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
Let’s Talk - Communication Options

First: We want to hear from ALL of you!  
[http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/connect](http://www.avalonmediasystem.org/connect)

Mailing Lists

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

Social Media

We’ll also be posting news to [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Twitter](https://www.twitter.com), and of course our [blog](https://www.avalonmediasystem.org/blog).
Let’s Talk - Communication Options

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
Let’s Talk - Communication Options

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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…)  
- 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