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VideoQ Productivity Tools and Media Ambit TM

Advanced Metadata Acquisition and Usage

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VideoQ Philosophy of Media Data Processing

- 1. Automatically generated **Extended Technical Metadata** and **Reports** are must be and must cover: Image aspect ratio, contrast, sharpness, sound loudness, noise and other unwanted components levels are among the most critical parameters affecting the subjective estimation of AV content quality.
- 2. Traditional professional image & sound QA/QC methodology, based on the usage of large number of high-grade video & audio monitors, etc. is no longer the answer, **but we learn that QA/QC is still needed**.
- 3. In this automated environment a **smaller number of human operators** should focus *only* on optional final checks and/or complicated cases.
- 4. And these operators must be equipped with appropriate **software tools and indicators** presenting all relevant parameters in a time-saving "easy to spot at a glance" way.

The VideoQ **VQPT** modules answer the need for such automatic tools.

Combination of VQPT suite modules with other VideoQ tools, such as **VQV** – Player/Viewer/Analyzer and **VQMP** – Advanced QA/QC Media Player, will result in further increase of workflow efficiency.

VideoQ Productivity Tools Core Foundations

- VideoQ Productivity Tools are designed "by engineers, for engineers"
- 2. An ever higher number of channels/programs/titles
- 3. And a permanently growing number of formats, frames sizes, bitrates, etc.
- 4. Human resources required for input QC and output QC has escalated
- 5. A new approach and **new tools** are needed as demanded by our customers
- 6. Hence VideoQ has changed the focus from our traditional T&M tools to **Automated Productivity Tools**
- 7. Automation is essential, but ...
- 8. Human intervention cannot be excluded
- 9. Thus, our slogan is: 'Robot-assisted human decisions'

Learn more about VideoQ Productivity Tools: www.videoq.com/vqpt.html

About Media Ambits

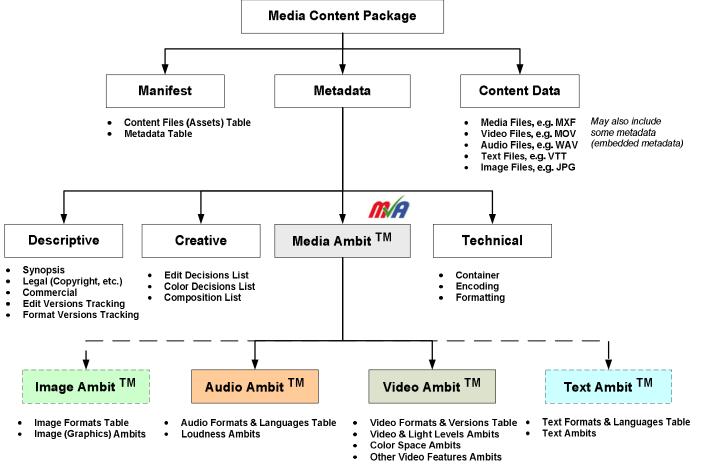
What it is:

- [me·dia am·bit] noun: Technical and semantic metadata about moving images, sounds, and timed text; embedded in files or externally centralized.
- Sentence example: Their system uses media ambits to automate ingest and delivery.
- Variations: Video Ambit, HDR Ambit, Audio Ambit, Timed Text Ambit, etc.

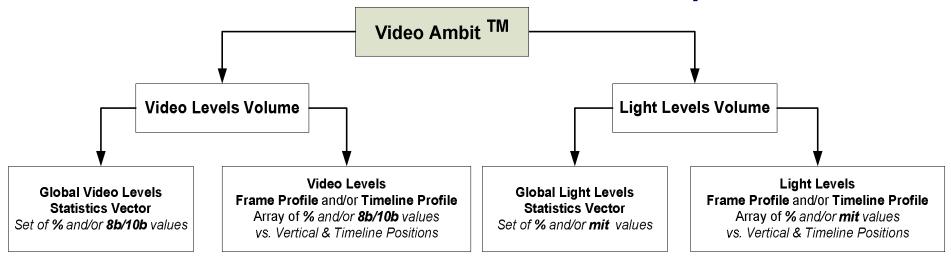
Ambit's Role for Automated and Automation-Assisted Workflows:

- · Robot-assisted human decision-making tools.
- Robots-learning-from-people tools.
- Ambits repositories and machine services optimized for automation, web services, and directed acyclic workflows.
- Automated and manual control of optimized video and audio processing/conversion
- Automated and manual quality assurance and quality control tools
- Measure, annotate and automatically modify files to match target ambits.
- Notify machines, people and dashboards in automated workflows.

Media Ambit and Media Package Data Structure



Video Ambit Data Structure Example



Video Levels in % are calculated by offsetting Video Levels by **Nominal Black** value and division by the specified **Nominal Range** of the corresponding **Channel**.

Levels Statistics Vector & Profile Channels:

- Y, U, V primary data read/decoded from media file/stream
- R, G, B secondary data derived from YUV data
- $\mathbf{D} = \text{MinRGB} \text{darkest of 3 image components}$
- **M** = MaxRGB brightest of 3 image components
- **LL** = Light Level data derived from M data via HDR/SDR model

Model nit = **Video Levels** to **Light Level** Model output. Standard Conversion Models: **SDR**, **HDR-PQ**, **HDR-HLG**

Examples of Video Ambit individual parameters:

Frame Average Light Level = FALL

- FALL Timeline Profile = FALLTP
- Global Max Light Level = GMLL
- Frame Average Y Level = FAYL
- Line Upper M Level Frame Profile = LUMLFP

Media Ambits and VideoQ

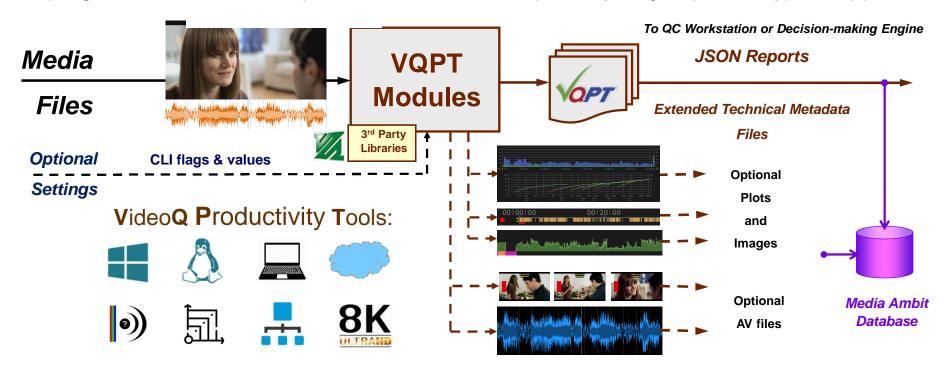
VideoQ developed essential tools for Ambit-based Automated and Automation-Assisted Workflows:

- VQPT VideoQ Productivity Tools, suite of unattended program modules for Windows/Mac/Linux platforms that make Media Ambit metadata, plots, and images required for databases & orchestrators http://www.videoq.com/vqpt.html
- VQV Media Files Player/Viewer/Analyzer/Converter for deep analysis QA/QC applications http://www.videog.com/vqv.html
- VQMP Advanced QA/QC Media Player compatible with VideoQ VQV Viewer-Analyzer http://www.videoq.com/vqmp.html
- **VQCP** Video QC secure player for human review and supervision, compatible with Media Ambit tools and practices
 - http://www.videog.com/vqpt.html

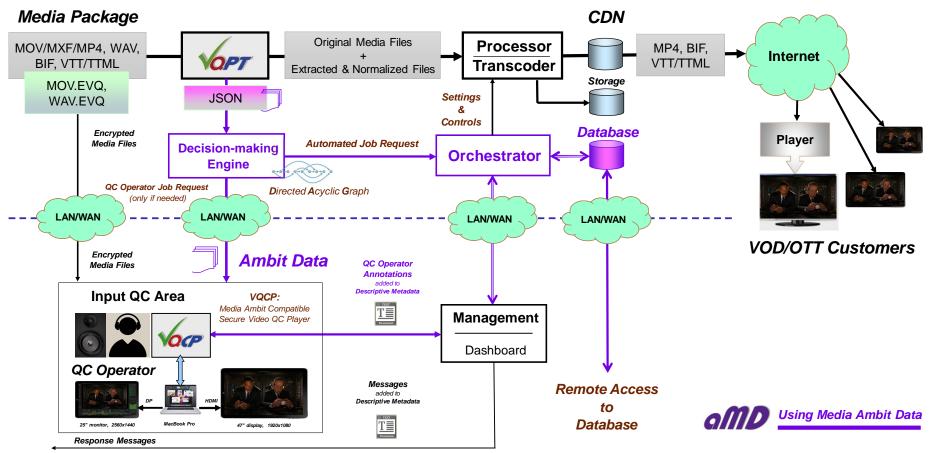
Media Ambit Metadata Acquisition Workflow

VQPT is a suite of portable Windows/Linux CLI programs for on premises and cloud computing. It can be used for production, post-production and distribution applications.

The program modules can be purchased and used separately or grouped for typical applications.



VQPT and Media Ambit Data Usage Workflow Example



About VideoQ

Company History

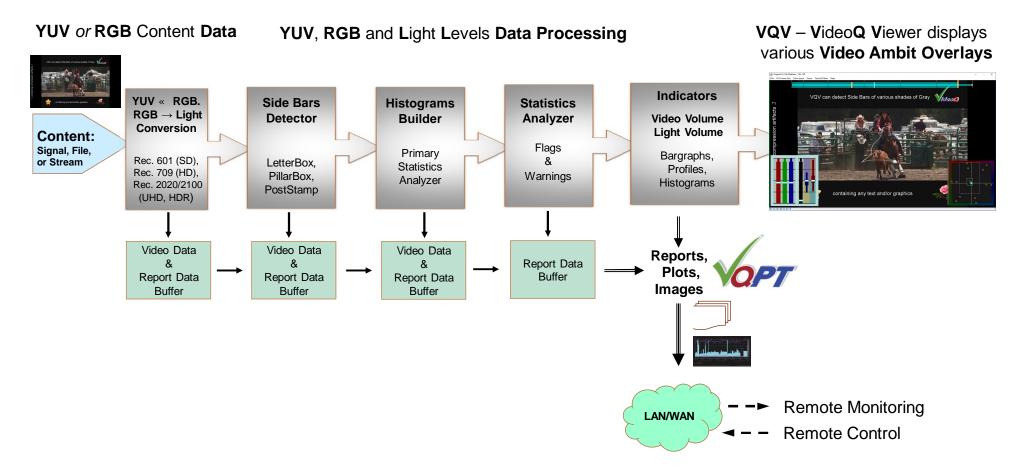


- Founded in 2005
- Formed by an Engineering Awards winning team sharing between them decades of global video technology.
- VideoQ is a renown player in calibration and benchmarking of Video Processors, Transcoders and Displays, providing tools and technologies instantly revealing artifacts, problems and deficiencies, thus raising the bar in productivity and video quality experience.
- VideoQ products and services cover all aspects of video processing and quality assurance from visual picture
 quality estimation and quality control to fully automated processing, utilizing advanced VideoQ algorithms and
 robotic video quality analyzers, including latest UHD and HDR developments.

Operations

- Headquarters in CA, USA
- Software developers in Silicon Valley and worldwide
- Distributors and partners in several countries
- Sales & support offices in USA, UK

Video Ambit Data Acquisition Workflow Example



Audio Ambit Example – VQLPN JSON Report

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Audio Ambit Example – VQLPN Plot

- Integrated Loudness is much higher than -23 LUFS target value. IL = -12.9 LUFS, probably legacy content
- True Peak value is relatively high: -1.7 dBTP
- Dual Mono (L=R) stereo content detected, probably upconverted from mono original
- Upper Levels Histogram shows that minor Clipping Distortions are possible.

shows possible minor distortions Small White square marks max Momentary Loudness time position UideoQ, Inc. (タモの5-prestant, VideoQ Productivity Tools, VQLPN - Audio Loudness Profiler and Normalizer v.1.2.2(ビ 2022-08-20100:09:36.8037 ■▲Max Momentary Loudness: -5.9 LUFS Selected stream: 1/1, 2.0, L R, eng ■ Dual mono detected 60 70 100 - - True Peak Momentary Loudness
 Warning Integrated Loudness Target: -17 LUFS, Tolerance: 1 LU ■ ■ ■ Target/Tolerance Cumulative duration by type: Regular Audio 00:06:55.123 Loudness Range **III.**, Histogram Integrated Loudness: -12.9 LUFS, Loudness Range: 7.3 LU, True Peak: -1.7 dBTP. Normalized M4A file exported, gain: -4.1 dB

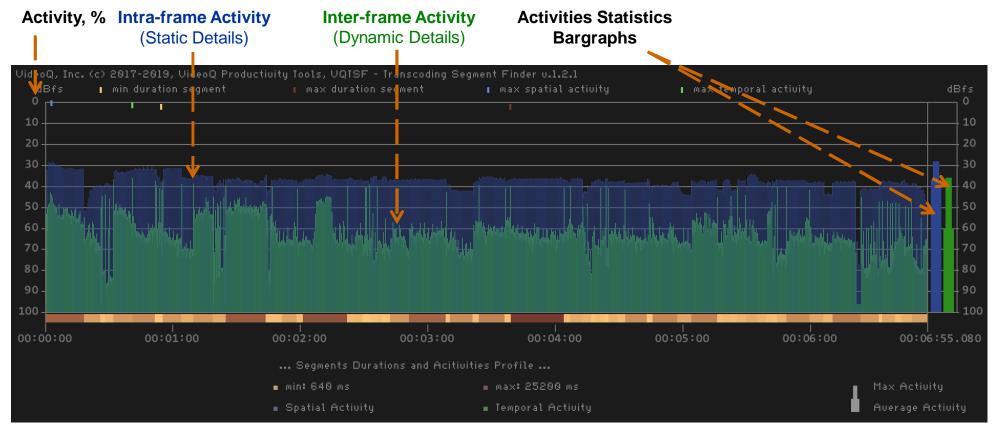
True Peak level

is relatively high;

Upper Levels Histogram

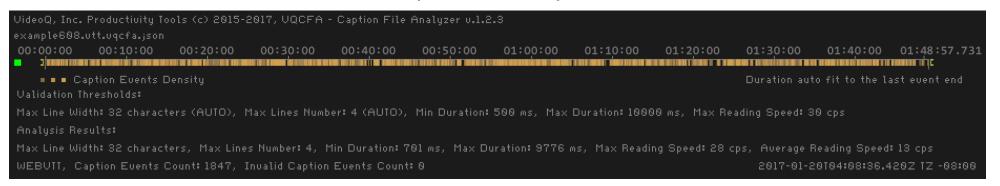
Video Ambit Example – VQTSF Plot

Media file duration: 6min 55s. **74** video segments found, relatively easy segment durations from 0.64s to 25.2s. Video Image Activity profiles are of medium strength, so we can get relatively good quality at relatively low bitrates.



Text Ambit Examples – VQCFA Plots

Normal Caption Events - No problems found



Multiple Caption Events are Out of Specs:
Reading Speed, Min Duration, Max Duration,
Overlapping Events, Max Lines Number, Max Chars Per Line

