

January Avalon Forum

Avalon as a Community

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Before we get started

- If you are logged in as “Guest” please identify yourself in the chat
- This session IS BEING RECORDED and will be placed online
- Microphones should be muted
- Please place questions into Chat - we will get to them in due course

Agenda

- What is Avalon (as a Community?)
- Avalon Community and Outreach
 - a. So, you want to check out Avalon? – what folks new to Avalon can do to try the technology
 - b. Let's Talk! – Avalon Slack and Avalon List Serves
 - c. Online and In Person – Avalon Office Hours and Avalon Forum
 - d. One of Us! – How you can assist in Avalon development
 - e. What we're doing in the coming year – training modules, co-development and more!
- Your Questions

What is Avalon (as a Community)?

Avalon is NOT

- A vendor - so don't worry about cost or \$\$\$
- Snooty developers who don't want to talk to you
- A team of 30 developers working in a super-high tech facility
- Impossible to install or figure out

What is Avalon (as a Community)?

Avalon is a nice group of folks

(they are literally thinking about puppies here)



What is Avalon (as a Community)?

Avalon is

- An open source project
- A repo centered on audio and video access
- Folks worried about audio and video access and preservation
- the library dev teams at Indiana and Northwestern University
- A community of users beyond NU and IU
- Part of the Samvera repo framework community



What is Avalon (as a Community)?

What would we like to see? More people

- trying Avalon
- using Avalon
- telling us how to make Avalon better
- asking us questions
- talking to each other on list-serves, Slack, at conferences and restaurants
- contributing code from local customizations and ideas
- joining the development community

All of us are Avalon!

Avalon Community

So, you want to check out Avalon?

1. GREAT!
2. Website: <http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/>
3. Contact Page: <http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/contact>
4. Tell us about yourself!
 - a. Who are you?
 - b. Where are you?
 - c. What is your intended use case?
5. We'll set you up on our demo system
6. We can schedule a call
 - a. Talk about what you're thinking of doing
 - b. Set up a training on the demo system, if you like

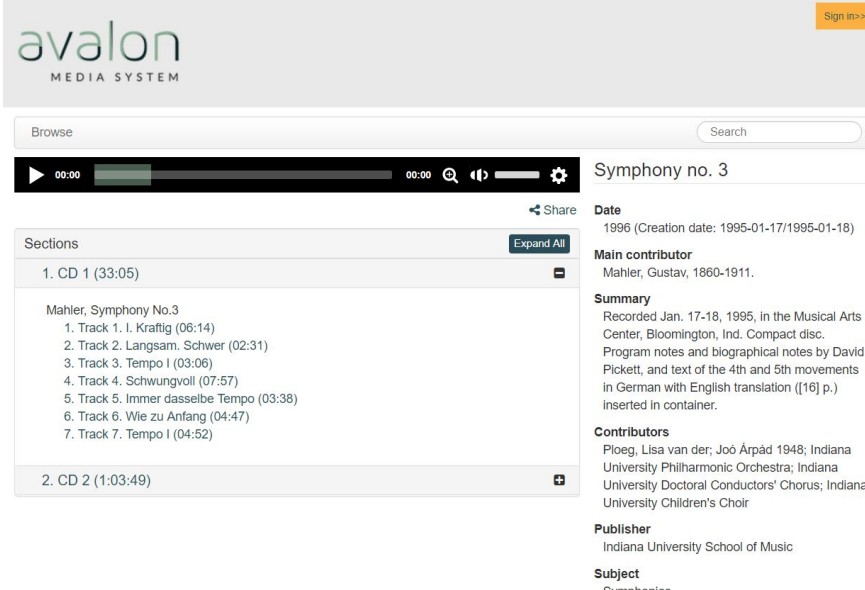
So, you want to check out Avalon?

Do:

- Schedule a session with an Avalon team member for a walk-through
- Upload some content
- Contact us with any questions

Don't

- Hesitate to ask any questions
- Assume that a feature is not there
- Be afraid to try things within the system



The screenshot displays the Avalon Media System interface. At the top left is the 'avalon MEDIA SYSTEM' logo. A search bar is located at the top right. Below the header is a media player for 'Symphony no. 3', showing a progress bar at 00:00 and various playback controls. To the right of the player is a 'Share' button. Below the player is a 'Sections' list with an 'Expand All' button. The first section is '1. CD 1 (33:05)', which contains a list of tracks: 'Mahler, Symphony No.3', '1. Track 1. I. Kraftig (06:14)', '2. Track 2. Langsam. Schwer (02:31)', '3. Track 3. Tempo I (03:06)', '4. Track 4. Schwungvoll (07:57)', '5. Track 5. Immer dasselbe Tempo (03:38)', '6. Track 6. Wie zu Anfang (04:47)', and '7. Track 7. Tempo I (04:52)'. The second section is '2. CD 2 (1:03:49)'. On the right side of the interface, there is a detailed metadata section for 'Symphony no. 3', including the date (1996), main contributor (Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911), a summary of the recording, and a list of contributors.

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1. CD 1 (33:05)

Mahler, Symphony No.3

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2. CD 2 (1:03:49)

Date
1996 (Creation date: 1995-01-17/1995-01-18)

Main contributor
Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911.

Summary
Recorded Jan. 17-18, 1995, in the Musical Arts Center, Bloomington, Ind. Compact disc. Program notes and biographical notes by David Pickett, and text of the 4th and 5th movements in German with English translation ([16] p.) inserted in container.

Contributors
Ploeg, Lisa van der; Joó Árpád 1948; Indiana University Philharmonic Orchestra; Indiana University Doctoral Conductors' Chorus; Indiana University Children's Choir

Publisher
Indiana University School of Music

Subject
Symphonies

Let's Talk - Communication Options

First: We want to hear from ALL of you! <http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/connect>

Mailing Lists

- **Avalon Community Announcements** [subscribe to avalon-l@list.indiana.edu](mailto:subscribe-to-avalon-l@list.indiana.edu)
upcoming developments, new releases, meeting and other important milestones during the development of Avalon Media System.
- **Avalon Discussion** [subscribe to avalon-discuss-l@list.indiana.edu](mailto:subscribe-to-avalon-discuss-l@list.indiana.edu)
discussion among those evaluating, piloting, or implementing Avalon. Discussion may be technical- or feature-oriented.

Slack Chat

- Avalon Slack team: samvera.slack.com/messages/avalon
- Joining a Slack team requires an invitation: [Samvera Slack invite](#)

Social Media

We'll also be posting news to [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and of course our [blog](#).

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Avalon Community Connect Link: <http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/connect>

Wiki

Locate extensive documentation and other information not found on our website.

wiki.dlib.indiana.edu/display/VarVideo/Avalon+Media+System

Waffle.io

Track our development progress.

waffle.io/avalonmediasystem/avalon

GitHub

Get the Avalon code.

github.com/avalonmediasystem/avalon

...and we'll get back to posting demos to the demo Avalon

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Those mailing lists are open! Get to know your fellow users!

Ask, ask, ask, ask - You never know who may have a great answer!



Avalon Office Hours

<http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/avalon-office-hours>

- Who: Anyone
- What: Any topic, any question (developers, DevOps/SysAdmin, Metadata, etc...)
- Where: Bluejeans - <https://bluejeans.com/636695907>
- When: Weekly - Tuesdays, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Eastern

We're bringing back specific topics in February

Screenshare to troubleshoot!

Avalon Forum

Monthly Discussion

- Who: Anyone can attend
- What: A presentation of what's going on in the community, what's going on with Avalon development
- Where: Bluejeans (at the link we're using now)
- When: Try to do it 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 4:00 Eastern

Q&A and opportunity to engage on specific projects or development

Details and prior Forum videos are linked here: <http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/avalon-forum>

Making sure Avalon is here tomorrow!

Sustainability through community

- Avalon re-factoring as a set of components using Hyrax as a base
 - Focus on audio-video components instead of whole stack
 - Participate in development of Hyrax, core components
- Make Avalon components easier to adopt for custom Samvera users
- Make Avalon solution bundle easier to stand up for new users
- Expanded outreach and communication efforts
- Continued development plans in Avalon and Samvera
- Wrapping up grant supported work - now for sustainability via community

Sustainability through community

- Avalon is not a vendor
- Growth and development of Avalon = community participation
- You can make Avalon grow!
 - Share your code contributions
 - Participation in software development cycles
 - Developers
 - SysAdmin input
 - QA
 - Metadata
 - Documentation
 - communication

Participation in Avalon Community

- All voices are welcome
- All levels of experience are valued
- All types of work and workers count
- Your opinion and point of view matter
- You can side-bar or use a different, private channel if you don't want to use the main list-serve, etc...
- Use the communication channel that works FOR YOU
- Don't worry about not looking like IU or NU

Participation in Avalon Community

- Be a participant on Slack!
 - Jump into the conversation
 - Share what you did locally
- Respond to list-serve questions and queries
- Attend office hours - let us know what you're up to
 - What are you doing?
 - What are your challenges?
- Volunteer to present during the Avalon Forum: share with the world your Avalon experience! (good and bad)
- Present on Avalon use at conferences (but please let us know)

Participation in Avalon Community

- Join us for development cycles
 - Key features
 - Core components and Hyrax
- Volunteer for QA or other work
- Join us for demos and sprint planning
- Team up with our metadata team to learn more about their work
- Feature request? Ask how you can help make it happen

What's Next?

Coming Up - Communication Items

- Office hours, Forums, etc...
- Training modules
 - 2-3 minutes
 - Selected topics (let us know what else would be useful)
- Avalon Round-Table
 - Invited 2 hour meeting of Avalon users (online)
 - Avalon development
 - Avalon as an organization
 - Where are we headed?

Coming Up - Development

Development Roadmap: updating this week

<https://wiki.dlib.indiana.edu/display/VarVideo/Avalon+Release+Road+Map>

Heading toward Avalon 7 in late 2019 - with elements and components released all the time!

Development of features for v. 6 as needed

Next Forum

February 13 - topics TBD - VOLUNTEER!

4:00 PM Eastern on a Wednesday - usual time and place

Questions

