

# Open source tools

Some examples of open source projects  
used (present, future) by archivists

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# The four freedoms

- The freedom to run the program as you wish, for any purpose
- The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish
- The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor
- The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others

# FFmpeg

Tool for manipulating A/V files

Very versatile

Lot of formats supported

Lot of possibilities to manipulate A/V files

Command line tool

# ffmprovisr

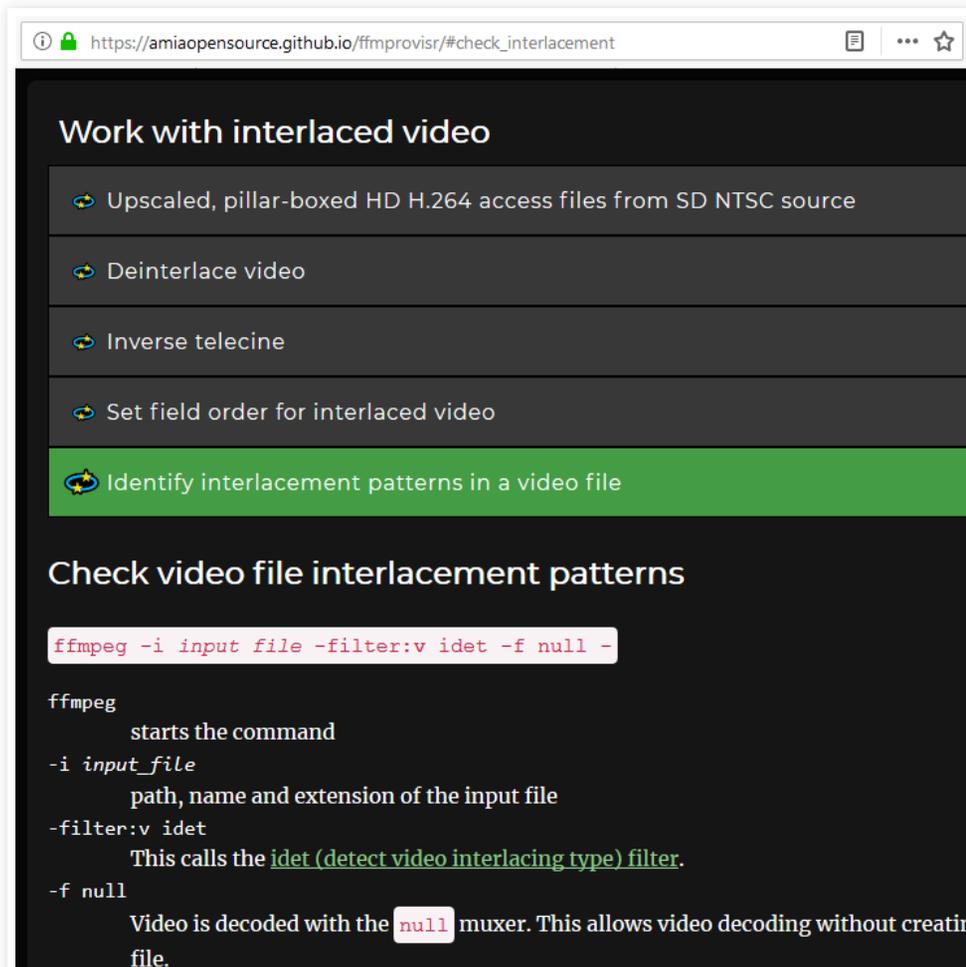
FFmpeg has a steep learning curve

ffmprovisr helps users through the command generation process so that more people can reap the benefits of FFmpeg

Maintained by archivists like you

<https://amiaopensource.github.io/ffmprovisr/>

# ffmpegprovisr



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `https://amiaopensource.github.io/ffmpegprovisr/#check_interlacement`. The page content is as follows:

## Work with interlaced video

- Upscaled, pillar-boxed HD H.264 access files from SD NTSC source
- Deinterlace video
- Inverse telecine
- Set field order for interlaced video
- Identify interlacement patterns in a video file**

## Check video file interlacement patterns

```
ffmpeg -i input_file -filter:v idet -f null -
```

`ffmpeg`  
starts the command

`-i input_file`  
path, name and extension of the input file

`-filter:v idet`  
This calls the [idet \(detect video interlacing type\) filter](#).

`-f null`  
Video is decoded with the `null` muxer. This allows video decoding without creating a file.

# QCTools

Helps users analyze and understand their digitized video files through use of audiovisual analytics and filtering

Based on FFmpeg

Graphical interface or command line

<https://www.bavc.org/preserve-media/preservation-tools/qctools>

(Development snapshots on  
<https://MediaArea.net/QCTools>)

# QCTools



# QCTools

Colors of digitized video are weird? Let's check...



# MediaInfo

Convenient unified display of the most relevant technical and tag data for video and audio files.

Graphical interface or command line or software library

<https://MediaArea.net/MediaInfo>



# MediaInfo

The screenshot shows the MediaInfo application window with the following content:

MediaArea.net/MediaInfo - C:\Example.mxf

File View Options Debug Help Language

C:\Example.mxf

Container and general information

MXF (OP-1a) (XDCAM HD 35): 2.28 GiB, 8 min 15 s	Overall bit rate: 39.5 Mb/s
1 video stream: MPEG Video	Encoded date: 2010-07-08 21:53:03.820
4 audio streams: PCM / PCM / PCM / PCM	Writing application: Omneon Inc. Omneon Media Subsystem
4 text streams: EIA-608 / EIA-708 / EIA-608 / EIA-708	Writing library: Omneon Media Api
3: MXF TC / MXF TC / SMPTE TC	

First video stream

35.0 Mb/s, 1440\*1080 (16:9), at 29.970 (30000/1001) FPS, MPEG Video (Version 2) (Main@High) (CustomMatrix / BVOP) (

First audio stream

768 kb/s, 48.0 kHz, 16 bits, 1 channel, PCM (Little)

Second audio stream

768 kb/s, 48.0 kHz, 16 bits, 1 channel, PCM (Little)

First text stream

EIA-608 (A/53 / DTVCC Transport)

Second text stream

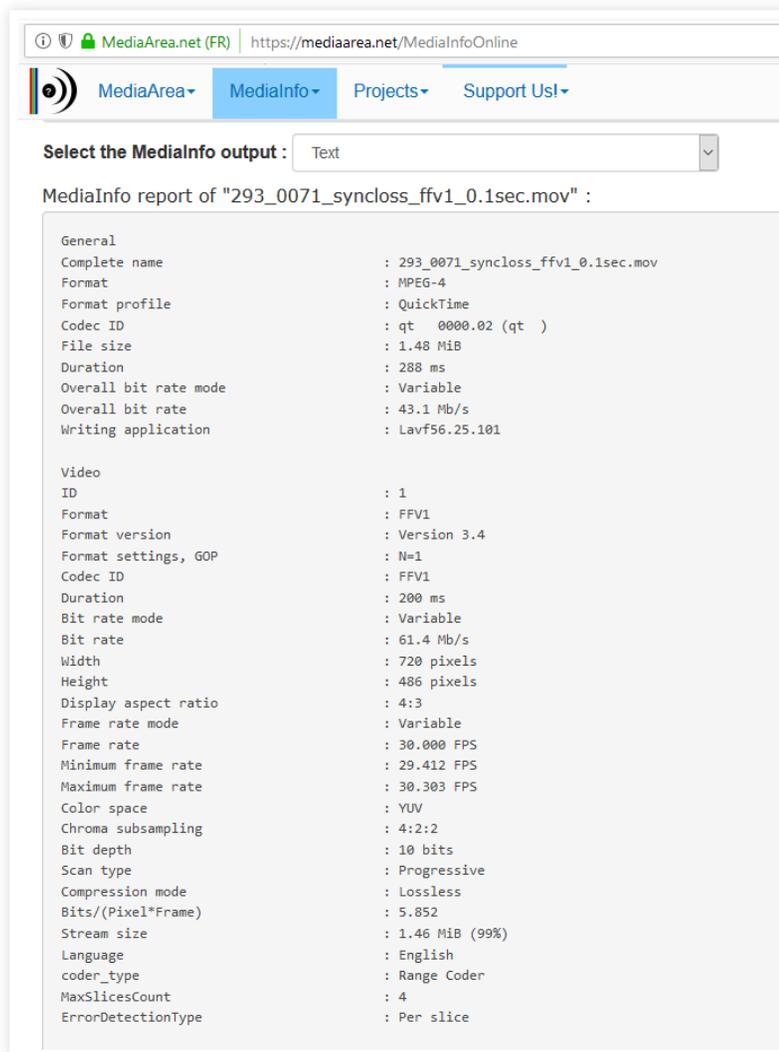
EIA-708 (A/53 / DTVCC Transport)

Third text stream

EIA-608 (Ancillary data / CDP)

Note : for more information about this file, you must select a different view (Sheet, Tree...) -->

# MediaInfoOnline



The screenshot shows the MediaInfoOnline website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the MediaArea logo and menu items: MediaArea, MediaInfo (highlighted), Projects, and Support Us. Below the navigation bar, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Select the MediaInfo output:" with "Text" selected. The main content area displays a MediaInfo report for the file "293\_0071\_syncloss\_ffv1\_0.1sec.mov".

MediaInfo report of "293\_0071\_syncloss\_ffv1\_0.1sec.mov" :

```
General
Complete name      : 293_0071_syncloss_ffv1_0.1sec.mov
Format             : MPEG-4
Format profile     : QuickTime
Codec ID           : qt 0000.02 (qt )
File size          : 1.48 MiB
Duration           : 288 ms
Overall bit rate mode : Variable
Overall bit rate   : 43.1 Mb/s
Writing application : Lavf56.25.101

Video
ID                 : 1
Format             : FFV1
Format version     : Version 3.4
Format settings, GOP : N=1
Codec ID           : FFV1
Duration           : 200 ms
Bit rate mode      : Variable
Bit rate           : 61.4 Mb/s
Width              : 720 pixels
Height             : 486 pixels
Display aspect ratio : 4:3
Frame rate mode    : Variable
Frame rate         : 30.000 FPS
Minimum frame rate : 29.412 FPS
Maximum frame rate : 30.303 FPS
Color space        : YUV
Chroma subsampling : 4:2:2
Bit depth          : 10 bits
Scan type          : Progressive
Compression mode   : Lossless
Bits/(Pixel*Frame) : 5.852
Stream size        : 1.46 MiB (99%)
Language           : English
coder_type         : Range Coder
MaxSlicesCount     : 4
ErrorDetectionType : Per slice
```

# MediaConch

Implementation and policy checking on FFV1, Matroska, LPCM (and more)

Based on MediaInfo

Graphical interface or command line

<https://MediaArea.net/MediaConch>



# MediaConch

## Implementation and Policy reporter

Check by file upload   Check online files   Check server files

Policy: Choose a policy   Display: MediaConch Html   Verbosity: Default level   [Check files](#)

### Results

Apply a policy to all results: Choose a new policy to apply

Show 10 entries   Search:

Files	Implem	Policy	MediaInfo	MediaTrace	Status
ffv1_test_pixfmt-yuv444p10le...	✓ Valid	✗ Matroska is well described?			✓
ffv1_test_pixfmt-yuva422p_co...	✓ Valid	✗ Matroska is well described?			✓
ffv1_test_pixfmt-yuva444p_co...					
veraPDF test suite 6-1-10-t0...	✗ Not valid	✗ Matroska is well described?			✓
train1.tif	✗ Not valid	✗ Matroska is well described?			✓
buggy_header.pdf	✗ Not valid	✗ Matroska is well described?			✓

Showing 11 to 16 of 16 entries

Previous   1   2   Next

# MediaConch

## Implementation report:

 MediaConch Report

File: C:/temp/FFV1+PCM\_WithChecksum\_Untouched.mkv  
MediaConch EBML Implementation Checker

Toggle all verbosity:

- ▶ **EBML-ELEM-START** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-VER-COH** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-DOCVER-COH** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-ELEMENT-VALID-PARENT** Tests run: 87 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-ELEMENT-NONMULTIPLES** Tests run: 70 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-ELEMENT-CONTAINS-MANDATES** Tests run: 43 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-ELEMENT-IN-SIZE-RANGE** Tests run: 43 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-VALID-MAXID** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-VALID-MAXSIZE** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **HEADER-ELEMENTS-WITHIN-IDLENGTH-LIMIT** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **ELEMENTS-WITHIN-MAXIDLENGTH** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **HEADER-ELEMENTS-WITHIN-MAXSIZELENGTH** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **ELEMENTS-WITHIN-MAXSIZELENGTH** Tests run: 1 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **MKV-SEEK-RESOLVE** Tests run: 4 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-CRC-FIRST** Tests run: 6 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **EBML-CRC-VALID** Tests run: 6 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **MKV-VALID-TRACKTYPE-VALUE** Tests run: 2 | Results: ✔
- ▶ **MKV-VALID-BOOLEANS** Tests run: 3 | Results: ✔

MediaConch FFV1 Implementation Checker

- ▶ **FFV1-SLICE-CRC-VALID** Tests run: 4 | Results: ✔

MediaConch PCM Implementation Checker

## Policy report:

 MediaConch Report

File: C:/temp/FFV1+PCM\_WithChecksum\_Untouched.mkv

- ▼ **Example MKV FFV1 digitization policy** ✘ fail  
Example of a digitization specification of analog SD video to FFV1 and Matroska.  
**Type:** and | **Rules run:** 17 | **Fail count:** 5 | **Pass count:** 12
  - ▶ **Is it Matroska?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **Matroska version 4 or greater?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **Unique ID is present?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **Is the video FFV1?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **FFV1 is version 3.4 or later?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **FFV1 is encoded in GOP size of 1?** ✘ fail
  - ▶ **FFV1 uses slice crcs?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **Display Aspect Ratio is 4/3?** ✘ fail (Actual: 1.222)
  - ▶ **Frame Rate is Constant?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **ColorSpace is YUV?** ✘ fail (Actual: RGB)
  - ▶ **Chroma Subsampling is 4:2:2?** ✘ fail
  - ▶ **Audio is PCM?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **Audio is 48000 Hz?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **Is this NTSC or PAL SD?** ✘ fail
  - ▶ **Bit Depth is 8 or 10?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **Audio is Stereo or Mono?** ✔ pass
  - ▶ **Bit Depth is 16 or 24?** ✔ pass

# MediaConch

## General information about your files

Key	Value
C:/Programmation/PreFormaMediaInfo/SampleTestFiles/FFV1/ffv1_3.mkv	
General	
UniqueID	88323790047680325859674626238128084708
Format	Matroska
Format_Version	4
FileSize	126167
Duration	1.000
OverallBitRate	1009336
FrameRate	25.000
FrameCount	25
StreamSize	2511
Video	
StreamOrder	0
ID	1
UniqueID	1
Format	FFV1
Format_Version	3.4
CodecID	V_MS/VFW/FOURCC / FFV1
Duration	1.000
BitRate	989250
Width	320

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## Inspect your files

Offset	Key	Value
0x00000000	EBML (30 bytes)	
0x0000001e	Segment (35726 bytes)	
0x0000001e	Header (12 bytes)	
0x0000002a	SeekHead (115 bytes)	
0x0000009d	Void (88 bytes)	
0x000000f5	Info (139 bytes)	
0x00000180	Tracks (112 bytes)	
0x00000180	Header (5 bytes)	
0x00000185	CRC-32 (6 bytes)	
0x0000018b	TrackEntry (101 bytes)	
0x0000018b	Header (2 bytes)	
0x0000018d	CRC-32 (6 bytes)	
0x00000193	TrackNumber - 1 (3 bytes)	
0x00000196	TrackType - 1 (3 bytes)	
0x00000199	CodecID - V_FFV1 (8 bytes)	
0x000001a1	TrackUID - 1 (4 bytes)	
0x000001a5	FlagLacing - 0 (3 bytes)	
0x000001a8	Language - und (7 bytes)	
0x000001af	DefaultDuration - 40000000 (8 bytes)	
0x000001b7	Video (12 bytes)	
0x000001c3	CodecPrivate (45 bytes)	
0x000001c3	Header (3 bytes)	
0x000001c6	version	3 (0x3)
0x000001c6	micro_version	4 (0x4)
0x000001c6	coder_type	0 (0x0)

# MediaConch

## Policy editor

Policy list:

Q Search

- User policies
  - Video file is MKV + FFV1-Intra + PCM or FLAC with CRC32 everywhere (or)
    - MKV, FFV1 Intra, PCM/FLAC, error detection (and)
      - Container is MKV**
      - Video is FFV1
      - GOP size of 1
      - Container uses error detection
      - Video uses error detection
      - Audio is PCM or FLAC (or)
      - Has no video track
    - matrix\_coefficients not same (and)
  - System policies
    - Is this NTSC or PAL SD? (and)
    - Example MKV FFV1 digitization policy (and)
    - Matroska is well described? (and)
    - CAVPP Preservation Master (and)
    - Memoriav Video files Recommendations (or)

Rule type:  MediaInfo  MediaTrace

Rule name ⓘ:

Track type ⓘ \*:

Field ⓘ \*:

Occurrence ⓘ:

Validator ⓘ:

Content \*:

# MediaConch

## Public policies

Public policies page lists policies our users would like to share with you.

If you want to share yours, go to [policy editor page](#) (don't forget to [login](#) in order to associate your policy to your account), select the policy you want so share and set the "policy visibility" field to "public".

### Video file is MKV + FFV1-Intra + PCM or FLAC with CRC32 everywhere

Test that the video file is suitable for archiving purposes from my point of view ;-).  
- Container format is Matroska with error detection (CRC)  
- Video format is FFV1 with error detection (CRC) and with Intra mode (each frame is independent)  
- Audio format is PCM (unfortunately it can not contain error detection) or FLAC (it has CRC by design)

Maintainer: Jérôme Martinez (MediaArea)  
License: CC-BY-SA-4.0+

Add to my policies

Export

### PDF is PDF/A

Test that a PDF is suitable for archives.  
Note: for the moment, test that it is marked as PDF/A. Other ideas?

Maintainer: Jérôme Martinez (MediaArea)  
License: CC-BY-SA-4.0+

Add to my policies

Export

### TIFF is Raw

Test that a TIFF file is suitable for archive.  
Note: for the moment, test that it is raw. Other ideas?

Maintainer: Jérôme Martinez (MediaArea)  
License: CC-BY-SA-4.0+

Add to my policies

Export

### Austrian Mediathek: Preservation Master (Video)

PAL/NTSC, FFV1 version 0/1, PCM 44.1/48kHz in AVI

Maintainer: Peter B.  
License: CC-BY-4.0+

Add to my policies

Export

# BWF MetaEdit

Embedding, validating, and exporting of metadata in Broadcast WAVE Format (BWF) files

Supports the FADGI Broadcast WAVE Metadata Embedding Guidelines

Graphical interface or command line

<https://MediaArea.net/BWFMetaEdit>

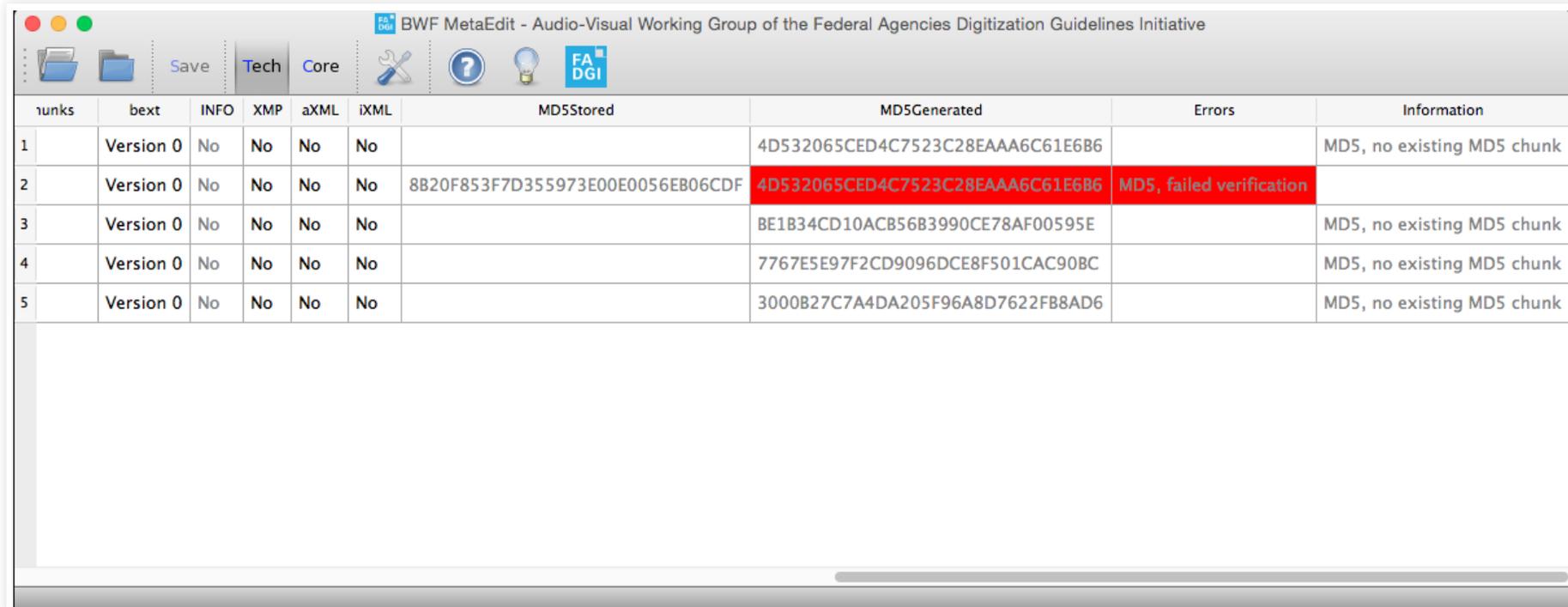
# BWF MetaEdit

Technical Metadata   Core Metadata   Rules   File management

Select which standards and rule sets to follow during use of BWF MetaEdit. Selection of rule sets will constrained the allowed data entry and may add a See documentation on BWF MetaEdit Rules within the Help documentation.

- BWF (EBU Tech 3285) requirements
- BWF (EBU Tech 3285) recommendations
- BWF CodingHistory (EBU Tech R98-1999) recommendations
- BWF OriginatorReference (EBU R99-1999) recommendations
- INFO (Microsoft definition) requirements
- INFO (Microsoft definition) recommendations
- Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative recommendations

# BWF MetaEdit



The screenshot shows the BWF MetaEdit application window. The title bar reads "BWF MetaEdit - Audio-Visual Working Group of the Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative". The interface includes a menu bar with "Save", "Tech", and "Core" options, and a toolbar with icons for file operations, help, and a lightbulb. Below the toolbar is a table with the following columns: "chunks", "best", "INFO", "XMP", "aXML", "iXML", "MD5Stored", "MD5Generated", "Errors", and "Information".

chunks	best	INFO	XMP	aXML	iXML	MD5Stored	MD5Generated	Errors	Information
1	Version 0	No	No	No	No		4D532065CED4C7523C28EAAA6C61E6B6		MD5, no existing MD5 chunk
2	Version 0	No	No	No	No	8B20F853F7D355973E00E0056EB06CDF	4D532065CED4C7523C28EAAA6C61E6B6	MD5, failed verification	
3	Version 0	No	No	No	No		BE1B34CD10ACB56B3990CE78AF00595E		MD5, no existing MD5 chunk
4	Version 0	No	No	No	No		7767E5E97F2CD9096DCE8F501CAC90BC		MD5, no existing MD5 chunk
5	Version 0	No	No	No	No		3000B27C7A4DA205F96A8D7622FB8AD6		MD5, no existing MD5 chunk

# AVI MetaEdit

Embedding, validating, and exporting of metadata in AVI (Standard and OpenDML) files

Supports the U.S. National Archives Guidelines recommendations

Graphical interface or command line

Is similar to BWF MetaEdit? Right, code from BWF MetaEdit was reused, limiting development cost

<https://MediaArea.net/AVIMetaEdit>

# AVI MetaEdit

Technical Metadata   Core Metadata   Rules

Select which standards and rule sets to follow during u  
Selection of rule sets will constrained the allowed data  
See documentation on AVI MetaEdit Rules within the F

- AVI (New Multimedia Data Types and Data Technic
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- INFO (Microsoft definition) requirements
- INFO (Microsoft definition) recommendations
- U.S. National Archives recommendations

# MOV MetaEdit

Embedding and editing of metadata in MOV (Apple QuickTime) or MP4 (ISO/IEC 14496-14 a.k.a. MPEG-4 Part 14) files.

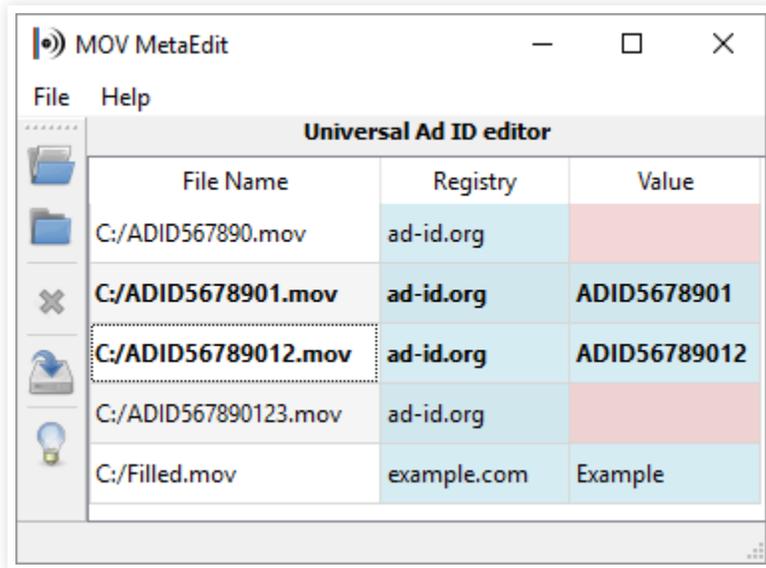
It is currently focused on Universal Ad ID metadata and Pixel Aspect Ratio edition

Sponsors were not interested in more. Could be expanded on request

Graphical interface or command line

<https://MediaArea.net/MOVMetaEdit>

# MOV MetaEdit



The screenshot shows a window titled "MOV MetaEdit" with a menu bar containing "File" and "Help". Below the menu bar is a section titled "Universal Ad ID editor" which contains a table with three columns: "File Name", "Registry", and "Value". The table lists five entries, with the third entry highlighted by a dotted border.

File Name	Registry	Value
C:/ADID567890.mov	ad-id.org	
<b>C:/ADID5678901.mov</b>	<b>ad-id.org</b>	<b>ADID5678901</b>
<b>C:/ADID56789012.mov</b>	<b>ad-id.org</b>	<b>ADID56789012</b>
C:/ADID567890123.mov	ad-id.org	
C:/Filled.mov	example.com	Example

# vrecord

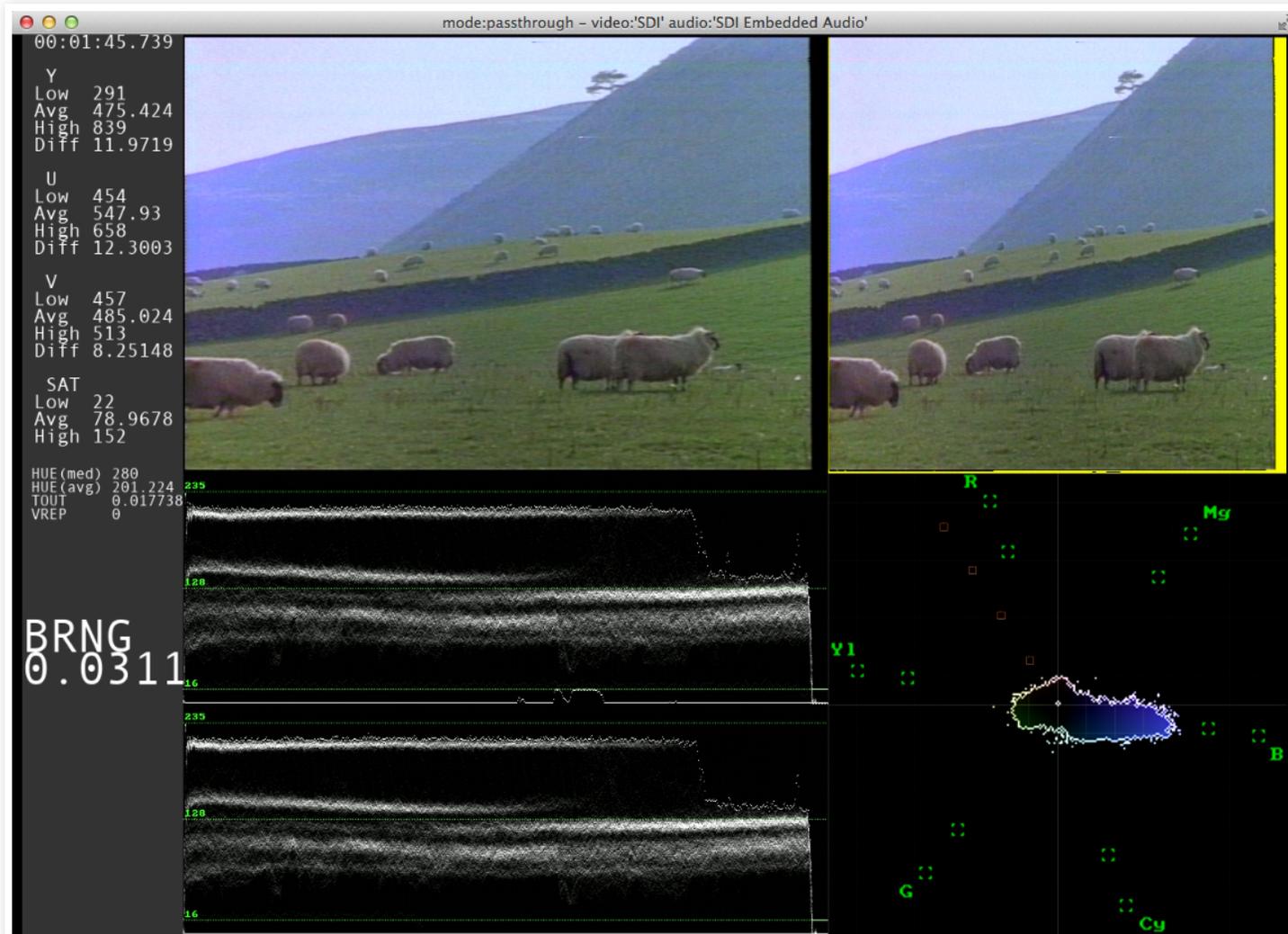
Tool to digitise analogue video

Make videotape digitization or transfer easier.

Blackmagic Design capture cards currently supported

<https://github.com/amiaopensource/vrecord>

# vrecord



# VirtualDub FFV1

VirtualDub is a Windows transcoding tool with a GUI

No FFV1 supported by current version

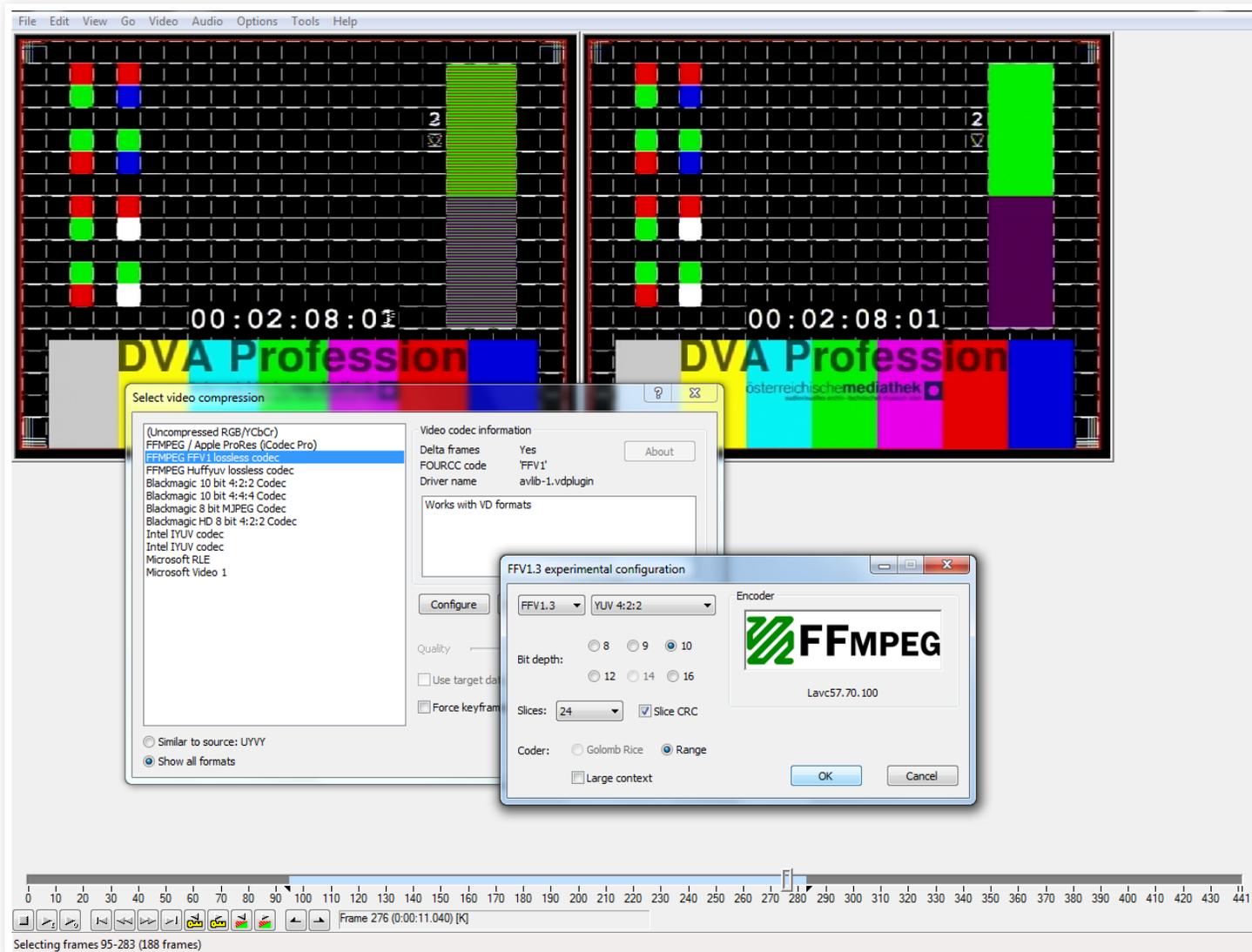
Developers abandoned the tool (no more development)

But it is open source

"Nobody wants to update the tool? Let's add FFV1 support ourselves"

[http://www.av-rd.com/projects/2017-virtualdub\\_ffv1.html](http://www.av-rd.com/projects/2017-virtualdub_ffv1.html)

# VirtualDub FFD1



# RAWcooked

Encodes RAW audio-visual data (DPX/TIFF) into a losslessly compressed file (no more unplayable TAR!)

Metadata accompanying the RAW data are preserved (reversibility)

Sidecar files, like MD5, LUT or XML, are in container attachments

<https://MediaArea.net/RAWcooked>

# RAWcooked

- Final package is 1.5-3x (usually 2x) smaller than DPX/TIFF
- Checksum by "Cluster" (usually 1 second) at container level
- Checksum by "Slice" (you choose how many per frame) at video level
- Files are natively playable by lot of tools (FFmpeg, VLC...)

# RAWcooked

- Storage

Save HDD/LTO space: either ~2x less cost for same redundancy or 2x more redundancy for ~ same cost

- Transport

Encode, transport, decode; you save bandwidth (€... and transfer speed) without changing something else in your workflow (same files after revert to DPX/TIFF)

# RAWcooked

In development

Stable release planned next month

~20 DPX flavors (RGB/RGBA \* bitdepth \* filled/packed \* Big/Little endian) supported

Uses FFmpeg FFV1 encoder (internal encoder planned),  
uses internal FFV1 decoder

Transparent development, all at

<https://github.com/MediaArea/RAWcooked>

# RAWcooked

Developed by MediaArea

<https://MediaArea.net>

Main sponsorship by AV Preservation by reto.ch

<https://reto.ch>

With additional financial support from some other archives:

- CNA (National Audiovisual Centre of Luxembourg)
- Nasjonalbiblioteket (National Library of Norway)
- IFI (Irish Film Institute)
- Northwestern University Libraries
- You?

# Projects have similar patterns

This is open source

One can peek code from another project

Lot of libraries are shared

A community (e.g. archives from different countries) can build an ecosystem

# Funding

Driven by user requests

Most of tools were funded after a need is detected by users

Why paying for something you don't control? (is your current choice future proof?)

Everyone (you included) can develop or sponsor a development

You can fork if you think you have a better idea than others

Users have full control

# Actors

**Funding:** European Commission, MoMA, National Endowment for the Humanities, the Knight Foundation, Library of Congress and FADGI, NARA (National Archives and Records Administration), CNA (National Audiovisual Centre of Luxembourg), Nasjonalbiblioteket (National Library of Norway), IFI (Irish Film Institute), Northwestern University Libraries and lot of small sponsoring from tens of other small to large entities

# Actors

Management: MediaArea, AVP, Bay Area Video Coalition...

Development: MediaArea, lot of individual developers, and lot of archivists!

Funding, management, development: not always same people. You decide.

# Stay in touch

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