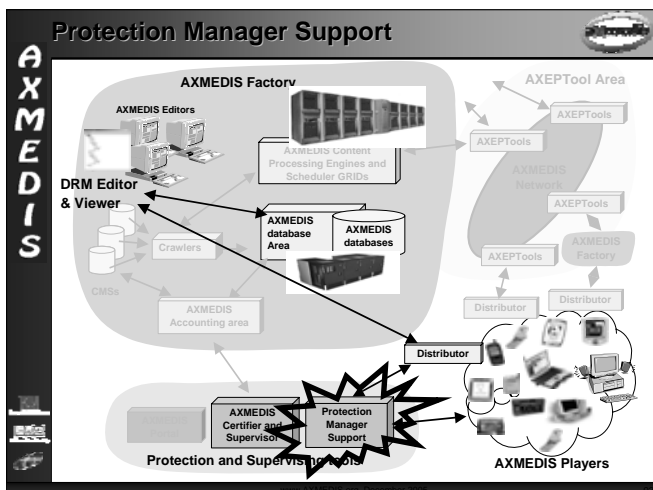
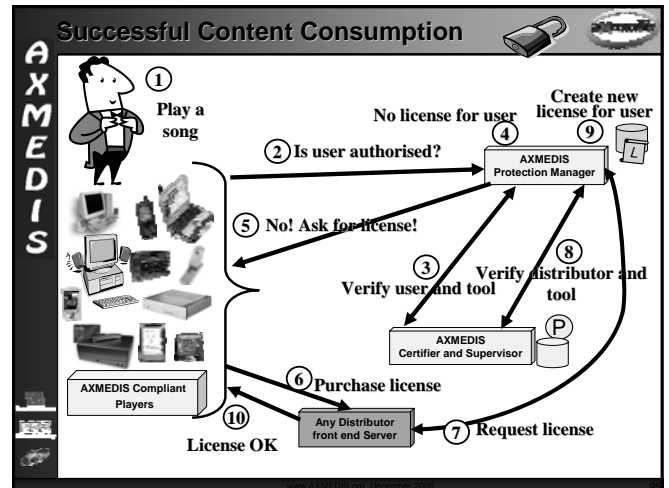
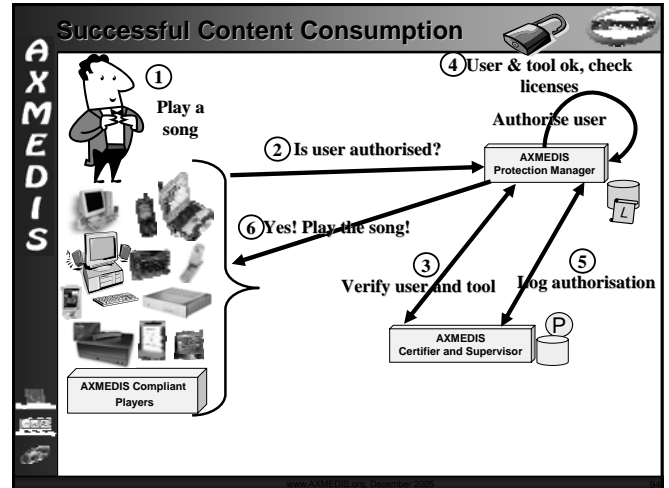
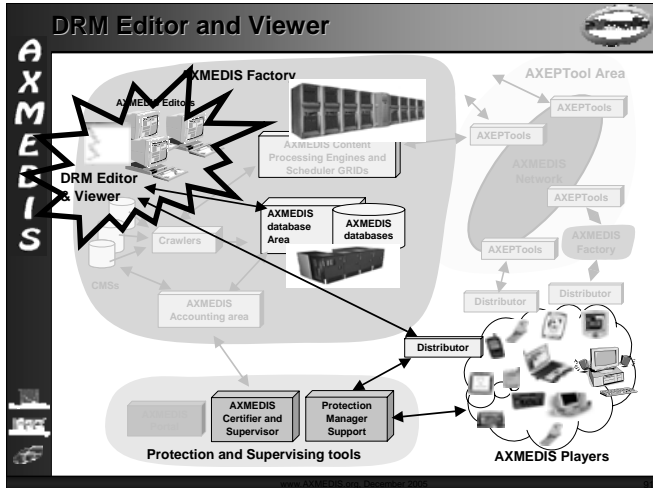


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Protection area

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- **Demonstration**
 - ◆ Overview on state of the art on rights management and AXMEDIS benefits
 - ◆ Protection mechanisms
 - ◆ DRM Editor and viewer
 - ◆ License production and storage
 - ◆ Rights Expression Translator

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- **DE3.1.3 -- Framework and tools Specification, 10 parts**
 - ◆ A) AXMEDIS General aspect and Model
 - ◆ B) AXMEDIS Viewers and Players
 - ◆ C) AXMEDIS content processing area, GRID
 - ◆ D) AXMEDIS Fingerprint and Descriptors
 - ◆ E) AXMEDIS Database and Content gathering
 - ◆ F) AXMEDIS AXEPTools P2P
 - ◆ G) AXMEDIS Workflow
 - ◆ H) AXMEDIS Protection and accounting
 - ◆ I) AXMEDIS Draft Distribution and Portal
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 - **DE4.1.1 - Content Modelling and managing**
 - **DE4.2.1 - Content indexing, monitoring and querying**
 - **DE4.3.1 - Content Composition and formatting**
 - **DE4.4.1 - Content sharing and production on P2P**
 - **DE4.5.1 - Content Protection and Supervision**
 - **DE4.6.1 - Content Distribution via Internet**
 - **DE4.7.1 - Content Distribution toward mobiles**
 - **DE4.8.1 - Content Distribution via satellite data broadcast, the push optimisation and the on demand problem**
 - **DE4.9.1 - The Usability issues for the AXMEDIS production tools**

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- **DE2.1.1 (two parts, A and B) User Requirements and use cases**
 - ◆ A) User Requirements
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- **Reports on Content**
 - **DE3.1.3 -- AXMEDIS Content Aspects Specification**
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 - **DE8.3.1 -- Multilingual guidelines and technical solutions**
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