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A License Aware P2P Client with URM

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Motivation

- Music industries have dropped DRM copy protection
- Today, no technical restrictions for users
- Users can behave illegally (knowingly or unknowingly)
- · P2P users get cease-and-desist letters
- → A legal P2P file sharing system protects users

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Usage Rights Management [2]*

- Helps users to behave legally by managing usage rights of their media files
- Manages a license (set of ODRL rights expressions) for each digital media file (e.g. MP3)
- Visualizes the rights status in a media library (traffic lights)
- · No enforcement

*Presented on VG2009

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TURM (1) - Toolkit for URM



- Java based framework (platform independent)
- · Starting point for further URM tools
- · Extensible by plugins
- Will become open source

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TURM (2) – current development



- Basic URM license profile as aim
- RDF reading / writing extension (Andreas' presentation)
- Media manager
- Graphical user interface (GUI)
- Local media file analyzer (all infos)
- Online verification service (WS, e.g. CC Server)
- P2P file sharing extension (CUP)

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TURM (3) - Possible plugins



- Support of ...
- different media types
 - audio, video, images, eBooks, ...
- · different license templates depending on file source
 - e.g. in audio area: web shop download, Creative Commons, web radio recording, P2P file sharing, ...
- different license encodings
 - ODRL 1.1-XML, ODRL 1.1-RDF, ODRL 2.0-RDF, other REL

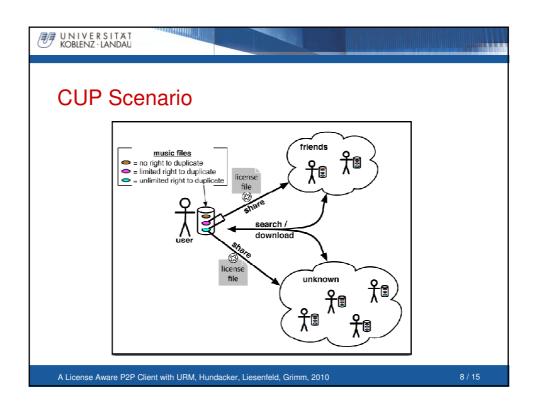
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CUP - Client for URM based P2P file sharing

- · P2P client that adheres to URM right definitions
- · Based on TURM and JXTA
- Administration of friends list
- Allows sharing "private copy" and "fair use"

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Use Case 1: Only Forward Media Files Legally

- · Local license must contain the "duplicate" right
- Protects the sending user against
 - cease-and-desist letters
 - (note that some illegal uploads are monitored by special P2P clients)
- Protects the receiving user by
 - providing license file

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Use Case 2: Only Receive Media Files Legally

- · Using files of illegal sources is illegal*
- · Only receive files from URM based P2P clients
- Receive license as legitimation and keep in local license store
- License can contain a link to an external legitimation
 e.g., a web page with CC marking
- · Additional local and remote check of license and files

*At least in Germany [5]

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Use Case 3: Private Copy

- · Derived from German copyright law
- · Allows forwarding copies to a (real) friend
- Concrete number of copies not mentioned in the law
 - Can be adjusted by user
 - Recommended: max 3 copies for safety
- CUP delivers music file and license only to peers in friends list, counts copies

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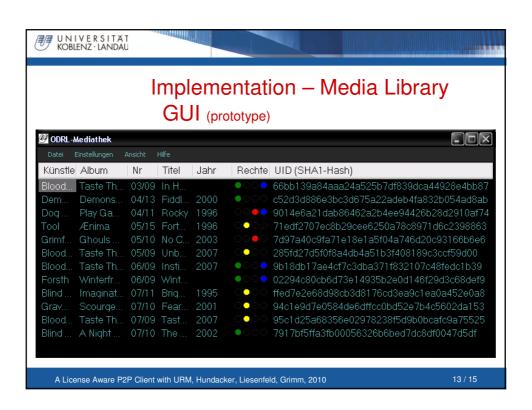
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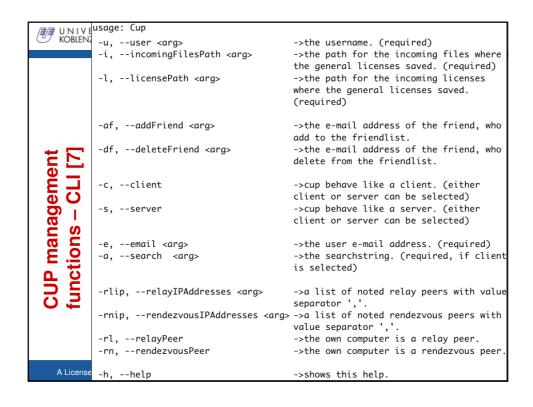


Implementation - It works

- · GUI is under construction
- Visualization of licenses (traffic lights)
- Warnings and hints
- · Buttons for
 - Management of media files
 - Overview of media files and meta data
 - Exchange of media files (search, upload, download)

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Conclusion and Outlook

- "A License Aware P2P Client with URM" provides
 - Legally safe P2P file sharing
 - Self protection
 - Some special features, like "private copy"
- Further steps
 - Integration with GUI
 - Better configuration of the "friends list"
 - Reserving rights for "better friends"
 - Different file types
 - **–** ...

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