

ETA: Extensible Toolkit for Video Analytics

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To here?

By creating an

open-platform for

video analytics

NIST Grant: The ETA Project

The Extensible Toolkit for Analytics (ETA) is our open-source library for video analytics.

Our Technical Goal

• Establish an extensible video analytics infrastructure that will support next-generation capabilities in public safety applications.

Our Programmatic Goal

• Catalyze a community of innovation that brings public safety video analytics up-to-date with cutting edge computer vision research.



What is Hard About This?

- How to leverage the state of the art in computer vision and machine learning?
- How to spread these capabilities to broad uses in public safety?
- How to **integrate** with existing and proprietary stacks?
- How to scale?
- How to incentivize stakeholders?



Video-First Analytics

Standard Approaches are Frame-Based

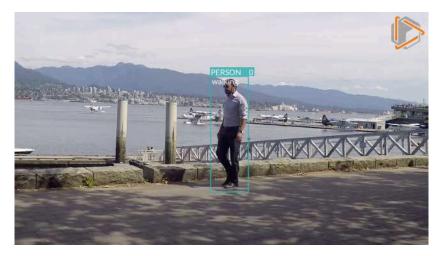






Running? Walking? Standing?

Voxel51 is Video First



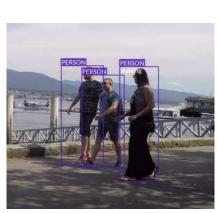
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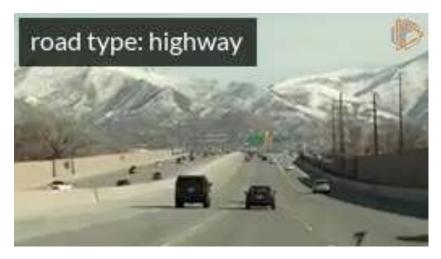


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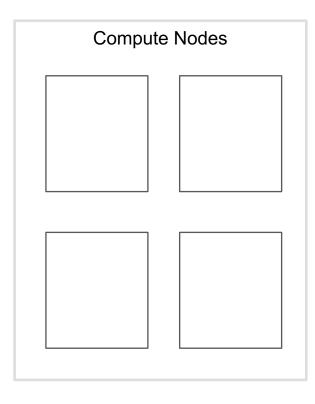
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12.8% improvement



Streaming Analytics





Time _____



Extensible Analytics

- Platform-SDK
 - Enables third-party party analytic developers to easily deploy and integrate their analytics on our platform.
 - Directly integrates into the overall ETA infrastructure.
- Available on GitHub

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Example Third-Party: Privacy-Preserving Analytic

• Handle FOIA requests with automated ease.

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Prediction: Explosion





Ground Truth: theft Prediction: theft



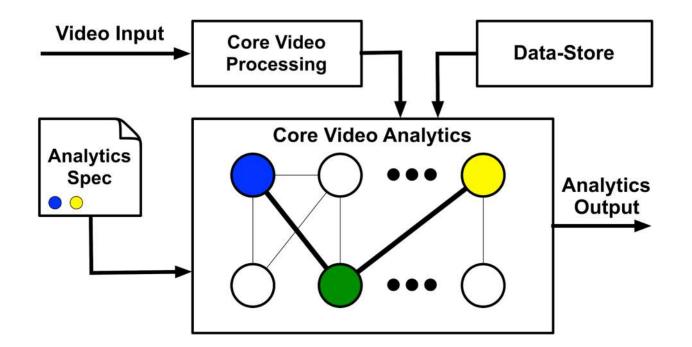
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ETA System Design





ETA System I/O

Video Input

• Users connect data asynchronously to the Voxel51 Platform

Data-Store

- Stores user-uploaded data, internal metadata, models, parameter files, and analytics outputs
- Storage is implemented as a collection of scalable buckets in **Google Cloud** or **AWS**

Analytics Output

- Returned in a simple, flexible JSON format
- Users can download analytics asynchronously from the Voxel51 Platform



ETA System Analytics

Core Video Processing

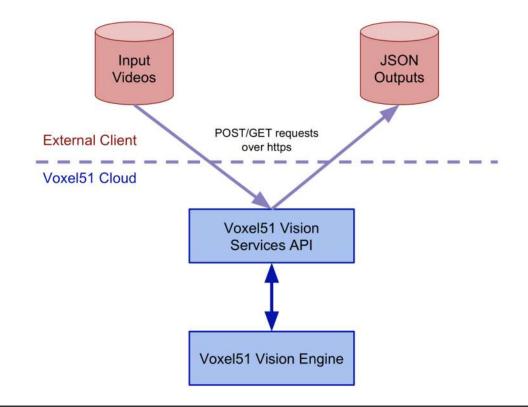
- Low-level video operations such as sampling, resizing, optical flow, and segmentation
- Preprocessing step for all input video
- Generates an internal representation of the video that is amenable for subsequent analysis

Core Video Analytics

- Implements **core computer vision analytics** such as detection, tracking, classification, and recognition
- Relies heavily on open-source libraries (OpenCV, TensorFlow, Keras, etc.) and publicly available research implementations of modern vision algorithms

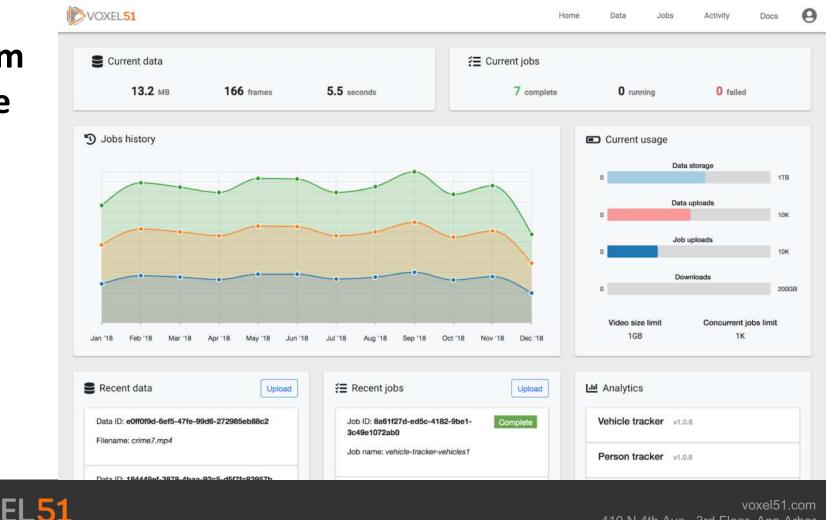


API Design





Platform Console



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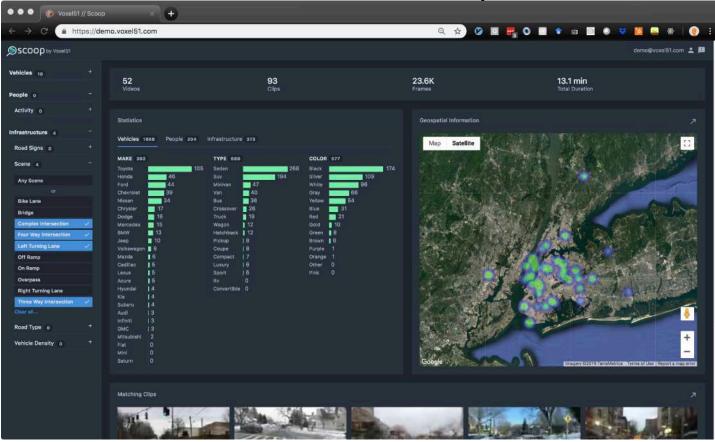
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Faceted Search

- Direct access to ontology
 - Search meaningful
 - Create complex logical queries
- Labels schema
 - Schema enforced by system
 - \circ User-uploadable
 - Automatically generated (later)
- Backend builds an index of content and returns slice of dataset in real-time
- Let's you drill into specific concerns

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Insights

- Backend index provides facetedsearch results
- Summarized
 - Occurrence statistics across ontology
 - Co-occurrence statistics with facet
 - Spatial information
- All individual resources can be studied independently as well

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Open-Source

- ETA Vision Engine Code
- API-PY Python API Client Library
- API-JS Javascript API Client Lib.
- Platform-SDK Wrap your custom vision methods to be deployed on the platform at scale.
- Coming Soon!
 - Player51 State of the art Javascript video player
- All at https://github.com/voxel51

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An open and extensible video analytics infrastructure.

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sign-tracker
Inputs
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Outputs
object-matcher

sign-tracker

A tool for tracking road signs in videos.

Inputs

Name	Туре	Description
video	Video	the input video

Parameters

Name	Туре	Description	Required	Default
fps	Number	a frame rate at which to process the video. By default, the frame rate of the input video is used	false	180
size	Array	an optional [width, height] to use when processing the video frames. Dimensions can be ± 1 , in which case the input aspect ratio is preserved. By default, the resolution of the input video is used	false	-

Name	Туре	Description	Filename
signs	VideoLabels	a JSON file describing the tracked road signs	signs.json

object-matcher

A tool for finding best matches for a query image in an object corpus.

Inputs Type Description Name Image the input query image to use query ZippedVideoFileDirectory videos a zipped directory containing the video corpus ZippedDetectedObjectsSequenceDirectory a zip file containing directories of JSON files describing detected objects objects in each video

shell python javascript

Example Code

from voxel51.api import API from voxel51.jobs import JobRequest

input_data = "/path/to/input/video.mp4" job_output - "/path/for/signs.json"

api = API()

data api upload_data(input_data) data_id = data["data_id"]

job_request = JobRequest("voxe151/sign-tracker") job_request.set_input("video", data_id=data_id) job_request_set_parameter("fps", 15) = optional job api upload job request(job_request, "sign-tracker-test", auto_start=True, use_gp job_id = job["job_id"]

api wait_until_job_completes(job_id) api download_job_output(job_id, job_output)

Example Code

from voxe151.api import API from voxel51.jobs import JobRequest

api = API()

- data1 = api upload_data("/path/to/input/query.png")
- data2 = ap1 upload data("/path/to/input/videos.zip")
- data3 = api.upload_data("/path/to/input/objects.zip")

data4 = api upload data(*/path/to/input/features.zip*)





Case Study: Mapping Smart Cities

https://voxel51.com



Data: GPS Tagged Dashcam Video

Goal: Map all road signs in the city

Existing Frame-based Methods

Many spurious detections

Unusable for mapping

FRAFFICLIGH

Voxel51 Video-Based Model

More accurate

Enables mapping

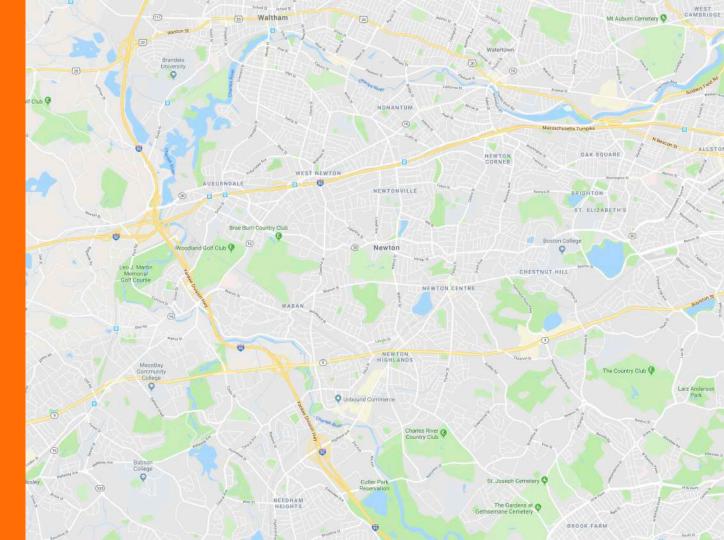
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2.6 Days of Video

Few Hundred Miles

10 Hours of Compute

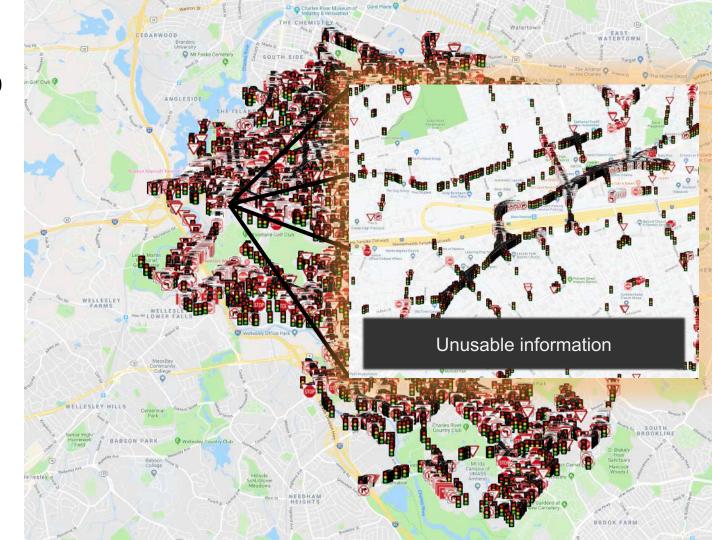


Frame-Based Models

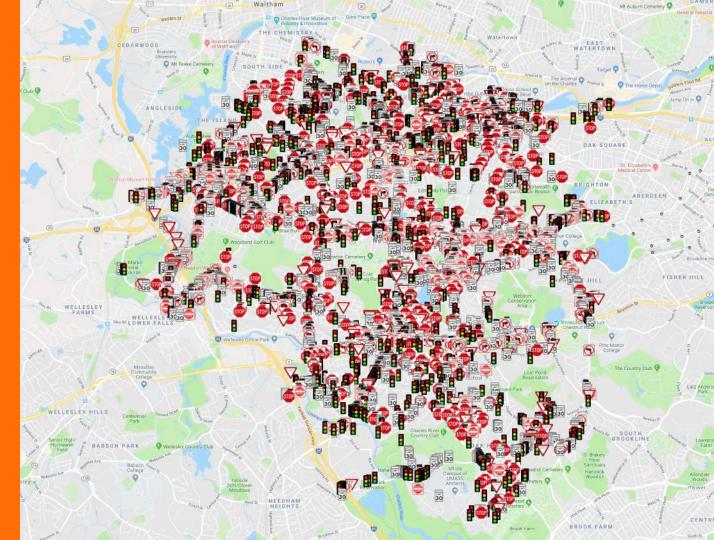
Voxel51 Video-Based Model



Frame-Based Road Sign Map



Voxel51 Road Sign Map



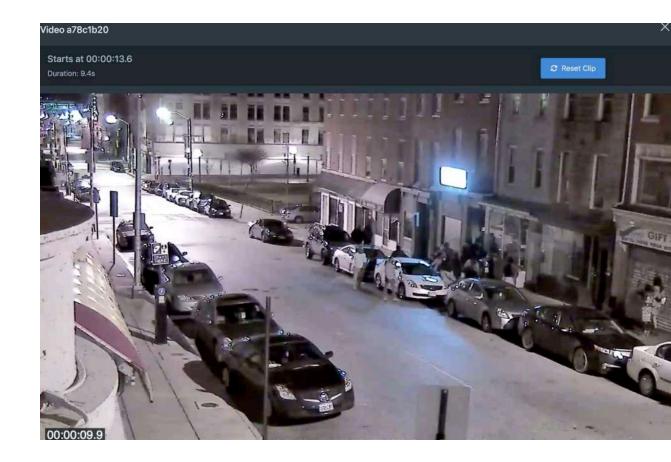


Case Study Teaser: Baltimore CitiWatch

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Fight Detected









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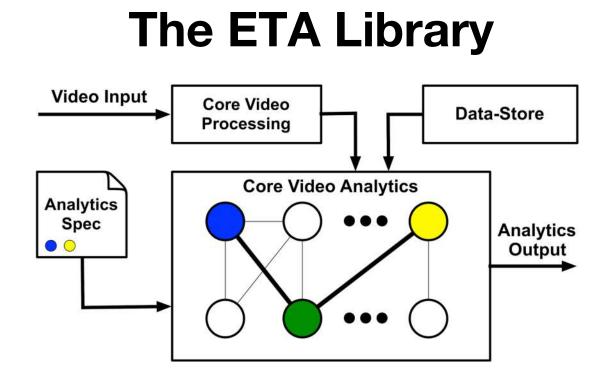
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Backup

Deployment Strategy







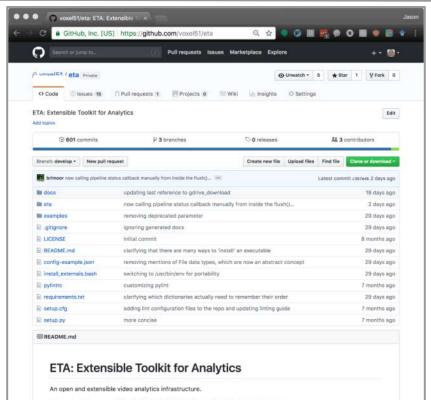
ETA Library

- Modular software infrastructure
- Core infrastructure implemented in Python to maximize accessibility to the vision community
- Modules are generic and can be implemented in arbitrary languages (e.g. C++) and even hosted remotely in third-party clouds
- Modules are connected to form pipelines that are run to compute the requested analytics
- Analytics are stored in a simple, flexible **JSON format**

The ETA System is a dynamically configurable graph whose nodes are modules and whose edges represent data flowing through the system



Open-Source on GitHub!



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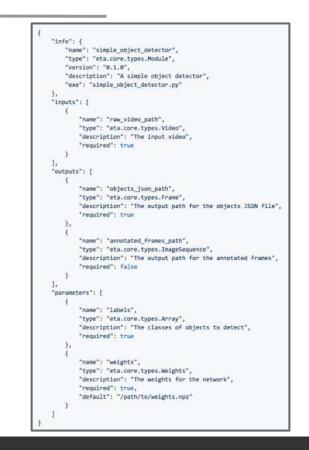
ETA Modules

- ETA modules are simply executables that take JSON files as input and write their outputs to disk
- Input **configuration JSON** files specify:
 - The locations of the *input* data on disk to process
 - The parameter values to use
 - The locations on disk to write the *output* data
- The ETA library defines a rich **type system** that all modules use to declare their I/O types
 - Allows modules to communicate seamlessly



Module Metadata Files

- Each module provides a metadata JSON file
 - Enumerates the module's inputs, outputs, and parameters
 - Defines the type of each field
- Complete description of a module's operation
- Enables modules to be implemented in any language
- **Generated automatically** from source for modules built on ETA

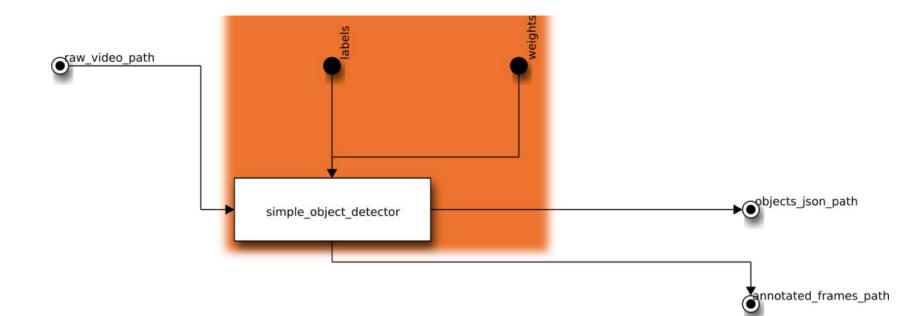




An ETA Module Visualized

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• Block diagram representation of a simple object detector:





Developing Modules in ETA

- Powerful yet simple Python framework for building modules
- Built on popular open-source libraries (OpenCV, TensorFlow)
- Extensive core video library
 - Reading, writing, iterating over video frames
 - Supports all common video codecs
- Robust interface for serializing data to disk

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web.py	cleaning up web module and removing unnecessary CHUNK_SIZE
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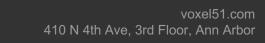
Writing Modules in ETA

ETA Module Definition

```
import eta.core.module as etam
class ExampleModuleConfig(etam.BaseModuleConfig):
    '''An example config class.'''
   def __init (self, d):
        super(ExampleModuleConfig, self). __init__(d)
        self.data = self.parse object array(d, "data", DataConfig)
        self.parameters = self.parse_object(d, "parameters", ParametersConfig)
class DataConfig(Config):
    '''Data configuration settings.'''
   def __init__(self, d):
       self.input path = self.parse string(d, "input path")
       self.output path = self.parse string(d, "output path")
class ParametersConfig(Config):
    '''Parameter configuration settings.'''
   def __init__(self, d):
       self.parameter = self.parse number(d, "parameter", default=1.0)
```

Example JSON Config

```
{
    "data": [
        {
            "input_path": "/path/to/input.mp4",
            "output_path": "/path/to/output.mp4"
        }
    ],
    "parameters": {}
}
```



Core Video Analytics: Now

Current Core Video Analytics

- Deep (VGG-16) and standard (SURF, ORB, weighted histogram, etc.) embeddings
- Deep (C3D) and standard (per-frame-voting) video embedding
- Object detection
- Object tracking
- Per-frame and clip-level event detection
- Visual image similarity search

Current Road-Related Analytics

- Vehicle and road sign detection
- Fine-grained vehicle recognition (type, make, model, color)

Current Surveillance-Related Analytics

- Action recognition
- Target reacquisition



Core Video Analytics: Soon!

Upcoming Road-Related Analytics

- *Improved* fine-grained vehicle recognition
 - Using object tracking to increase accuracy
 - Integrating license plate recognition (LPR)
- Road scene understanding (lanes, markings, intersections)

Upcoming Surveillance-Related Analytics

- Action recognition models trained on a database of criminal activity video
- Assessing building exterior quality from aerial/street images
- Target search via linguistic description

Related Efforts

• Support for streaming video

We are willing and able to train custom models on your data!



Pipeline Metadata Files

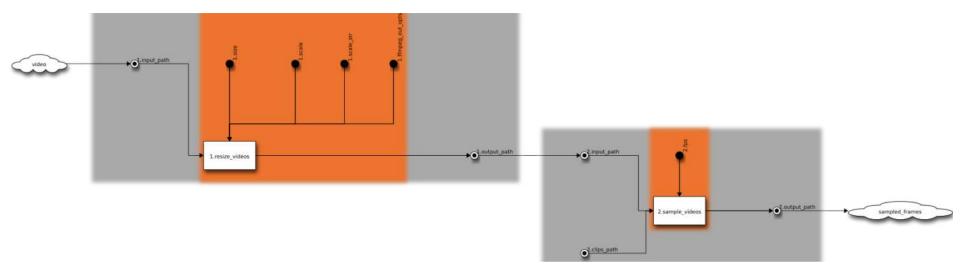
- Pipelines are defined by simple metadata
 JSON files
- Describes the **module connections** that define the execution graph
- Sets parameters for the constituent modules
- Exposes tunable parameters to the user

```
"info": {
    "name": "video_formatter",
    "type": "eta.core.types.Pipeline",
    "version": "0.1.0",
    "description": "A pipeline for formatting video files"
Ъ,
"inputs": ["video"],
"outputs": ["sampled_frames"],
"modules":
        "name": "resize_videos",
        "tunable_parameters": ["size", "scale"],
        "set_parameters": {}
        "name": "sample videos",
        "tunable_parameters": ["fps"],
        "set parameters": {}
1,
"connections": [
        "source": "INPUT.video",
        "sink": "resize_videos.input_path"
   },
        "source": "resize videos.output path",
        "sink": "sample videos.input path"
        "source": "sample videos.output path",
        "sink": "OUTPUT.sampled frames"
```



An ETA Pipeline Visualized

• Block diagram representation of a simple pipeline:





The Voxel51 Vision Services API





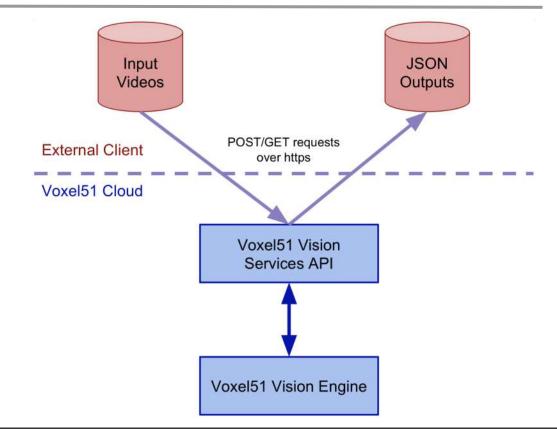
Vision Services API

- Canonical **cloud-based interface** through which users interact with ETA
- Accessible via standard HTTPS requests
- Also provide client libraries to access the API programmatically from Python and JavaScript
- Lives in **Google Cloud**, with plans to provide a parallel deployment in **Amazon Web Services**
- Full documentation at https://voxel51.com/docs/api

The Vision Services API is currently in private beta. Visit our website at https://voxel51.com to request an invitation to use our platform!



Vision Services API Design





Voxel51 Vision Engine

- Scalable cluster of **Docker containers**, each of which contains a copy of the ETA Library
- Deployed via Kubernetes, a open-source platform for managing containerized workloads
- Cluster **scales automatically** to allocate resources on-demand in response to user job requests
- Runs jobs **asynchronously** as resources become available



Typical User Workflow

- **Register** for our API and obtain an authentication token (one-time only)
- **Upload data** to the cloud via the API
- Schedule analytics to be run on your data by issuing job requests via the API

(Tasks run asynchronously in the Voxel51 Cloud)

- Periodically ping the API to **check the status** of your jobs
- When tasks finish, issue an API request to **download the outputs**, which are concisely represented in a flexible JSON format



Example Applications

Target Reacquisition

- User provides a video corpus (e.g. surveillance camera network) and example image(s) of an entity of interest
- System queries the corpus and returns best-matches for the entity across the corpus

Linguistic Description Retrieval

- User provides a video corpus and a **natural language description** of an entity of interest
 - Ex: "red pickup with a dented front bumper"
- System queries the corpus and returns best-matches Target reacquisition is currently available on our beta platform!



Target Reacquisition

• Toy example of a target reacquisition query:

Visual Query



Video Corpus





Linguistic Description Query

• Toy example of a linguistic description query:

Linguistic Query

"blue sedan with tape holding on the front-bumper"

Video Corpus





API Usage: Data Upload

• Uploading data in Python:

```
from voxel51.api import API
api = API()
# Upload surveillance corpus
for video in surveillance_corpus:
    response = api.upload data(video, dataset="surveillance-20180320")
dataset id = response["dataset id"]
# Upload query image
response = api.upload data("suspect-vehicle.png")
data id = response["data id"]
```



API Usage: Job Request

- Example request for a target reacquisition query:
- Query image and video corpus were previously uploaded to the Voxel51 Cloud
- Data referenced by IDs in the job request

```
"name": "target-reacquisition",
    "algorithm": "similarity-search",
    "data": {
        "query-image": {
            "data id": "<data-id>",
        },
        "video-corpus": {
            "dataset id": "<dataset-id>"
    1,
    "parameters": {
        "top k": 10
}
```



API Usage: Job Request

• Example request for a linguistic retrieval query:

```
{
    "name": "semantic-language-query",
    "algorithm": "natural-language-search",
    "data": {
        "query-string": "blue sedan with tape holding on the front-bumper",
        "video-corpus": {
            "signed_url": "https://storage.googleapis.com/XXXXXX"
        }
    },
    "parameters": {
        "top_k": 10
    }
}
```

Note that data can be accessed from an external cloud via signed URLs



API Usage: Running a Job

• Running a job and checking its status:

```
# Upload job request
response = api.create_job("job.json")
job_id = response["job_id"]
```

```
# Start job
api.start_job(job_id)
```

```
# Check job status
response = api.get_job_status(job_id)
```

```
HTTP/1.1 201 OK
{
    "job_id": "<job-id>",
    "status": "COMPLETE",
    "start_time": "2018-03-21 08:30:00",
    "completion_time": "2018-03-21 08:32:30",
    "message": "Job complete"
}
```



API Usage: Job Output

• Example output for a target reacquisition query:

}

Download job output api.download_job_output(job_id, "output.json")

```
"top_matches": [
        "confidence": 0.850,
        "video": {
            "data_id": "<data-id>",
        },
        "frame": 150,
        "bounding box": {
            "top_left": {"x": 0.125, "y": 0.100},
            "bottom right": {"x": 0.250, "y": 0.300}
    },
```

