

# **Download Acquisition Mode**

System overview and DAM time requirements

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### **Macrovision Overview**

### Technology provider for digital entertainment

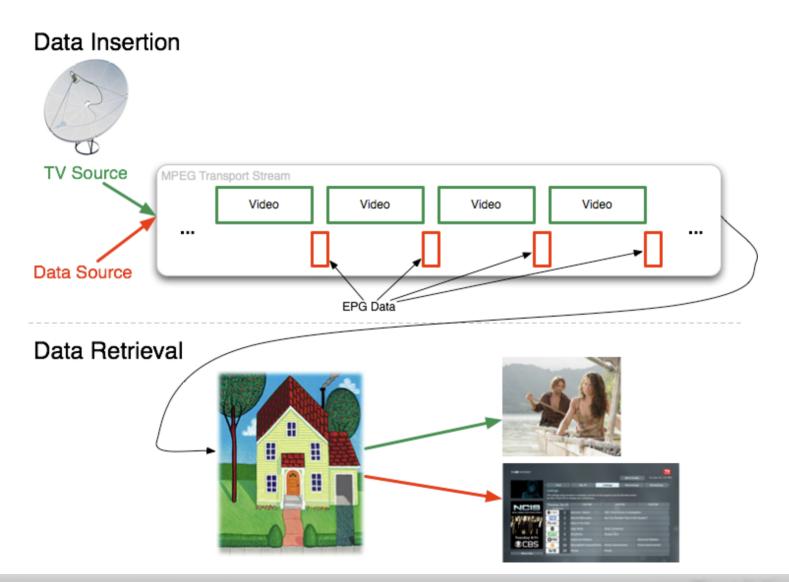
- Recent acquisition of Gemstar-TV Guide
- Top tier customers include Sony, Sanyo; others unannounced
- On-screen guide products, TV metadata
- Services infrastructure for data delivery
- Focus on software and services: not an OEM

### Primary EnergyStar Concern: DAM Time

- Direct impact on EPG software, TV metadata delivery
- Can't speak to power utilization as a software provider
- Coordinating with CE OEMs on DAM power requirements



# **Data Delivery Overview**





# **Data Delivery Overview (cont'd)**

EPG data and other data delivered in parallel with video stream

Tuner must be tuned to channel with EPG data to receive it; limits data download to when TV isn't in use

Available bandwidth determined by rate of interleaving data with video

Errors may require "restart" of data download

Current estimated maximum DAM time is ~3hrs

More detailed measurements are in progress

DAM time is a function of how much data needs to be delivered, and how much bandwidth is available to deliver it



### **DAM Time and Bandwidth**

#### DAM Time is a Direct Result of Available Bandwidth

Lower bandwidth requires more download time

#### **Current Bandwidth Allocation**

- Purchased from networks (CBS, PBS / National Datacast)
- Purchased from MSOs
- Typically 28Kbps

### Inflexibility to Increase Bandwidth

- Bandwidth allocation controlled by partners, not EPG providers or CE OEMs
- EnergyStar STB specifications (2 hour DAM time) feasible due to MSO control of bandwidth and end-to-end system



### **DAM Time and Data Size**

#### DAM Time is a Direct Result of Data Size

More data requires more download time

#### **EPG Channel Data**

- The number of channels is large (and growing)
  - Switched digital video, cable plants > 1GHz, and other trends are contributing factors
- Overlapping services footprints in some geographies grow data size dramatically
  - Multiple channel lineups delivered to TV, filtered based on actual service available to local TV

### **Advertising Data**

 Currently a small number of ads are delivered multiple times per day



# **Future Considerations for DAM**

### Data Size Only Increasing

- Growing cable lineups
- User expectations for richer experience
  - Graphics, Celebrities, Searching, Themes
- Secondary applications developing: advertising, firmware update, emergency alert, etc

#### Alternate Sources of Bandwidth

- Long term, Internet bandwidth may replace broadcast as the distribution channel for EPG data
- Short term, expect very small percentage of TVs connected to the Internet



# **Listings Information**



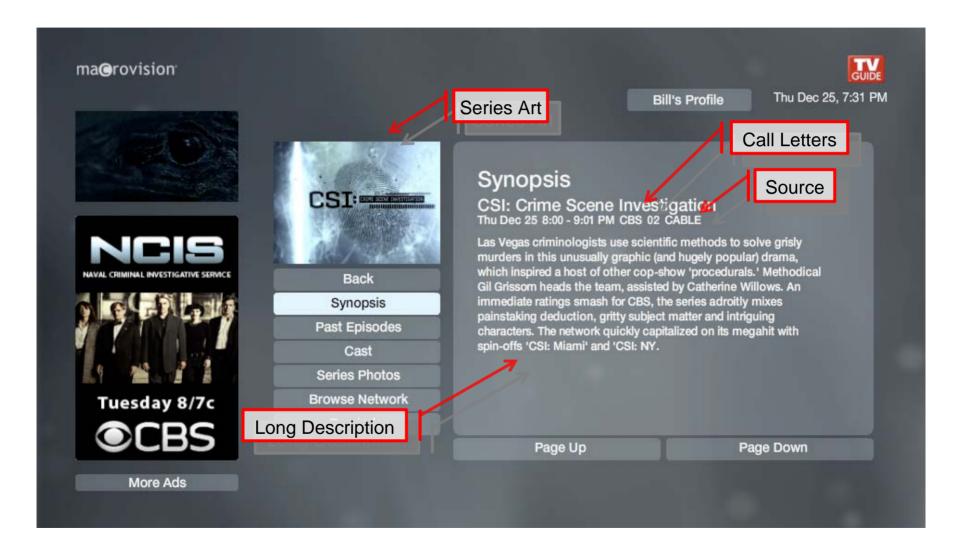


# Recommendations – Reality TV



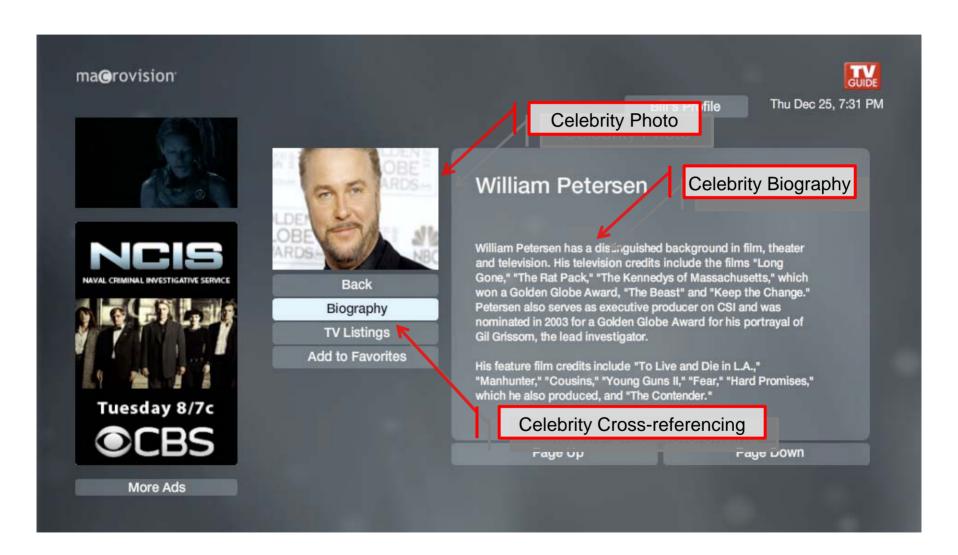


# **Show Information – Synopsis**



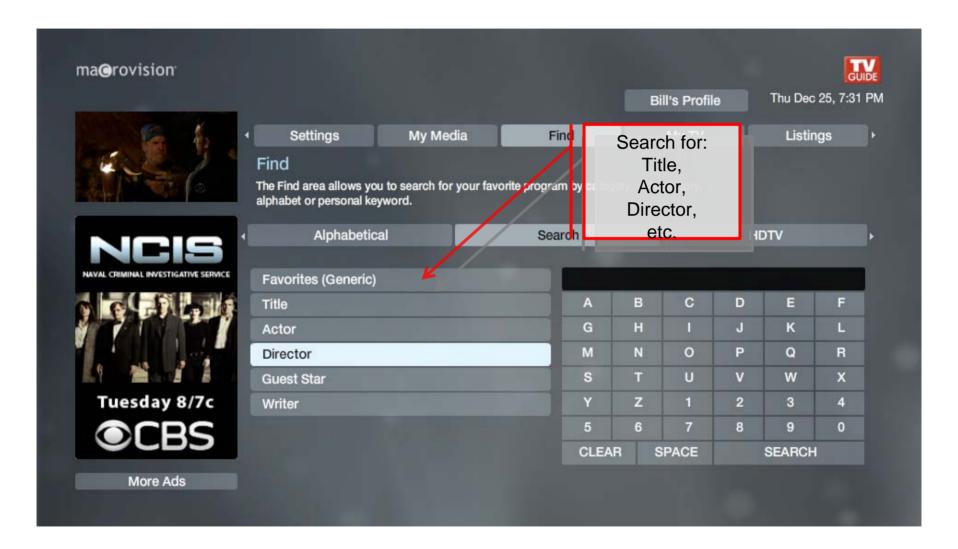


# **Celebrities – Biography**



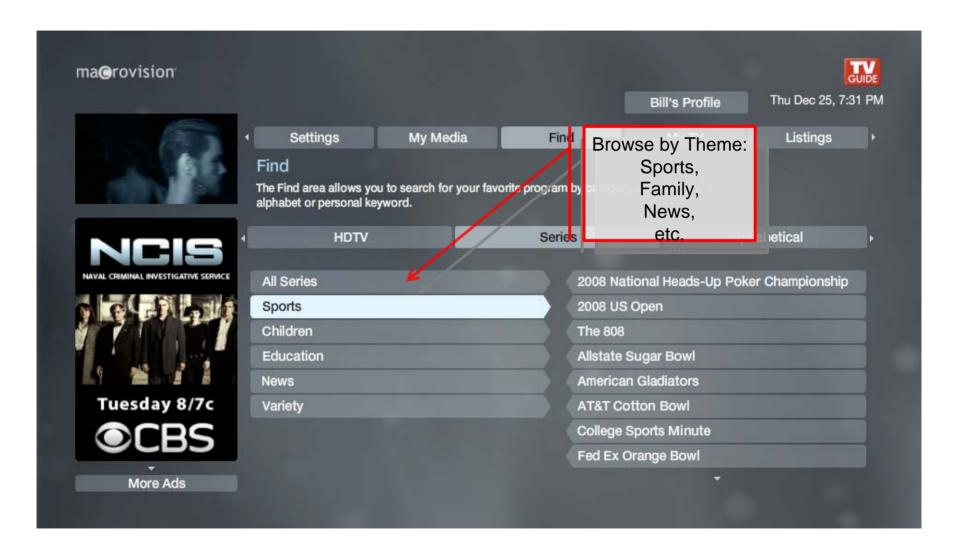


# Search - Title, Actor, etc





# **Search – Themes**





# Other Metadata Types

### **Sports**

 League logos, team logos, records, team profiles, athlete / coach profiles, etc

#### **Awards**

Emmys, Grammys, Oscars, Peabodys, Nominees, etc

### Celebrity

Fast-facts, Relationships, etc

#### Other Recommendation Hot Lists

Family, Teen, Spanish, etc

Each of the above will provide a more entertaining user experience

Also contribute to overall data size and total required DAM time



# **Considerations for DAM**

# Limit DAM to 4 hours per day

- 3 hours per day for current applications
- 1 hour per day to allow growth for future applications

### Provide DAM "opt-out" in Initial Setup and Setup menu

 Don't consume power if user isn't using integrated on-screen guide

### Special provisions for Internet connected TVs

 Don't consume power in sleep mode if data can be retrieved from Internet while powered on



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# Thank you. For more information...

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