

Deliverable 7.1.1

Virtual Worlds
Requirements Specification
(initial version)





D7.1.1 - Summary

- Delivered on time at M3
- 2 use cases included
- Input from partners much appreciated
- Extra material ready for next deliverable



D7.1.1 Use Case overview

- UC1: Still Images
- UC2: Multilayer Flash content
- Opportunity to add UC3 (Video) at M20
- USi user-centric requirements to be included at next revision
- Issues pertaining to target audience (children 7 -11) still remain



D7.1.1 Location of data

- Tiny Planets Labs – new site
 - Joomla based site
 - Templates almost complete
 - Plan is to integrate Virtual World, Tiny Planets Zoo, Tiny Planets games, and more (Insemtives) into one location and over time divert traffic from existing sites



TINY PLANETS LABS

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MY CONTROLS MY FRIENDS PERRY HELION TELEPORTED TO BUZZARD VALLEY GAMES RATE LOCATION

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QUIZ

BANK: 14 TYPE HERE TO CHAT YOUR STARS: 1,798,624

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D7.1.1 Use Case 1

- Still images
 - Based on data from LRO
 - Memorandum of understanding exchanged with Citizens Science Alliance
 - LRO launched 18th June 09
 - Calibration began 2nd July
 - Flash interface now in development
 - Opened discussions with Discovery Kids



D7.1.1 Use Case 1

- **Location**

- Source data on AWS placed on Tiny Planets Labs via link / iframe

- **Capacity**

- LRO is expected to generate 80Gb image data per day (but we do not have to store this)

- **Format**

- Application will be Flash using AS2; image data will be JPEG, will be loaded into Flash viewer.



D7.1.1 Use Case 1

- **Components**

- Image data from NASA, Flash interface, web interface to AWS, User Account data, User Profile & Avatar, MTP Stars

- **Method**

- Users will mark within the image using a Flash tool to draw ellipses of craters and other objects

- **Incentives**

- Users will be rewarded with MTP Stars and virtual goods for annotation.



D7.1.1 Use Case 1

- Desired outcomes

- Users annotate craters
- Users earn MTP stars
- Users convert their free accounts to paid accounts in order to be able to spend the currency earned in the virtual world.

(Secondary outcomes)

- MTP uses connection for educational credibility
- Gets opportunity to add Mars and Mercury data



D7.1.1 Use Case 2

- Multi-layer Flash
 - Based on locations from My Tiny Planets
 - We want to try to incorporate ‘emotional’ response to landscapes (activation / evaluation)
 - Can be presented as a standalone game
 - 1,000,000 variations
 - Plus addition of buildings etc.



D7.1.1 Use Case 2

- **Location**

- Source data on Tiny Planets Labs server in stand-alone database, User Accounts still on MTP server

- **Capacity**

- Requirements are quite small; graphics are multi-layered so that they are combined on the fly; requirements will be a few tens of Gigabytes

- **Format**

- Application will be Flash using AS2; layers will be .swf files referenced from SQL database



D7.1.1 Use Case 2

- **Components**

- Multi-layer Flash from MTP, Flash interface, User Account data, User Profile & Avatar, MTP Stars

- **Method**

- Users identify objects in landscapes, then create a 'profile' for the landscape using a flash dial. There will be an additional game in the landscape.

- **Incentives**

- Users will be rewarded with MTP Stars and virtual goods for annotation.



D7.1.1 Use Case

- Desired outcomes

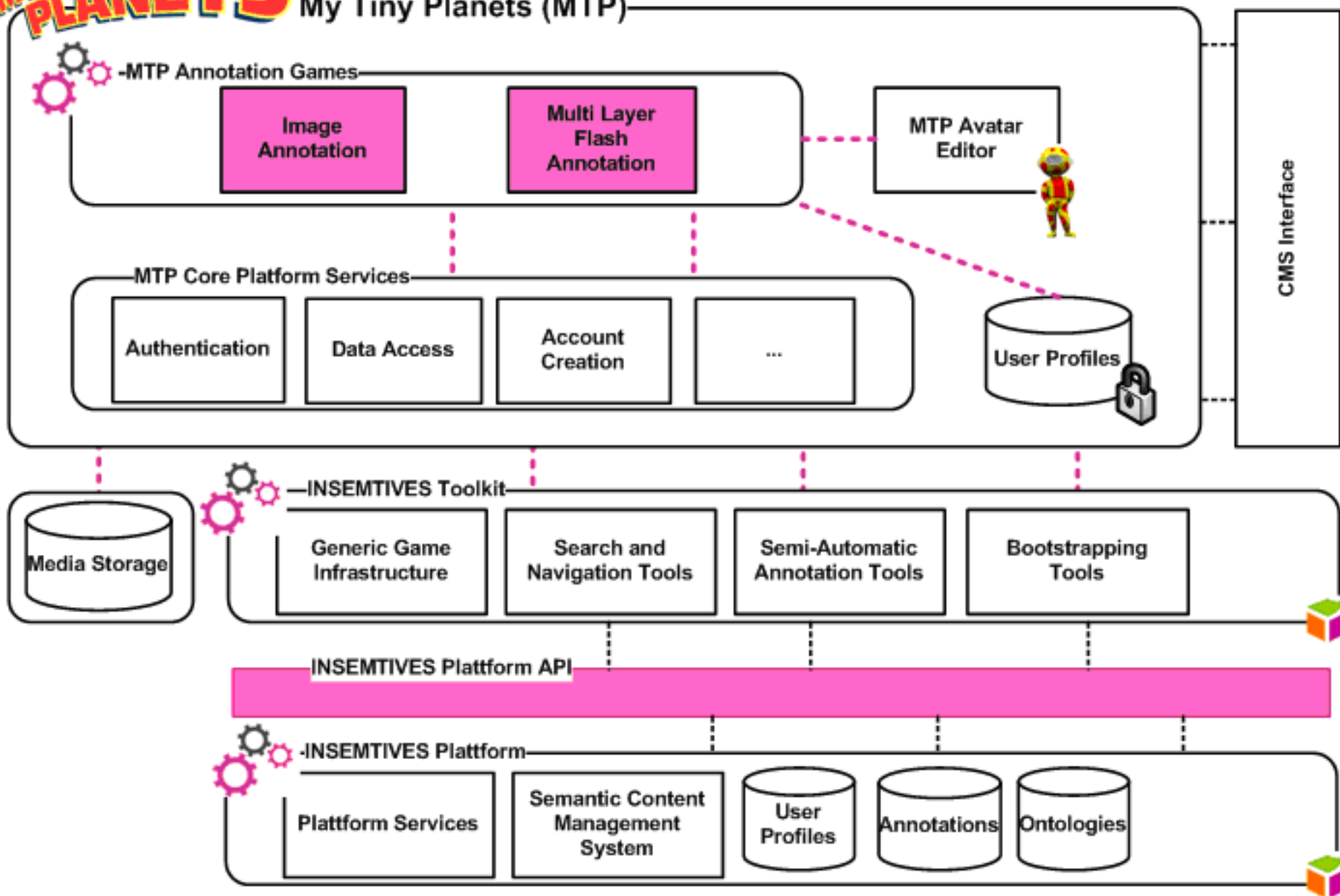
- Users annotate landscapes
- Users earn MTP stars
- Users convert their free accounts to paid accounts in order to be able to spend the currency earned in the virtual world.

(Secondary outcomes)

- MTP explores opportunities for 'participative narrative' in later applications
- Landscapes can be searched by mood

MY TINY PLANETS

My Tiny Planets (MTP)





Next steps

- Fully implement Tiny Planets Labs site
- Complete Zoo interface
- Begin to integrate profile aspects of MTP accounts
- Explore other ways of displaying / browsing user profiles
- Clarify conversion process from free to paying member



Conclusions

- 2 Use Cases, genuine added value to Tiny Planets brand
- Technically diverse and quite challenging
- Offer opportunities for exploring ‘virtual goods’ as incentives
- Opportunity to expand number of Use Cases at M20 if appropriate