

**User Manual** 

Accessibility Content Manager (ACM)

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

The Accessibility Content Manager (ACM) is a cloud-based user friendly application of FingerCloud for a centralised management and processing of access services such as **Subtitles** for the Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing (SDH), Open Subtitles, Spoken Subtitles, Audio Description and Sign Language.

The application consists of the following components:

- ACM User Interfaces.
- ACM Engines for automatic background processes.
- ACM Web-Services and Interconnections with the broadcaster's systems.

This document explains how the different stakeholders (chapter 2) can access the ACM User intefaces (Chapter 3) and use the following ACM User Interfaces (Chapter 4):

- System Management interface (Chapter 4.1): Interface for administrative, configuration and maintenance issues related to the suite functionality and users coordination.
- Content Management interface (Chapter 4.2): Most significant ACM interface for the access service production workflow management and the access to the catalogue contents.
- EDitor interface (Chapter 4.3): Interface for the producers (service providers or freelancers) to access their production tasks (jobs that have been assigned to them).

Finally as an example for the user interfaces, an scenario is explained with the complete workflow (Chapter 4.4).

In the Annex the user will find an explaination of each icon in the User Interfaces.

## 2 STAKEHOLDERS

This document is aimed at different stakeholders such as:

- Broadcaster's IT and maintenance departments, may use System Management Interface (Chapter 4.1) for:
  - Configuring the system settings, templates, and engines
  - Users and profiles creation, configuration, and management
  - Handling errors and incidences by reviewing system logs and engine status
  - Accessing the engine job queues and their status

- Broadcaster's Accessibility department, may use Content Management Interface (Chapter 4.2) for:
  - Creation/edition of assets (see Interfaces), which can be either manual or automatic (see interconnections)
  - Creation of access service files (manual or automatic)
  - Workflow management of access service file production
- 3. Access service producers (service providers and freelancers) will be given access to one of the following User Interfaces:
  - Editor Interface (chapter 4.3) when the access service production is done in the broadcaster's FingerCloud licence. In this case all the production tasks are assigned by the broadcaster and all the support matereals such as the LQ video file and metadata are also provided. In this case producers can:
    - a. View the assigned access service tasks and navigate through them
    - b. Run the integrated Online Editors via the assigned tasks and complete them
    - c. Change the task status to "Completed" when the job is finished and therefore the access service file is produced.
    - d. View feedback and comments coming from broadcaster and act accordingly
  - Content Mangerment Interface (Chapter 4.2) when the producers perform all the workflow of uploading the programme suport materials such as the LQ video and metadata, and also perform the access service file production. In this case producers can:
    - a. Upload support materials such as LQ video and metadata
    - b. Create, import, and export access service files
    - c. Run the integrated Online Editors to edit the access service files
- 4. **Broadcaster's QA department**, may use Content Management Interface (Chapter 4.2) for:
  - Listing the access service files pending validation
  - Running the integrated Online Editor to verify the access service files that are
    pending validation. If the quality is not right, the QA Team returns the corresponding
    production tasks back to the producers with the "Rejected" status and feedback
    information.
  - Communicating with the Access service producers using the "Communication" interface.

- Validating the access service files when the quality is right for airing or publication.
   External systems can only get the access service files if they have been validated, although users with the right permission can access to all the access service files using the different views of the CM interface
- Statistics and reports
- 5. **Broadcaster's playout/publication department,** may use Content Management Interface (Chapter 4.2) for:
  - Search access services that are catalogue in ACM
  - Download access service files in specific file formats
- 6. **Broadcaster's systems,** may use the ACM interconnections and web-services as for example:
  - The playout or publication systems can retrieve access service metadata, status and files for airing and publication purposes (only the verified access services are available for these systems)

# 3 How to Access the ACM User Interfaces

In order to access the ACM, there are some basic requirements:

- Hardware: PC with at least i5 processor, 8 GB RAM. Screen resolution should be at least
   1920×1080 pixels (a good graphics card is recommended).
- Browser: Last version of Chrome or Firefox (at least Chrome version 74 or Firefox version
   65).
- Fast internet connection as the tools are online and videos are used along the workflow.

The user accesses ACM via the web browser (figure 1) and enters username and password previously provided by administrator.

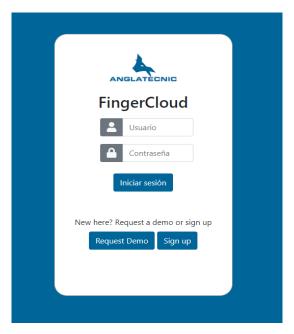


Figure 1: Login page

# 4 **ACM USER INTERFACES**

In this chapter, a detailed user manual of the ACM interfaces is presented.



Figure 2: Top menu

The user can open the different ACM interfaces with access rights by pressing the corresponding button at the top menu. Also, the user interface language can be selected from this menu. In this chapter, a detailed user manual of the ACM various interfaces (SM+CM+ED) is presented.

### 4.1 System management interface

System Management is defined as platform administrative interface and allows administrators and broadcaster managers with system administrative duties to control and manage the settings and permissions of professional users working in the ACM. The top left menu gives access to different sub-sections of SM.

An interface to view/create/edit users which is described in detail in table 1.

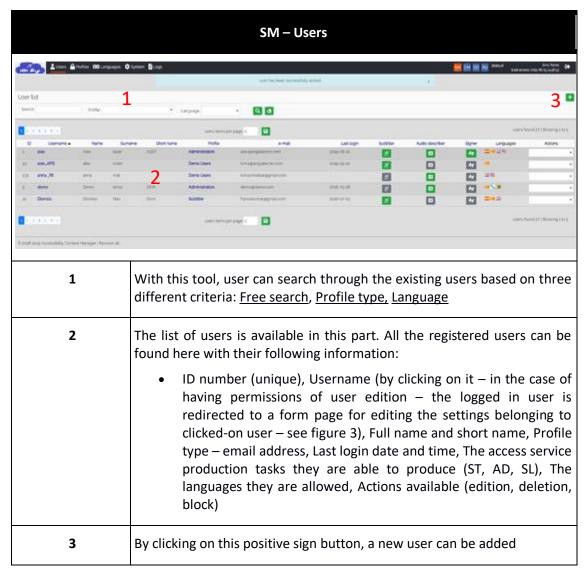


Table 1: Users list

At the moment of creating/editing a user, the form shown in figure 3 appears. This form needs to be completed to create/edit users. The required information in the form is typical and basic (access user and password, personal information, and access profile).

It is noteworthy that all the users including broadcasters and access service producers are created here. In the case of a producer such as subtitler, audio describer or sign interpreter the corresponding options should be marked and also the languages they aim to work with (figure 3).

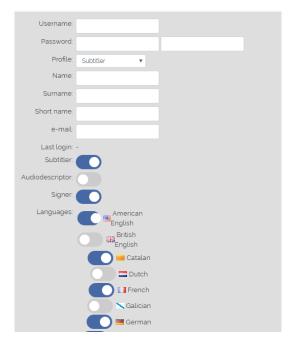
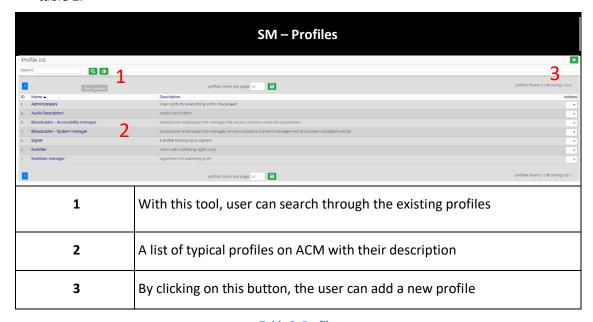


Figure 3: User edition/creation form

#### 4.1.2 Profiles

It is important for any system at this scale to define different profiles, because the level of permissions is different for each user depending on their duties, so there is a need to define different levels of access and permissions for groups of users. This is described in detail in table 2.



**Table 2: Profiles** 

By clicking on the positive sign button on the top right of the page, the user is redirected to a separate page consisting of a form for profile creation. In this environment, the technician can choose different capabilities and access permissions for the profile (reading, editing, deleting, downloading). The detailed description of the profile form is presented in table 3.

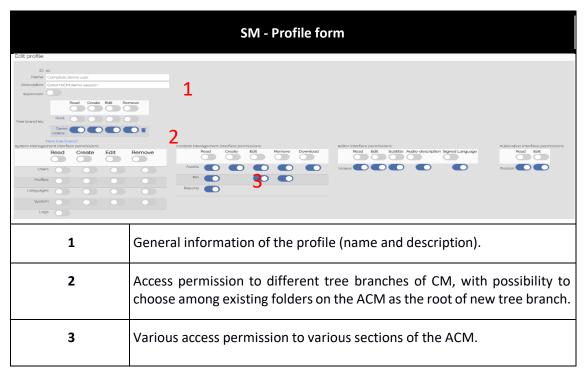
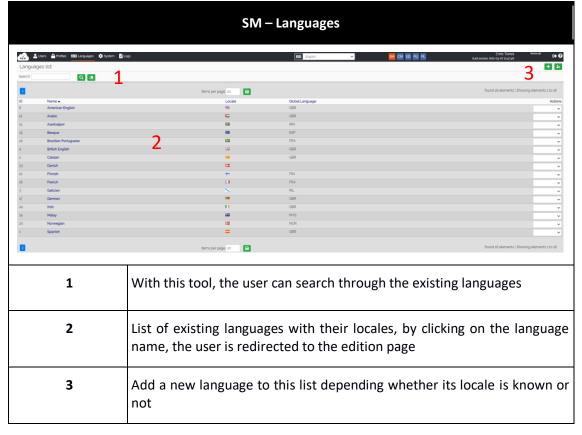


Table 3: Profile form

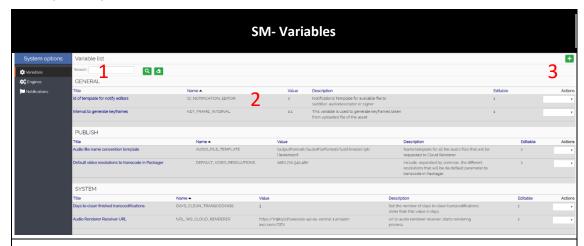
### 4.1.3 LANGUAGES

In this sub-chapter, new languages for the access service contents can be created or existing ones can be edited (table 4).



**Table 4: Languages list** 

"System" section corresponds to administrative actions operated by system administrators or broadcaster IT/IS managers. It is divided into five parts which will be discussed respectively in tables 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.



In this section some system variables can be set or modified, for instance during the installation and customization of ACM. By default, this list is empty and IT admins create variables according to broadcasters needs. Some examples may include: Default image sizes, video keyframes generation time interval, default video resolution.

Variables are divided into three categories:

- **GENERAL:** corresponds to general interface variables.
- **PUBLISH:** corresponds to variables related to web service in general.
- **SYSTEMS:** corresponds to system variables.

1	With this tool, the user can search through the existing variables.
2	List of existing variables with their characteristics, by clicking on the variable's name, the user is redirected to an edition page
3	By clicking on the positive sign, the user is able to create a new variable

Table 5: System variables

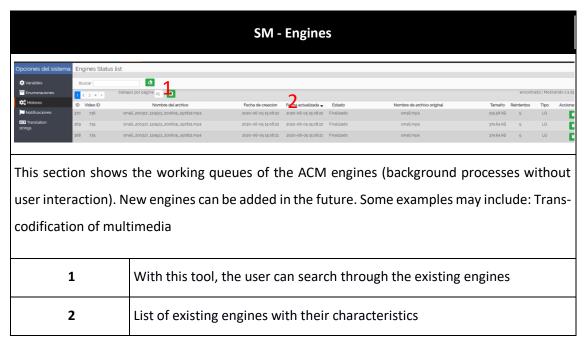


Table 6: System engines

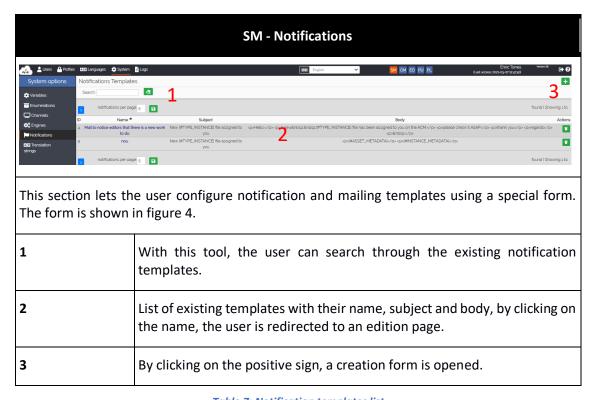


Table 7: Notification templates list

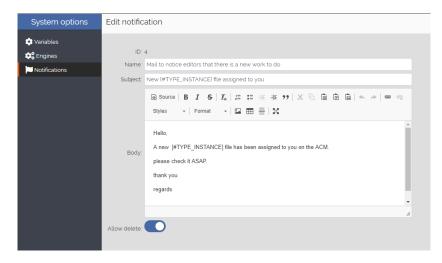
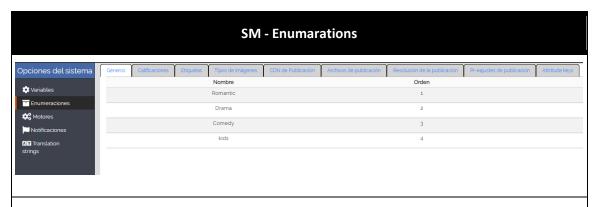


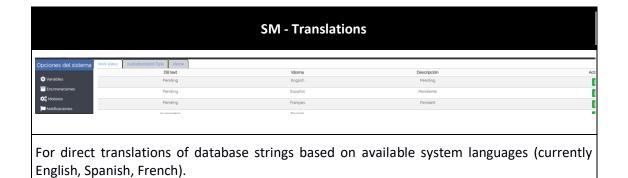
Figure 4: Template edition/creation form



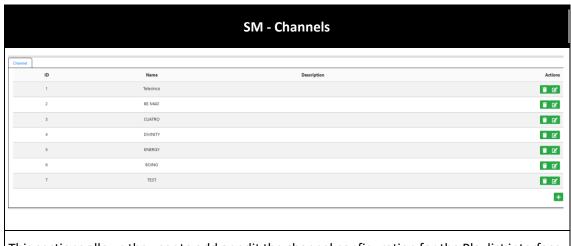
A place to let users create customized enumeration variables and edit them as they wish to be used in the interfaces.

Some examples may include: Programme genres, ratings, tags, image types, publication (airing) variables, attributes.

**Table 8: Enumerations** 



**Table 9: String translations** 

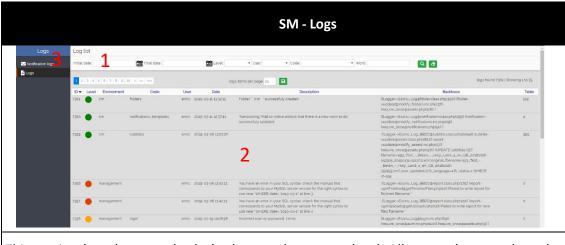


This sections allows the user to add or edit the channel configuration for the Playlist interface.

**Table 10 Channels** 

## 4.1.5 Logs

Logs section can be significant for administrative tasks especially when an incidence occurs on the interface. Table 10 shows the interface.



This section lets the user check the logs at the system level. All events happened on the platform are registered here with their useful data. These can be user, system, background and interconnection events.

1	With this tool, user can search through the logs based on various factors (date, user, section, level of event, code, word).
2	List of existing logs with their name, level, date, description and backtrace.
3	Notification logs are a list of notifications sent to the responsible person.

Table 11: Logs

In this sub-chapter, the following scenario is elaborated to clarify SM functionality. This scenario is an example on how to create a new profile for subtitle managers, setting the access permissions of this profile conveniently and then creating a new user based on this profile.

- 1. We enter the form (table 3) and we create a new profile named "Subtitle manager".
- 2. This profile aims to people who want to manage the subtitling workflow.
- 3. Figure 5 shows the specifications of this profile, note the permissions this profile has.
- 4. Next move, we go to User creation form to create a new user, now it is possible to assign the profile we just created to the new user, figure 3 shows how it is done.

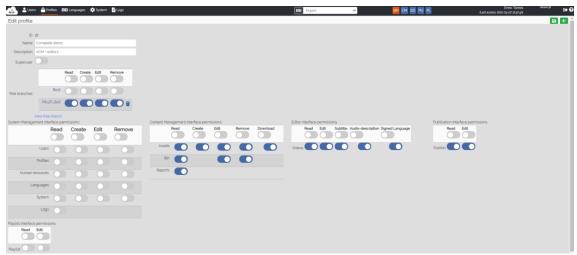


Figure 5: Creating the "Subtitle manager" profile

#### 4.2 CONTENT MANAGEMENT INTERFACE

Content Management interface is the place where all the access service contents can be found, managed and controlled. It is divided into the following subsections that are explained in the next three sub-chapters:

- Assets management of assets with their access service contents and production tasks
- Bin a temporary bin to keep deleted assets
- Reports stores statistical data and information about the CM

#### 4.2.1 ASSETS

Due to the importance of CM and assets, this interface is going to be explained section by section. Figure 6 shows assets main page.

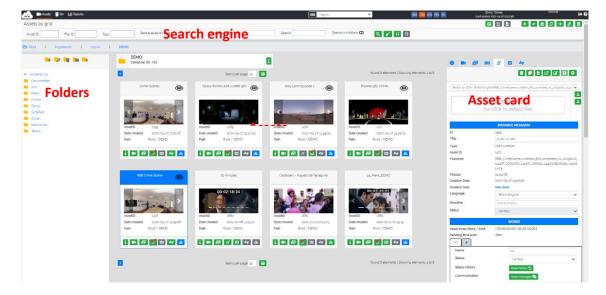


Figure 6: Assets main page

The contents are organised in a structure called "Assets". Each asset is created to manage the production and cataloguing of access service files (ST, SL, AD) in different languages for one 2D or 360° programme. It also contains all the necessary metadata to describe the asset and its instances.

It is both possible to create a **single** asset by the button on the top right or create **multiple** assets via another button in the same place (see Annex I). Assets can also be created automatically by the background process of importing LQ videos from an FTP folder, or using the dedicated API call.

At the creation phase, the user is required to upload the 360° video and enter some metadata and to finally save the action. As a result, an asset is created as in figure 7. This illustration demonstrates how an asset looks like. As seen, some icons are still in grey which means there are no files available from that type of content. However, video is uploaded by the user so it has turned green.

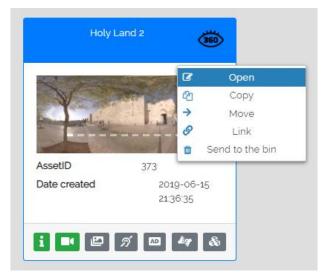
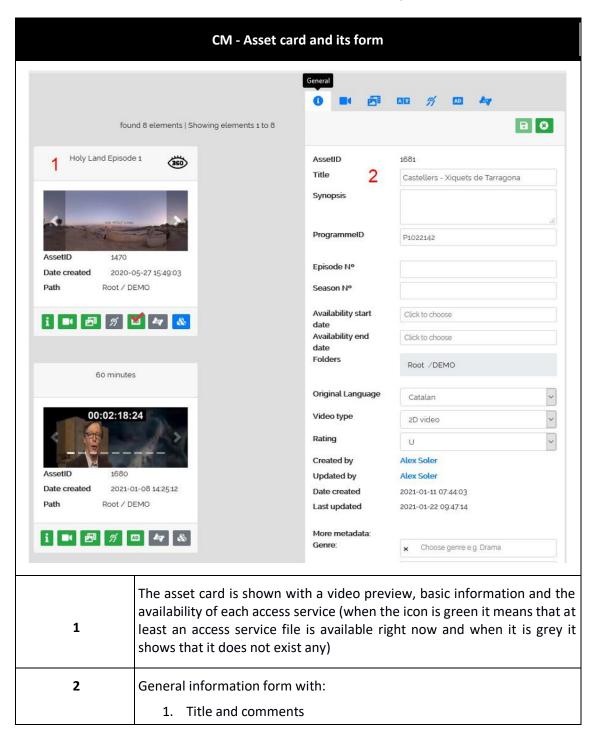


Figure 7: Asset card

By right-clicking a user is able to perform typical actions on the asset such as moving it to another folder, copying it to another folder, linking it or sending it to the bin (all actions can be done by using complementary buttons on the top right – see Annex I). Additionally, it is also possible to open the asset card. Next, we are going to see what is inside an asset card known as asset forms.

#### 4.2.1.1 ASSETS FORMS

As demonstrated in 3.3.1 the assets list contains all of the available assets with their metadata and files. Table 12 shows what is observed when an asset form opens.



	CM - Asset card and its form
	2. ID of the programme
	3. Episode №
	4. Session №
	5. Availability
	6. Original Language
	7. User who has created it with related dates
	8. The directory of the asset in the folders
	9. Other useful metadata
1	Access to the general information form (see table 12)
<b>=</b> 1	Access to the video form (see table 13)
	Access to the images form (see table 14)
á	Access to the subtitle form (see table 15)
AD	Access to the audio description form (see table 16)
£g-	Access to the sign language form (see table 17)

Table 12: Asset card and its forms

Table 13 demonstrates in detail the video form of an asset.

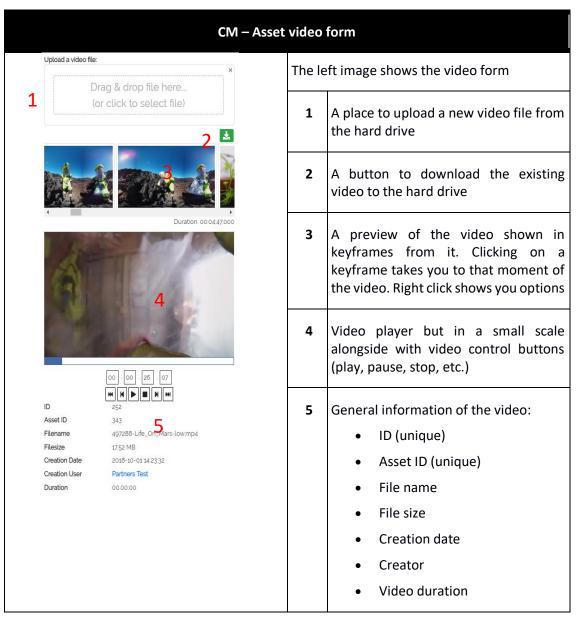


Table 13: Asset video form

The next form is for "Images". Every asset may contain several images which either can be uploaded by the user or be chosen among video frames. Table 14 shows more details.

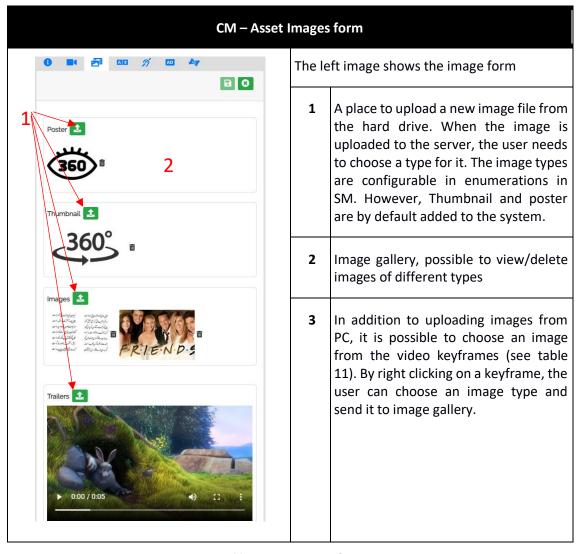
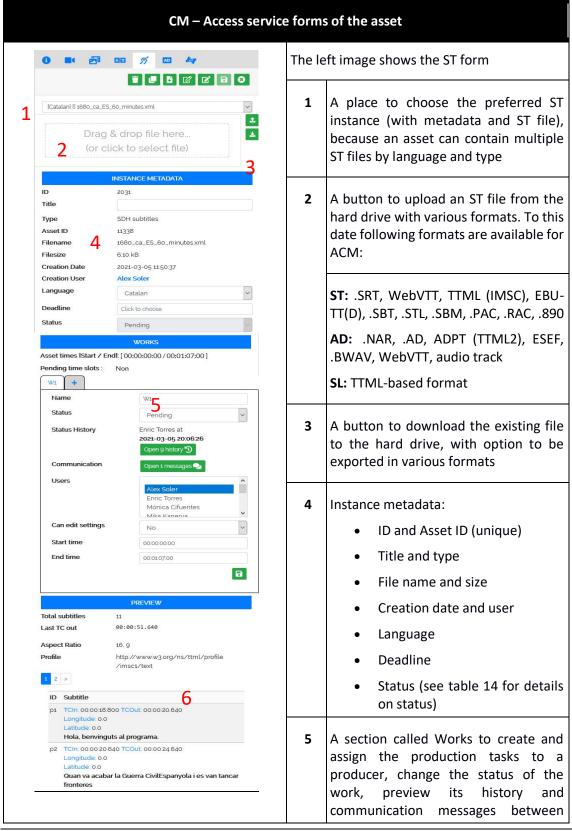


Table 14: Asset Images form

The remaining forms of the Asset for the Access Service contents such as Subtitles (ST), Audio Description (AD) and Sing Language (SL) are quite similar. In table 15 we see what these forms contain. We have chosen ST in the table and have eliminated AL and SL for convenience, as ST form contain all of the information and it is the one with more options (some specifics of the AD and SL are also explained in table 15).



CM – Access service	e forms	s of the asset
		producer and broadcaster. When assigned, the producer is able to see the production tasks in their working space (ED).
	6	Preview of the ST file
	Î	Deletes the file
		Copies (Clones) the file with existing TC with possibility to choose new ST type and language.
	+	Adds a new ST instance with an empty ST file to be produced (possibility to choose Title and language)
	Ø	Runs the corresponding Online Editor with the LQ video and ST file
	•	Saves the changes (if no change is detected, the button is disabled)
	4	This button which only exists in the AD form, lets the user import mp3, wav and m4a audio tracks. These tracks are converted into AD files automatically with segments (at the moment of importing, choosing type and language is possible). The silences are detected to determine time codes for conversion of this track to an .ad file
	-5	This button only exists in AD and SL form and it is used for the following cases:  • When in AD, it lets the user chooses from an existing subtitle files in the same asset to be imported as an AD file with the same timings and script.  • When in SL, it lets the user choose from existing subtitle

CM – Access service	forms	s of the asset
		files in the same asset to be imported as an SL file. This import helps the user to have the same timing and script from ST in order to transform the format to a sign language file and it facilitates the procedure, mainly when the sign language interpreter is deaf or hard of hearing.
	8	Closes the form

Table 15: Access Service forms of the Asset

Table 16 explains in details the different status types of any work would bear. These statuses are marked by the user and corresponds to the condition in which the task is in. The access service status is the worst of its work statuses.

	Work status
Pending	At first all instances and works are at this status by default and when created
In progress	Once the producer has started a job, the work status changes to "In progress"
Completed	When the job is finished by the producer, they can change the work status to "Completed" from the task card in the ED interface.
Verified	After the production task has being completed the broadcaster's Quality Assurance Department needs to either validate or reject the file after reviewing it. If everything is correct, the work status will change to "Verified".
Rejected	After being completed the broadcaster's Quality Assurance Department needs to either validate or reject the file after reviewing it. It is possible that they have some comments on the work and not satisfied with the result, for that they change the work status to "Rejected" along a rejection note for the producer. In this case the work will automatically be assigned again to the producer who will be able to answer the rejection note and proceed to the completion of the task.  An example of how a status history of a task looks like is seen in the figure below. This dialogue appears when clicked on the "Open history" button in the
	work form on the asset card. Communication messages can also be used (see table 18).

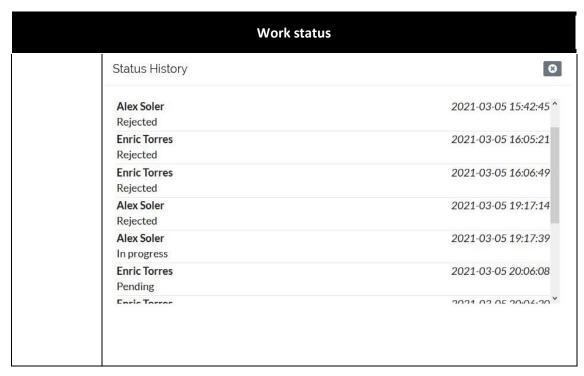


Table 16: Work status

This section allows the user to manage and catalogue the assets and also their contents and properties individually. How an asset is managed and edited was explained above. Let's take a look on how the assets are catalogued. In addition to actions and buttons explained in the previous chapter and also In Annex I, there are two ways to catalogue assets as indicated in 3.3 introduction:

- By metadata (when in metadata view), so to find an asset the user needs to use the search bar on top.
- By folder tree (when in hierarchical view), so only assets in the folder are shown.

## 4.2.1.2 ASSETS CATALOGUING

Folder tree of CM have the objective of creating a more flexible and organised interface. They can contain assets in its folders which are editable. The folders which are accessible by the user are those that are in the tree branches defined and configured in the profile of the user from SM (see table 3). The tree branches which are granted access to the user will appear on top of the CM interface page (see tree branches list in figure 8). If the user uses the search engine on the top, only the results in the specific folder and children folders (if the "Search in children" checkbox is marked) will appear as a search result.

It is possible to create/delete/edit/move/copy folders and navigate through them. Navigating by folder comes in handy when the work volume of broadcaster is high and the programmes are

numerous, so the user can organise the work based on criteria they look for (based on schedule of emission, importance, channels, etc.).

There are basically two methods to perform basic operations on folders such as edit, copy, etc: by buttons on the top of the folder tree or by right-clicking on any of them.

There is a small folder icon on the left of the tree branches list which lets the user switch between metadata view and hierarchical view (see folder icon in figure 8). When the icon shows a closed folder the metadata way is selected, when it is an open folder the hierarchical way is selected. If the user uses the search engine on the top when in this metadata view, the search will be performed in all the database but only from the folders that the user has access rights.

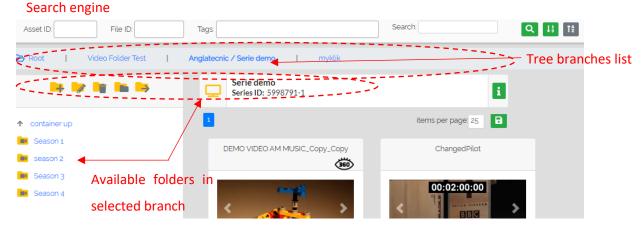


Figure 8: Folders and branches in CM

#### 4.2.1.3 FILE VIEW

In addition to the points mentioned in previous chapters, CM gives the user the possibility to navigate through assets and their instances in three different modes. The default mode elaborated earlier views assets as a collection ("List view "or "Grid view"). However, in addition to these, it is possible to switch to a "File view" that shows not assets, but all the access service files available on the folder. By file, we mean three different access service file types available (ST, AD and SL). Like assets, files can either be displayed on metadata view or hierarchical one. Table 17 displays more information in this sense.

This view is very useful for the quality assurance (QA) department users that need to find the files that have the "Completed" status and therefore they can review them and set the new status to "Verified" or "Rejected".

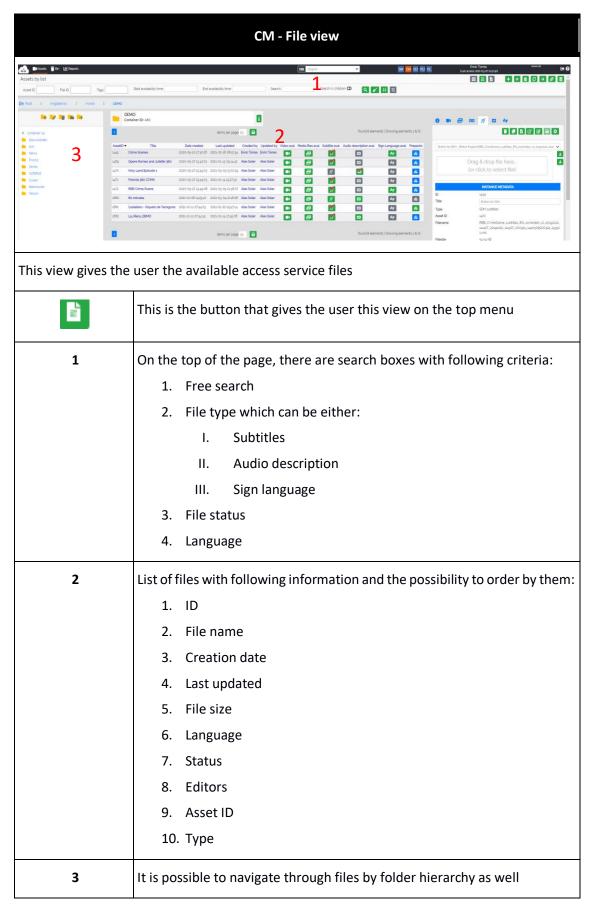


Table 17: File view

Bin acts like a recycle bin for the system. Contents which have been moved to bin cannot be edited or changed but it can be restored back into Assets or can be deleted forever.

#### 4.2.3 REPORTS

In this subsection, we can check out the statistical data and information showed in an interactive manner that can be understood by all users. To this date, three charts are displayed:

- Downloaded files
- New files
- Finished files

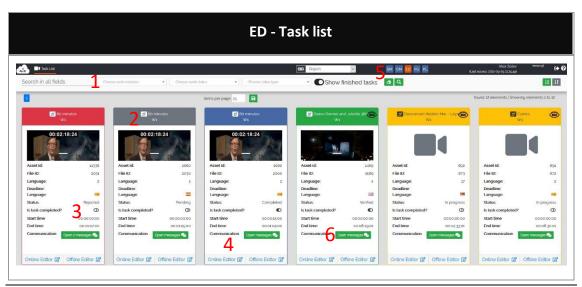
We can search through this data by date. Figure 9 shows the page clearly:



Figure 9: Reports

## 4.3 EDITOR INTERFACE

This is the interface specially destined to access service producers and lets them view their previously assigned tasks, search through them and more importantly gives them direct access to online editors (there are separate user manual for each Online Editor such as Web ST Editor, Web AD Editor and Web SL Editor). Table 18 shows more details.



	ED - Task list
Search bar (1)	With this tool, the user can search through their assigned production tasks based on file type, status, media type (immersive/non-immersive) and language and view them alphabetically, including finished tasks or not, etc.
Task icon (2)	These icons show the type of production task: it can be either a subtitle, a sign language, or an audio description task. The colour of the row shows the status of the task ( <i>Pending</i> : in grey, <i>In progress</i> : in yellow, <i>Completed</i> : in blue, <i>Rejected</i> : in red, and <i>Verified</i> : in green).
Task status (3)	The user can view the status of the work and only can changed it to Completed when the job is done.
Online Editor (4)	By clicking on this button of a task the corresponding Online Editor will be executed with the video file, metadata and the access service file for the production with specific ID number.
System language (5)	ED interface and the Online Editors are available in different languages. There is an option on top right of the ED interface page to select the language which will be saved as the user preference for all the interfaces and editors.
Communication messages (6)	Communication messages between the producer and the broadcaster can be done through this option. For instance, when a work is <i>Rejected</i> by the Accessibility Quality Assurance Department of a broadcasting station, the person who has rejected it needs to explain and justify the reasons of the decision to the producer. The producer is able to see this justification by clicking on the Comunication icon in the task card on the ED interface.

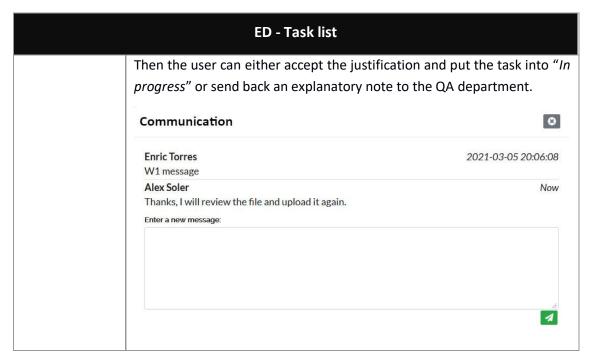


Table 18: Task list

### 4.4 USE CASE

Now that the reader is familiar with every section of ACM, we will explain how it works through a given scenario. The complete workflow is shown in figure 10.

- 1. When the broadcaster requires access services for a programme (point 1 of figure 10) an asset corresponding to that programme is necessary in CM and it can be created in either of the following ways:
  - a. Manually using the top right buttons to create a new asset (see annex I), uploading the LQ video of the programme and editing its metadata.
  - b. Automatically by receiving a LQ video of the programme via FTP (point 2 of figure 10), or by a background process using the API.
- 2. After the asset with the LQ video is created there are some typical operations for assets like moving, copying, linking and erasing.
- 3. The user goes to the desired access service form when a new access service content is required, creates a new instance (with an empty access service file), and edits its metadata (see table 15).
- 4. From the new instance, the user assigns the task of producing the access service content (editing/producing the access service file) to one or various producers such as subtitlers, audio describers or signers who comply with the criteria for this specific production (point 3 of figure 10). Optionally, the user can create various works to distribuite the production to different producers, each work with its start time and end time

- parameters will be assigned to producers (by default there is only one work from the start time to the end time of the asset).
- 5. From the ED interface a producer (professional or external service provider) performs the production task that has been assigned to them using the Online Editor (point 4 of figure 10) and when the job is finished, the producer changes the production task status to "Completed" (point 5 of figure 10).
- 6. Once the production task is set to "Completed", the access service work (the same access service can be divided in several works if the production is distribuited) is ready to be reviewed and validated by the broadcaster's quality assurance (QA) department. One good recommendation to the QA user is to change the CM interface to "File list view" and order the files by their status to find out which production tasks are completed in order to review them. After review they either change the work status to "Verified" or "Rejected" alongside a rejection reason note to the producer (point 6 of figure 10). When rejected, the task is automatically is re-assigned to the producer with the rejection reason in the communications dialog.
- 7. Once the access service status is verified (only when all the works of the access service have the verified status), the broadcaster's play-out system or other publication systems can access the access service files in order to air or publish the access service (point 7 of figure 10). For this it is necessary that the platform is fully integrated with the broadcaster's systems.

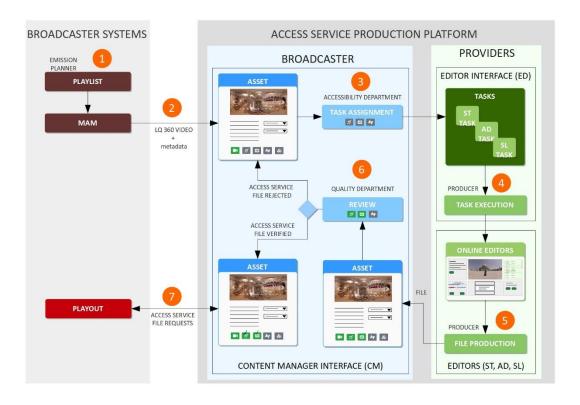


Figure 10: Production and publication/airing workflow

# ANNEX I: ICONS GUIDE

Icon	Usage
Á	Subtitle form
AD	Audio description form
£g	Sign language form
	Image form
=1	Video form
i	General asset information form
•	Communications
3	Status history
15	Sort assets by numerical order
12	Sort assets by alphabetical order
	File view switch button
	Change the view of assets to list view
<b>!!!</b>	Change the view of assets to grid view
+	To be used when the user wants to add a new asset
	When the user wants to import assets from FTP where the high resolution video resides
Ф	The user selects one or various asset (for multiple selection use the Ctrl key) and with this button chooses the destination among folders where they are copied
<b>→</b>	The user selects one or various assets (for multiple selection use the Ctrl key) and with this button chooses the new destination among folders where they are moved
*	A button to "Select all" assets in the page
Ţ,	Upload and create <b>multiple</b> assets using a dialogue

lcon	Usage
Ê	This button lets the user edit <b>multiple</b> assets common characteristics at once
જ	The user selects one or various assets (for multiple selection use the Ctrl key) and with this button create links to them
â	The user selects one or various assets (for multiple selection use the Ctrl key) and with this button erases them
&	Publish assets with at least one verified access service file (it turns blue)
B	Save changes (when no change is made, the button is disabled)
	Copy access service instance into a new language (TCs are kept)
<b>(2)</b>	Open the Online Editor with the access service file
-51	Import new AD/SL file from an existing ST file
	Import an audio file from PC in order to use it as an AD instance
8	Close asset form
<b>±</b>	Upload instance
<b>±</b> .	Download instance
E .	Add a new instance
5	Restore the asset inside bin back to asset list
<b>₫</b>	Delete the asset in the bin forever
-	Add a new folder
	Edit folder
-	Send folder to the bin
-	Copy folder
-	Move folder