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An Analysis of the Integration Paths of Digital Art and Cultural Creativity in the New Media Era

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ABSTRACT
New medias have risen up and it has also changed what sorts of creations are now possible inside of digital arts, the method used by culture in communicating its content is being reshaped too. Both merging is necessary step that can be seen on the rising path of our industry right now. Starting off by making an overall understanding, and the features of a medium which is digital art, followed by looking at the value chain for culture creating things and analyzing those pushing us towards each other, mainly tech stuff, what people buy into changing as well as rules and selling things. Regarding the problem existing problems like diluted art value,unclear rights and fragmented chains in the present process of integration,a three layer model has been put forward to deal with content, technology and running side of development. And to build a Copyright administration system, talent nurturing system, future outlook system for supporting mechanism. In conclusion, digital art combined deeply into cultural creation, need change from simple attaching technologically into a value fusion in which dynamic equilibrium is sought between artistic representation and market sense under the new medium.

KEYWORDS
New media environment; Digital art; Cultural creativity; Integration path; Value symbiosis

With the iteration of the new media technology, it's given us digital art great means of expression as well structural impacts on cultural creation production and consumption. The lines that separate old style artistic mediums with what's within today's creative industry get even more blurry all day long. No longer simply technologies stacked on top one another; but rather a radical reconceptualization of the contents and reshapings thereof. Nevertheless, there are problems such as technology being dominant over art, uncertain copyright owners, and disorganized industrial chains. Such things affect depth, long-time integration. And this paper would go through and sort them, look into some of the logic and practical quandaries about digital artwork mixing with cultural creation during the new media period and find some possible integration ways and supportive methods and give you something for your practices inside your own culture business.

1 Concept Definition and Theoretical Foundation

1.1 Connotation and Media Characteristics of Digital Art

Digtal art is an artwork produced by using some form of technology, and then displayed as such in a format like a picture on a computer monitor, a movie made within virtual reality, an installation where you move around objects, some kind of website or another type of piece that would fit this category. Unlike usual art, its duplication and changeable nature set it apart from physical carriers to appear without material form. Interaction becomes the primary media quality: those who were simply observers become able to participate in making things happen via touch, through their actions even their feelings. Digital art has immediate and dispersed communication which enables artworks to travel quickly around cyberspace, producing many different versions of itself at the same time. So these media characteristics make digital art very good at being incorporated into something else, but also makes it hard to say what's good about art when we look at it.

1.2 Value Chain Composition of Cultural Creativity

The cultural and creative industry sees creativity as the most fundamental production component; the general value chain comprises of these five basic parts: origin creation, creation of the products, producing & creating them, communications & promotion as well as experiencing it. And each link will need some creative thinking about what symbols mean – building up cultural symbols seems like where the whole value chain starts from. New media platform's intervention into conversation and promotion shrinks the gap between creation and consumption greatly. Also timely user feeds direct creative idea's alteration. From consumption experience: purchase turned into taking part in and feeling emotionally involved which is becoming itself the place of making things valued. Clearing such a picture makes finding right place for adding digitize art as well as troubles when integrating can be recognized easily.

1.3 New media in core logic is the integration field

And New Media does serve up digital Art + Cultural Creativity's technical passageway AND also becomes THE institutional space IN which they encounter one another. Its main thinking goes by "the medium is the environment". In New Media, the creation, transportation, and appreciation of information are redefined so that art can be expressed and items made together using the same area. Algorithm-based recommendation systems break the old top down hierarchy that traditional media would use, it allows digital art of every flavor to get out there to a wider audience, and gives cultural creativity direct, immediate access to the marketplace with a lot less middlemen involved. The social elements have helped the success of the users creating contents, blurring the difference between professionals creating something and people doing it just because they like it. The decentralized character of the new media field needs to find an integration path respecting the cooperation logic of various stakeholders instead of adopting the top-down thinking from the traditional industries.

2 Practical Drivers and Internal Demands for Integration

2.1 Technological Drive: The Remaking of Art by Interactive and Intelligent Technologies

Interactive technologies and artificial intelligence provide superior expression to digital art compared to traditional mediums. Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality give us space for artworks where you can see artistic environment by experiencing many different viewings and sensations that are unavailable in still paintings or linear videos. Intelligent algorithms can produce unique, tailor-made works according to audience reactions so that the identical work might manifest in diverse formats as experienced by varied crowds. It has also broadened who is making it: everyday people can now create great digital artwork using smart tools. And this new way to do art, this tech, brings more stuff into play when making culture and makes getting ideas done less tough.

2.2 Consumption Transformations: Experiences to Be Upgraded through Participations of Users

The modern culture audience changed their behavior from accepting the knowledge as well as the information as a kind of passivity but became the more interactive role of creating what we do; so they also pay attention on experience rather then just the actual information they consume. Because of its inherent interactivity, Digital Art very well serves such shifts; people have the ability to impact how far and what happens with Artworks by just clicking around with it, touching it up, giving it the sounds of words coming out of our mouths, moving our body towards something. Products that lack participation and immersion in culture and creativity have been put under pressure. Rather than standardized goods, individuals aim at being engaged in meaning creation, so the creative sector is going toward individualism and personalization. In the real new mediu environments the consuming data are fed right back to the creators and they form that circle, and then set the bar even higher on uniqueness and substance.

2.3 In terms of Policy and Market as Dual Drive of Integration, it is also a major topic

National policies on cultural industries revival & development of digital economy provide grounds for digital art/ cultural creativity. Local governments also build demonstration bases for culture and technology, and reduce the costs of trying new things with special money, tax breaks, and rules that protect copyrights. And then there's the big one: market. Young people willing and able to buy stuff like digital art shows, live immersive drama, interactive vids. Investment increases how fast technology works together with other stuff (content), it helps make different ways they can work at the same time. Policies steer this toward more widely shared values; the market, meanwhile, insures both viability and variation in these integrated products – an essentially complementary double act.

3 Top three problems current integration is dealing with

3.1 Diluted artistic value by too much tech. Intervention

In new media times, technology is turning into an essential or even the most crucial aspect when judging if some art form counts as "digital"; this has brought on a widespread focus on showing off what looks like advanced tech instead of looking at how good it actually feels. Some kinds of integrated products rely too much on hardware effects and algorithm effects, turning artistic content into just a shock to the eye or new forms of interaction instead of being about thought-provoking ideas or feelings. Rapid iterations of technology make things worse too. Artworks and their obsolete technologies can easily be thrown away together as a kind of traditional art's search of eternal value. When it starts being what you do and the means ends. Digital arts no longer have that specialness compared to fun things we play with on phones. The erosion of art makes digital art less good and covers up the spirit of cultural and creative products under technical tricks.

3.2 Ambiguous Copyright and the Crisis of Originality

Non – physical nature and easy reproduction in nature is the digital art is difficult to deal with the question who owns the copyright and each piece might contain different rights to program codes, art resources, music, sounds effect, and user data. Rapid diffusion and secondary formation on fresh media blurs original works and secondary creations' boundaries; it's hard to tell what's copied and legitimate referencing. Copyright ownership over AI produced material has not been set in law currently. This presents large troubles concerning commercial activity of culture. Originality crisis exists both legally as well as creatively. A flood of same stuff stops real improvement getting correct returns in markets, making creators lose hope and keeping integrations stuck in simple repetition.

3.3 Fractured Industry Networks and Repeated Business Methods

The gap is clear, it exists as the relationship between Digital arts and Industrialized process of culture production and creation. A lot of good digital art just sits out there in shows or online, it never turns into big things that people use every day. It's mostly the upstream digital art creators which have the form of an individual creator or studio but with no capability to interact directly or effectively within the intermediary of product creation and also the downstream of a distributor. Existing businesses rely too much on ticket income, traffic sharing and additional sales for integration. Single and unpredictable sources of profit can't support long-term investments into making stuff happen for your audience. The platform is the one holding most of those who has no bargaining power. We also see that how this is distributed to content creators is quite unfair. The broken chains, repetitive models are stopping the system from developing fully. A complete rebuilding will be necessary to develop the system further.

4 Construction Strategy of Integration Path

4.1 Content Level: Digital Narration and the Changing of the Symbolism of IP Symbols

Good quality contents as basis for fusion. Digital narrative breaks through the confines of logical line for cultural and creative expression. Branch Structures, Multiple Endings, User Choices, Turning Stories into Dynamic Interactive Systems That Go Well With Digital Art's Way of Showing Things and Add to Cultural & Creative Products' Appeal IP Symbol Transformation: extract out recognizable and extensible visual stuff, figures, worldviews from digital work and turn 'em into cross-medium culture signifiers. At its heart, we're going to keep those really important ideas and cool aesthetic things from our original story, but we won't just do some really boring surgery on something and pretend that was actually a thing. Content layer strategies must handle the balance between artistic independence and market demand in order to prevent the creation of mediocre artwork due to catering too much towards the market.

4.2 Technology Layer: Immersive Interaction & Cross-media integration

Immersive, Interactive tech should be a vehicle for art expression, not judgment: Tech is a tool for what we want to do. The solution needs to match up with the demands of its contents. Virtual reality, Holographic Project, Motion Capture etc., all those have separate scenarios for them, if they get put together it'll disturb the user's feel. Cross-media integration means we need to maintain the same content and feeling no matter what kind of phone you're using or tablet or headset or big screen – just move around between places and keep going. Devices accessibility is another thing, too expensive gear means fewer people watching, so use light but common stuff to spread the word about those mixed up items. Technical solutions must have moderation in order for them to be able to make both art work as well as being commercially viable at the same time making sure the technology isn't doing things and controlling everything, but actually being there just so that they might integrate.

4.3 Operation Layer: Platform Ecosystem And User Co-Creation Mechanism

The sustainability of the integrated product depends upon this platform ecology. Platforms handle content supervision, allocating visitors and distributing payment revenues while defending the legitimate rights of creators. Open up platform, everybody knows the game rules so we work together but also against each other, but everyone has an equal chance because it's completely fair and nothing shady going on. User co-creation turns the consumer into the prosumer. Platform uses crowdsourcing platforms, open source tool, incentive polices to get users do content creation, iteration. Effective user co-creation saves cost, increases feelings and sense of community. Multiple kinds of hierarchical monetization schemes such as purchasing charges for articles, joining members' subscriptions and digital merchandise exchanges must be created in order to counter risks from single company forms.

5 Supporting Mechanism & Future Trends

5.1 Copyright Management & Digital Rights Verification Mechanism

In order to fix big copy problems, we should make some new ways of making things okay that work with computer made pictures. The block chain is able to offer an alternate approach when it comes down to getting digital right approved: storage of a hash number will produce unchangeable owner certificate of digital artwork and automatic distribution through smart contract helps decrease intermediate arguments and expenses. The laws need to define who owns AI created content's copyright, and state what rights and responsibilities apply to each part, including those created by people and algorithms. We should also develop some channels for us to see if something is stolen along with an easy path for them to protect themselves, so they have less cost in protecting their work. Only effective copyright protection can maintain creative vitality.

5.2 Interdisciplinary Talents Cultivation and Collaborative Innovation

Digital art plus cultural creativity need interdisciplinary talent, professional has just artistic background or merely technology background do not quite fit actual demand. Talents cultivation shall destroy the boundaries of art academies and engineering colleges. Offer cross-disciplinary courses like digital media arts, interactive designs, and inventive programming. Project-based learning and team collaboration should also be stressed for the students to have hands-on experience with real world integration project. We must also build collaborative innovation platform through university – enterprise cooperation, artists in residence, open labs to allow deep conversation of artists/engineers/marke ters. And we want an army that knows how to make their art and think about making it in a logical kind of way to become that human capital foundation that can keep us stuck together.

5.3 From Integration Toward Symbiosis: Trends for Intelligence & Emotionalisation

Integration is like an external technological attachment. In the future we have the digital art, cultural creativity will be valued symbiotically. When it's symbiosis, it means there's very deep integration; when art isn't some kind of ornament to technic, or technics is not something that can serve to serve the needs of art itself, but they have become one single entity. Intelligence, the advanced AI assistance creating system will takeover the boring works for the artists, so that the artist could do better creation. Emotionally, bio-sensing technology and affective computing will help digital artwork detect and react to how viewers feel, which fixes tech's coldness. Integration becomes symbiosis through ongoing conversation among tech and art plus humanties.

6 Conclusion

In light of these changes we have got in a newer media environment, there is a whole lot more chances to see how we might be able to bring something like digital art as well as cultural creativity all together at once, yet it does reveal much worse situations: reduced quality with art itself and issues around ownership and disorder in production. Starting with some ideas and ideas, and looking into things around technologies and things around consumers and policies and identifying some of the issues, and then putting forward sorta three layer of solution that covers both the content and the technical part as well as operational bits. Copyright governance and talent training and evolving into symbiosis make up a support structure for sustainable union. Not one-directional technological empowerment or compromise by art; an integration from both sides. To get true symbiosis model in the future of practices that would include both digital and art along with new industries in this media environment.

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