

R2 Mechanics – Local Transcription System for Research & Cultural Memory

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8 Purpose & Mission

R2 Mechanics was developed to process sensitive audio data – such as oral history, eyewitness interviews or scientific recordings – in a **structured**, **transparent**, **and fully offline** manner, and to enhance it visually.

The goal is to offer a modular, GDPR-compliant platform for institutions seeking local control, semantic structuring, and long-term archival capability. The system was developed from the ground up to meet the highest standards in data sovereignty, structuring, and archival permanence.

Target Groups

- Research institutions & universities
- Archives & museums
- Oral history projects
- Ethnographic fieldwork teams
- Privacy-sensitive organizations

System Advantages

- Local processing (no cloud)
- GPU-accelerated transcription
- Interactive HTML output with chapters & timestamps
- Optional: speaker separation and visual scene generation
- Modular and extensible architecture

Use Cases

- Transcription of oral history interviews (Audio → HTML)
- Structured documentation of ethnographic research
- Offline processing of sensitive archive materials
- Long-term semantic documentation with navigable output

Cooperation & Demonstration

A non-operational demonstrator is available upon request for cooperation discussions. Test runs and technical exchanges are possible for academic institutions.

If you're interested in a specific use case, workshop or pilot project, we welcome your inquiry.

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https://github.com/R2-Mechanics/r2-mechanics