

Web Documentary

interactive documentary / multimedia documentary



Definition

A **web documentary, interactive documentary** or **multimedia documentary** is a documentary production that differs from the more traditional forms—video, audio, photographic—by applying a full complement of multimedia tools. The interactive multimedia capability of the Internet provides documentarians with a unique medium to create non-linear productions that combine photography, text, audio, video, animation and infographics.

Documentary + Digital Media = **Interactive Documentary**

*Modes of
representing reality*

*Navigating and
interacting modes*

audiovisual

interaction

information

entertainment

interactive online/offline applications, carried out with the intention of representing reality with their own mechanisms, which we will call navigation and interaction modalities, depending on the grade of participation that is required.

... found in interactive applications, which use different supports to display and navigate: the offline media, the web or Internet (desktop applications and mobile devices), interactive installations, etc.

According to interactive media professor at the London College of Media Sandra Gaudenzi, there are **three different levels of interactivity** that determine the type of documentary

Semi – closed (the user can browse but not change the content)

<http://interactive.nfb.ca/#/pinpoint>

Semi – open (the user can participate but not change the structure of the interactive documentary)

<http://www.honkytonk.fr/index.php/webdoc/>

Completely open (the user and the interactive documentary constantly change and adapt to each other).

<http://insitu.arte.tv/en/#/map>

Tools

New authoring tools have emerged in the last year. Those can use **HTML 5** language with javascript frameworks (such **popcorn.js**), and other frameworks as **Zeega**, **Klynt** and **3WDOC** will allow the incorporation and handling of different types of multimedia elements within linear audiovisual documentary.

<http://alpha.zeega.org/>

<http://www.3wdoc.com/en/>

<http://www.klynt.net/features/?PHPSESSID=fc8e18fbc3ac3619d99fc5458b57f11d#/theyasuniscientificstation>

<http://popcornjs.org/>

Some more web documentaries

Shadowlands

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/campaigns/nuclear/safety/accidents/Fukushima-nuclear-disaster/Shadowlands/>

Out my window

<http://interactive.nfb.ca/#/outmywindow>

7 Billion Others

<http://www.7billionothers.org/>

Vital Voices

<http://stories.vitalvoices.org/#>

Useful Links

i-docs.us/fr

i-Docs.org

[The Docshift Index](#)

<http://www.interactivedocumentary.net/>

<http://www.nfb.ca/>

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