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Community Annotation/Curation



Demo Project

- Open atlas
 - Individuals
 - Populations (??)

Success criteria

- Acceptance and participation by anatomy community
- Portability of tools to other projects
- At least one "good" atlas

Project cycles

- Identify customers (anatomists) and customer's customers (radiology, surgery, algorithm developers, educators)
- "Extreme" approach, "release early, release often"

Feasibility studies

• Pick two anatomical areas (thorax, brain)

Deliverables

- Infrastructure/process
- Distributed atlas

Integration needs

- Visualization
- Federated database
- Ontologies

Issues

- Intellectual property
- Business model



Open Atlas: Requirements



Open data and open process Customer GUI application Software Toolkit Methods for curation Mechanism for consensus building Mechanisms for quality control Continuous process feedback Provenance Soup to nuts software

- Reference implementation
 - Visualization
 - Editor
 - Registration, model extraction, etc.
- Query application

Outreach to customer's customer Local and web based



Open Atlas: Components



User interface Segmentation tools + manual correction Interface to multiple ontologies Revision control Automated quality assurance Dashboards Packaging/delivery Data repository API for programmatic access to data/annotations/tools Core team

- Anatomists/Radiologists(Domain expert)
- Database design
- Ontology support
- Image analysis
- Image/Geometry editor
- Process support tools



Starting Points

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NLM Visible Human Thorax

- Original from EAI
- Enhanced by Virtual Soldier Project

Brigham and Women's Brain Atlas/Slicer









Community Data Annotation/Curation

Background Slides:

Open, Distributed and Collaborative Data Annotation

Bill Lorensen Insight Software Consorti

Motivation



Many imaging communities are data starved

- Algorithm developers
- End users

Lots of raw data, but very little annotated data

- LIDC
- Notre Dame Biometrics Data Distribution



Forms of Annotation



Anatomy labels Contours Statistical Anatomical landmarks Templates Ground truth



Problem Statement



Sensors are producing large amounts of data Annotation adds value Annotation of large data collections is expensive and error prone



Customers



Algorithm developers Anatomists Teachers Sensor manufacturers



Solution



A distributed, coordinated community can efficiently and economically annotate large sets of data

- wikipedia
- wikimapia

Extreme programming techniques can be applied to the data annotation process



Examples



Anatomical atlases Face recognition

- 2D photos
- 3D range data



Example – FBI Facial Reconstruction



Two data collections

- 300 CT datasets of heads
- 1000 photo and range data of faces
- Challenge
 - Extract models of eyes, noses and mouths from range data
 - Replace eyes, noses and mouths in CT data with range data models



Face Template









Range Data



Mouth





Multidisciplinary Project



Image Analysis Anatomy Databases Ontologies Software Engineering Quality Assurance Visualization



Menu for Success



A Community with a common vision A pool of talented and motivated developers/scientists A mix of academic and commercial An organized, light weight approach to product development A leadership structure Communication A business model





Leadership Structure

Follow NCBC model Algorithms

- Ontology creation
- Image analysis
- Engineering
- **Driving Projects**
 - Open Atlas
 - Radiology ground truth



Business Model



All core technology is open, without restriction All NLM supported annotation is open, without restriction Proprietary enhancement of annotated data is allowed Annotated data can be used in commercial products without restriction



Guiding Principles



The community owns the data

Although the origin of the data is retained, others are free to correct defects and enhance each other's data

In the end, all of the data should appear as though one person annotated it





Release early, release often

Although people are tempted to keep their data under wraps until it is perfect, the process encourages them to release their data as soon as it passes some minimum quality control tests The longer the data is visible to the community, the better integrated it will be





Continuous integration

There is no scheduled porting to databases or model formats All new data is integrated into supported databases and data formats continuously





Everyone agrees to keep the data free of defects

Although everyone is encouraged to submit their data early, the data must pass quality tests and integration tests nightly

A continuous QA process sends e-mails to people who check in data that does not meet quality control tests More effectively, the community enforces the commitment though peer pressure



Software/Data Analogies



Software Program Text editor Compilation error Compilation Style Data Annotated data Image editor Collisions Model creation Ontology



Why NLM?



NLM produces, collects, annotates, stores and distributes data

- Medline
- Visible Human Project
- Mayo Data Collection

NLM has managed distributed, collaborative, multidisciplinary projects

- Insight Toolkit
- HPCC Internet 2



What is needed?



Select a pilot project
Open Atlas Project
Select customers
Select core team

- Anatomists
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Open Atlas Project



Create anatomical atlases from cross-sectional image data Semi-automatic and manual labeling of structures

Engage the anatomy community

