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Alinari on-line photographic archive for european educational system

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What is Orpheus?

The ORPHEUS project (an 18th months project) aims at making available a range of services targeted to the educational institutions in Europe, enabling them to access the European photographic heritage through the electronic interface of the internet. The European photographic heritage will be firstly represented by Alinari's archive, one of the largest ones in the world, and further other valuable archives will follow, using the same interface. Thanks to a sophisticated system of copyright management (watermarking on the fly by Digimarc) and the enlargement of the images in real time (XL Image technology by Centrica), the Orpheus online system brings advanced and efficient services for the students.



Field of study

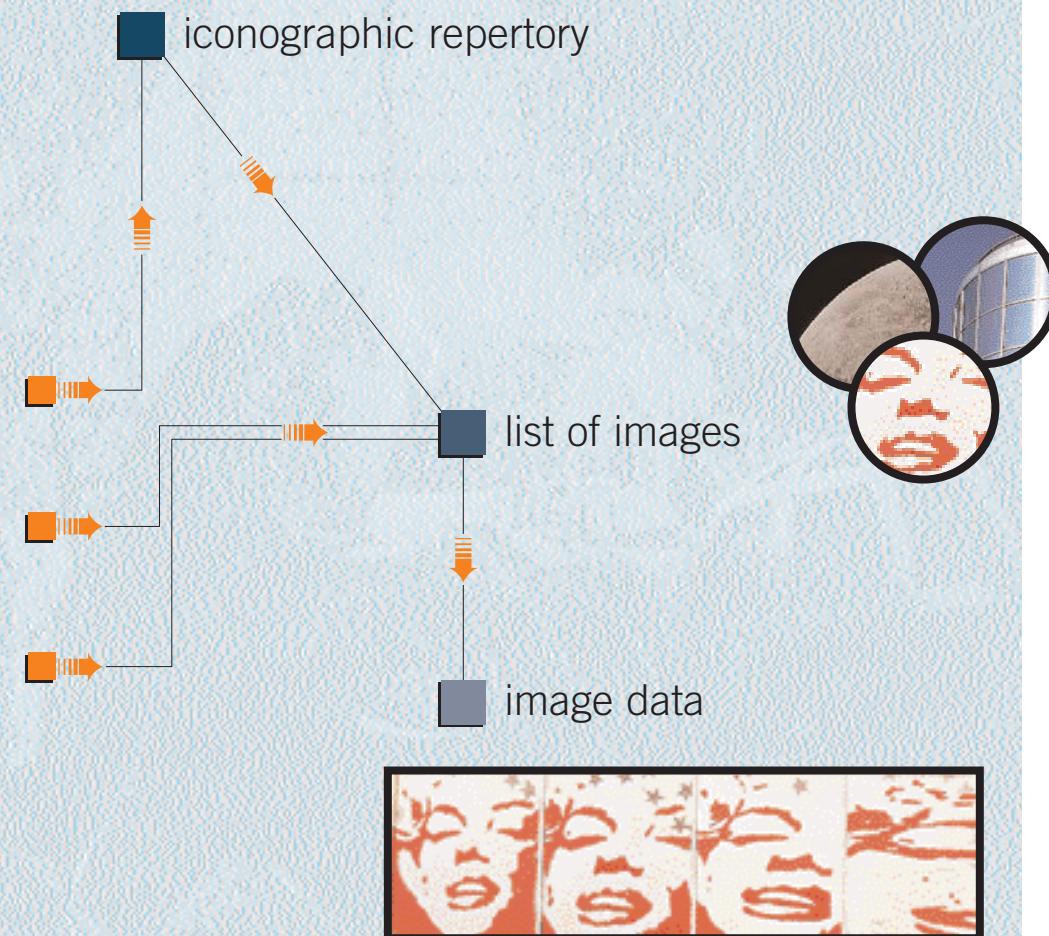
→ guided search

Subject network

→ iconographic repertory

Search by subjects

→ free search



Experimentation

The indexing Alinari thesaurus has been especially tailored for the Business to Education project by the Alinari team and by several external institutions in the past years, in order to ensure today a very complete and easy to use picture retrieval system. Through the participation of users and brokers, the project will be validated within pilots running in four European countries – namely Italy, Ireland, Spain and Belgium. On the basis of focused market researchers and exploiting the results of the pilots, a complete business plan will be created in order to prepare the further deployment and roll-out of the services in Europe. After the market validation phase the project is expected to enlarge the number of archives accessible via the implemented web-site and to be able to provide consulting services to the others archives owners willing to run similar initiatives. In parallel with the work described above, a dissemination campaign will be developed in order to give maximum visibility and access to the results of the ORPHEUS project as well as to capture further feedback from potential users participating to the dissemination.

It is important also to mention the Internationalisation of the project: this means to identify possible nodes in other European countries, interested in starting up operations in additional members states.

New picture contents, agents and school institutions are very welcome to join the project!

We also extend the same invitation for cooperation and collaboration with other e-learning and European cultural projects.

