

VisRec JSR #381 Review

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Overall Goal

Promoting Java as a first-class citizen in AI/ML

Create a high-level standard API for object recognition using machine learning that is familiar to and useful for Java Developers



Why It's Important for Java SE and Devs

- Machine Learning a huge industry trend
- Visual Recognition (VisRec) important subset of ML
- Java ML APIs need to be "Java Developer Friendly"
- Standard APIs offer portability and maintenance benefits
- High-level abstractions for sustainable development of products
- Protect developers from lower-level changes (and provide hooks allowing lower-level access)
- Building custom ML models/Image Classifiers (not just using pre-trained Classifiers)



Issues with Existing Offerings

- Disparate OSS/proprietary ML engines and toolkits
- Different image classes, algorithms and implementations, often with native dependencies
- Each has different set of APIs
- Reduced Portability
 - Image Recognition Apps
 - Lower-level Bitmap, Image, etc, pixel-level manipulation
- Some Toolkits very complex for Avg Java Developer
- Most Toolkits are not Java-friendly (C flavor)



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History (necessary?)

- List the significant dates in the history of the JSR.
 - Submittal: April 2017
 - EDR: June 2018
 - Public Review: Early June 2019



Technical scope and features

- Provide a high-level summary of technical features.
 - No more than 2 or 3 slides.
 - 1 slide: architecture
 - 2 slide: design class diagram
 - 3 slide: example usage
 - 4 slide: comparison with existing libs





The Expert Group

- Zoran University of Belgrade
- Sandhya (former) IBM, (current) Microsoft
- Frank NYJavaSIG
- Status meetings (zoom) every Tuesday https://groups.io/g/visrec/topics
- Groups.io mailing list (visrec) and calendar



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Other Docs, Presentations, etc.

- Examples 4-5 working examples
 https://github.com/JavaVisRec/jsr381-examples
- Getting Started Document
- JavaOne/CodeOne panel Heather/Sandy/Frank/EdBurns
- Intro to ML for Java Devs Zoran/Frank CodeOne
- Visual Recognition Sandy/Frank Devoxx US



Visual Recognition (VisRec) JSR #381 Getting Started Guide

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Overview

The VisRec API JSR #381 is a software development standard recognized by the Java Community Process (JCP) that simplifies and standardizes a set of APIs familiar to Java developers for classifying and recognizing objects in images. There are two types of Java developers that may be interested in VisRec ISR #381; application developers interested in

Collaboration with Community Groups

- Kevin In contact with NLJUG (Dutch JUG) to organize sessions nationwide to adopt the JSR once there are multiple visual recognition examples implemented using the API and RI.
- Frank NYJavaSIG waiting for 1.0 to actively engage



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Implementations

- How many implementations (apart from the RI) exist?
 - One more in progress: Neuroph educational neural network framework with support image recognition



Schedule

- June 1 Beta release
- Dec 1.0 release



RI and TCK development

- The TCK and RI are being developed simultaneously in a TDD (test-driven development) working environment as much as possible to keep the RI compliant with the TCK at any time.
- The API, RI, TCK are being developed by two active committers of which one is a Spec Lead of the JSR:
 - Zoran Sevarac (Spec Lead)
 - Kevin Berendsen (Contributor)



RI and TCK development

- TCK Runner (consists of the TCK and RI):
 - https://github.com/JavaVisRec/jsr381-tck-ri
- Source-code repositories:
 - API: https://github.com/JavaVisRec/visrec-api
 - RI: https://github.com/JavaVisRec/visrec-ri
 - TCK: https://github.com/JavaVisRec/visrec-tck
 - Examples: https://github.com/JavaVisRec/jsr381-examples



RI and TCK development

- Snapshots published in Sonatype:
 - API: https://oss.sonatype.org/#nexus-search;quick~visrec-api
 - RI: https://oss.sonatype.org/#nexus-search;quick~visrec-ri



Participation and Transparency

- JSR page on JCP.org
 - https://jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=381
- JSR project website

https://github.com/JavaVisRec



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