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*JHOVE2 Next-Generation Characterization
A Project Update*

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Introduction and concepts

Demonstration

Architecture and APIs

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“Tell me about yourself...”





“What? So what?”

Characterization is the automated determination of the intrinsic and extrinsic properties of a formatted object

- Identification
- Feature extraction
- Validation
- Assessment





“We report, you decide...”



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JHOVE2 feature set

Multi-stage processing

- Signature-based identification

✓ DROID 

<http://droid.sourceforge.net/>



- Feature extraction



- Validation 

- Message digesting



✓ Adler-32, CRC-32, MD2, MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512

- Rules-based assessment



JHOVE2 feature set

Processing of objects spanning files and objects
that are subsets of files



Recursive processing of objects arbitrarily-nested
within containers



Granular modularization with generic plug-ins



Clean APIs and common module design patterns



Buffered I/O



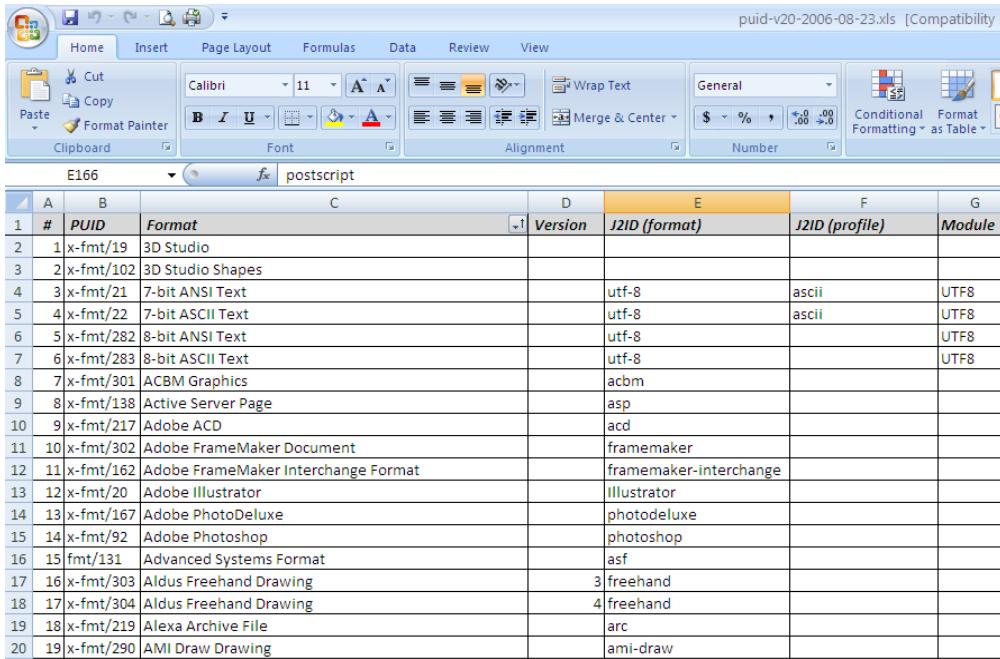
Internationalized output *Je ne sais quoi !*



Supported formats

JHOVE2 can identify (by DROID) many more formats than it can validate (by modules)

- PRONOM registry documents over 550 formats; approx. 220 with signatures <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/PRONOM>



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "puid-v20-2006-08-23.xls [Compatibility Mode]". The table has columns labeled A through G. Column A contains row numbers from 1 to 20. Column B contains file format identifiers like "x-fmt/19", "x-fmt/102", etc. Column C contains descriptions such as "3D Studio", "3D Studio Shapes", etc. Column D contains "Version" information. Columns E, F, and G contain "J2ID" values corresponding to the file formats in column B. The "Module" column is empty.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	#	PUID	Format	Version	J2ID (format)	J2ID (profile)	Module
2	1	x-fmt/19	3D Studio				
3	2	x-fmt/102	3D Studio Shapes				
4	3	x-fmt/21	7-bit ANSI Text		utf-8	ascii	UTF8
5	4	x-fmt/22	7-bit ASCII Text		utf-8	ascii	UTF8
6	5	x-fmt/282	8-bit ANSI Text		utf-8		UTF8
7	6	x-fmt/283	8-bit ASCII Text		utf-8		UTF8
8	7	x-fmt/301	ACBM Graphics		acbm		
9	8	x-fmt/138	Active Server Page		asp		
10	9	x-fmt/217	Adobe ACD		acd		
11	10	x-fmt/302	Adobe FrameMaker Document		framemaker		
12	11	x-fmt/162	Adobe FrameMaker Interchange Format		framemaker-interchange		
13	12	x-fmt/20	Adobe Illustrator		illustrator		
14	13	x-fmt/167	Adobe PhotoDeluxe		photodeluxe		
15	14	x-fmt/92	Adobe Photoshop		photoshop		
16	15	x-fmt/131	Advanced Systems Format		asf		
17	16	x-fmt/303	Aldus Freehand Drawing		3 freehand		
18	17	x-fmt/304	Aldus Freehand Drawing		4 freehand		
19	18	x-fmt/219	Alexa Archive File		arc		
20	19	x-fmt/290	AMI Draw Drawing		ami-draw		



Supported formats

ICC color profile	(ICC.1:2004-10)
JPEG 2000	JP2 (ISO/IEC 15444-1), JPX (ISO/IEC 15444-2)
PDF	PDF 1.0 – 1.7, ISO 3200-1, PDF/A-1 (ISO 19005-1), PDF/X-1 (ISO 15920-1), -1a (ISO 15930-4), -2 (ISO 15930-5) -3 (ISO 15930-6)
SGML	
Shapefile	Main, Index, dBASE, ...
TIFF	TIFF 4 – 6, Class B, F, G, P, R, Y, TIFF/EP (ISO 12234-2), TIFF/IT (ISO 12639), GeoTIFF, Exif (JEITA CP-3451), DNG
UTF-8	ASCII (ANSI X3.4)
WAVE	BWF (EBU N22-1997)
XML	
Zip	

Supported formats

netCDF

<http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf>

Grib

<http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/WDM/Guides/Guide-binary-2.html>

- Developed by the Wegener Institute (Germany)

<http://www.awi-potsdam.de>

- Widely used for meteorological data





(Un)supported formats

AIFF

GIF

HTML

JPEG

- HTML can be expressed in terms of SGML or XML
- We're investigating funding options for subsequent development of GIF and JPEG modules



Source units

A formatted object about which characterization information can be meaningfully reported

- Unitary

- ✓ File e.g. TIFF
- ✓ File inside of a container e.g. TIFF inside a Zip
- ✓ Byte stream inside a file e.g. ICC inside a TIFF

- Aggregate

- ✓ Directory
- ✓ Directory inside of a container
- ✓ Clump e.g. Shapefile
- ✓ File set e.g. command line arguments

For purposes of characterization, directories, file sets, and clumps are considered formats



Properties and reportables

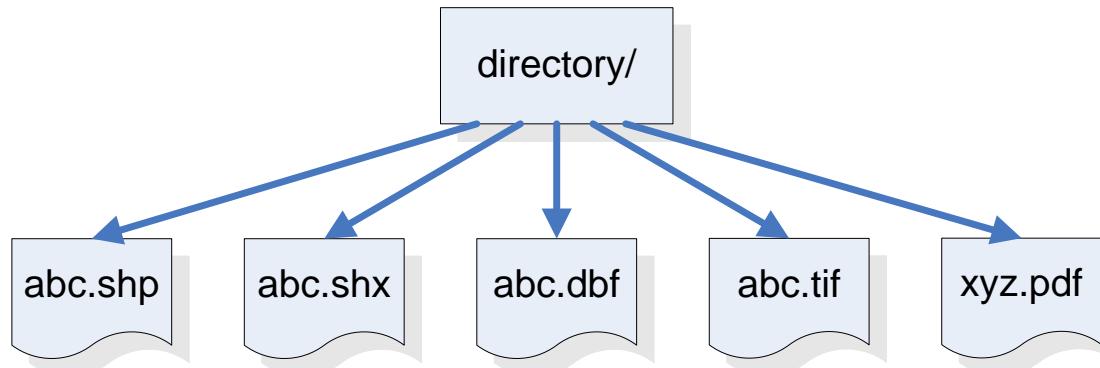
A *property* is a named, typed value

- Name (based on the terminology of the underlying format)
- Unique formal identifier
- Data type
 - ✓ Scalar or collection
 - ✓ Java types, JHOVE2 primitive types, or JHOVE2 *reportables*
- Typed value
- Description of correct semantic interpretation

A *reportable* is a named set of properties

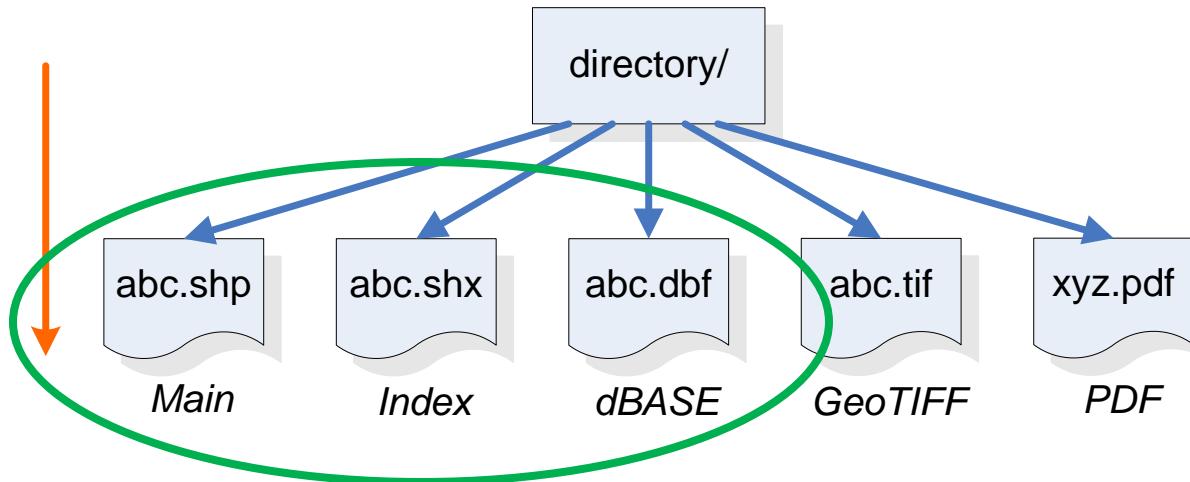
- Reportables correspond to Java *classes*
- Properties correspond to *fields*

Characterization strategy

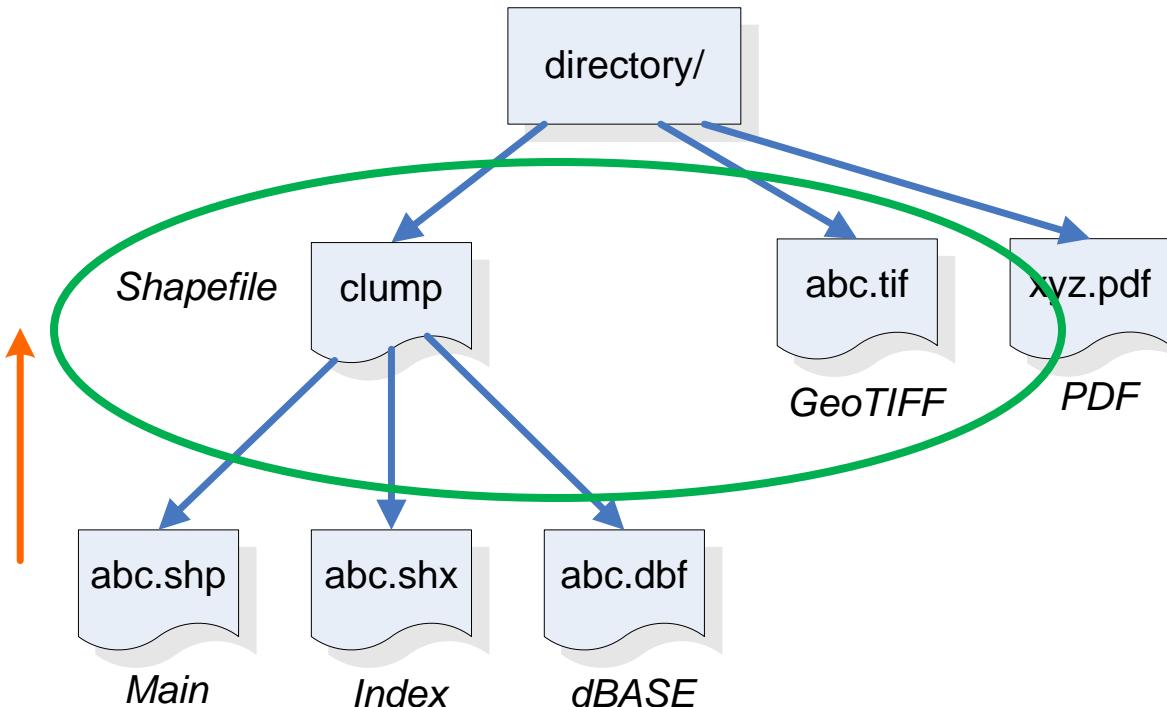




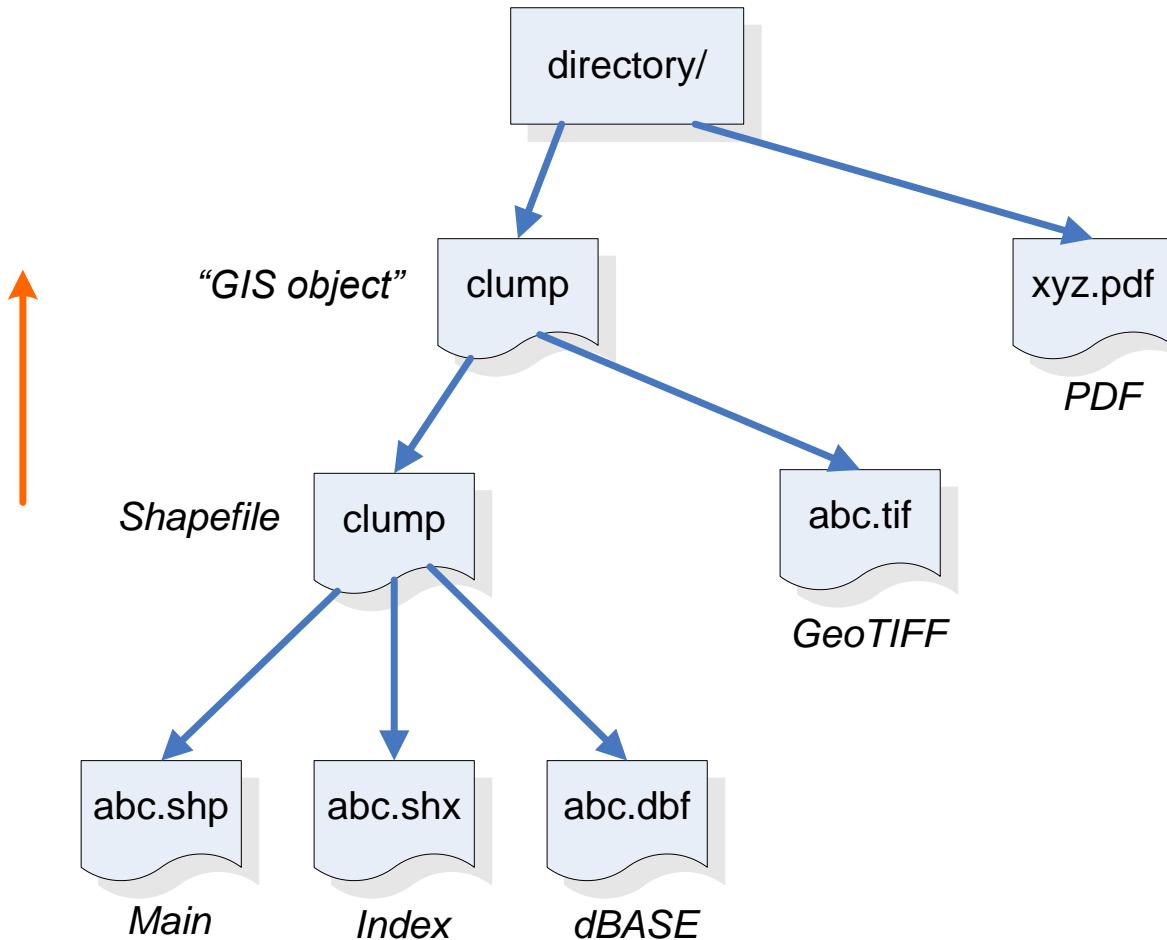
Characterization strategy



Characterization strategy



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API design idioms

Separation of concerns

- Annotation and reflection

confluence.ucop.edu/display/JHOVE2Info/Background+Papers

Inversion of control (IOC) / dependency injection

- Martin Fowler

martinfowler.com/articles/injection.html

- Spring framework

www.springsource.org/



Separation of concerns

“Let POJOs be POJOs”

- Focus on modeling the format itself

“Let the code write itself”

- Reportables “know” how to expose their properties for display
- Reference documentation generated from the code
 - ✓ JHOVE2Doc application

Reportable: Name: UTF8Module

Identifier: [JHOVE2]

<http://jhove2.org/terms/reportable/org/jhove2/module/format/utf8/UTF8Module>

Package: org.jhove2.module.format.utf8

From: Class UTF8Module

Property: Name: NumCharacters

Identifier: [JHOVE2]

<http://jhove2.org/terms/property/org/jhove2/module/format/utf8/UTF8Module/NumCharacters>

Type: long

Description: Number of UTF-8 characters



Annotation and Reflection: Reportable properties

Each reportable property is represented by a field and accessor and mutator methods

The accessor method *must* be marked with the @ReportableProperty annotation

```
public class MyReportable
    implements Reportable
{
    protected String myProperty;

    @ReportableProperty(order=1, desc="description", ref="reference")
    public String getMyProperty() {
        return this.myProperty;
    }
    public void setMyProperty(String property) {
        this.myProperty = property;
    }
}
```



Displayer directives

jhove2/src/main/resources/properties/
displayer.properties

<i><property-identifier></i>	<i><directive></i>
<code>http\://jhove2.org/terms/property/org/jhove2/module/Agent</code>	<code>Never</code>
<code>http\://jhove2/property/.../DirectorySource/isExtant</code>	<code>IfFalse</code>
...	

- Always (*default*)
- IfTrue
- IfNegative
- IfPositive
- IfZero
- Never
- IfFalse
- IfNonNegative
- IfNonPositive
- IfNonZero



Results

JSON

```
“Path”: “C:\\shapefiles”
```

Text

```
Path: C:\\shapefiles
```

XML

```
<j2:feature name=“Path”
             fid=“http://jhave2.org/terms/property/org/jhave2/core/source/DirectorySource/Path
             fidns=“JHOVE2”>
    <j2:value>C:\\shapefiles</j2:value>
<j2:feature>
```

- Intended as an intermediate form suitable for stylesheet transform to any desired final form (Transform to Mets provided)

Format Modules: Reflection as Facade

- Format module “from scratch” (TIFF, UTF-8, WAV)
- Format module as façade over Java tool (XML, Shapefile)
- Format module as façade over non-Java tool (SGML)

Dependency injection

All JHOVE2 function is embodied in pluggable modules

- Flexible customization
 - ✓ Re-sequencing of pre-existing modules
- Easy extensibility
 - ✓ Additional format modules and profiles
 - ✓ Additional aggregate identifiers
 - ✓ Additional displayers
 - ✓ New behaviors

RenderabilityModule

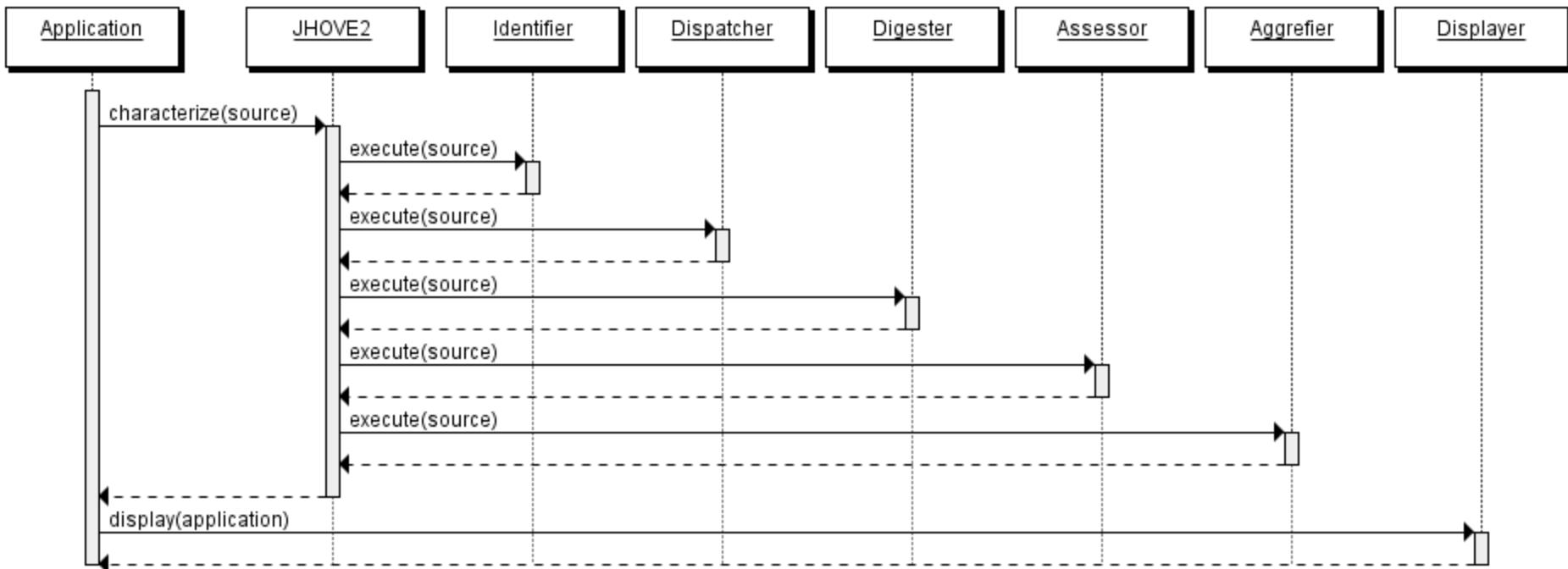


JHOVE2 framework

Embodiment of a characterization strategy as a configurable sequence of command-invoked modules

```
public void characterize(Source source, Input input)
    throws IOException, JHOVE2Exception
{
    source.getTimerInfo().setStartTime();
    /* Update summary counts of source units, by type. */
    this.sourceCounter.incrementSourceCounter(source);
    for (Command command : this.commands){
        TimerInfo time2 = command.getTimerInfo();
        time2.resetStartTime();
        try {
            command.execute(this, source, input);
        }
        finally {
            time2.setEndTime();
        }
    }    source.getTimerInfo().setEndTime();
}
```

Characterization





Key Interfaces

- Reportable
- Command
- Module
 - Identifier
 - FormatModule
 - Aggregier
 - Digester
 - Assessor
 - Displayer



Spring configuration: Identification

```
<!-- Identifier module bean -->
<bean id="Identifier" class="org.jhove2.module.identify.IdentifierModule"
      scope="prototype">
    <property name="developers">
      <list value-type="org.jhove2.core.Agent">
        <ref bean="CDLAgent"/>
        <ref bean="PorticoAgent"/>
        <ref bean="StanfordAgent"/>
      </list>
    </property>
    <property name="fileSourceIdentifier" ref="droidIdentifier"/>
</bean>

<!-- DROID identifier bean -->
<bean id="droidIdentifier" class="org.jhove2.module.identify.DroidIdentifier"
      scope="prototype">
    <property name="developers">
      <list value-type="org.jhove2.core.Agent">
        <ref bean="CDLAgent"/>
        <ref bean="PorticoAgent"/>
        <ref bean="StanfordAgent"/>
      </list>
    </property>
    <property name="configFilePath" ref="droidConfigFilePath"/>
    <property name="sigFilePath" ref="droidSigFilePath" />
</bean>
```



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    <property name="developers">
        <list value-type="org.jhove2.core.Agent">
            <ref bean="CDLAgent"/>
            <ref bean="PorticoAgent"/>
            <ref bean="StanfordAgent"/>
        </list>
    </property>
    <property name="fileSourceIdentifier" ref="bsdIdentifier" />
</bean>

<!-- MYINSTITUTION BSD-FILE-Based identifier bean -->
<bean id="bsdIdentifier" class="org.myinstitution.identify.BsdFileIdentifier"
      scope="prototype">
    <property name="developers">
        <list value-type="org.jhove2.core.Agent">
            <ref bean="MYINSTITUTIONAGENT"/>
        </list>
    </property>
    <property name="runtimepath" ref="bsdFileRuntimePath"/>
</bean>
```



Documentation

<http://www.jhove2.org/>

Installation and Configuration

- JHOVE2 User's Guide

Technical information

- Architecture Document
- Format Module Specifications
- How to Write a Format Module



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Assessment

Evaluation of prior characterization information relative to local policy

Assessment results can inform preservation decision making

- Determine level of risk
- Assign level of service
- Take action now or later

Assessment rules

Assertions whose terms are logical expressions based on prior characterization properties

- Presence/absence of a property
- Constraints on property values
- Combinations of properties/values

The evaluation of the assertion results in new characterization properties

- Custom metadata that has significance in a local context

Assessment implementation

Each format module has a default rule set

Rules are configured using ARules

- Utility developed by CDL to create rule set in XML
- Future plans: a GUI

Predicates (conditions) are evaluated using MVEL

- <http://mvel.codehaus.org/>



Assessment rules

Logical expressions of the form:

If *condition* then *consequent* else *alternative*

- A condition is defined by either a universal or existential qualifier

\forall	“for all”
\exists	“for any”
\neg	“not any”

and an arbitrary set of predicates (logical assertions) of the form

property relation value

- Supported relational operators

= \equiv != < > \leq \geq contains exists



Assessment rule

JPEG 2000 example (*pseudo-code*)

```
If ALL_OF
    validity == true;
    exists(colourBox);
    exists(resolutionBox.capture)
```

Then

Acceptable

Else

Not acceptable

End If



Assessment rule

TIFF example

```
If ANY_OF
    validity == true ;
    ((ifh.messages contains
        'offsetNotByteAligned') or
     (ifd.messages contains
        'offsetNotByteAligned') or
     (ifd.messages contains
        'dateNotWellFormed'))
```

Then

Acceptable

Else

Not acceptable

End If



Assessment rule

WAVE example

```
If ALL_OF
    validity == true ;
    exists(broadcastWaveExtensionChunk) ;
    waveFormatChunk.nSamplesPerSec == 96000 ;
    waveFormatChunk.nBitsPerSample == 24
```

Then

Acceptable

Else

Not acceptable

End If



Assessment rule

XML example

```
If ANY_OF
    validity == true ;
    (validity == undetermined) and
    (wellFormed == true)
```

Then

Acceptable

Else

Not acceptable

End If



ARules configuration

```
ruleset XmlRuleSet enabled org.jhove2.module.format.xml.XmlModule
desc Ruleset for XML module
```

```
rule XmlStandaloneRule enabled
desc Does XML Declaration specify standalone status?
cons Is Standalone
alt Is Not Standalone
quant all
pred xmlDeclaration.standalone == "yes"
```

```
rule XmlAcceptableRule enabled
desc Is the XML status acceptable?
cons Acceptable
alt Not Acceptable
quant any
pred valid.name() == "True"
pred (valid.name() == "Undetermined")
&& (wellFormed.name() == "True")
```



ARules utility output

```
<!-- RuleSet bean for the XmlModule -->
<bean id="XmlRuleSet" class="org.jhove2.module.assess.RuleSet"
      scope="singleton">
    <property name="name" value="XmlRuleSet"/>
    <property name="description"
              value="RuleSet for Xml Module"/>
    <property name="objectFilter"
              value="org.jhove2.module.format.xml.XmlModule"/>
    <property name="rules">
      <list value-type="org.jhove2.module.assess.Rule">
        <ref local="XmlStandaloneRule"/>
        <ref local="XmlValidityRule"/>
      </list>
    </property>
    <property name="enabled" value="true"/>
</bean>
```



ARules utility output

```
<!-- Rule bean for evaluating validity value -->
<bean id="XmlValidityRule"
      class="org.jhove2.module.assess.Rule" scope="singleton">
    <property name="name" value="XmlValidityRule"/>
    <property name="description"
              value="Is the XML validity status acceptable?"/>
    <property name="consequent" value="Acceptable"/>
    <property name="alternative" value="Not Acceptable"/>
    <property name="quantifier" value="ANY_OF"/>
    <property name="predicates">
      <list value-type="java.lang.String">
        <value><![CDATA[( >valid.toString() == 'true')]]</value>
        <value><![CDATA[(valid.toString() == 'undetermined') &&
          (wellFormed.toString() == 'true')]]></value>
      </list>
    </property>
    <property name="enabled" value="true"/>
</bean>
```



JHOVE2 Assessment Output

Module {AssessmentModule}:

AssessmentResultSets:

AssessmentResultSet:

RuleSetName: XmlRuleSet

RuleSetDescription: Ruleset for XML module

ObjectFilter: org.jhove2.module.format.xml.XmlModule

BooleanResult: **false**

AssessmentResults:

AssessmentResult:

RuleName: XmlStandaloneRule

RuleDescription: **Does XML Declaration specify standalone status?**

BooleanResult: false

NarrativeResult: **Is Not Standalone**

AssessmentDetails: ALL_OF { xmlDeclaration.standalone == "yes" => false; }

AssessmentResult:

RuleName: XmlAcceptableRule

RuleDescription: **Is the XML status acceptable?**

BooleanResult: true

NarrativeResult: **Acceptable**

AssessmentDetails: ANY_OF { valid.name() == "True" => true;(valid.name() == "Undetermined") && (wellFormed.name() == "True") => false; }



Practical applications

Assessment has practical applications in

- Ingest workflows
- Migration workflows
- Digitization workflows
- Publishing workflows

It can be extended to build tools capable of more complex analyses

- Weighted scoring system
- “Institutional technology profiles”



Other Assessment Activities

- Archive Ingest and Handling Test
Stanford University Libraries
- AONS II (Automated Obsolescence Notification System)
National Library of Australia and APSR
- CIV (Configurable Image Validator)
Library of Congress
- Institutional Technology Profiles
National Library of New Zealand



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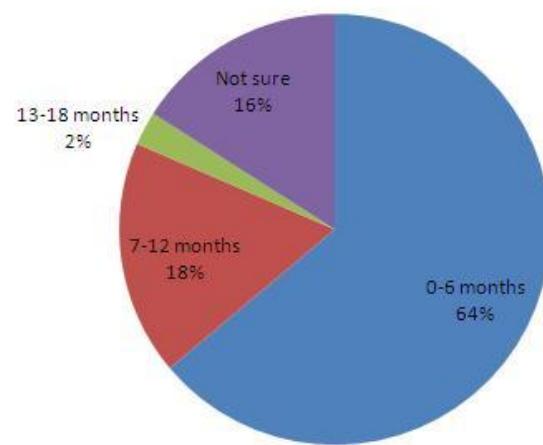
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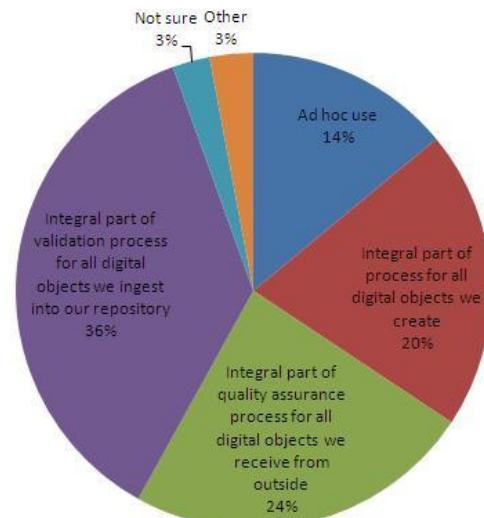
User survey

145 respondents, 88 institutions, 23 countries

3) How quickly do you plan to begin using JHOVE2 after its release?



5) Please characterize how you will use JHOVE2



Full results available at <https://confluence.ucop.edu/display/JHOVE2Info/User+survey>

Sustainability

Project partners will provide 3 years of self-funded maintenance (*but not development*)

- Support and maintain the core JHOVE2 code
- Provide training on integration and use
- Solicit and support 3rd party module development
- Solicit and support integration with other systems
- Grow a lightweight community structure to guide and foster JHOVE2 technical development

Define a long-term sustaining strategy



Community roles

Users	(read-only)
Contributors /	(read/submit)
Documenters	
Committers	(read/write/commit/release)
Sponsors	(fund/resource)
Steering group	(strategize/prioritize/incubate/outreach)
Educators	(support/train)



Workshops and training

Workshop possibilities

- Code4lib (Bloomington, Feb. 7-10, 2011)
- IS&T Archiving (Salt Lake City, May 16-19, 2011)
- Open Repositories (Austin, June 8-11, 2011)

Anticipate more trainings, more vehicles

- Train the trainer (Planets? Washington DC?)
- Webinars and videos

Suggestions welcome, volunteers encouraged



Future developments

3rd party development activities

- Integration with DuraCloud (DuraSpace)
- ARC module (Bibliothèque nationale de France)
- GIF, HTML, JPEG, PNG, virus, WARC modules (CDL / Deutsche Nationalbibliothek)

Possible development efforts

- Additional format modules
- Configuration GUIs
- JHOVE2-as-a-service
- Integration with DAITTS, DSpace, Fedora, FITS, etc.

Suggestions, volunteers and funders welcome



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