

# Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation

## A Digital Library for Tolerance Education

The Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation (VHF) was established by Steven Spielberg to videotape interviews with Holocaust survivors all over the world. Over 50,000 interviews have been conducted resulting in video archives that would take almost fourteen years to view as an entity.



Now the challenge is to effectively mine this massive collection and distribute to key institutions around the world for research and educational purposes using high performance networks, mass storage and advanced technologies.

Sam Gustman discusses how the VHF developed the necessary technology and protocols to navigate through these materials by keywords, subject, and names using the sophisticated system (pictured above) for storage, management, and display of over 180 tera-bytes of multimedia data.

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