

Shopping Cart:

A web-based and workflow-driven censorship system



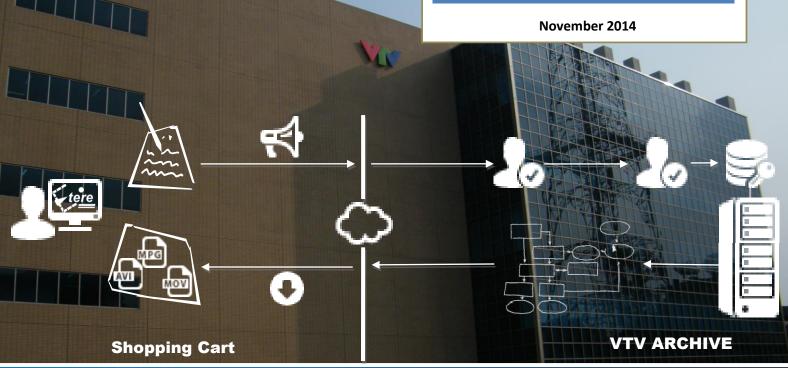


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▼ 1. INTRODUCTION

VTV, Vietnam Television, the national broadcaster of Vietnam is the only nation-wide TV in Vietnam. It was formed on September 7th, Vietnam Television became an official name on April 30th 1987 and since then it's also become the national television.

In last years, **ETERE** has accompanied **VTV** across its various system expansions; supporting with unparalleled modularity the implementation and integration of new solutions into the global system workflow without altering the overall project. At present, **Etere** has a strong relationship with **VTV** based on years of management and playout of its channels, a choice that has always granted **VTV** to achieve best efficiency while meeting audience's quality expectations.

This paper is aimed to describe the solution proposed by **Etere** to implement a web-based, secure and simple interface to automate the request, evaluation and preparation of files intended to be downloaded from the **VTV Archive**, just by following the overall steps below:

Actor		Action	Status
1.	USER	Create a ticket, add master-clips and/or sub-clips (specifying their target format) and press <u>SAVE</u> .	Not sent
2.	USER	Open an existing ticket, complete its compilation and press <u>SUBMIT</u> .	Not approved
3.	DEPT. MANAGER	View ticket requests (all, pending, etc.) and $\underline{APPROVES}$ or $\underline{REJECTS}$ Them.	1 st approved
4.	ARCHIVE MANAGER	View ticket requests (all, pending, etc.) and <u>APPROVES</u> or <u>REJECTS</u> them.	2 nd approved
5.	DATA MOVER	Execute <u>WORKFLOWS</u> to transcode and transfer all <u>APPROVED</u> clips, and send a confirmation email to the user.	Ready
5.	USER	Receive the confirmation email and download requested files.	Completed

Please note that VTV specifications are included in this document in the form below:

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Step 1 ...

\blacktriangledown 2. SOLUTION

The proposed solution consists of a web module implemented inside **EtereWeb**, a **web portal** that allows authenticated users to **browse** media stored in the archive and create **tickets requests** to **download** them as either **master-clips** (entirely) or **sub-clips** (partially restored or conformed).

The use of **tickets** allows users to easily request any material in few clicks without complex operations; since every time a **ticket** is sent all its **configured processes** are started to internally complete all the operations required to fulfill the request.

Processes can include any Etere workflow-based operation, including **Resources Management** actions assigned to supervisors to grant/deny download permissions as well as **Data Mover a**ctions executed to automatically retrieve, transcode, transfer and carry out any needed media operation.

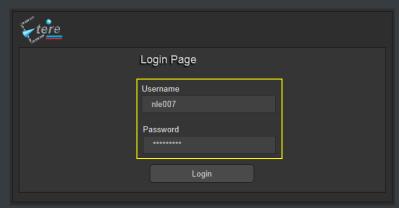
▼ 2.1. User login

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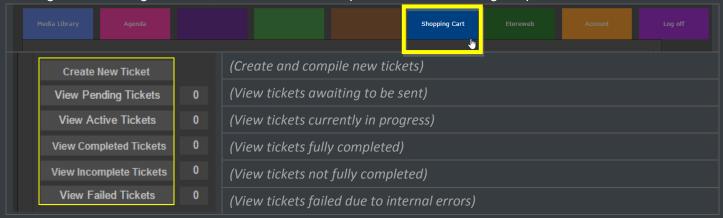
Step 1: Searching and create a request ticket by user

- EtereWeb user login and access to Etere MAM system. They will search and find an useful asset.

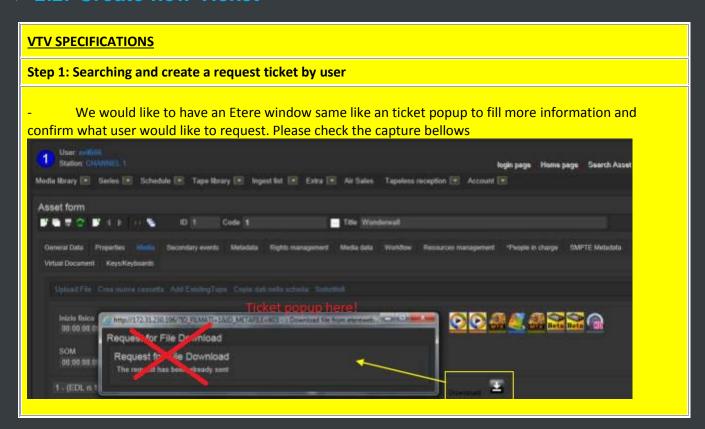
In order to start using the **Shopping Cart**, the user needs to access the **EtereWeb** portal and authenticate using valid credentials:



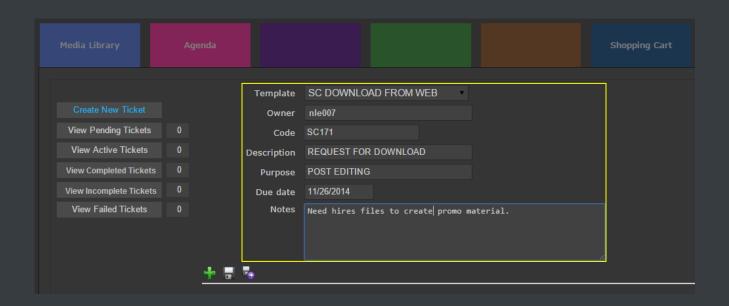
Once authenticated, accessing the "Shopping Cart" section, the user can start managing tickets through the following sections, which use will be explained in the following chapters:



▼ 2.2. Create new Ticket



The "Create New Ticket" section allows users to open a new request form, where they will be allowed to input all required general information such as:



Parameter	Description
Template	Select the Shopping Cart that better fits the aim of the ticket (e.g. download from web). Note: Refer to the "Settings" chapter for information on how to configure templates.
Owner	Indicates the name of the user who is creating the ticket.
Code	Depending on settings, auto-generated or manually entered code assigned to the ticket.
Description	Brief description of the ticket.
Purpose	Brief explanation of how requested media will be used.
Due date	Deadline date at which requested media is needed.
Notes	Extra text to further describe the purpose of requested media or any other matter.

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- The procedure in here is same like the shop purchase function on internet shopping. Users will browse media, select segments, and select some type of media that archive. All of media that is selected will be put into the ticket.

- On the request ticket popup, we would like to see details as below:

VTV logo | The request ticket title

User name: First name Last name (Take it from Etere system)
Department: Department name (Take it from Etere system)

Project Title: Text box for user typing

Descriptions of Request: *User will type some content that is a reason to*

download media from VTV Archive. Purpose: User type an purpose

List of clips (segments or master clip) is requested:

Item	ID	Title	Туре	Q'ty	Unit	Notes
		(Following the selection	(Multi			
		from searching procedure)	choice)			
1	100	Video 1	AVI			
2	102	Video 2	MXF			
3	204	Video 4	AVI			

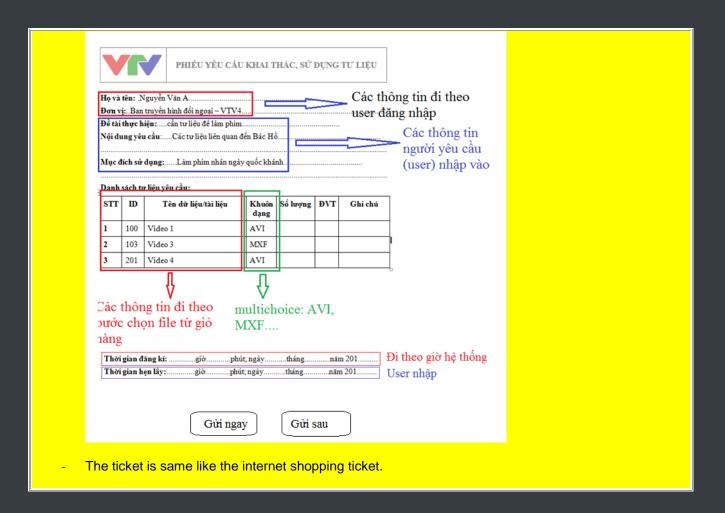
Current time: Following the system time

Time (User hope can get the file): User put it here

Send Button Send Later Button

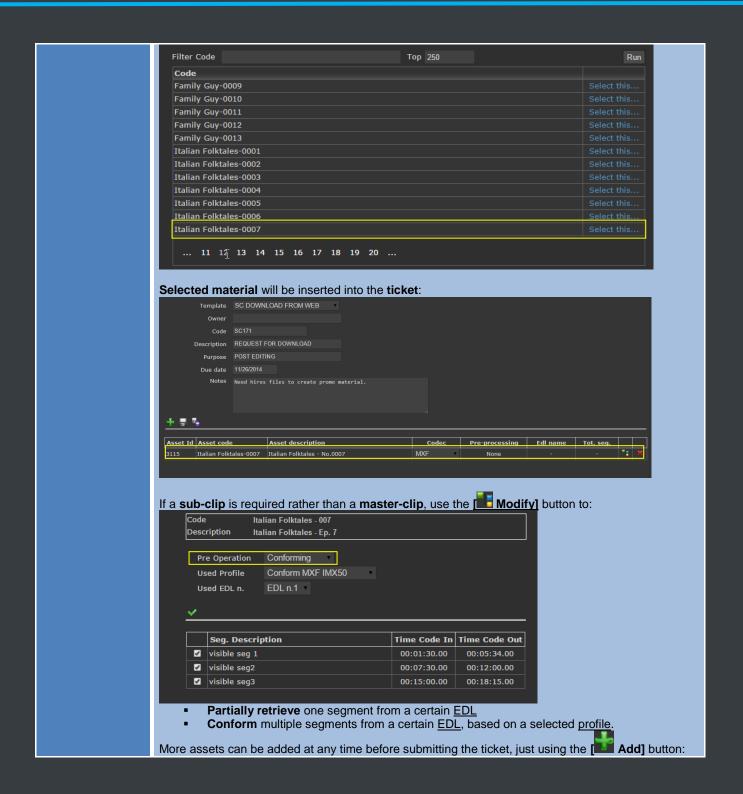
Capture 2

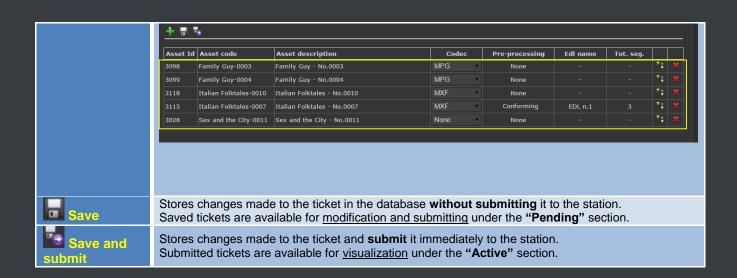
- I attach 1 Request Ticket that is using in VTV Archive now. Sorry for Vietnamese on this. It is same like the form I described as above.



Once required information is compiled, the following buttons can be used as described below:

Parameter	Description
Add material	Open the search form that allows selecting the asset needed for download. Assets can be searched using filters and selected using the [Select this] button:

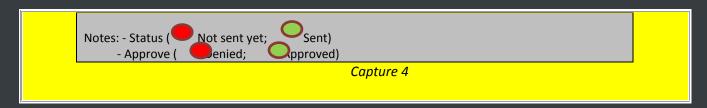




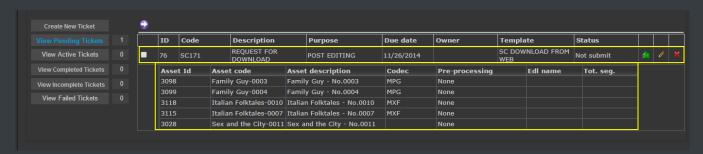
▼ 2.3. View Pending tickets

Step 1: Searching and create a request ticket by user - If User click the Send later, System should be send this ticket to the "List of tickets that is created" of this own user. The ticket will be set flag as "Not send" now. Please check the list of tickets form of own user as below: List of tickets of own user Name of request ticket: String box for searching Search Button

Item	Name of Tickets	Status	Approve of	Approve of	Status
			User	Manager of	
			department	VTV Archive	
			manager (the	(Second	
			first censor)	Censor)	
1	The request ticket is				
	create on 10/02/2014				
2	The request ticket is				
	create on 05/02/2014				
3	The request ticket is				
	create on 02/02/2014				
4	The request ticket is				
	create on 16/01/2014				
5	The request ticket is				
	create on 10/01/2014				



The "View Pending Tickets" section allows compiling and submitting previously saved tickets:

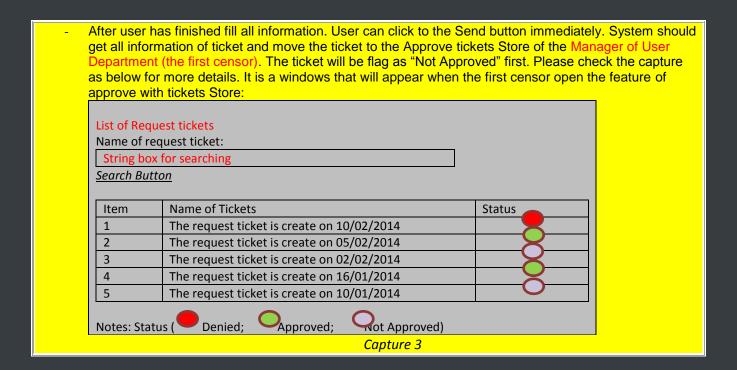


Parameter	Description
Submit	Submit the selected ticket to the station. Submitted tickets are available under the " Active " section.
Expand	Show all assets added to the ticket, including their relevant information.
Collapse	Hide all assets added to the ticket, showing only the ticket overall information.
Modify	Modify the ticket, including its general information (e.g. description, purpose, etc.) and assets .
≥ Delete	Definitively removes the ticket from the system.

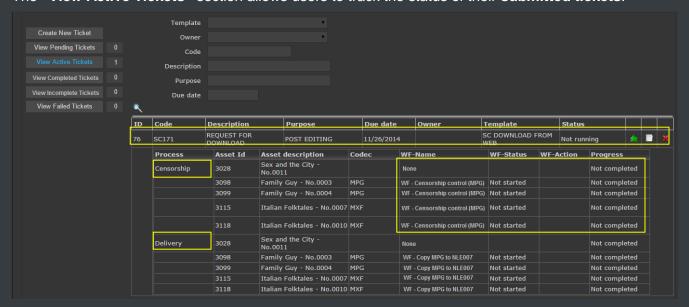
▼ 2.4. View Active Tickets

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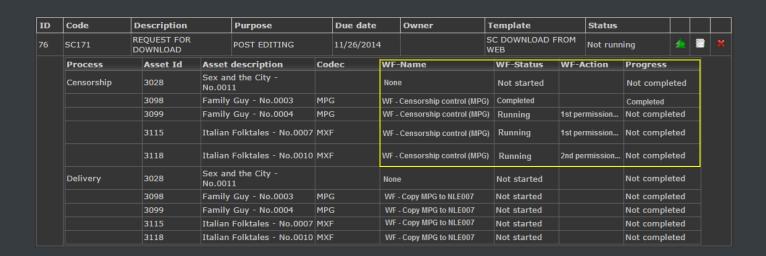
Step 1: Searching and create a request ticket by user



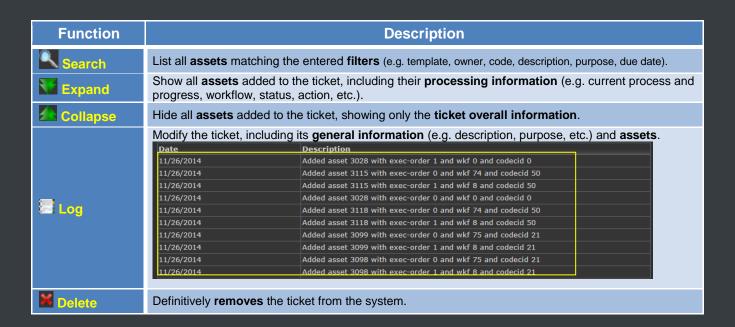
The "View Active Tickets" section allows users to track the status of their submitted tickets:



As shown in the figure below, the **processing information** (e.g. current process and progress, workflow, status, action, etc.) of all assets included within tickets is provided up-to-date in real-time:



The following functions are available here for tracking purposes:

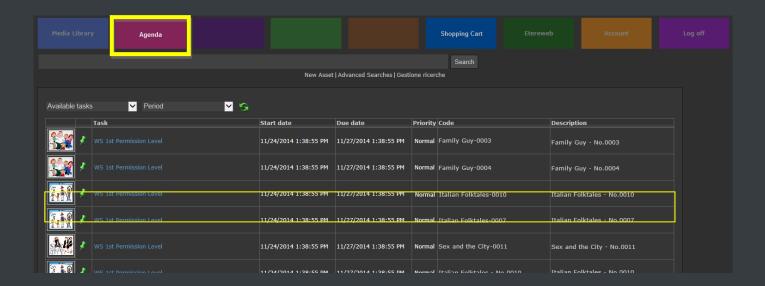


Once "active" tickets are processed, depending on the results of their processes they are moved to:

View <u>Completed</u> Tickets	Tickets for which ALL processes have been successfully completed.
View <u>Incomplete</u> Tickets	Tickets for which AT LEAST ONE process was not completed (or unexpected).
View <u>Failed</u> Tickets	Tickets that were not completed due to a Shopping Cart internal error.

▼ 2.5. Censorship

The "Agenda" section of EtereWeb allows supervisors to manage the **censorship tasks** included within **internal process workflows**, enabling them to grant/deny permissions according to their role:



The **censorship process** comprehends **two approval levels** that will be following detailed.

▼ 2.5.1. 1st Permission Level

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Step 2: The approval of manager of own user department Procedure

- After User search, create a new request ticket, fill all information and send it to the first censor as manager of own user department. The first censor will click to "APPROVE" menu on EtereWeb, system will take list of request tickets as *Capture 3 (above)*.
- The list of request ticket windows pop up, the first censor will do his job as approval. He will click one by one request ticket on the list, he should see the windows ticket with details like as below:

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User name: First name Last name (Take it from Etere system)
Department: Department name (Take it from Etere system)

Project Title: Text box for user typing

Descriptions of Request: User will type some content that is a reason to download media from VTV

Archive.

Purpose: User type an purpose

List of clips (segments or master clip) is requested:

LICE OF C	List of slips (segments of master slip) is reduceted.							
Item	ID	Title	Туре	Q'ty	Unit	Approve		
		(Following the selection from	(Multi					
		searching procedure)	choice)					
1	100	Video 1	AVI	1	Master			
					Clip			
2	102	Video 2	MXF	1	Segment			
3	204	Video 4	AVI	1	Segment			

Register time: Time of issue

Notes

Some notes is written down from the first censor here like a comment

Update Button

Back Button

Capture 5

- I attach a sample form of VTV Archive currently as below:

V	PHIẾU YÊU CẦU KHAI THÁC, SỬ DỤNG TỬ LIỆU						
Họ và	tên: N	guyễn Văn A					
Đơn v	: Ban ː	Truyền hình đối ngoại - VTV4					
Đề tài	thực h	iện: Phim kỷ niệm ngày quốc	khánh Vi	ệt Nam.			
Nội du	ng yêu	ı cầu : Các tư liệu liên quan đế	n Bác Hồ				
Mục đ	ích sử	dụng: Làm phim kỷ niệm ngà	y quốc kh	iánh Việ	t Nam		
Danh	sách tu	r liệu yêu cầu:					
STT	ID	Tên dữ liệu/tài liệu	Khuôn dạng	Số lượng	ĐVT	Phê duyệt	
1	1000	Chương trình thứ nhất	AVI	1	Chương trình	\bigvee	
2	2356	Cảnh Bác Hồ đọc tuyên ngôn độc lập	AVI	1	Cảnh	\square	
3	7845	Cảnh Bác Hồ đang tập thể dục	AVI	1	Cảnh		
Thời g	Thời gian đăng kí: .15.giờ.30.phút; ngày15 tháng 01 năm 2014 Thời gian hẹn lấy: 09 giờ 00 phút; ngày 15 tháng 02 năm 2014 Chú thích:						
Cảnh	Cảnh số 3: Bác Hồ đang tập thể dục không phù hợp						
	Cậρ nhật Quay lại						

- Explain the procedure: On the capture 5, the first censor do approve for all request by click to the checkbox . After finish, do "UPDATE" button.
- After the request ticket is approved, it will be sent to the "Waiting Approve box of VTV Archive", VTV Archive manager is a second censor. We have the second phase of censorship now.

Note: If the first censor didn't check box for some items on the request ticket, these unchecked items is consider as denied.

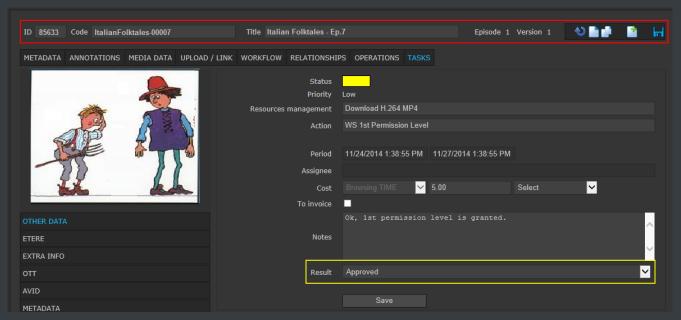
Note: These items that is checked by censor 1 will be considered as approved level 1 and VTV Archive manager will follow them and they are marked "1st approved".

If the ticket is null checked box, it will be considered as "Denied" and no need to do anymore.

Every time a **task** is assigned to the **User. Dept. Manager**, he will receive an **email** detailing the request and asking him to provide a **response**:

From:	notifications@mystation.tv			
То:	first_supervisor@ mystation.tv			
Subject:	1st level permission - Shopping Cart (download file from web)			
Body:	Requester: NLE007 (John Smith) Web request: Download metafile Asset code: ItalianFolktales-00007 Asset tile: Italian Folktales – Ep.7 Codec: MXF This system has been automatically delivered by Etere.			

When the **User. Dept. Manager** opens his "**Agenda**", he will see only "**WS 1**st **Permission Level**" tasks, being able to evaluate the requested media while browsing, and deciding the **result** (Approved or Rejected):



Approved A "2nd permission level" will be required to grant the download.

Rejected The download is denied, no further task is required.

▼ 2.5.2. **2**nd Permission Level

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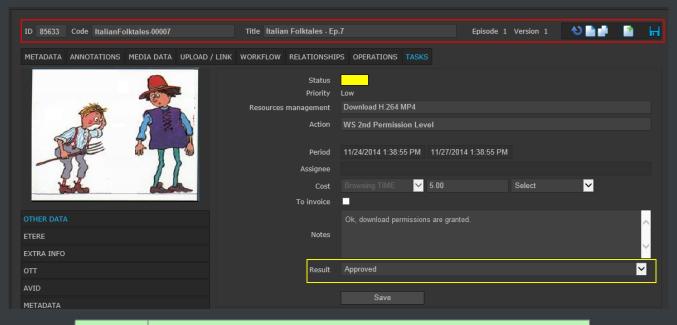
Step 3: VTV Archive manager approve procedure (The second censorship)

It is same like the first censorship. The VTV Archive managers (Censor 2) will checked box for items should be ok or no checked for denied.

Every time a **task** is assigned to the **Archive Dept. Manager**, he will receive an **email** detailing the request and asking him to provide a **response**:

From:	notifications@mystation.tv
То:	first_supervisor@ mystation.tv
Subject:	2nd level permission - Shopping Cart (download file from web)
Body:	Requester: NLE007 (John Smith) Web request: Download metafile Asset code: ItalianFolktales-00007 Asset tile: Italian Folktales – Ep.7 Codec: MXF This system has been automatically delivered by Etere.

When the **Archive Dept. Manager** opens his "**Agenda**", he will see only "**WS 1**st **Permission Level**" tasks, being able to evaluate the requested media while browsing, and deciding the **result** (Approved or Rejected):



Approved The download is definitively **granted**.

Rejected	The download is definitively denied .
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▼ 2.5.3. Completion notification

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Step 3: VTV Archive manager approve procedure (The second censorship)

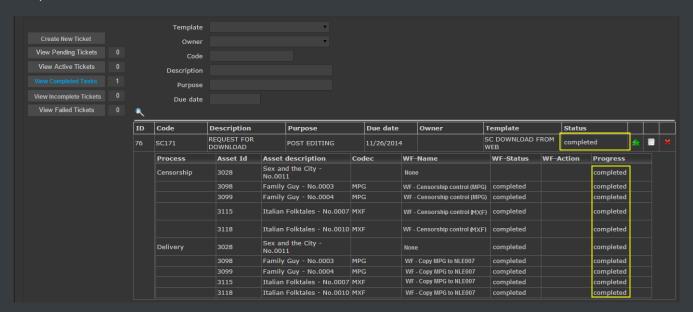
After everything is done, system should be trigged the workflow to retrieved the master clip or segments, do transcode to media type correctly and send an email to end user following the registered email.

Once approved, all operations required to make **approved files** available will be performed. At the end, an email will be automatically sent to the user informing him about the result of the request:

From:	supervisor@mystation.tv			
То:	wuser5@lagency.com			
Subject:	SC Download file from web – READY			
	Web request: SC Download file from web			
	Web request: Download metafile			
	Asset code: ItalianFolktales-00007			
Body:	Asset tile: Italian Folktales – Ep.7			
	Codec: MXF			
	Response: Request accepted			
	This system has been automatically delivered by Etere.			

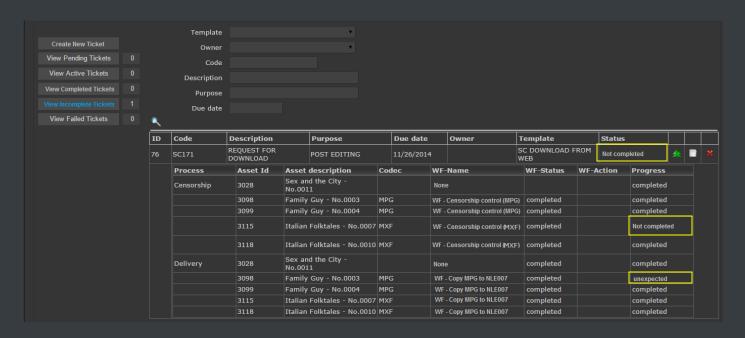
▼ 2.6. View Completed Tickets

The "View Completed Tickets" contains all tickets for which ALL processes have been successfully completed:



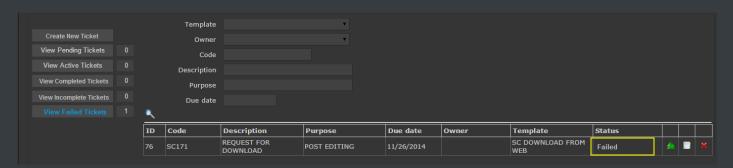
▼ 2.7. View Incomplete Tickets

The "View Incomplete Tickets" contains all tickets for which AT LEAST ONE process was not completed (or unexpected):



▼ 2.8. View Failed Tickets

The "View Failed Tickets" contains all the tickets that were not completed due to a **Shopping Cart** internal error.

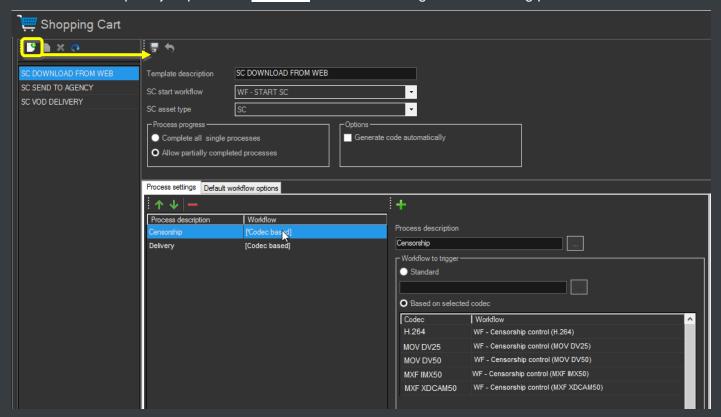


▼ 2.9. Settings

The **Shopping Cart** can be used to control the request and completion of almost any **job** (e.g. Download from web, send to agency, delivery to VOD, etc.); doing this requires creating a template for each **job**, specifying all the **processes** to be included (e.g. Censorship, Transcoding, Delivery, etc.) besides the default **pre-processes** (conforming and partial restore).

▼ 2.9.1. Configuration

The "Shopping Cart Configuration" section, available in Etere Configuration, allows configuring an unlimited number of **job templates** to be made available to users, specifying for each one all required data (i.e. composing processes, triggered workflows, execution behavior, etc.). In order to create a new template just press the [New] button and configure the following parameters:



Parameter	Description			
Template description	Brief descriptive name of the job to which the Shopping Cart is related (e.g. Download from web, Delivery to agency, Send to VOD, etc.).			

SC Start Workflow	Workflow to be launched to trigger the shopping cart processing. Only workflows containing a "SC start" action will be listed.			
SC Asset Type	Type to be assigned to "Shopping Cart" assets . Only types with the "SC" property enabled will be listed.			
Process progress	 Specify if processes must be managed either in group or individually: Complete all single processes: The current process must be completed for all assets in order to move forward to the next process. Allow partially completed processes: In case the current process is completed for one asset, the next process can be started for said asset; no matter the status of other assets. 			
Options	Indicate if the code of Shopping Cart tickets must be generated either automatic or if it must be manually entered every ticket by users.			
Default workflow options	Specify if processes must be managed either in group or individually: • Partial retrieve: Specify the EDL version to be used by default for partial retrieve. • Conforming: Specify the EDL version and Conforming profile to be used by default for conforming.			
Process settings	Add all the processes (workflows) to be sequentially performed as part of the job. An unlimited number of processes can be added, based on following parameters: Process description: Select the flexi-metadata that defines the process scope (e.g. Censorship, Transcoding, Delivery, etc.). Please note that here is displayed only the flexi-metadata associated to the type (e.g. SC) selected in the SC Asset Type parameter. Workflow to trigger: Select a workflow to be executed either for all ticket lines (standard), or only for those related to a specific codec. Note: Only workflows containing at least one Shopping Cart Completed/NotCompleted/Unexpected action will be displayed here.			

▼ 2.9.2. User permissions

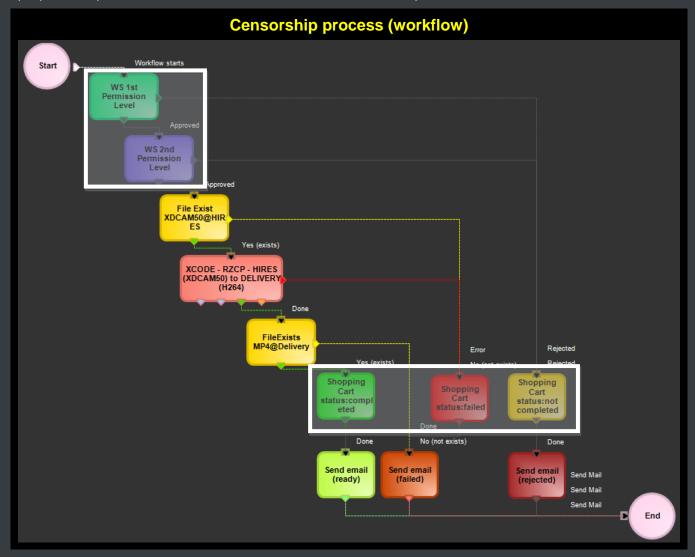
The functions available in the "Shopping Cart" are subject to a set of permissions that can be granted/denied to specific user based on their roles. Available permissions include:

Permission	Description				
SC Supervisor	All functions and sections will be granted to the user.				
SC Access	The "Shopping Cart" item will be available in the EtereWeb menu.				
SC Save	The "Save" button will be available for the user.				
SC Save and Submit	The "Save and submit" button will be available for the user.				
SC Modify	The "Modify" button will be available for the user.				
SC Delete	The "Delete" button will be available for the user.				
SC View log	The "Log" button will be available for the user.				

SC Create	The "Create ticket" section will be available for the user.
SC View to Submit	The "View Pending" section will be available for the user.
SC View Progress	The "View Active" section will be available for the user.
SC View Incomplete	The "View Incomplete" section will be available for the user.
SC View Errors	The "View Failed" section will be available for the user.

▼ 2.9.3. Process workflows

Processes are based on an underlying "workflow", which can be used to automate the approval and preparation process thanks to the combination of automatic operations with manual tasks:



1	Start	The system starts the workflow execution, which automatically moves forward to step 2				
	, et	The User Dept. Manager receives a task to approve/reject the download request:				
2	1 st permission level	Approved	The download is approved, the workflow moves forward to step 3			
		Rejected	The download is denie	ed, the workflow move	s forward to step 7	
	2 nd	The Archive M	anager receives a tasl	k to approve/reject tl	ne download request:	
3	permission	Approved The download is approved, the workflow moves forward to st			ves forward to step 3	
	level	Rejected	The download is denie	ed, the workflow move	s forward to step 7	
	Transcode file to requested	The system au	tomatically transcodes	the file to meet the	requested format.	
4		Done The transcoding has been successfully performed The workflow moves forward to step 5				
	format	Aborted/ Error	The transcoding has The workflow moves		.g. servers are out of order, etc.)	
Г	Copy file to requested location	The system automatically copies the requested media file into a preset location (e.g. a shared FTP directory):				
5		Done	ed			
		Aborted/ Error	The transfer has not The workflow moves		servers are out of order, etc.)	
6	SC Process completed	In case either the 1 st or the 2 nd Permission Level have been granted, the result of the SC Process will be set as "not completed".				
7	SC process not completed	In case either the 1 st or the 2 nd Permission Level have been denied, the result of the SC Process will be set as "not completed".				
8	SC process unexpected	In case an action (e.g. transcode file, copy file, etc.) returns an <u>error</u> , the result of the SC Process will be set as "failed".				
	Send email Alert	The system au	tomatically sends an e	mail notification on	the process result:	
9		Completed	Rejected	Failed		
		The workflow moves forward to step 9				
9	End	The system ends the workflow execution.				