Assessing the Preservation of DPX Image Sequences within MoMA's Digital Preservation Ecosystem













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Digital Repository for Museum Collections (DRMC)





Dear future,

This string of bytes represent a video file. It is 51 minutes long, and is in the MOV file format. It's dimensions are 720x1280 pixels, and it has a color space of RGB. Sincerely, Archivematica





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MoMA The challenges of DPX

- Massive quantity of DPX files coming into MoMA's collection
- Complexity of DPX in terms of ingest
- Ingest workflow was designed around single file ingest, not complex multi-file sequences
- How to capture the preservation decision making process
- Adapting our ever-evolving condition assessment and documentation workflows to multifile sequences
- Bridging knowledge gaps between vendors and conservation department



Time

MoMA The challenges of DPX

- Lack of consensus amongst the field in terms of the handling and/or preservation of DPX materials
- File format sustainability unknowns
- Curation of material (what to keep and why?)

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MoMA Research into the DPX format

- Researching and examining the DPX file format.
 - What it is?
 - How is it supposed to be rendered or played back?
- Characterization methods, metadata extraction, embedding metadata, tools
- How others are working or managing large quantities of DPX files



What we are doing and how we are doing it

- Establishment and Refinement of Internal Procedures and Workflows (within and across depts) to capture and assess material in an efficient and responsible manner
- Trying to understand the significant properties of DPX
- Strategies to document process history and decision making in the DPX file format itself

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MoMA Metadata

- Reviewing FADGI guidelines
- Analysis of Tools
 - MediaInfo
 - Exiftool
 - Imagemagick
 - DPX Analytics
 - GraphicsMagick
- Analysis of Terminology
 - how fields are translated
 From one tool to the
 next



Playback, transcoding, and packaging tools

- Playback
 - o ffplay
 - DaVinci Resolve
 - Adobe Premiere
- Looking into lossless transcoding options for efficient storage and preservation
 - o MXF/OP1a
 - MXF/JPEG2000
 - FFV1/MKV
- Lossless compression/packaging tools
 - o ZIP
 - TAR

Preliminary results

- 2K resolution DPX directory composed of 14,619 files amounted to 103.03 GB transformed into a 70.51 GB MKV using RAWcooked
- 2K resolution DPX directory composed of 49,003 files, amounting to 616.99 GB transformed into a 210.14 GB MKV using RAWcooked
- 2K resolution DPX directory composed of 17,525 files amounting to 145.57 GB transformed into a 50.52 GB zip directory

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Archivematica

- 1. ~5 hours to process a valid bag of FFV1/MKV in Archivematica
- 2. Research into 'store AIP' failures
- 3. Working with Artefactual to create a separate archivematica (v 1.8) pipeline exclusively for processing DPX

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MoMA Next steps

- More testing including escrow retrieval
- Deep analysis of our research results
- Develop a methodology for the condition assessment of DPX files
- Attending #NTTW3
- Starting robust dialogue with colleagues and peers including a convening for a peer forum in November to see and discuss what others in the field are doing

Questions?