

How to Use VideoANT: Creating Your First Annotated Video

The following procedure results in:

- The ability to access VideoAnt to annotate your video
- A URL to send others whom you want them to view your annotated video
- A URL for you to access to revise current annotations or add more annotations

Step-by-Step Instructions:

- 1) Proceed to <http://ant.umn.edu>
- 2) Click once on, “Click Here to Launch VideoAnt”
- 3) Create a title (this will be seen by all visitors to your annotated video). The title should be something that identifies the lab safety clip and yourself.
- 4) Enter your e-mail address – URLs to both the VideoAnt editing area and the viewing area *for your particular version of the annotated video* will be sent to this address (see figures 1 and 2, next page). It is important to use an e-mail address that you can access easily and send e-mail from.
- 5) Copy and paste the following URL into the appropriate textbox in the VideoANT interface.

<https://mediamill.cla.umn.edu/mediamill/download.flv/91507.flv>

(This is the URL to the brief video containing many lab safety violations.)

- 6) Click once on, “Begin Annotating!”

NOTE: It may take one minute or so for your video to load. If it does not load after three minutes, return to ant.umn.edu and re-enter VideoANT. It is likely that you mistyped the URL to the “.flv” (or.mov”) file. (Return to step #1, and begin again.)
- 7) Annotate your video. Using what you know about appropriate conduct and how to organize a lab, annotate the video with “violations” you spot in the video. Add a brief description of each violation.
- 8) When finished annotating your video, simply point your browser to a different URL (i.e., web page). There currently is no “Completed” or Finished” button to push when in VideoANT. By moving to a new web page, the annotation process is completed and the relevant editing and viewing URLs particular to your annotated video will be sent to the e-mail address you entered at step #5, above.
- 9) Access the “VIEW” URL that you receive via e-mail. If you are comfortable with your annotations, submit the VIEW URL to the Biosafety Group by accessing the on-line form located at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YK5ZGMH>. When you submit this form, your browser will automatically proceed to a page containing (a) a URL to the same video clip, annotated by Biosafety staff, and (b) a copy of the Biosafety staff annotations to compare your observations with theirs.

Editing and Viewing Annotated Video

By completing step # 9, above, you will automatically be sent, via e-mail, two URLs: one for editing your annotations, and one for viewing your annotated video.

To edit your annotations: Proceed to the “EDIT” URL that is sent to your e-mail address (Figure 2). After you edit your annotations, another set of URLs will be sent via e-mail to the account you enter during the editing process.

To have others view your annotated video: Copy and paste the “VIEW” URL to others. (Figure 2)

IMPORTANT POINTS:

Support is Available.

- The <http://ant.umn.edu> URL includes links to a blog dedicated to discussing VideoAnt updates, bugs, etc. In addition, the web site will be fleshed in with additional resources over time.
- E-mail brown123@umn.edu for direct support or with any questions you have.

Status	Sent	From	Subject		
<input type="checkbox"/>	* 10:19 AM Dec 6	VideoANT	Video Annotation Title: asd	-	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	* 10:18 AM Dec 6	VideoANT	Video Annotation Title: mmmm	-	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:13 AM Dec 6	VideoANT	Video Annotation Title: Lab Problems	-	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	* 10:05 AM Dec 2	VideoANT	Video Annotation Title: full movie	-	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	* 10:00 AM Dec 2	VideoANT	Video Annotation Title: lab test	-	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	* 12:18 PM Nov 30	VideoANT	Video Annotation Title: final test tues	-	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	* 11:06 AM Nov 30	VideoANT	Video Annotation Title: test tues two	-	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	* 10:44 AM Nov 30	VideoANT	Video Annotation Title: tues test	-	Delete

Figure 1: Several incoming e-mail messages, due to re-editing of a VideoANT project. The most recent message will always contain the URLs to use when viewing or editing the annotated video. Note sender is “VideoANT.”

Subject: **Video Annotation Title: Lab Problems**

From: VideoANT <do-not-reply@umn.edu> [+](#)

Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2010 10:13:19 -0600 (CST)

To: brown123@umn.edu [+](#)

[Report this message as spam.](#)

Video Annotation Title: Lab Problems

Your VideoANT has been created!

This email has been automatically generated. Once you have finished annotating the video, use the link below to view it.

Use this link to VIEW your Annotation: <http://ant.umn.edu/vav.php?pid=61786173372165>
 Use this link to EDIT your Annotation: <http://ant.umn.edu/vae.php?pid=1291651999>

Use this link to EMBED your Annotation into another page: <http://ant.umn.edu/embed.php?projID=1291651999>
 VideoANT RSS 2.0: <http://ant.umn.edu/videoantRSS.php?pid=61786173372165>

If you experience any difficulties, please contact the VideoANT support team at: ant@umn.edu

Figure 2: A sample e-mail message sent from the VideoANT server.

Note the two unique URLs, one for viewing (VIEW) the annotations and one URL for (re)editing the annotated video clip (EDIT).