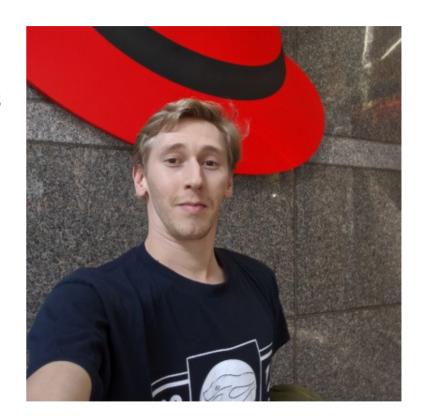


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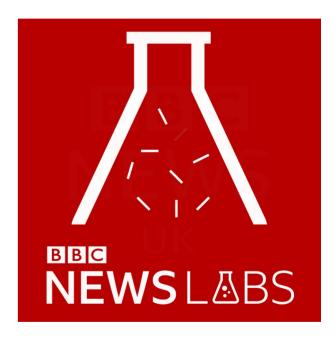
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The year is 2021...











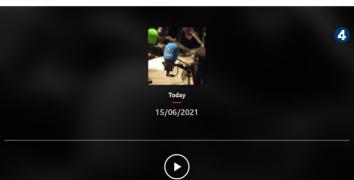
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@GabbyLogan tells @JustinOnWebb about the death of her brother Daniel from a heart condition.



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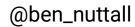


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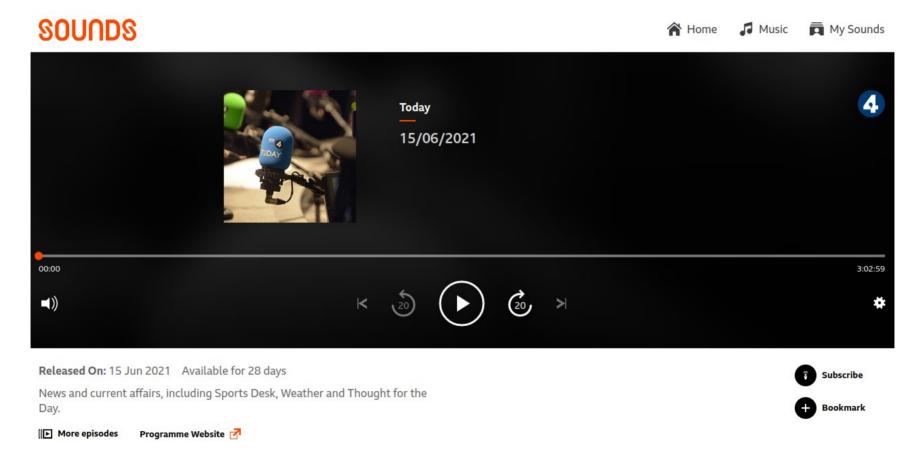




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:	,	Y SPORT 08:25 Nic	k Karthi Granasegaram		OS9 & SKYPET			05:00	05:00	08:30:10	
:	1	Y RADIO 4 TRAIL Just	tin (III)					00:45	00:45	08:30:55	
:	,	Y WEATHER Nicl	c (0)					00:15	00:15	08:31:10	
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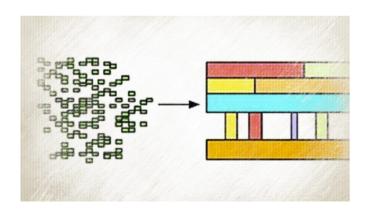
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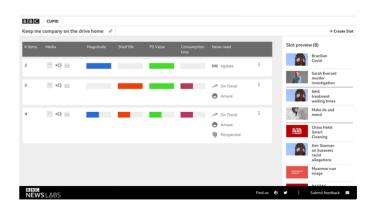
 What if we could enrich the digital offering by harvesting data from the running order?



What else...

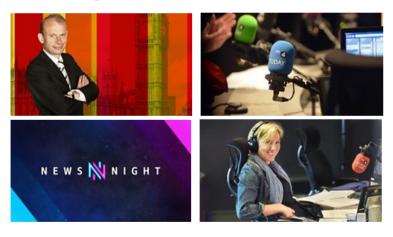
• Once we've re-applied the data to the content, what else does this allow us to do?





Personalisation opportunities

Instead of: You might like...



More personalised:
 You might like...



How do we extract running order data?

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The MOS protocol



Media Object Server (MOS™) Protocol v4 0

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Abstract

MOS is a more-than twenty year-old evolving protocol for communications between Newsroom Computer Systems (NCS) and Media Object Servers (MOS) such as Video Servers, Audio Servers, Still Stores, Character Generators, Automation Servers, and Promoters. The MOS Protocol development is supported through cooperative collaboration among equipment yendors, software vendors and end users.

Status of this document

This document reflects changes to the MOS protocol discussed during various NAB and IBC MOS meetings. It is referred to as MOS v4.0. New version details are here.

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The document contains bookmarks and hyperlinks. The Table of Contents and other areas contain underlined phrases. Depending on the viewer application used, clicking or double clicking on underlined links will take the viewer to the relevant portion of the document.

Please make special note of the Profiles section which provides context for the use of command messages which are later defined in detail.

Examples of each MOS message and data structure are included. These messages may be used for testing. Developers are encouraged to cut these messages from the document, change the value of ID tags as appropriate, and paste the modified messages into validation tools. Other than these example messages, validation tools are not provided by the MOS Group.

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MOS files

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<mos>
 <mosID>RUNDOWNGATEWAY.W1.BBC.MOS/mosID>
  <ncsID>OPENMEDIA NCS.W1.BBC.MOS/ncsID>
  <messageID>2812227</messageID>
 <roCreate>
   <roID>OPENMEDIA_NCS.W1.BBC.MOS;OM_5.604856//roID>
   <roSlug>0700 R4 TODAY Thu, 17.06.2021</roSlug>
   <roChannel>R4 News OnAir</roChannel>
   <roEdStart>2021-06-17T06:00:00</roEdStart>
   <roEdDur>00:00:00</roEdDur>
   <roTrigger/>
```

MOS files

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
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 <mosID>RUNDOWNGATEWAY.W1.BBC.MOS/mosID>
 <ncsID>OPENMEDIA_NCS.W1.BBC.MOS/ncsID>
 <messageID>2812228</messageID>
 <roStorySend>
   <roID>OPENMEDIA_NCS.W1.BBC.MOS;OM_5.604856//roID>
   <storyID>OPENMEDIA_NCS.W1.BBC.MOS;OM_5.604856;OM_5.604885,5.604856.35/storyID>
   <storySlug>VCS PIN 4001
   <storyNum/>
   <storyBody>
     </storyBody>
```

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Process MOS files

roCreate	roStoryDelete	roStoryInsert	roItemDelete
roStorySend	roItemInsert	roItemInsert	roStoryDelete
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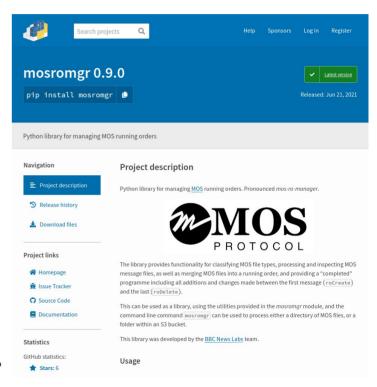


complete
running order

mosromgr

- MOS Running Order Manager
- Open source Python library for managing MOS running orders
- Python 3.6+
- Apache 2.0 licenced
- github.com/bbc/mosromgr
- mosromgr.readthedocs.io
- pypi.org/project/mosromgr
- bbc.co.uk/opensource/projects/mosromgr
- bbcnewslabs.co.uk/projects/mosromgr





What can mosromgr do?

- Merge MOS files into a complete machinereadable running order
- Provide easy access to the contents of a MOS file or a complete running order
- Python library and CLI

MOS Type Classes

```
>>> from mosromgr.mostypes import *
MetaDataReplace
            >>> ro = RunningOrder.from_file('roCreate.mos.xml')
            >>> ro
             <RunningOrder 2812227>
            >>> ss = StorySend.from_file('roStorySend.mos.xml')
             >>> SS
            <StorySend 2812227>
ElementAction
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```

MOS Type Classes

```
>>> from mosromgr.mostypes import MosFile
MetaDataReplace
            >>> ro = MosFile.from_file('roCreate.mos.xml')
            >>> ro
            <RunningOrder 2812227>
            >>> ss = MosFile.from_file('roStorySend.mos.xml')
            >>> SS
            <StorySend 2812227>
ElementAction
```

MOS Type Classes - construction

```
ro = RunningOrder.from_file('roCreate.mos.xml')
ro = RunningOrder.from_string(xml)
ro = RunningOrder.from_s3(
    bucket_name='newsnight',
   mos_file_key='20200101/roCreate.mos.xml'
```

MOS Type Classes - construction

```
class MosFile:
    def __init__(self, xml):
        . . .
    @classmethod
    def from_file(cls, mos_file_path):
        if cls == MosFile:
            return cls._classify(xml)
        return cls(xml)
    @classmethod
    def from_string(cls, mos_xml_string):
        if cls == MosFile:
            return cls._classify(xml)
        return cls(xml)
```

MOS Type Classes - property access

```
>>> from mosromgr.mostypes import RunningOrder
>>> ro = RunningOrder.from_file('123456-roCreate.mos.xml')
>>> ro.ro_slug
'22:45 NEWSNIGHT 54D CORE Thu, 08.04.2021'
>>> ro.message_id
123456
>>> ro.start time
datetime.datetime(2021, 4, 8, 21, 46, 30)
>>> ro.duration
970.0
>>> len(ro.stories)
10
```

Escape hatch vs Ejector seat

```
>>> ro.xml

<Element 'mos' at 0x7f3236515c20>
>>> type(ro.xml)

xml.etree.ElementTree.Element
```





MOS Type Classes - property access

```
>>> from mosromgr.mostypes import RunningOrder
>>> ro = RunningOrder.from_file('123456-roCreate.mos.xml')
>>> story = ro.stories[0]
>>> story
<Story 5.604856.35>
>>> story.slug
'NEWS BULLETINS'
>>> story.duration
60.0
```

MOS Type Classes - property access

Escape hatch vs Ejector seat

```
>>> story.xml
<Element 'story' at 0x7f323496bdb0>
>>> type(story.xml)
xml.etree.ElementTree.Element
```





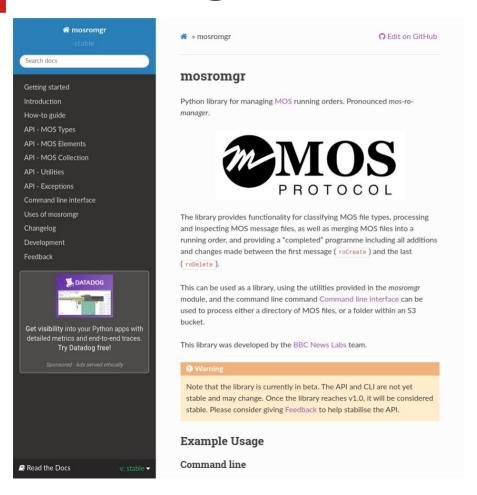
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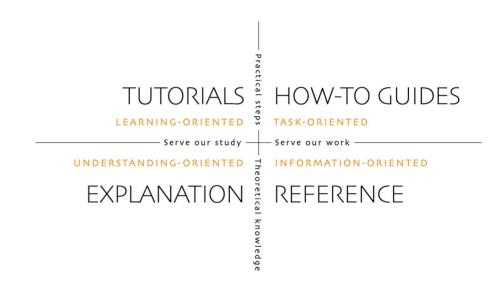
```
>>> from mosromgr.mostypes import *
>>> ro = RunningOrder.from_file('roCreate.mos.xml')
>>> si = StoryInsert.from_file('roStoryInsert.mos.xml')
>>> len(ro.stories)
10
>>> ro += si
>>> len(ro.stories)
11
```

Merge methods

```
class RunningOrder(MosFile):
    def __add__(self, other):
        return other.merge(self)
class StoryInsert(MosFile):
    def merge(self, ro):
        return ro
```

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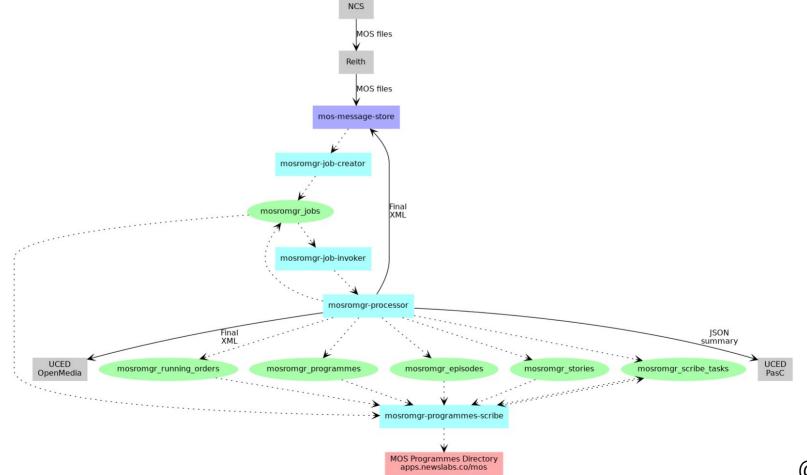


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How do we utilise mosromgr in News Labs?



AWS Lambda - Python 3.8

```
from mospipe.db import MosDatabase
from mospipe.processor import Processor
. . .
def lambda_handler(event, context):
    prefix = event['prefix']
    try:
        processor = Processor(bucket=BUCKET, prefix=prefix, live=True)
        processor()
    except Exception as e:
        db.jobs.update_status(prefix, status='failed')
        . . .
if __name__ == '__main_ ':
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser()
    processor = Processor(bucket=BUCKET, prefix=args.prefix, live=args.live)
    processor()
```

mospipe library

```
class Processor:
    def __init__(self, *, bucket, prefix, live):
        . . .
    def __call__(self):
        self.merge()
        self.publish()
    @property
    def bbc_info(self):
    @cached_property
    def files(self):
        . . .
```

Status dashboard

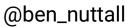
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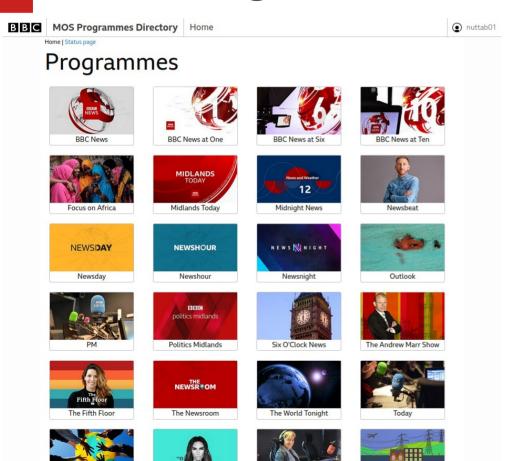
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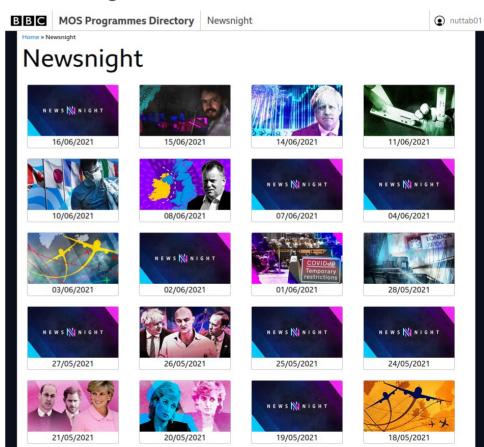
jobs	completed (3,777)			pending (50)		error (6)
RO ID	RO Slug	Files	Brand Title	Episode Title	First Seen	Last Seen	Warnings
OPENMEDIA_NCS.W1.BBC.MOS;OM_4.15278033	1100 NEWS CHANNEL + BBC Two Thu, 17.06.2021	423			2021-06-17 09:31	2021-06-17 11:15	
OPENMEDIA_NCS.W1.BBC.MOS;OM_4.15276509	1130 NEWS CHANNEL + BBC Two Thu, 17.06.2021	184			2021-06-17 10:13	2021-06-17 11:14	
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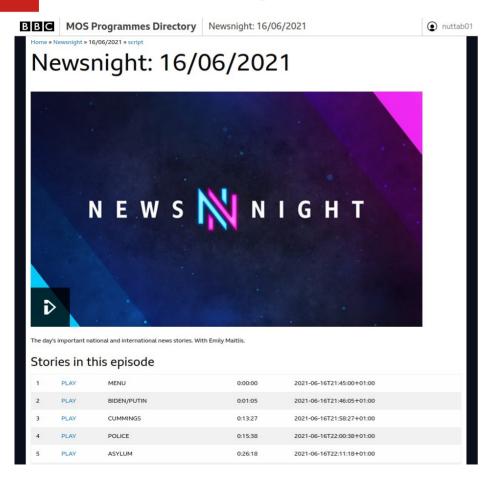
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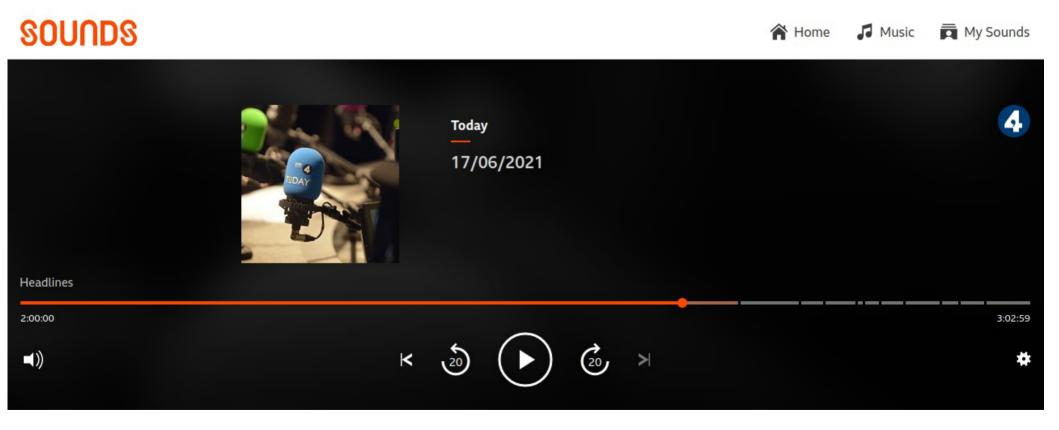


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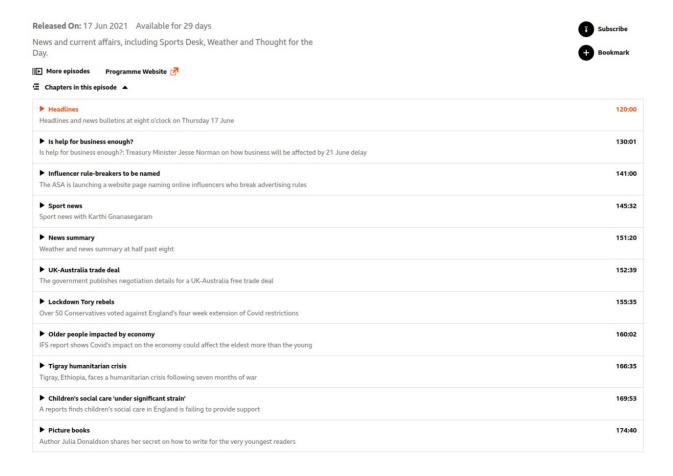




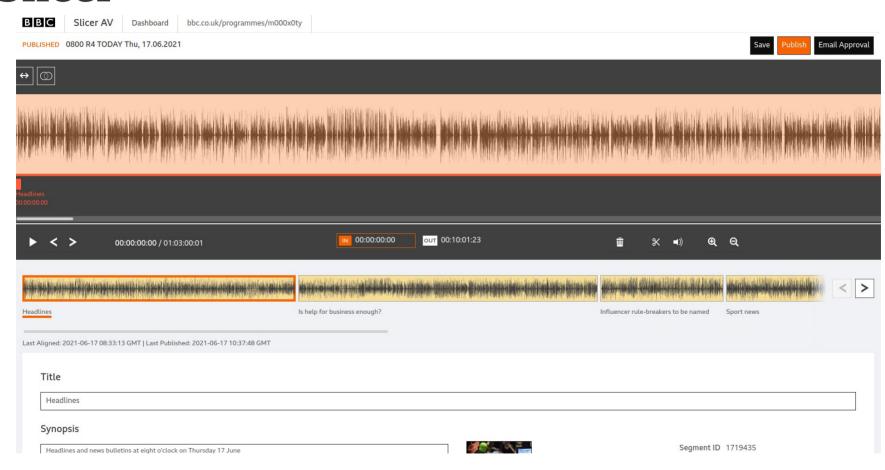
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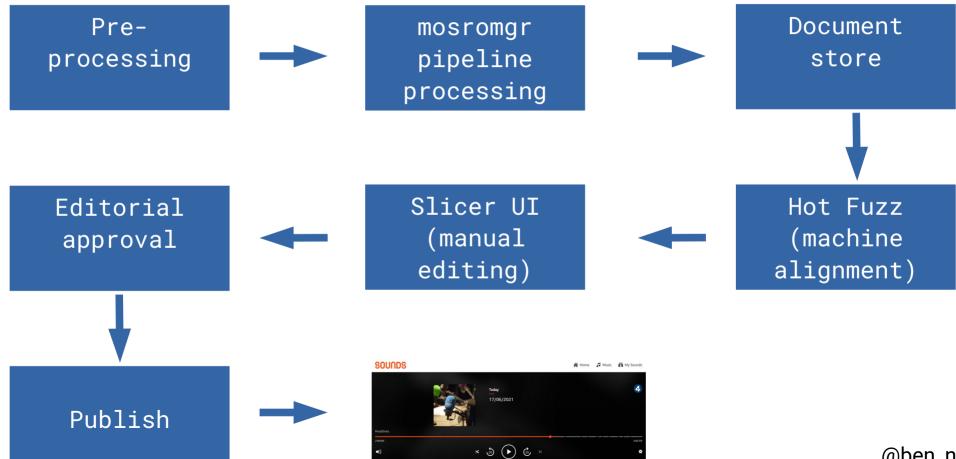
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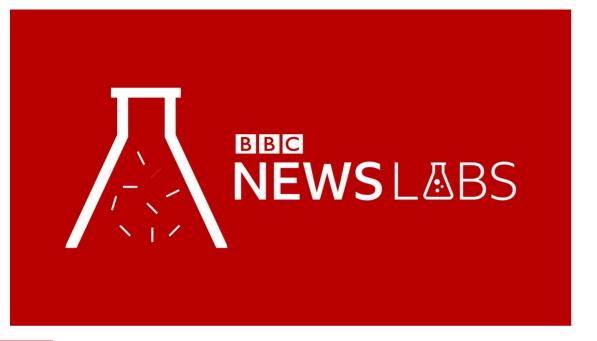
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What next?

- Gather feedback from other broadcasters to ensure the library is compatible with other systems and workflows
- Roll out automated chapterisation for other programmes, including TV shows like Newsnight
- Provide accessible programme data from running orders as a service within the BBC
- More OBM projects demonstrating opportunities e.g. personalisation



Innovation in the newsroom MOS Running Order Manager and its application

