Searching, browsing, and editing metadata for Audio/Video documents

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- Echo Editor demo





Editing Audio/Video metadata





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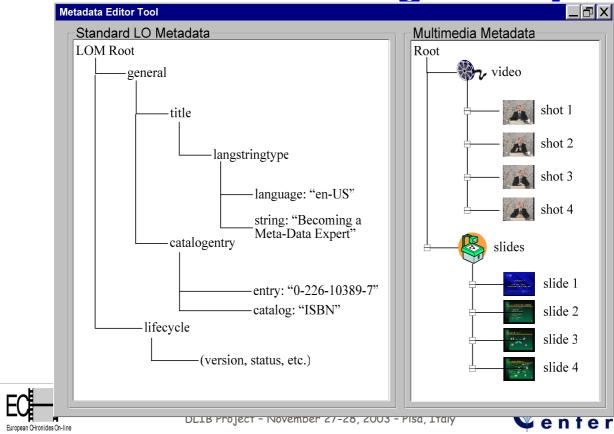
Metadata classification

- Bibliographic
 - Title
 - Author
 - Collocation/Storage information
- Temporal/Spatial decomposition
 - Audio: noise, speech, etc.
 - Video: scenes, objects, etc.
 - Map: cities, rivers, etc.





eLearning Example



Video decomposition

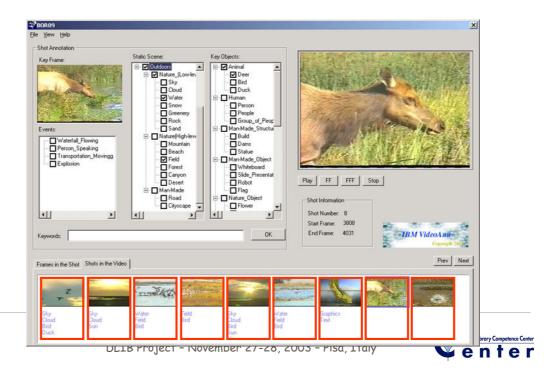
- Mono-Dimensional: scenes
- Multi-Dimensional: stratum of scenes, of audio, of transcript, etc.
- Hierarchical: scenes, shots, etc.
- View based





Segments representation

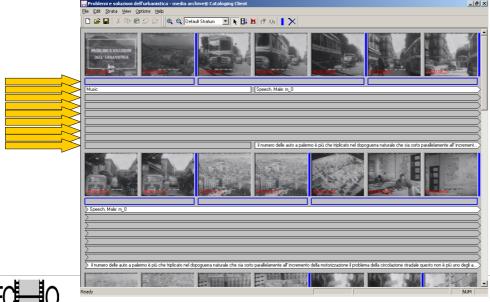
Simple mono-dimensional





Segments representation(2)

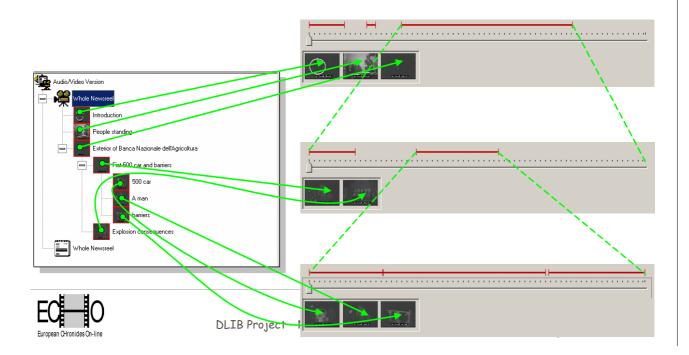
Multi-dimensional (strata)





Segments representation(3)

Hierarchical



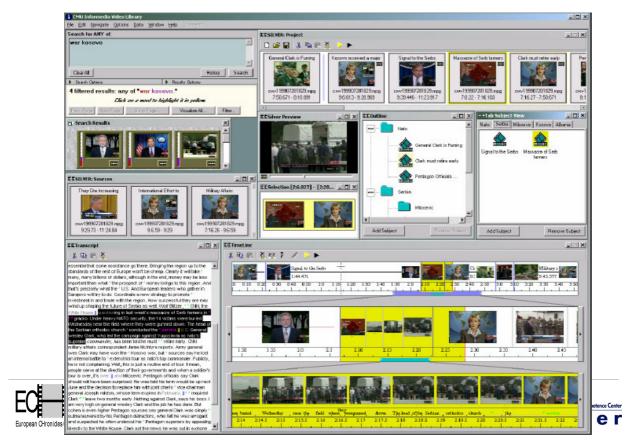
Importance of the analysis tools

- More sophisticate software can aid the cataloguers during the editing phase:
 - Intelligent tool of cut detection, which do not produce masses of scenes (tunable: camera movement, fade, etc.)
 - Face and object detection tools are very useful
 - Audio analysis and speech recognition





Silver tool user interface



Model or meta-model?

- Sometimes editing tools allow the user to modify the model
- IBM editor allows to modify the lexicon, or
- the tecmath editor allows to add/remove strata
- There must be a separate tool for maintaining the metadata model
 - Confusion
 - Inconsistence, adaptation of other interface (eg., the retrieval interface)





Usability

- This issue is very important in audio/video metadata editing tools
- Silver editor of the Informedia project of the Carnegie Mellon University faces this problem
- This tool is more a video editing tool rather than a metadata editor, however the problem faced are similar





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VideoAnnEx Annotation Tool





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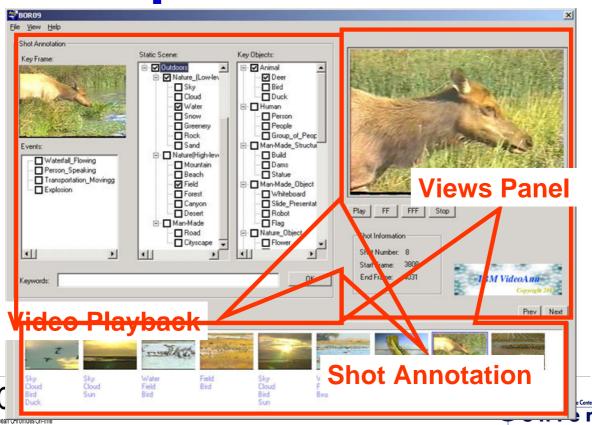
- The VideoAnnEx annotation tool assists authors in the task of annotating video sequences with MPEG-7 metadata.
- Each shot in the video sequence can be annotated with static scene descriptions, key object descriptions, event descriptions, and other lexicon sets.
- The annotated descriptions are associated with each video shot and are stored as MPEG-7 descriptions in an output XML file.
- The annotation tool also allows customized lexicons to be created, saved, downloaded, and updated.





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Graphical User Interface



Download site

http://www.research.ibm.com/VideoAnnEx/download.html





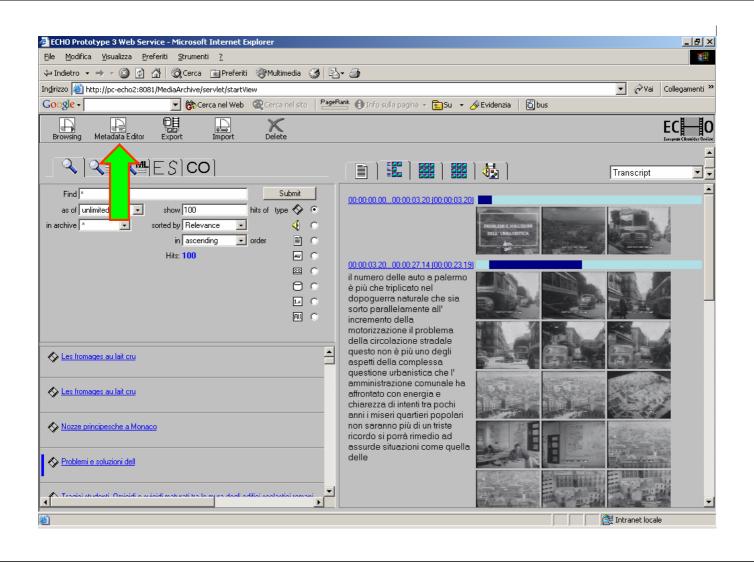
Editing metadata with the standard strata-based metadata editor of tecmath

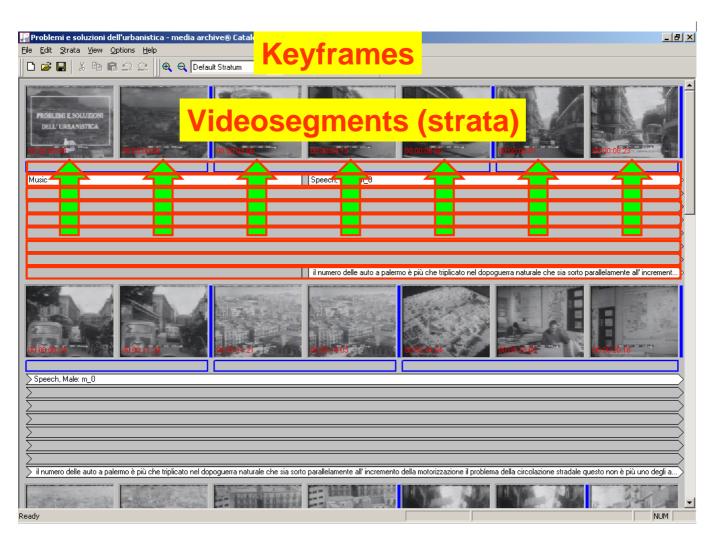
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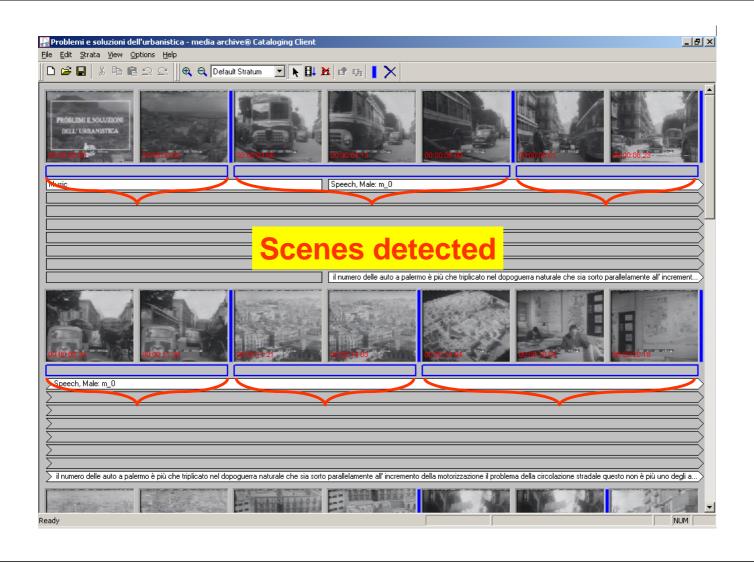
It is the standard metadata editor provided with the retrieval interface of the tecmath commercial system.

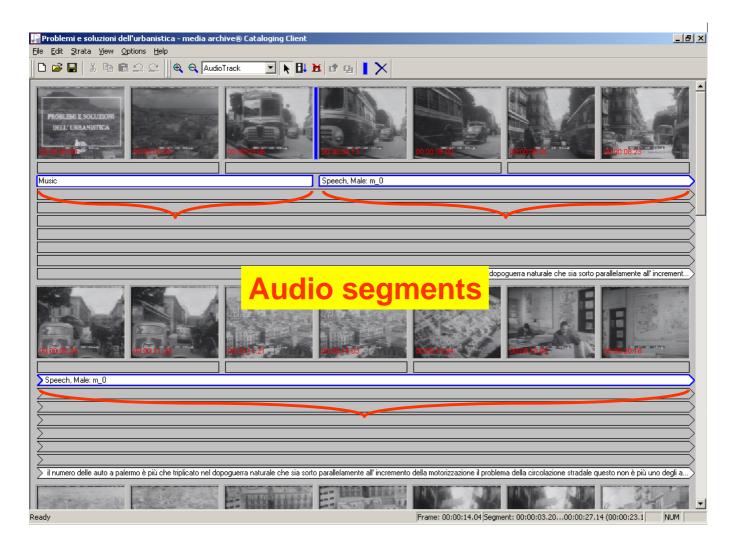


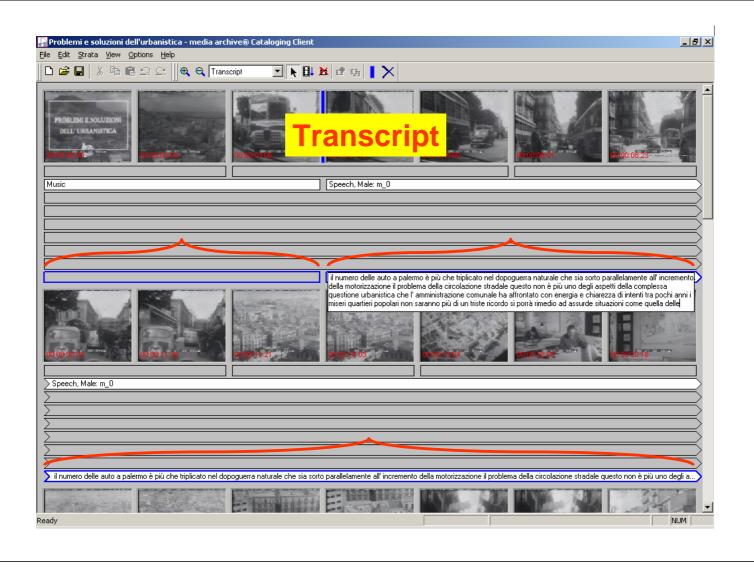


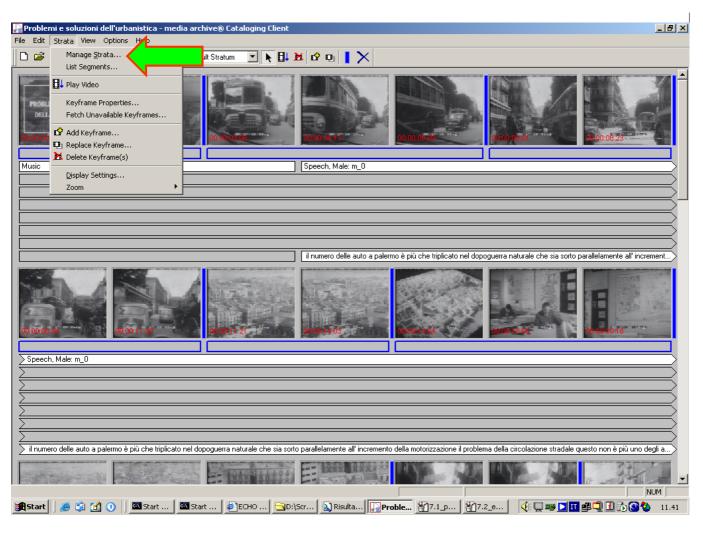


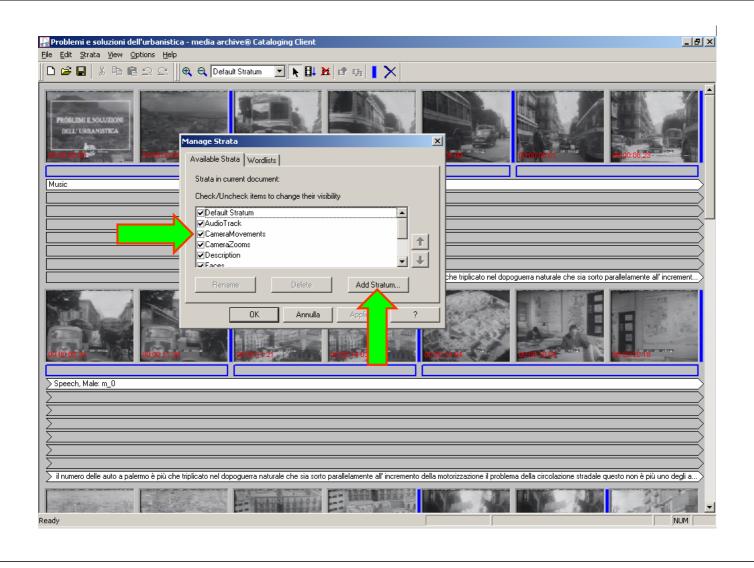


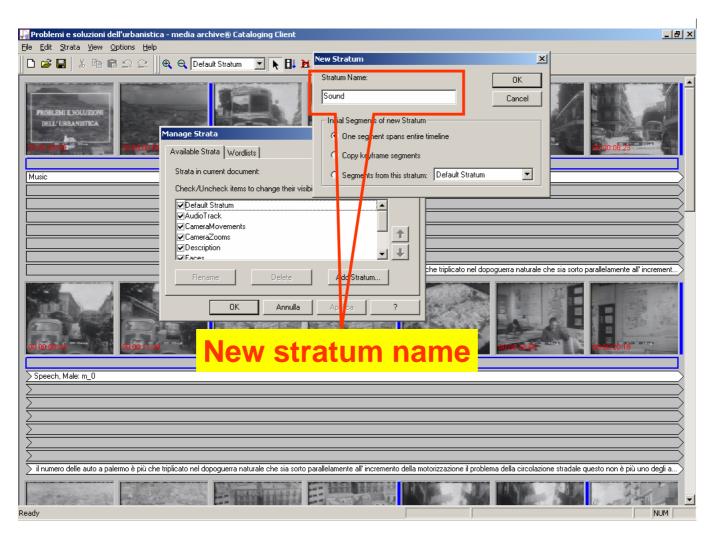


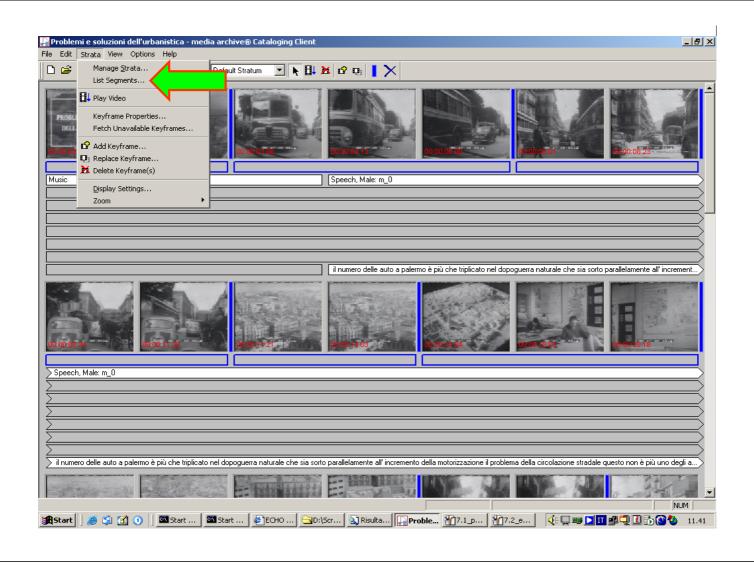


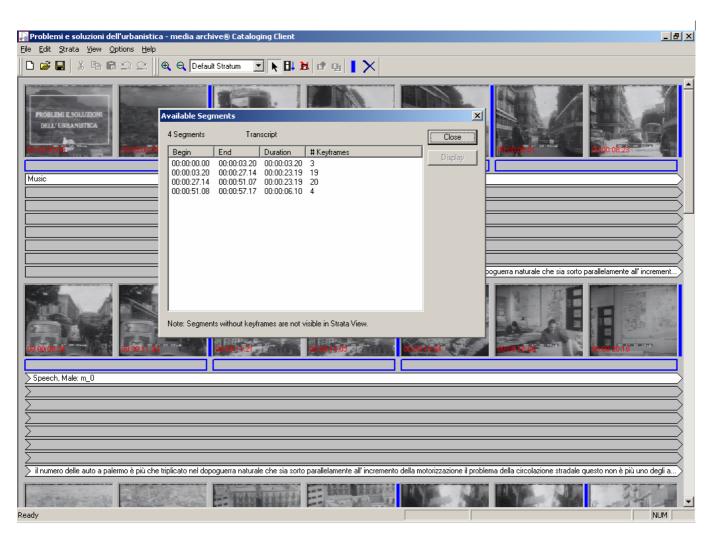


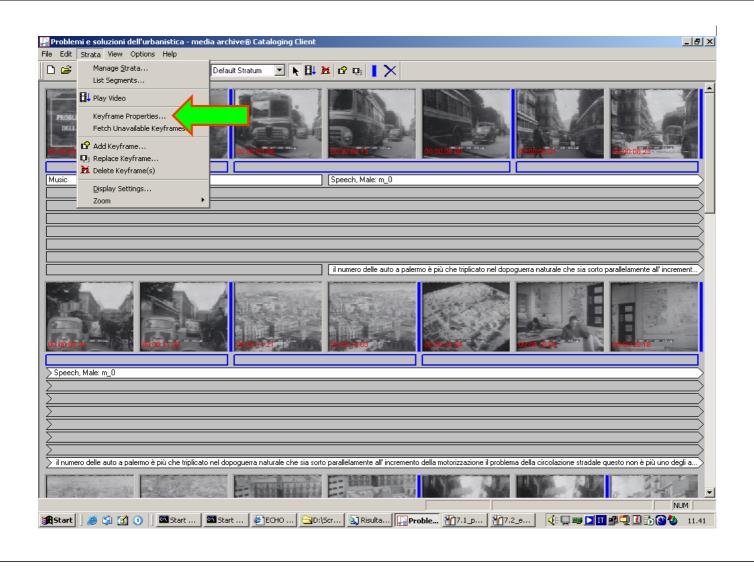


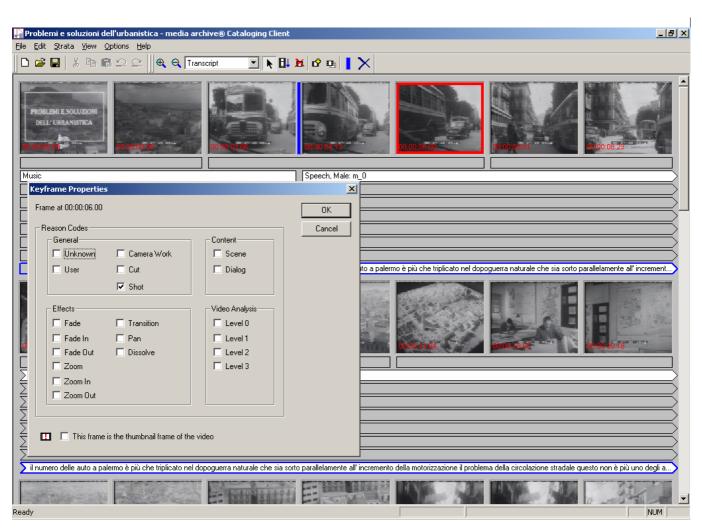


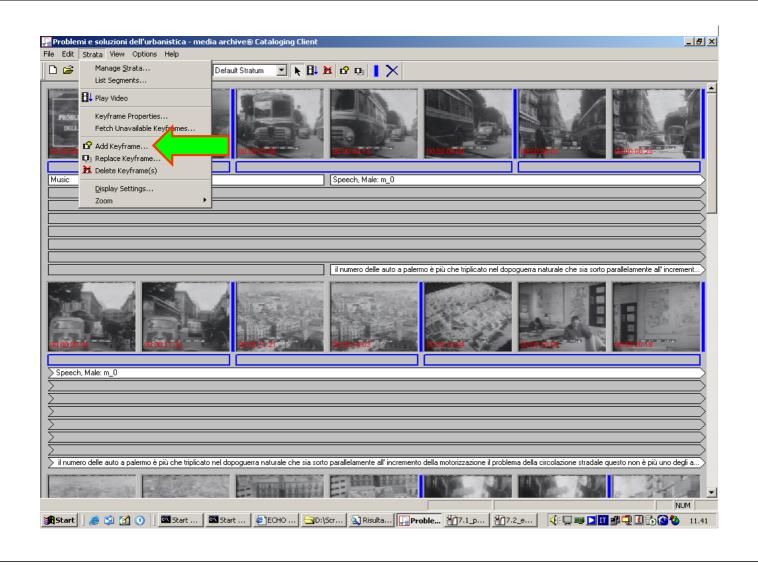


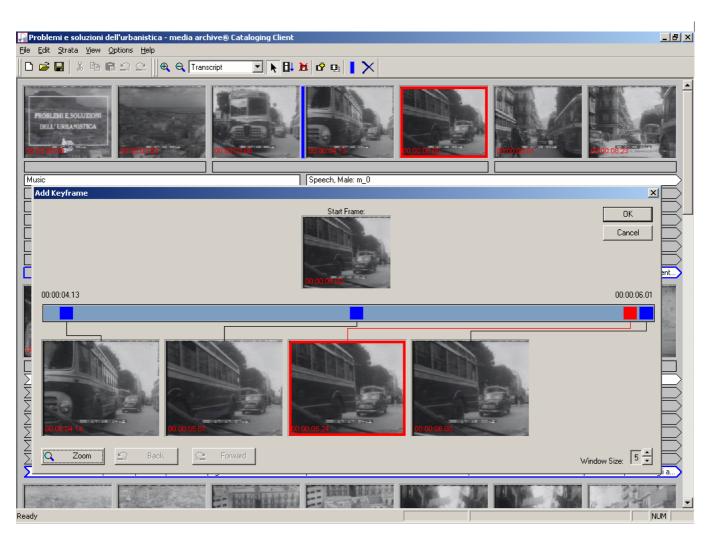








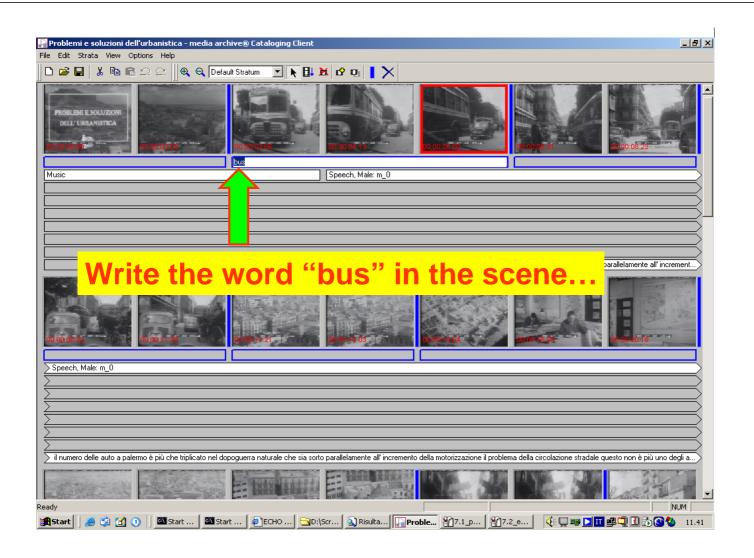




Editing text associated with detected scenes







The Echo project example





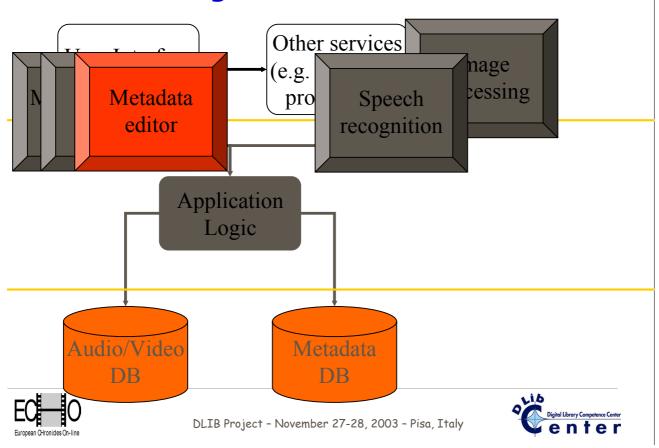
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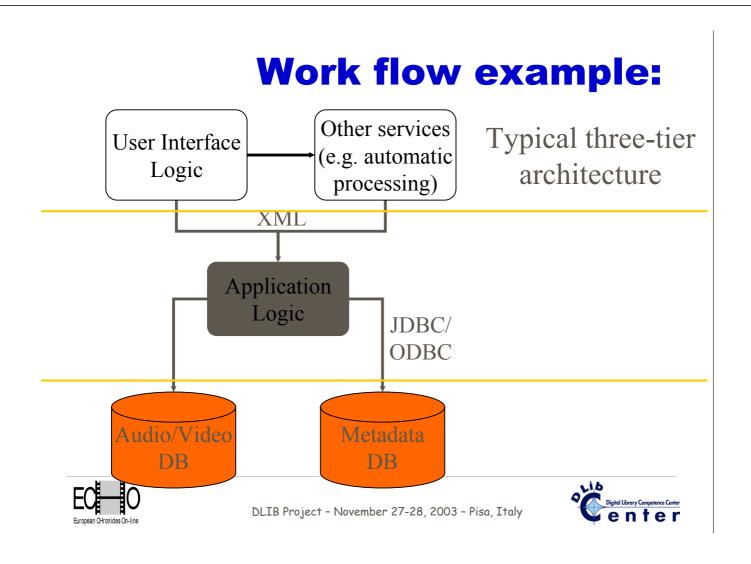
- This model originated from our experience in the ECHO project (European CHronicle Online)
 - ECHO is an EC funded IST project
 - ECHO aims at providing
 - remote access to collection of historical documentary audio-video resources
 - a software infrastructure to support digital video archives
 - an extensible and interoperable architecture





The system architecture





The approach

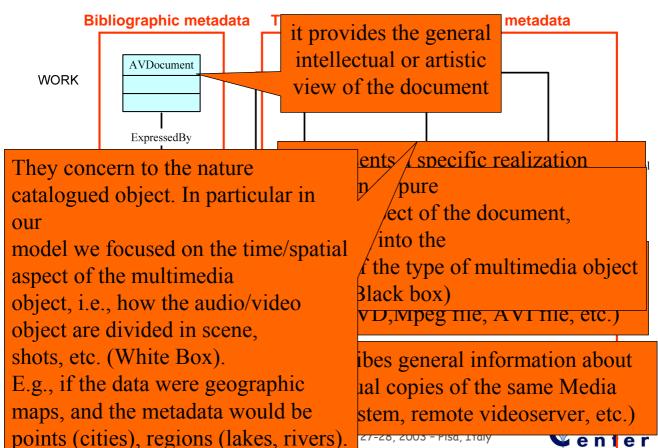
- The metadata model uses and extends the IFLA-FRBR methodology:
 - Entities that describe different aspect of a resource
 - WORK
 - EXPRESSION
 - MANIFESTATION
 - ITEM





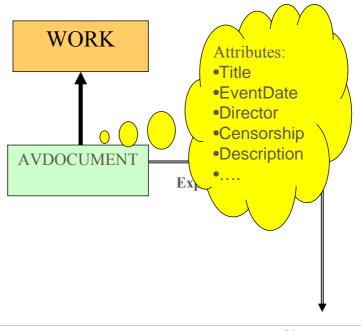
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The metadata model



The ECHO Model

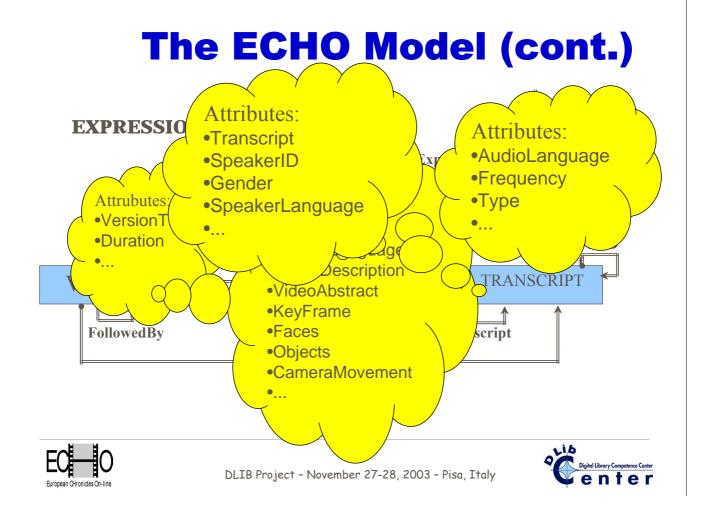
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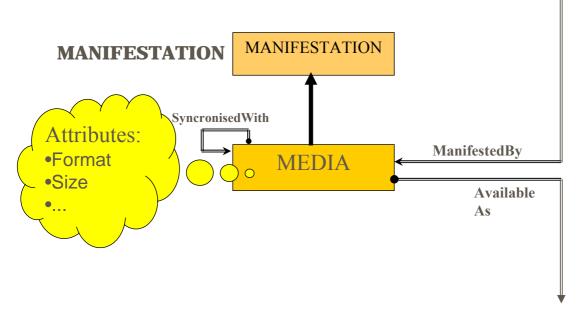


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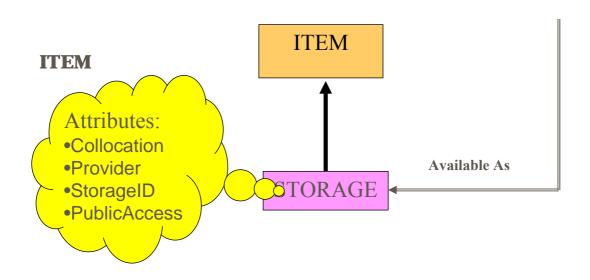
The ECHO Model (cont.)







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Regia: A Metadata Editor for A/V Digital Libraries





How the AVDocument is stored

 Each instance of the entities (objects) are stored in an individual xml file in the disk or in the database





Terminology: The GUID

- GUID: is a unique identifier of a object of the model. However the type of GUID chages.
- When the object documents are stored in the disk (FileSystem) the GUID is the complete path filename of the XML document representing the object.
- When the object is stored in the Database it is the URN of the document.





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Terminology: The AVDocument

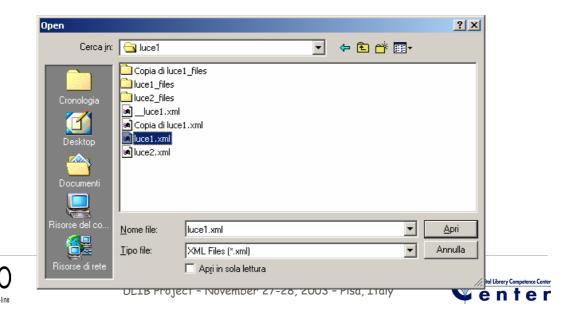
Throughout this presentation we will use the term AVDocument for referring to a whole document of the editor which is an instance of the whole entity object model above presented. In order to avoid misunderstanding with term AVDocument indicating the entity of the model and the editor document when we refer to the AVDocument we call it "AVDocument root".





Opening a AVDocument from the filesystem

menu File → Open and browse and select a root xml file of the AVDocument



Opening a AVDocument from the filesystem (2)

It is possible to open an entity of the AVDocument selecting a file xml in the subdirectory of the AVDocument. In this case Regia will open a the whole document and will open also the edit dialog of the selected object.





Opening a document from the Database

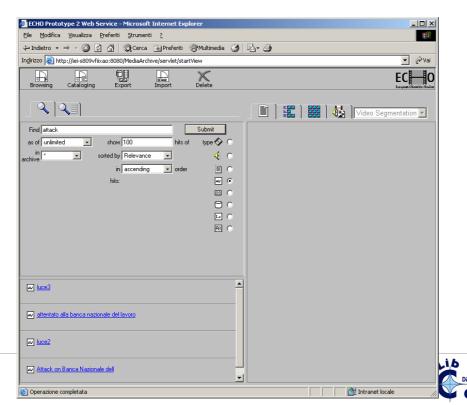
 On the ECHO retrieval interface click on the title of one of the AVDocuments retrieved



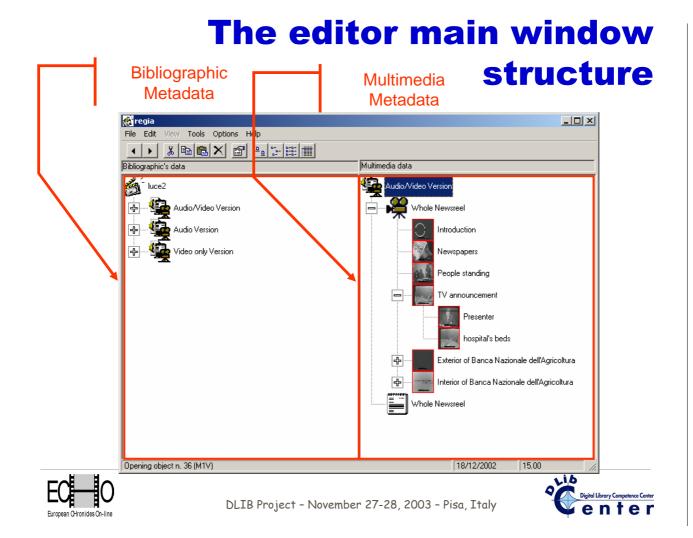


Opening a document from the Database

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Browsing/Editing the Bibliographic section AVDocument

Each entity us associated to a different icon:

Root of the AVDocument



Version \(\)



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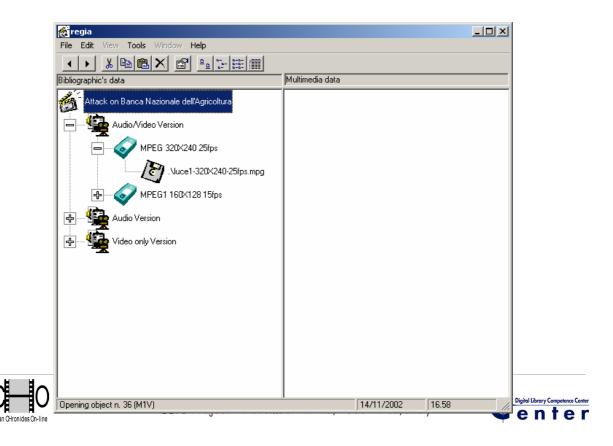




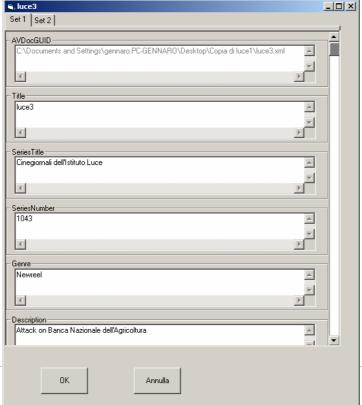




The bibliographic metadata structure



Editing the metadata







Unassingned and Assingned fields

Some type of metadata fields do not have null values:

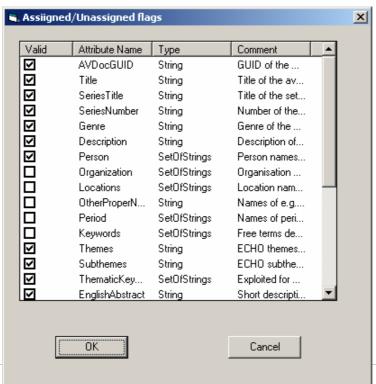
- Boolean (true/false)
- Date
- Closed Lists





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Unassingned and Assingned fields







Delete/Add objects

Deleting an object and its children

 By selecting an object icon and typing the "Del" button on the keyboard it is possible to delete an object and its children.

Adding a new child entity

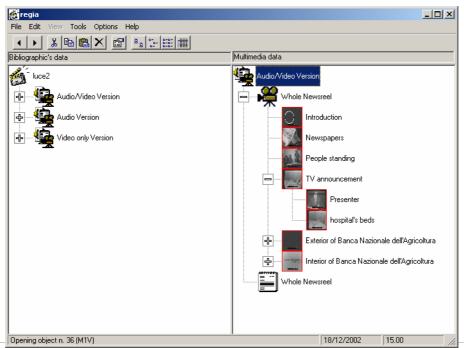
It is possible to add a new child object by selecting its parent, clicking on the right button of the mouse, and clicking on "Add child...". It will appear an input box asking for the title of the new object. Note that, for the Storage entity the title corresponds to the "collocation" field of its metadata.





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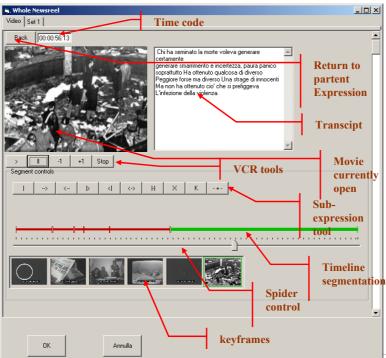
Multimedia section of AVDocument







Expression Tool

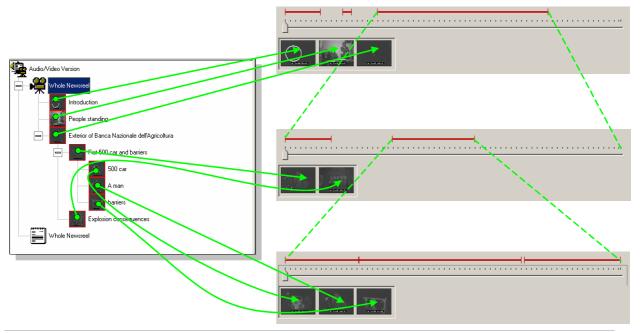




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Browse the Expression







Create, update and delete

Create

- move the cursor of the slider and place it at the start time of the shot you want to create, push the button "|". The timecode and a small line on the timeline start blinking. Move the cursor and place it at the end time of the new segment, push again the button "|".
- Push the button "|-|". A dialog box will allow you to select the start/end timecodes boundaries of the new segment.







Create, update and delete (2)

Modify

- Push the button "|>" ("<|"). This will change the end (begin) of the selected segment to the begin (end) to the (preceding) succeeding segment.
- Push the button "<->". A dialog box will allow modifying the start/end timecodes boundaries of the selected segment.
- By selecting the segments by means of the mouse button and pressing shift button, it is possible to select more than one segment. The selected segments are highlighted by means of a thicker line on the sliding bar, and their keyframes are contained in a coloured frame. By pushing the button "-+-" all the segmented will be merged together. Note that, the new merged segmented will hierarch the textual metadata of the selected segment that appeared in green.

Delete

 Select a segment and push the button "X" or the key "Del" of the keyboard.





Updating the keyframes

 Clicking on the button "K" the keyframe of the current video is updated by the frame currently shown.





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Creating a new AVDocument

◆ In order to create a new AVDocument from scratch, click on the menu item File→New. A new AVDocument will be created. Proceed creating the other entities of the AVDocument.





Cross Language features

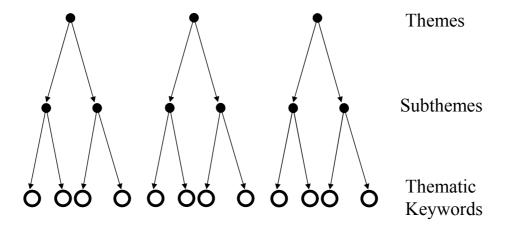
- Some of the metadata fields of the root of the AVDocument are treated as Cross Language by the editor. The metadata fields involved are:
 - Themes
 - Subthemes
 - Thematic Keywords





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Keywords tree







Browsing the metadata: the Echo Retrieval Interface

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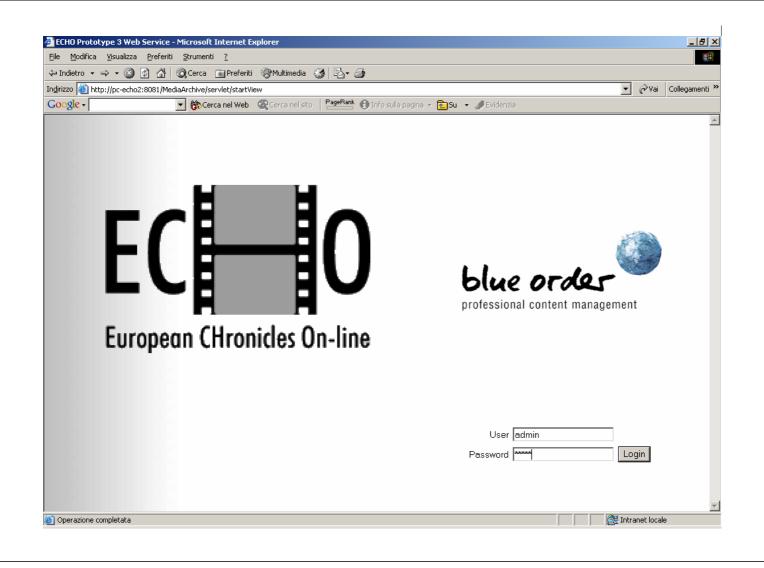




Logging



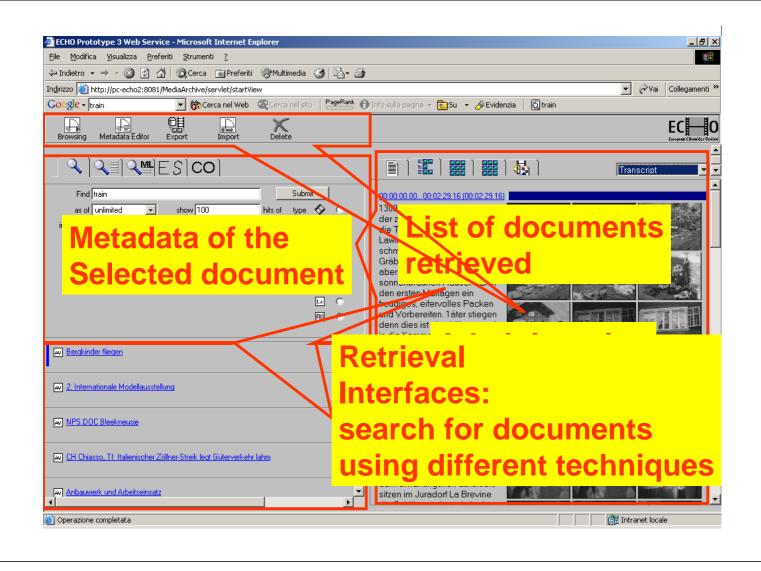




The retrieval Interface presentation



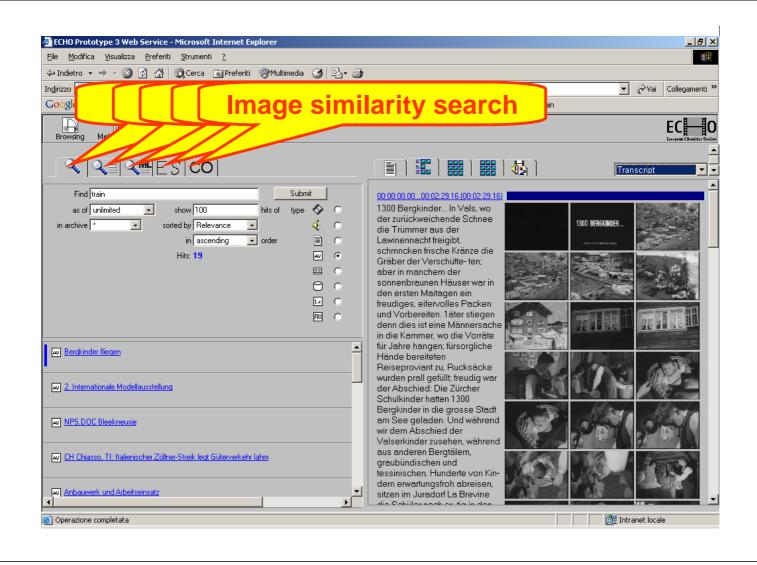




Retrieval tools interfaces



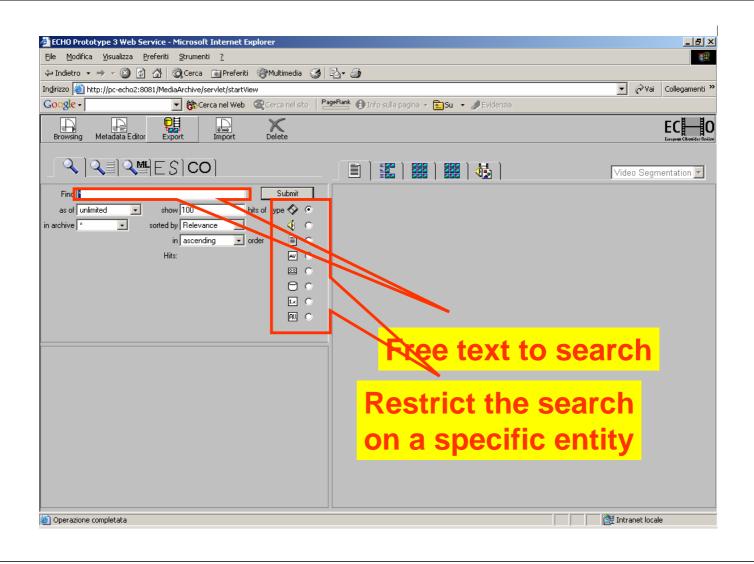


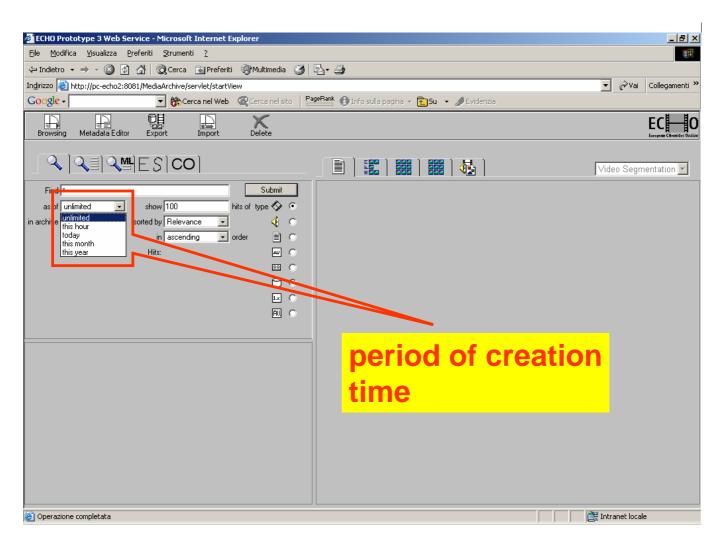


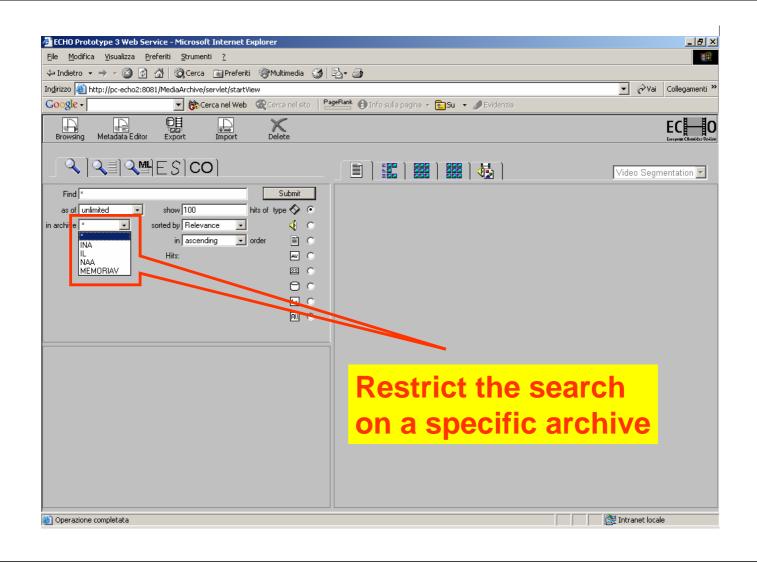
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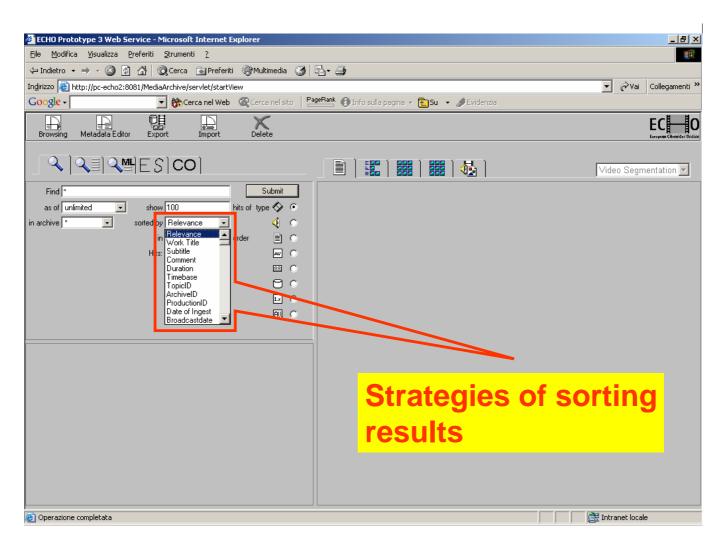


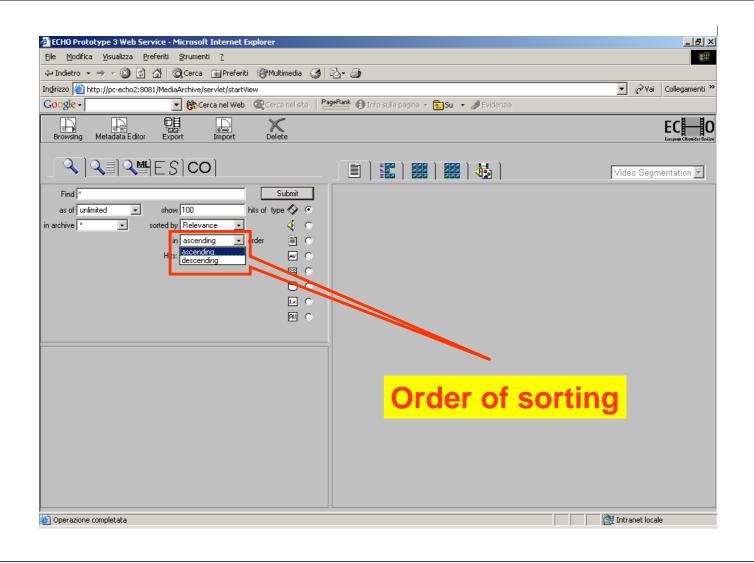


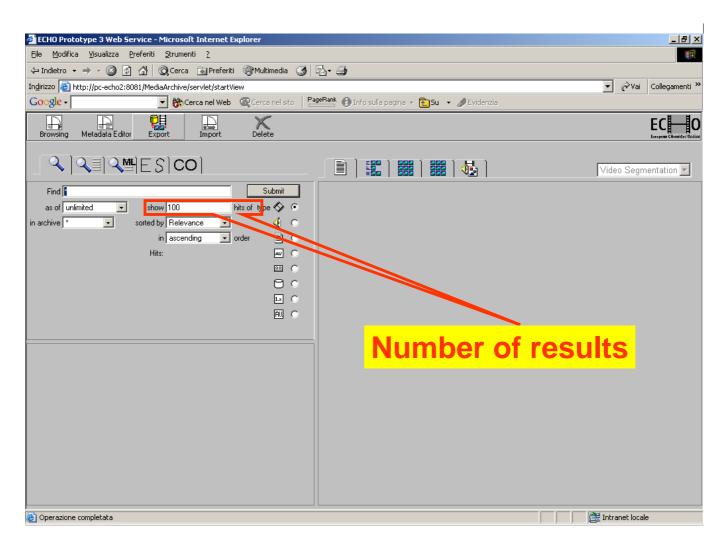








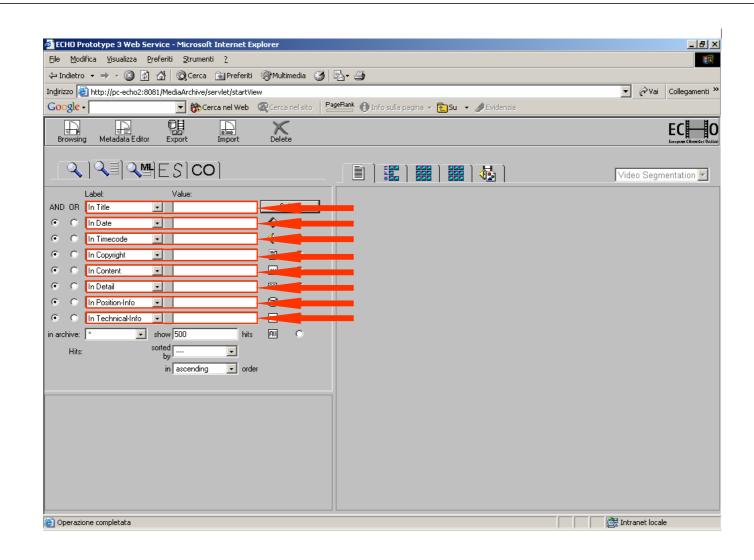


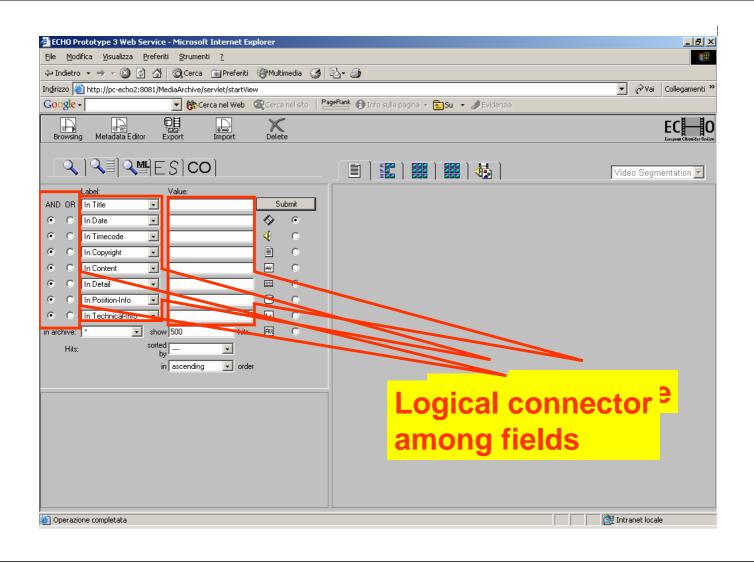


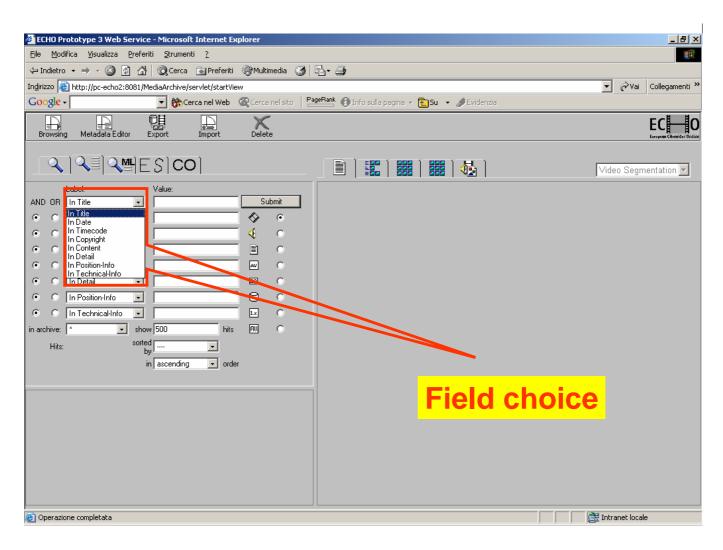
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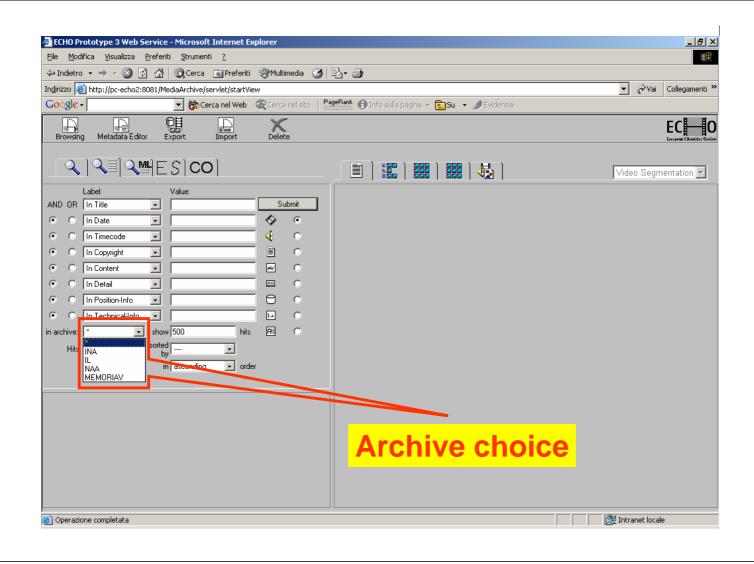


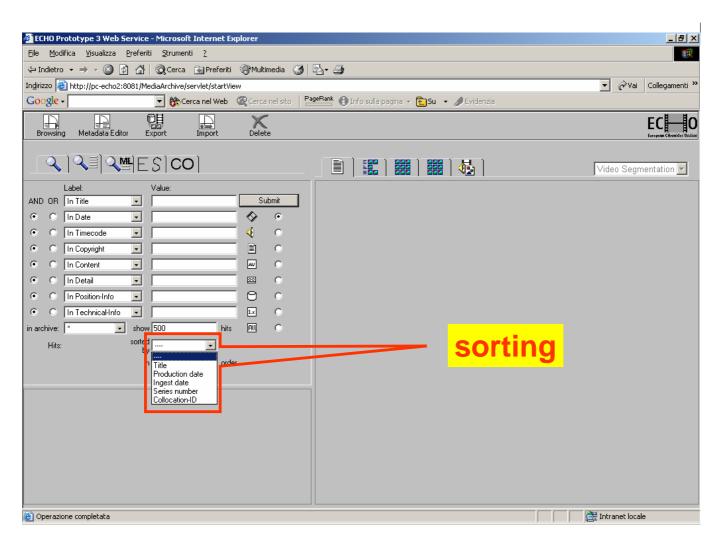


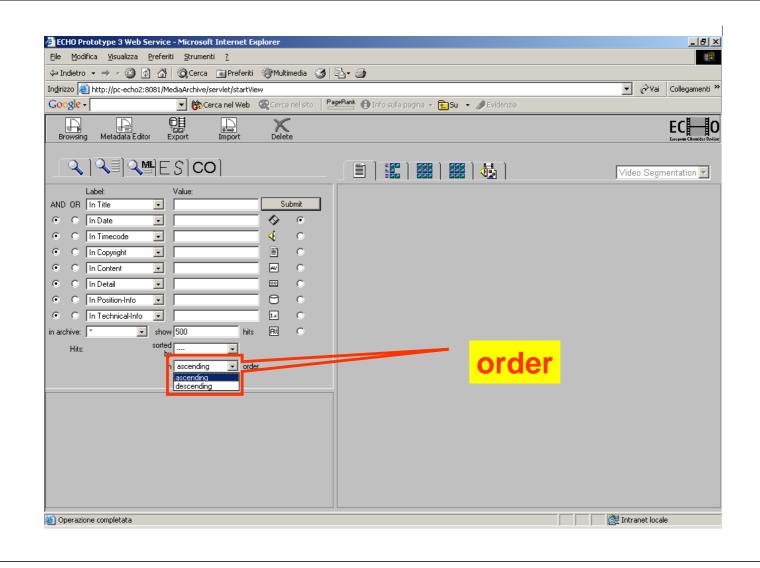












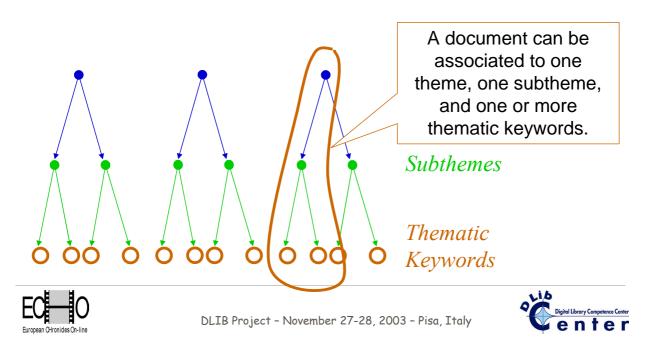
Multilingual classification

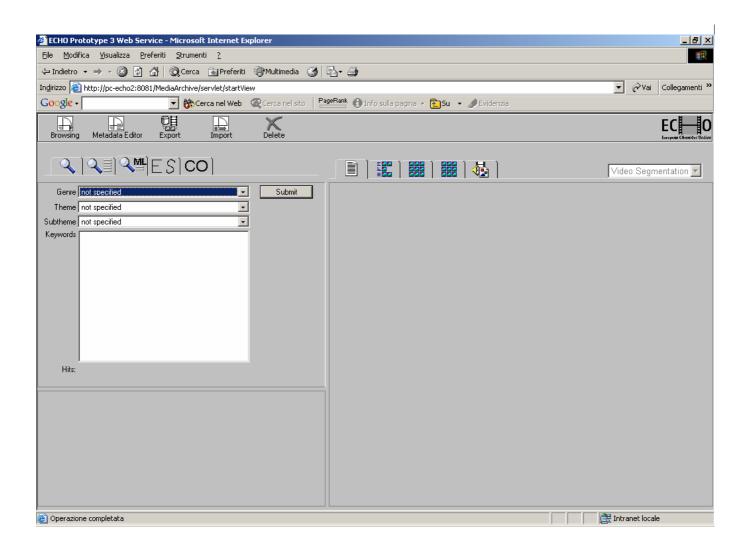


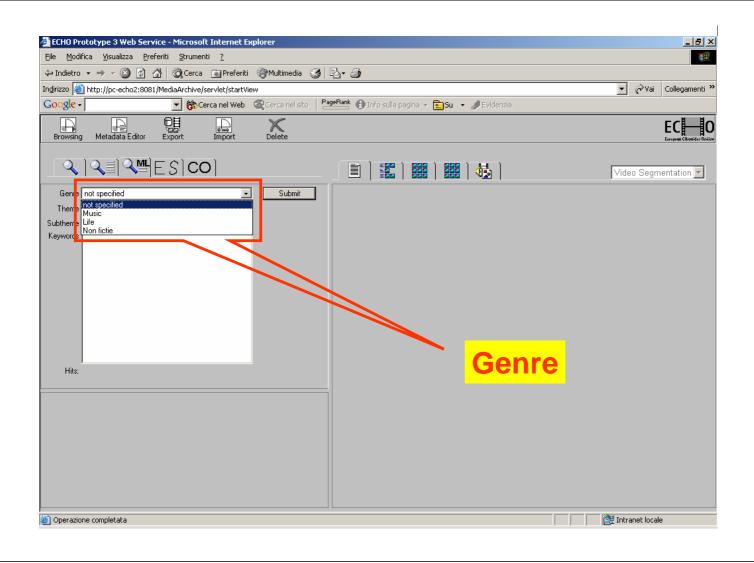


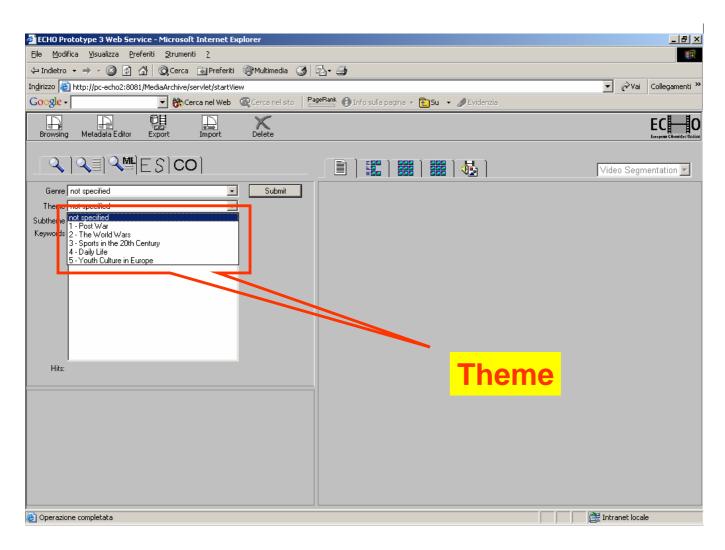
Classification tree

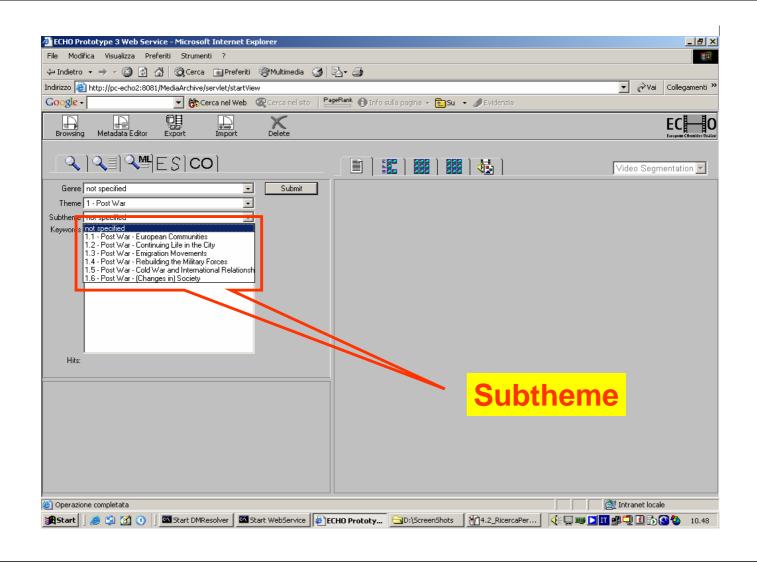
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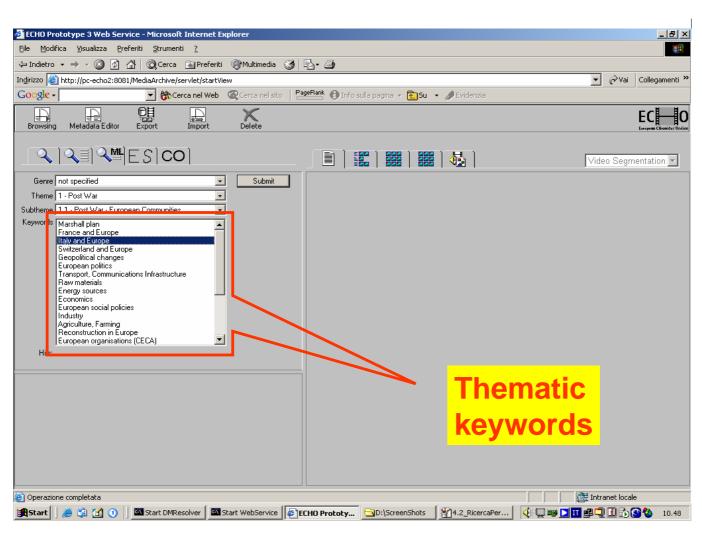












Crosslanguage retrieval interface





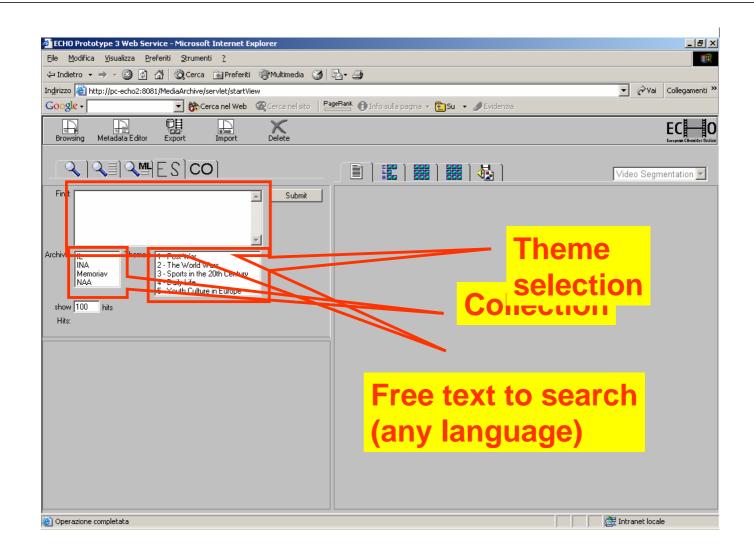


Image similarity search

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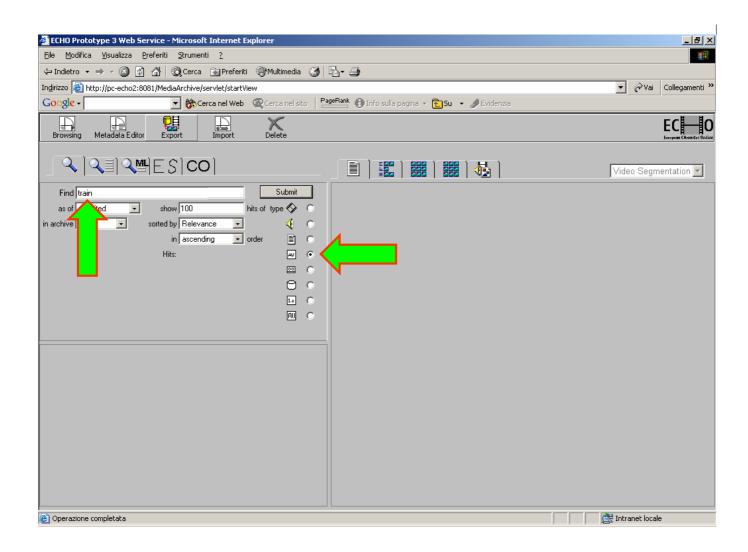


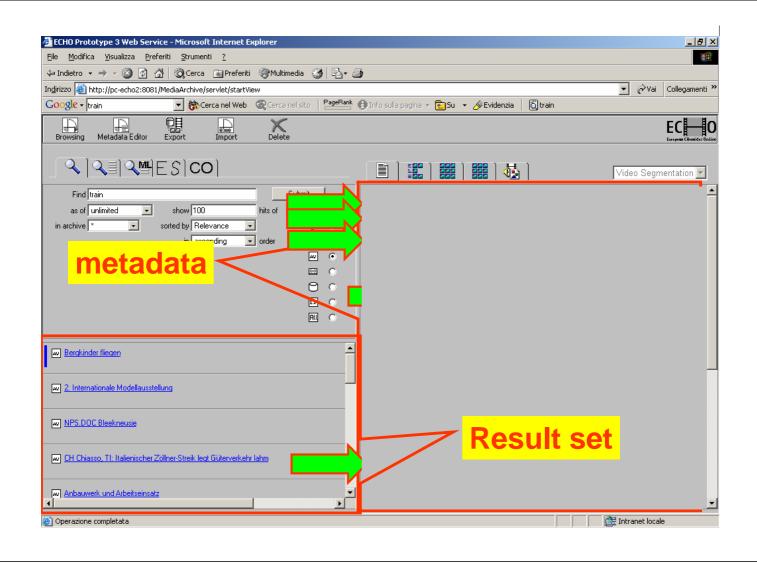
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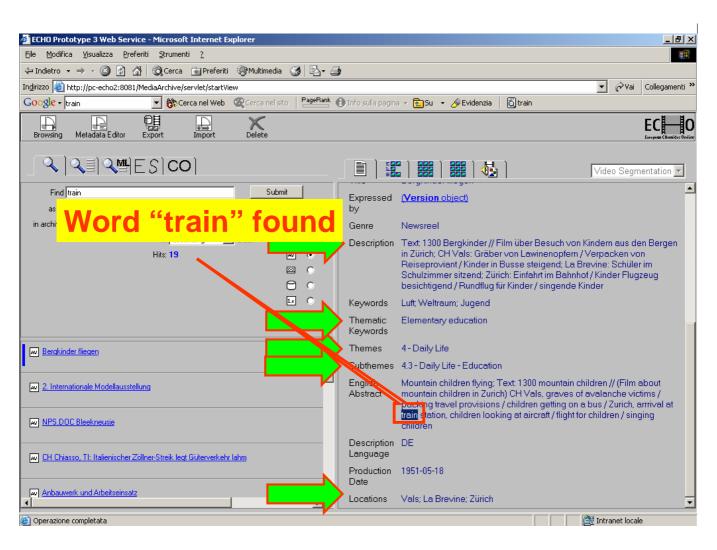
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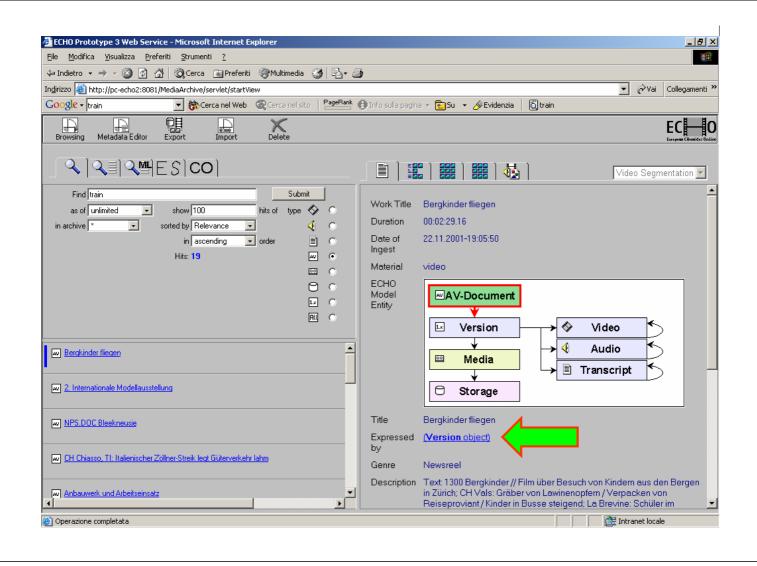


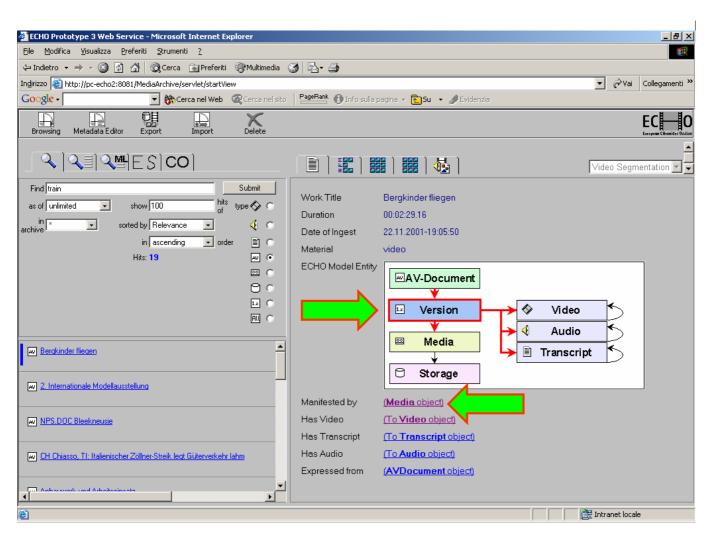


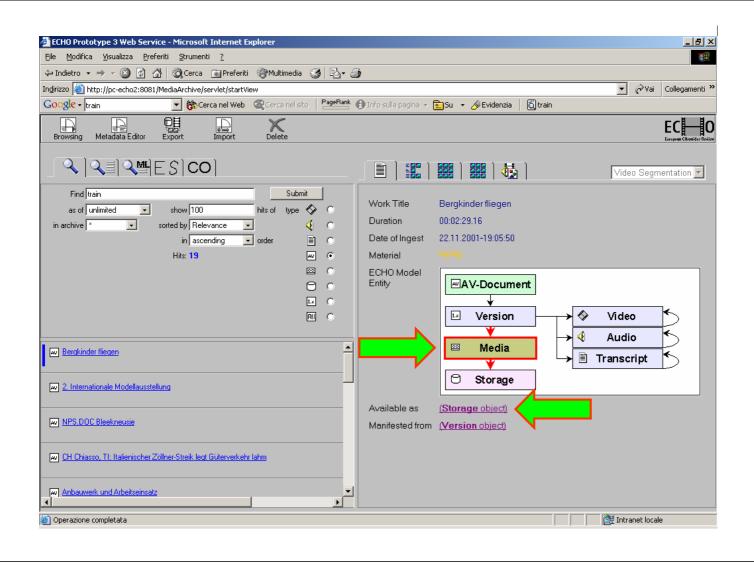


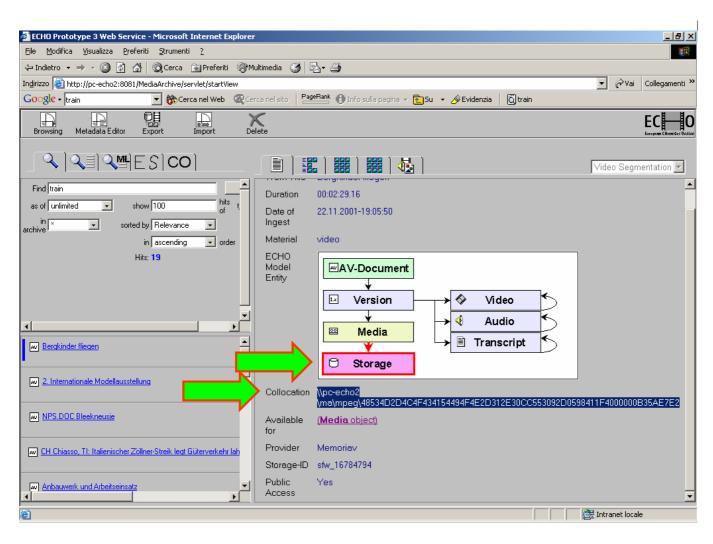


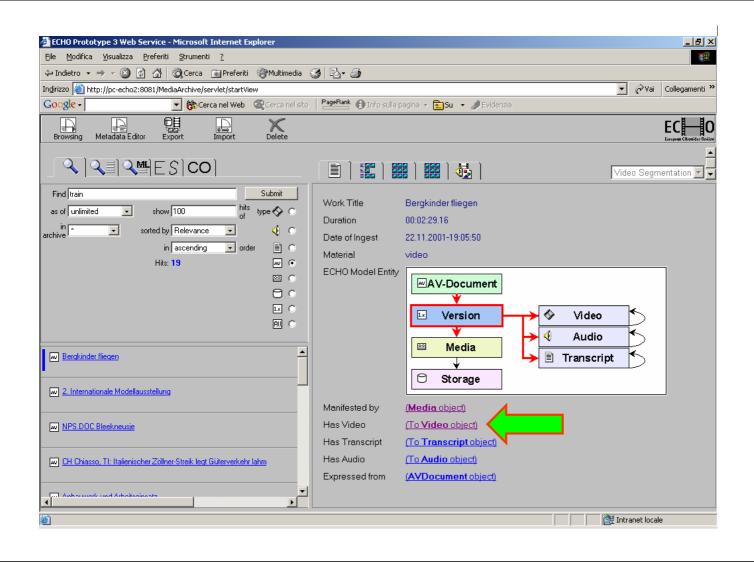


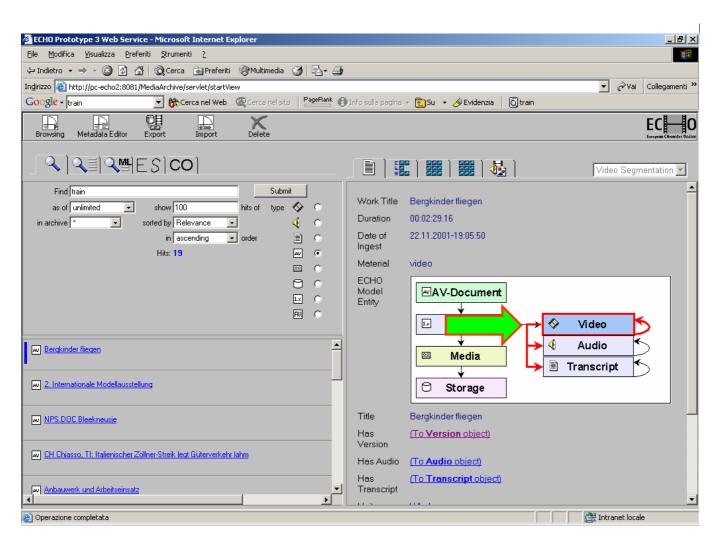


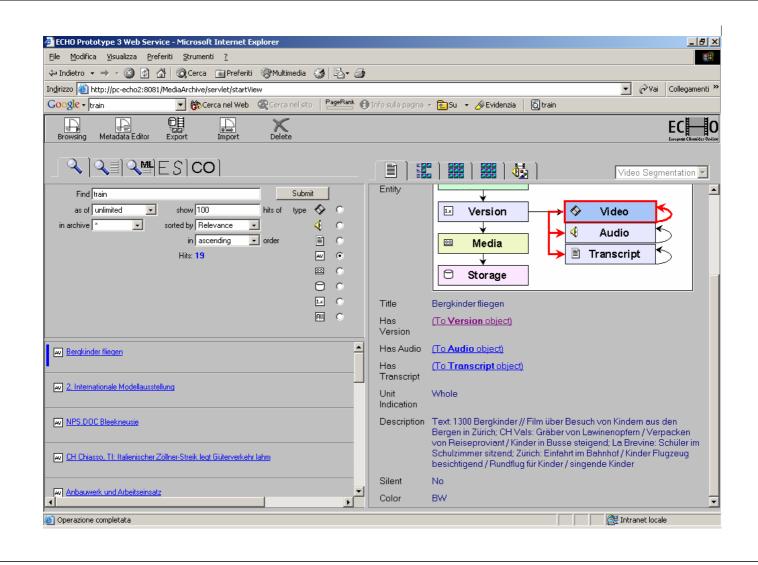








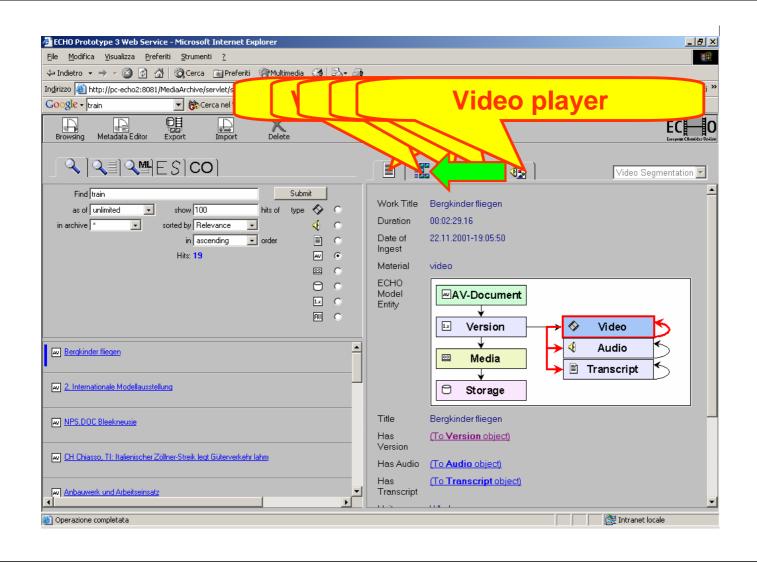


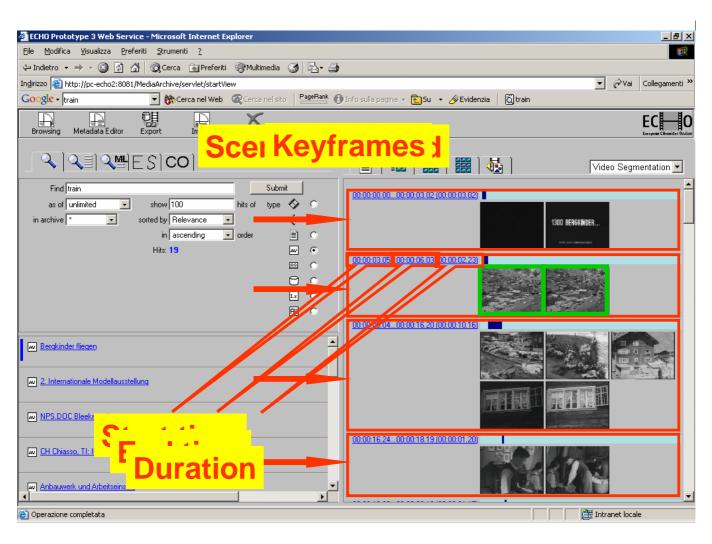


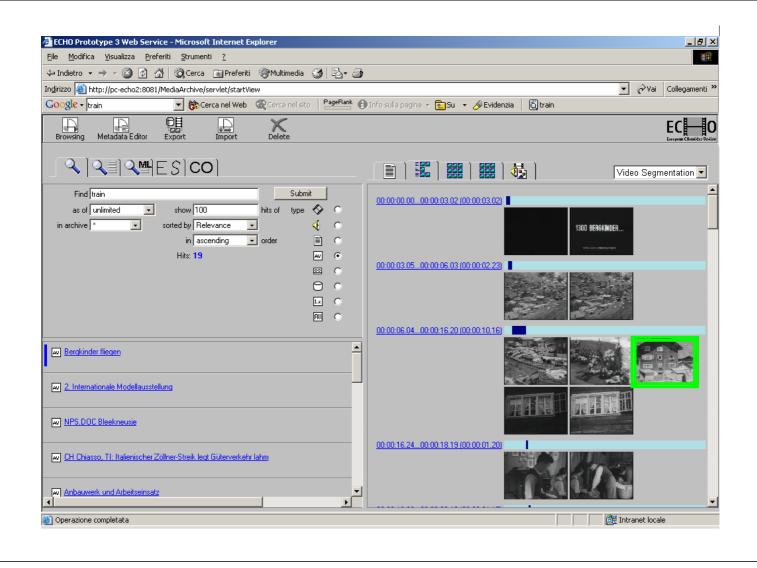
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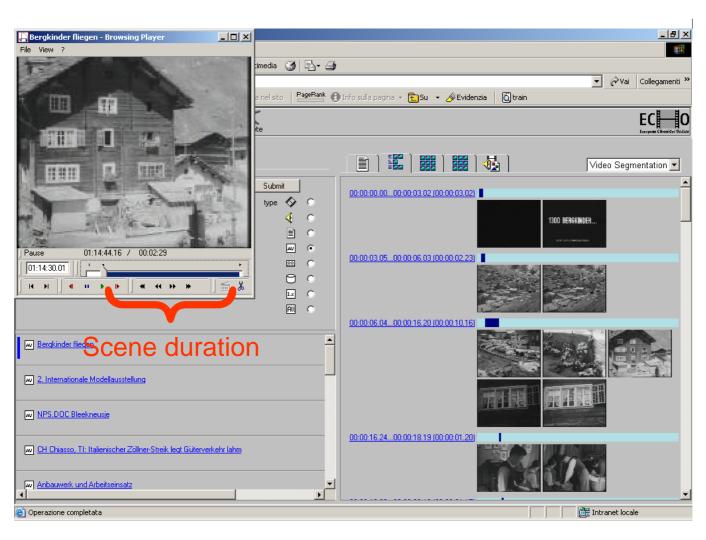


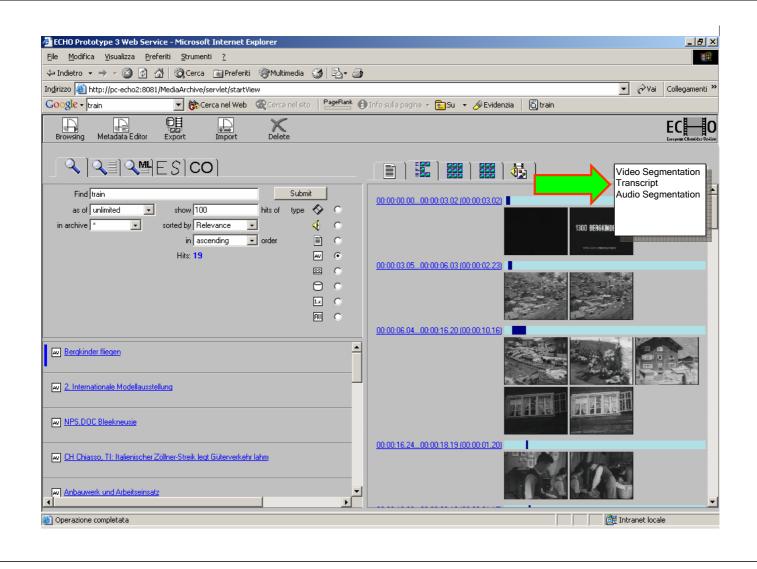


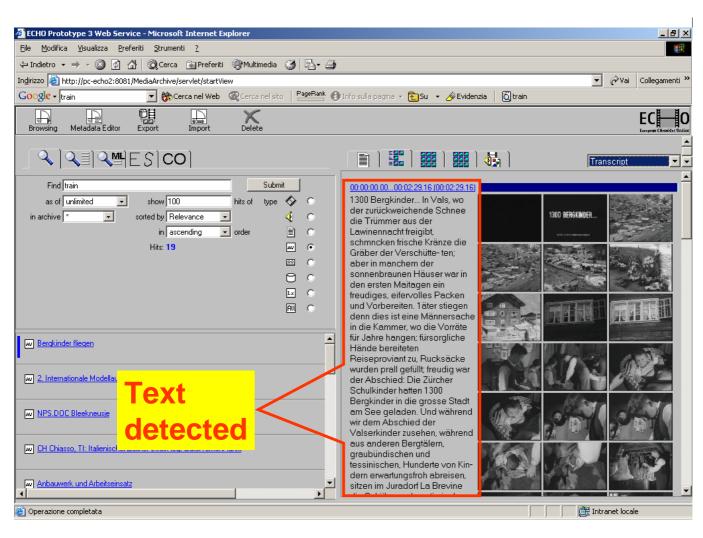


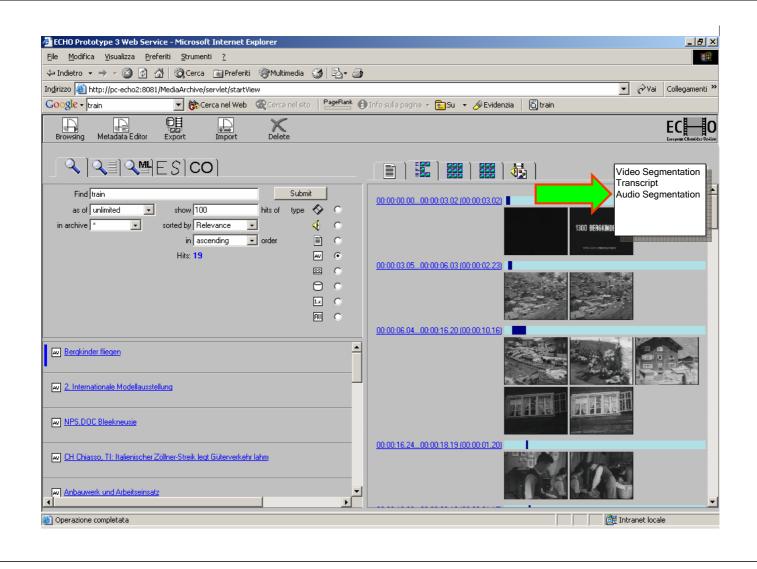


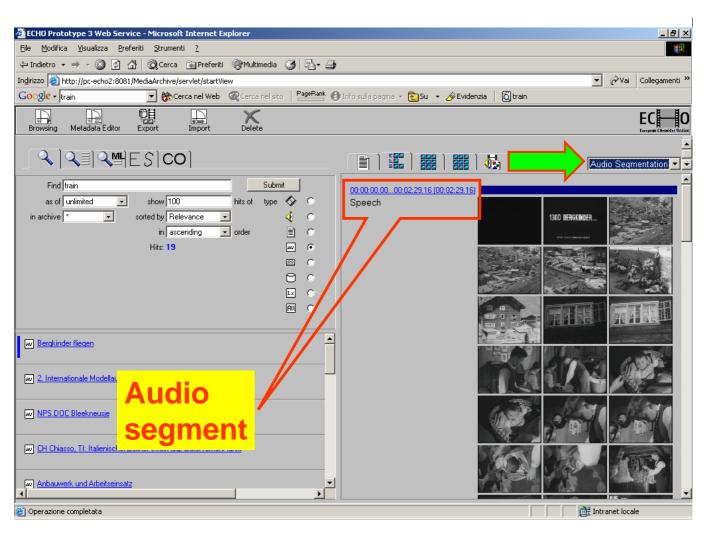


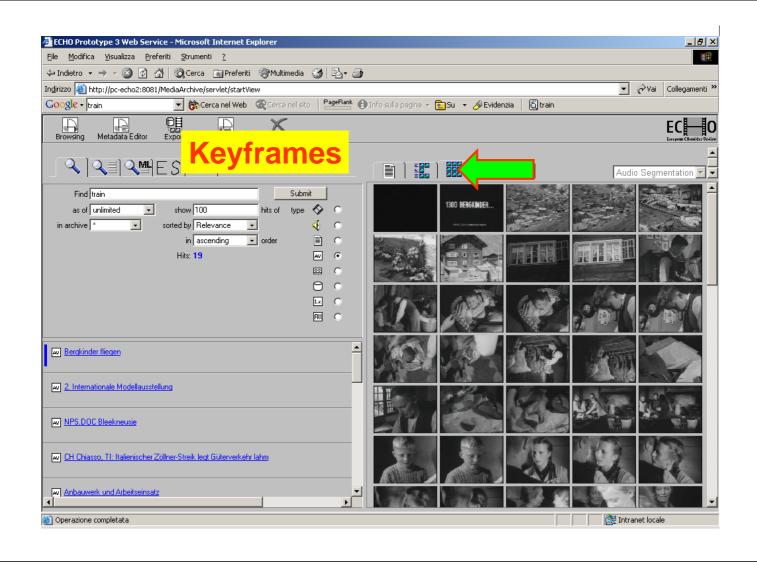


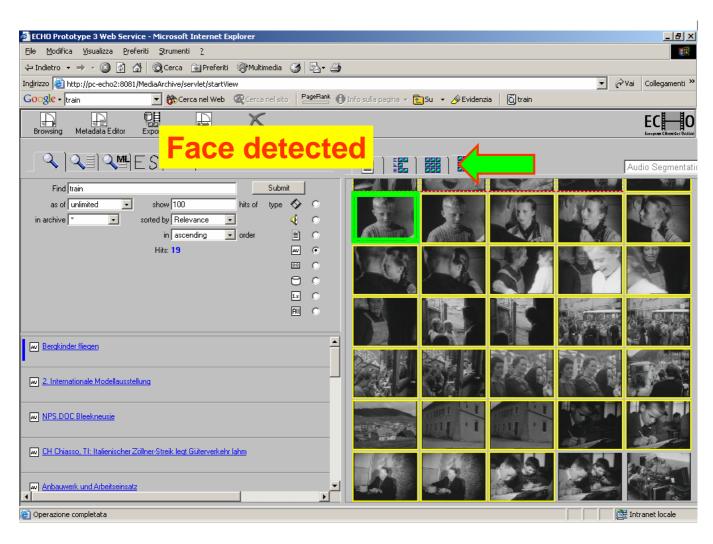


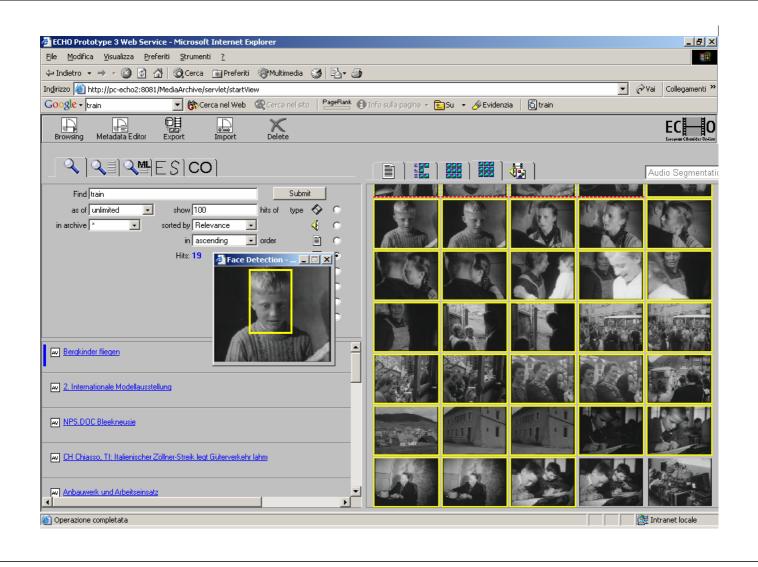


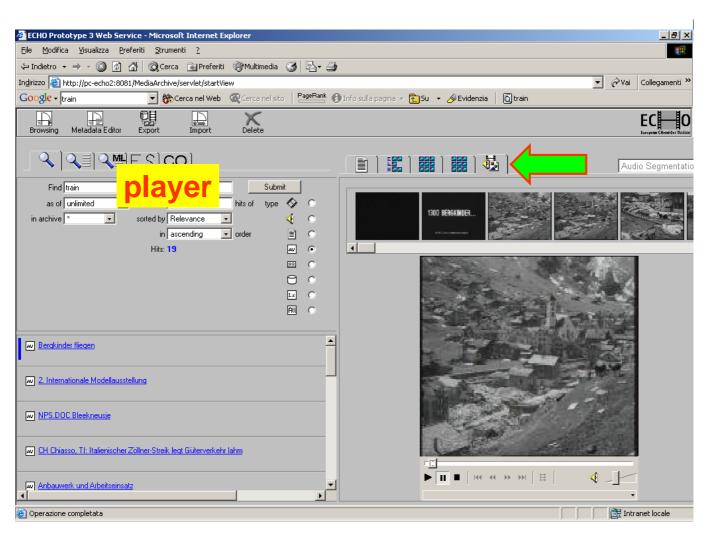










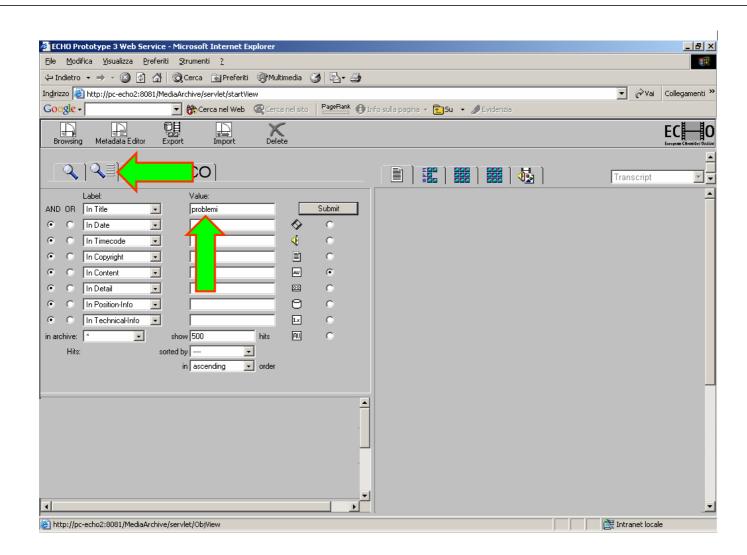


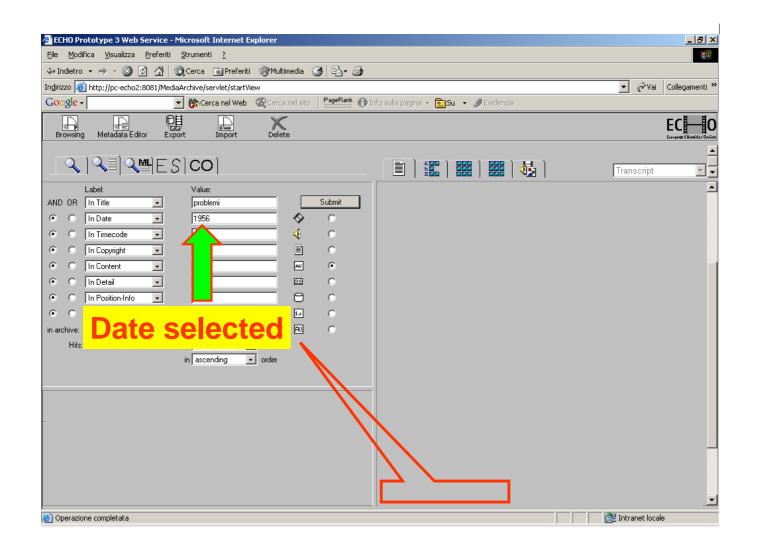
The fielded search

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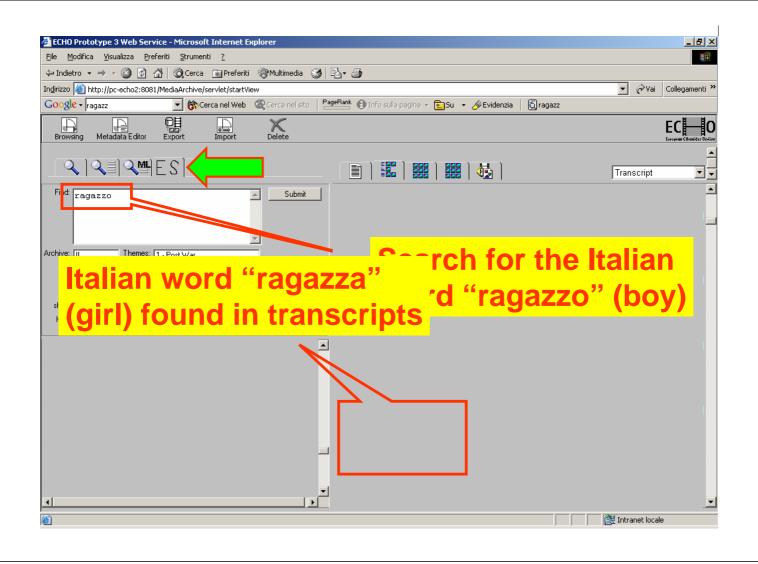


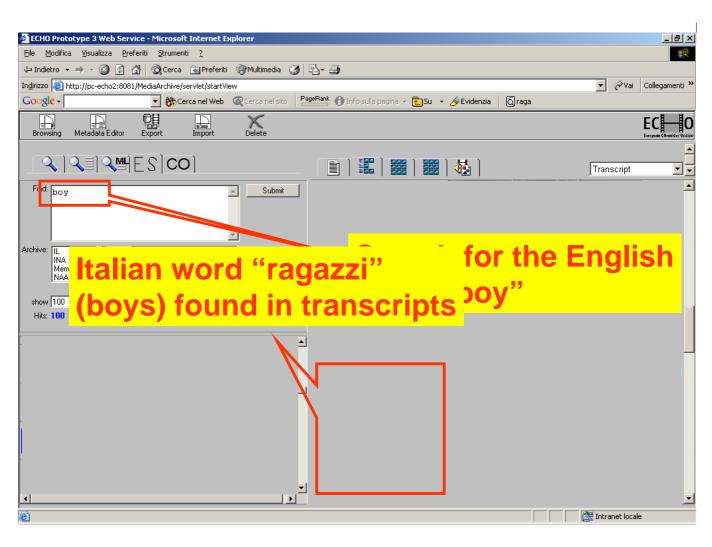
The (Eurospider) CrossLanguage Retrieval on Trancripts

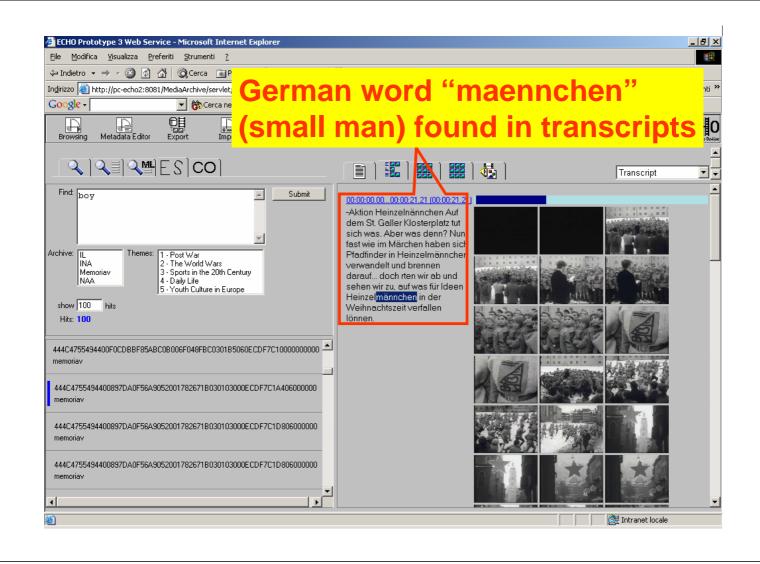
- The transcript of a video can be in Italian, French, German, or Dutch.
- The CL retrieval allows to search the transcripts using any of these 4 languages, and the English language.







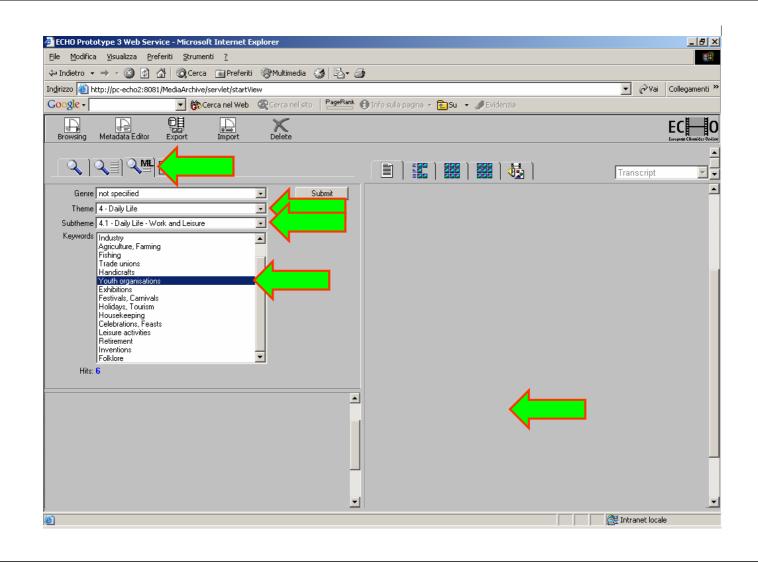




The MultiLingual Classification



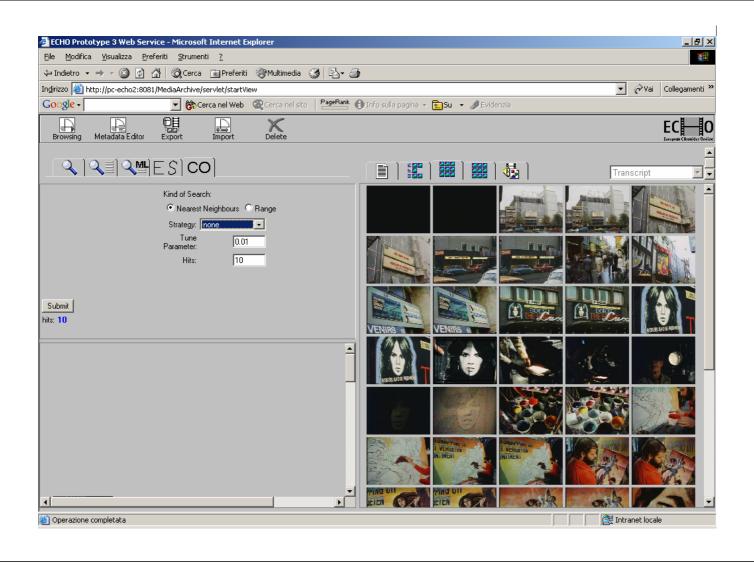


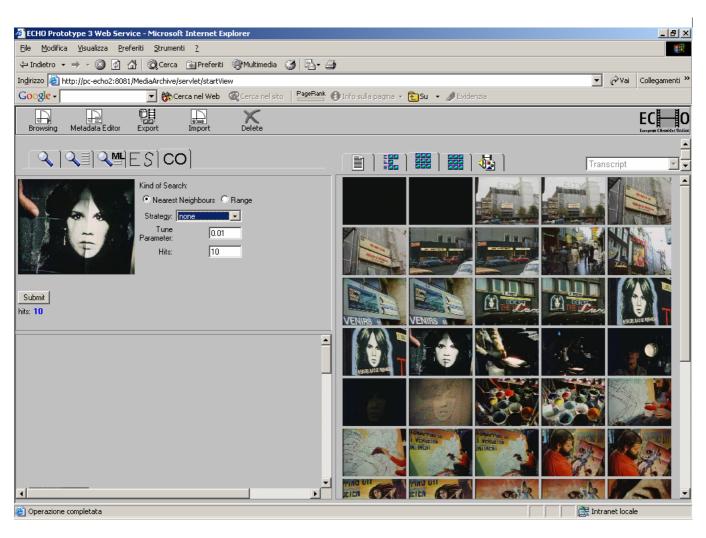


The Image Similarity search









The End





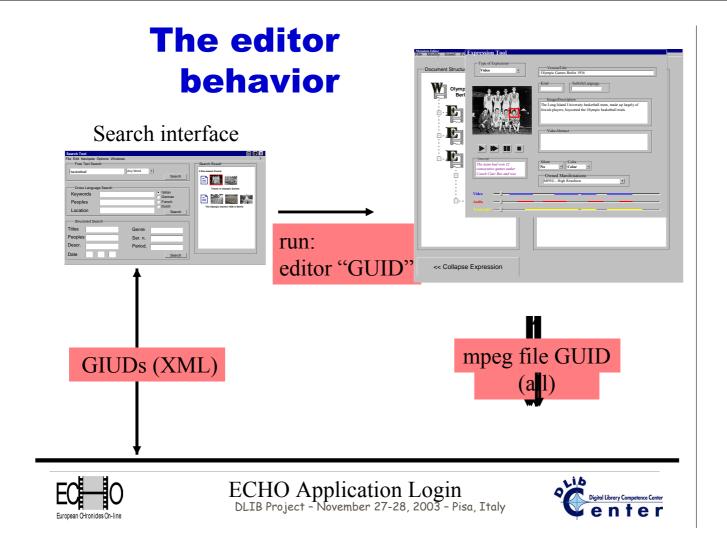
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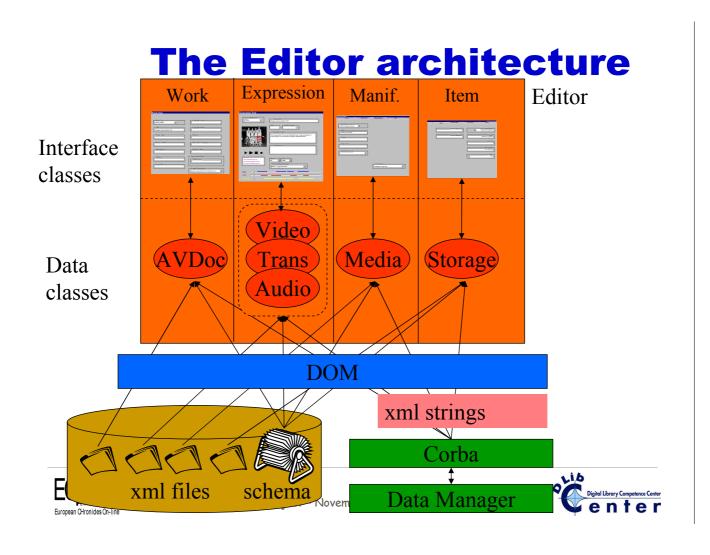
Regia architecture

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How the xml schema is used

- It defines the schema of the echo xml "documents" (AVDocument, Video, etc.);
- It is used as configuration file for the editor:
 - When the editor opens an xml document it reads the schema;
 - In this way it is possible to modify the schema of the document;
 - It is also possible to say to the editor that a field is readonly or to be ignored.





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Editing the xml schema

- The editor recognizes the following datatypes:
- xsd:string, xsd:integer, xsd:date, xsd:float, xsd:boolean (predefined in XSD)
- SetOfString (a simple list of string items)
- Close Lists
- Multimedia type (objects, faces, etc.)





Example of xml schema

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema"</pre>
elementFormDefault="qualified">
                                                          This defines the
<xsd:element name="AVDocument">
                                                          AVDocument
                                          Which is a
 <xsd:complexType>
                                          sequence of
  <xsd:sequence>
                                                              This defines the
                                          "fields"
                                                             first field of
    <xsd:element name="Title" type="xsd:string"</pre>
                                                             AVDocument
    <xsd:annotation>
     <xsd:documentation>Title of the av document (original title if known otherwise)
assigned)</xsd:documentation>
                                                    It declares the
     <xsd:appinfo>readonly
                                                    field "Title" as
     </xsd:annotation>
                                 Whose name swhoseatypndys
    </xsd:element>
                                 This is an annotation for the
   <xsd:element ...>
                                 human reader, which is also
                                 showed as tip on the editor
   </xsd:element>
                                 interface
  </xsd:element>
```

Example of xml schema

I can define a close list as following:





Example of xml document

```
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="C:\Documenti\Schema\echo_schema\xsd">
       <Title>La vita di Fellini</Title>
                                                     fieAds xsd:integer
       <SeriesTitle>I don't know</SeriesTitle>
                                                      field
       <SeriesNumber>323224
       <Genre>Documentario</Genre>
       <Description>Racconta la vita del grande regista Fellini ≰Description>
       <PersonNames>
               <StringItem>Marcello Mastroianni
/StringItem
               <StringItem>Giulietta Masini
       </PersonNames>
       <Themes>Biografie</Themes>
                                                         A SetOfStrings
       <Subthemes>Registi</Subthemes>
                                                         field
       <ThematicKeywords/>
       <EnglishAbstract>This is a documentary film describing the life of the
famous Italian director Fellini</EnglishAbstract>
       <EventDate>2001-05-11
       <DescriptionLanguage>Italian
/DescriptionLanguage>xsd:date field
       <ProductionDate>1999-06-12</ProductionDate>
       <ExpressedBy>
               <StringItem>FE4535A32345
               <StringItem>FE4535A32346</StringItem>
       </ExpressedBy>
</AVDocument>
```

Editor Demo



