Managing media objects with DigiTool and external streaming services

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Summary

- Context
- Problem
- Solution
- Next steps

Context

- increasing use of audio and video objects
- FEUP produces lots of video documents from
  - official events
  - news clips in television regarding FEUP
  - institutional presentations for marketing
  - video-conference sessions recordings
  - important lectures, seminars and classes
  - student's academic works

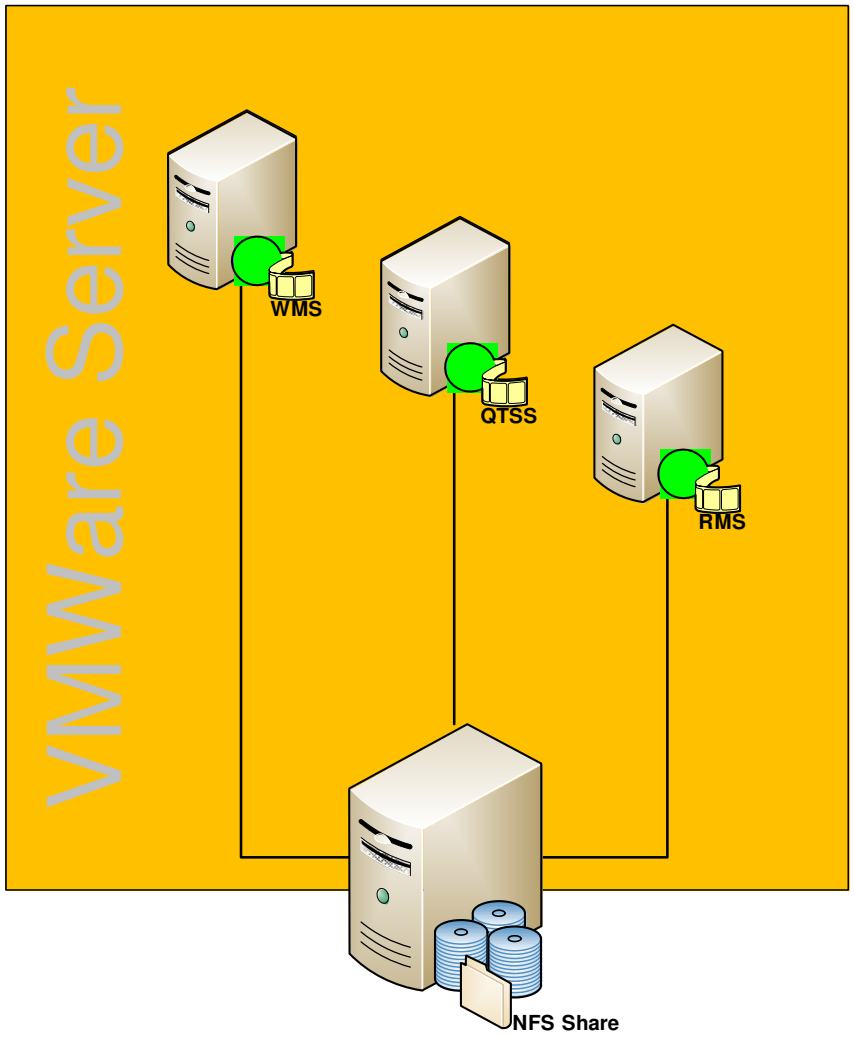
Problem

Organize	Search	Publish
(file management)	(metadata association)	(access management and transport)

- publish in the Internet video clips produced by different people and services
  - video files are big, so they need to be distributed using streaming
  - search techniques for retrieving non-textual documents are still developing
  - distribute the production and publishing of the video clips by different people/services

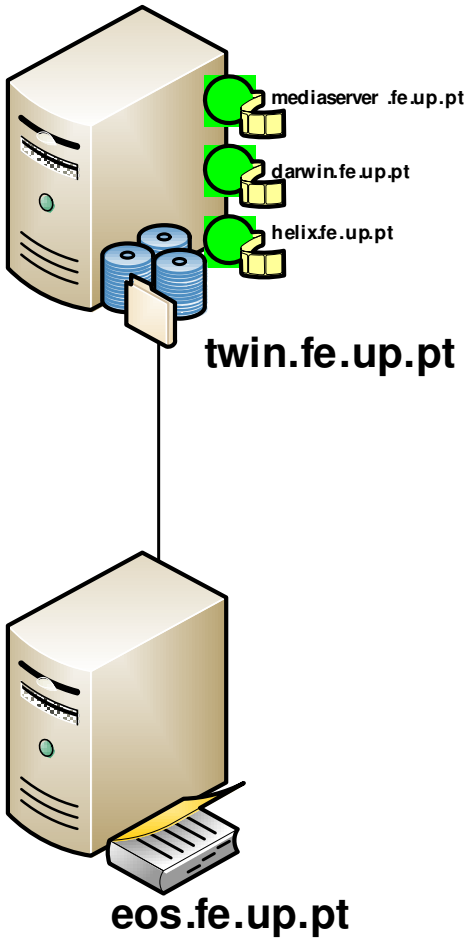
Solution: publish

- Streaming servers for the most common formats
  - WMS running on a Windows Server
  - QTSS running on a Linux Server
  - RMS running on a Linux Server
- Why?
  - compatibility with most important video-player clients
  - different contexts require different streaming formats



Solution: searching and managing

- DigiTool is the tool
  - supports metadata management
  - manages the files in the servers
  - supports the publishing process



Solution: configuration

Storage Group Definitions

Add Storage Group

Storage Group Description	Policy	Order	Description	Storage Type	Root	Files Per Directory	Directory Prefix	Total Space (MB)
Default Storage Group	Random	999	Default Storage	NFS	/exlibris/dtl/j3_1/digitool...	100	file_	100000
Twin	Random	20	Storage-1 (Twin)	NFS	/repository_on_twin	1000	file_	100000
Preserve	Random	1	Para backup	NFS	/exlibris/dtl/silo/preserv	1000	file_	100000
Not preserve	Random	10	Sem backup	NFS	/exlibris/dtl/silo/notpres	1000	file_	100000

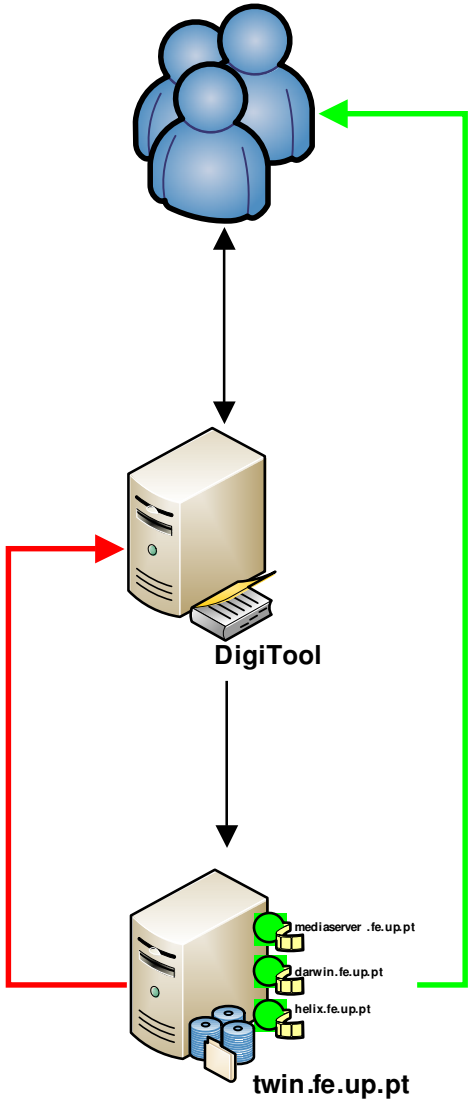
Storage Rule Definitions

Add Storage Rule

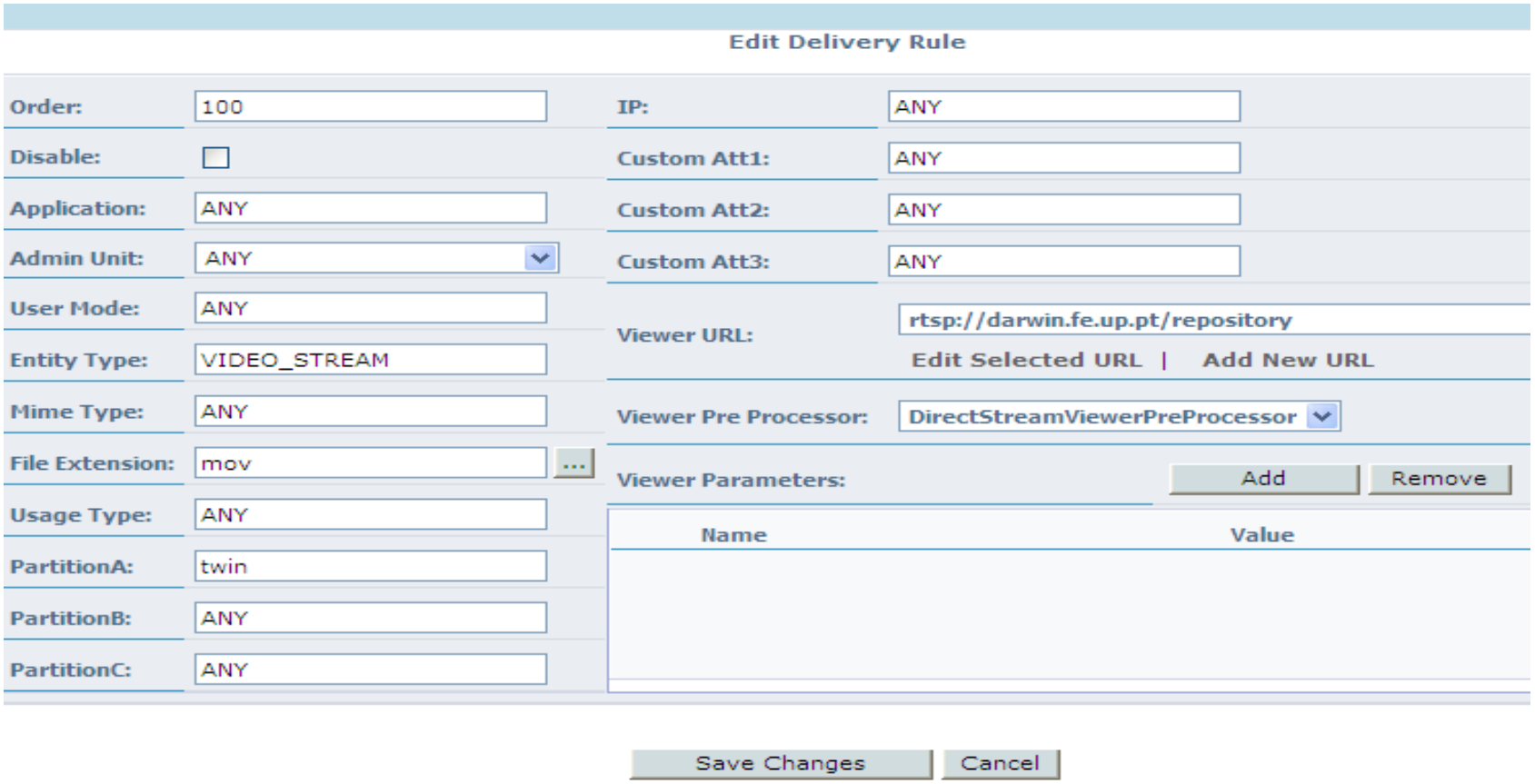
Order	PartitionA	Adm	Preservation Level	File Extension	Mime Type	More Than (KB)	Storage Group
10	any	EDG01	low	any	any	0	Not preserve
20	twin	EDG01	any	any	any	0	Twin
50	any	EDG01	any	any	any	0	Preserve

Solution: the problem

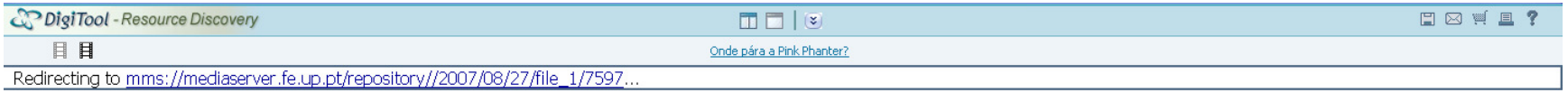
- DigiTool viewers collect the files from NFS and send them to the users, so the presented file was not using the streaming services
- ExLibris developed a new viewer to use the Streaming Server to present the video clips instead of the regular DigiTool process

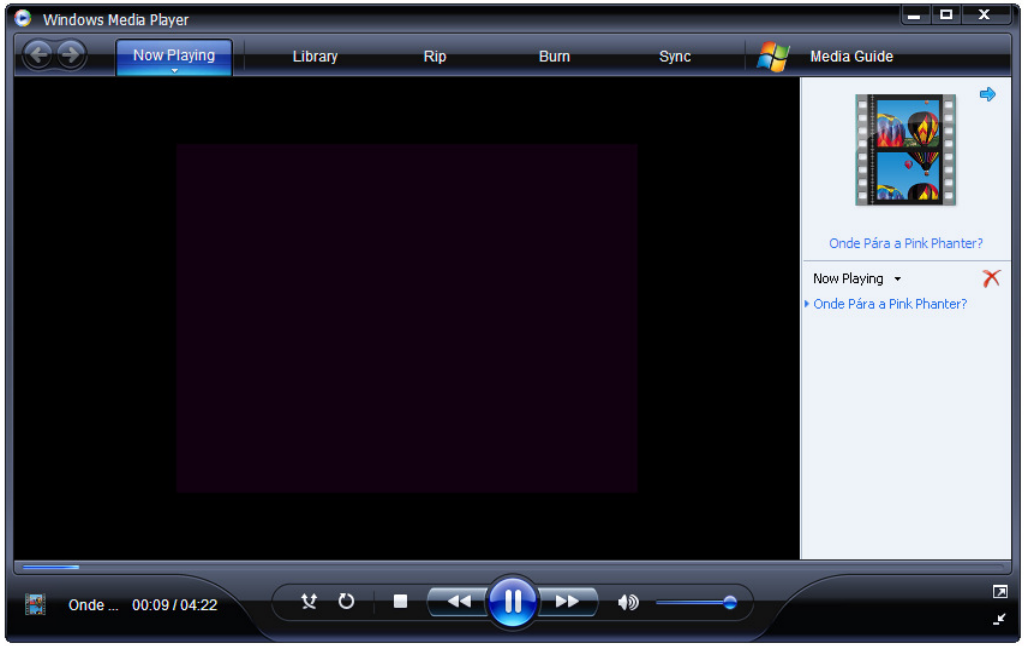


Solution: viewer configuration

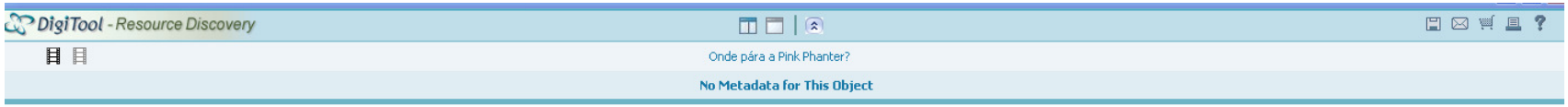


Solution: an example





Solution: another example



Next steps

- include the players in a DigiTool web page
- scale the solution according to FEUP requirements
- define the deposit and ingest workflows
- define collections to present the objects to the final users

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