# The Path to Avalon 7

or, how we stopped worrying and learned to love Hyrax

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### A Brief History

- One of the first Hydra Samvera Solution Bundles
- Solved a core problem (Audio and Video)
- But it only focused on time-based media
- Grew quickly but grew up alone
- Currently in production at 10+ institutions







### **Project Funding**

- 2010-2011: IMLS Planning Grant
- 2011-2015: IMLS National Leadership Grant
- 2015-2017: Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2017-2019: IMLS National Leadership Grant

Partnership between libraries at Indiana University and Northwestern University









### It Just Makes Sense

 Many institutions have mixed collections with time-based media, but no clear path to serving it to a larger audience

A single repository base lowers technical overhead

 Developers contributing to Hyrax will be able to quickly get up to speed and help out the Avalon team where they need it



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- Playlists and markers
- Ingestion API
- Captions

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### The First Step

Diving into the Hyrax codebase

 Looking for opportunities to embed the Avalon team into community development

Contracted with DCE to kickstart development



# Community Work

Collection Extensions

Valkyrie

External Files

Other communities—IIIF-AV



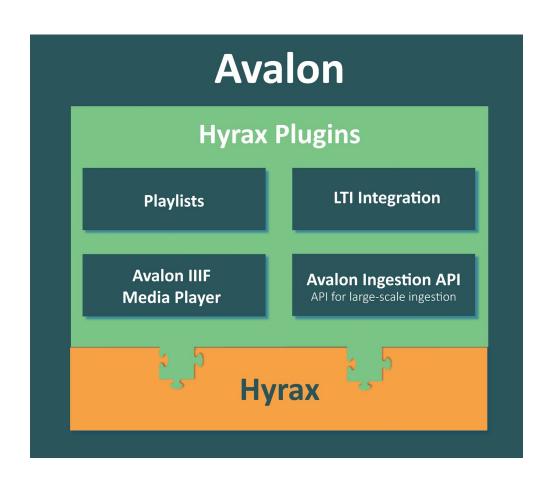


# Small Components make a big solution bundle

Use Hyrax as a starting point

Contributions to Core, Plugins,
 Work Type, and Custom code

Avalon bundles it all up





### Small Components make a big solution bundle

- Embeddable IIIF-AV player
- Transcoding and streaming
- Playlists including segments and annotations
- Avalon-style leases
- LTI support (e.g. Canvas)
- Ingest API



### Component: Embeddable IIIF-AV player



Avalon IIIF A/V MediaElement Player v.1.0

**Note:** Currently the master branch represents parsing of a manifest with the following structure: https://mallorn.dlib.indiana.edu/media\_objects/0c483j54d/manifest To get started, copy and paste this url below and click 'Submit'. There's a current MediaElement4 / hls issue in this app which will only render one MediaElement player per page load.

https://mallorn.dlib.indiana.edu/media\_objects/cz30ps74m/manifest

Submit

### Structured Links

- Lunchroom Manners
  - Getting Ready for Lunch
    - Washing Hands
      - Using Soap
      - Rinsing Well
  - In the Lunchroom
    - At the Counter
      - Getting Tray
      - Choosing Food
      - There will be cake
    - At the Table
      - Sitting Quietly
      - Eating Neatly
  - · Leaving the Lunchroom
    - Cleaning Up
    - Putting Things Away

### MediaElement 4 Player

Beginning Responsibility: Lunchroom Manners



https://avalonmediasystem.github.io/avalon-iiif-player/



### Component: Transcoding and Streaming

### **Transcoding**

- Preliminary support for ActiveEncode in hydra-derivatives
- External transcoding services (e.g. Amazon Elastic Transcoder)

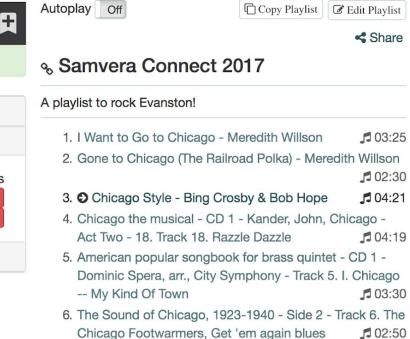
### **Streaming**

- From local (e.g. Wowza) or cloud (e.g. Cloudfront)
- External storage of derivatives
- Authorization enforcement



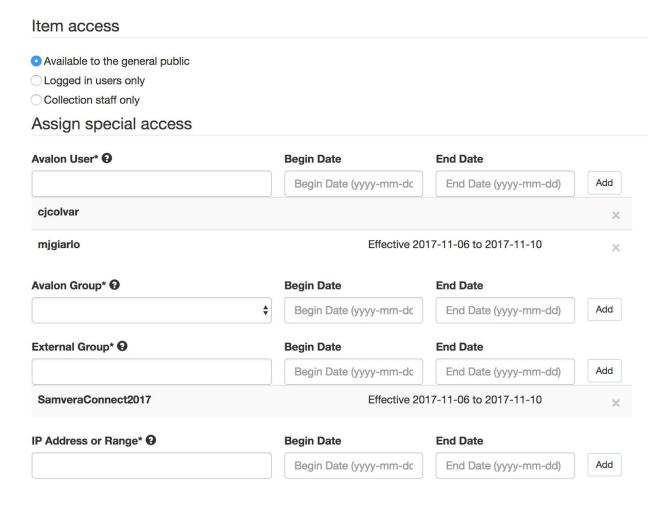
### Component: Playlists





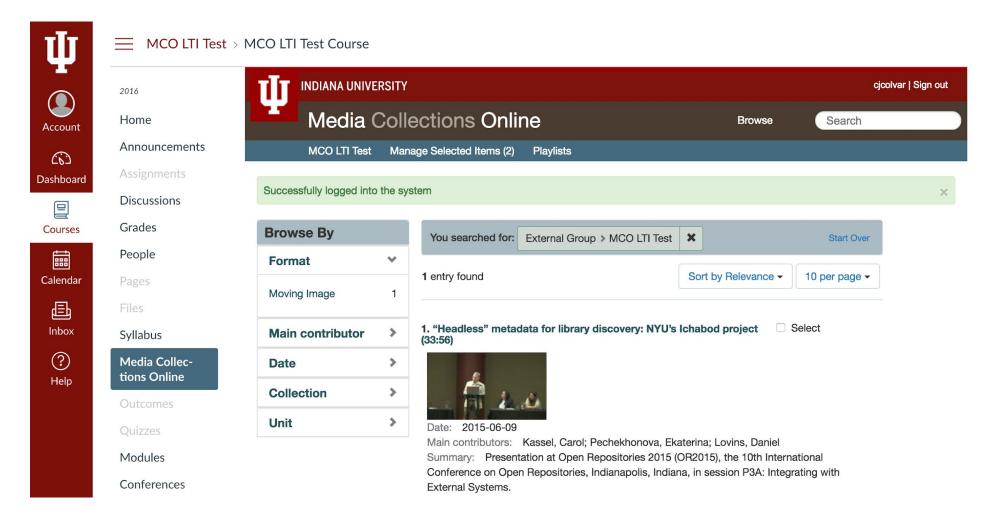


### Component: Avalon-style Leases





### Component: LTI support





### Why?

- Push Hyrax and the community forward
- Forces us to focus on and inform community best practices
- Allows us to focus on our core strengths (AV) without rebuilding a modern product from the ground up
- Build a wider A/V community (Looking at you!)



In conclusion, I want to say there is no such thing as sustainable development. Community is the only thing in my experience that is sustainable. We all need to be involved in building communities, not focused solely on developing things.

- Winona LaDuke



### The IMLS National Leadership Grant

- July 2017 -- June 2019 (#LG-70-17-0042-17)
- Integration of Avalon into the Samvera (Hydra) codebase
- Piloting a cloud-based version of Avalon with Lyrasis
- Improved media preservation
- Working with Artefactual Systems to integrate Avalon with the Archivematica platform
- Achieving a standardized delivery format
- IIIF AV interoperability spec and providing a demonstration implementation









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