Overview
Online communities increasingly provide rich channels for multimedia interaction and communication among users. As user-generated multimedia content has undergone tremendous growth, there has been increasing interest in collaborative tagging as a method of multimedia organization. In absence of any professional metadata creation, these crowdsourcing collaborative tagging approaches have shown real value in supporting user access to online multimedia content. However, numerous technical problems remain for effectively leveraging user communities for multimedia content enrichment—such as dealing with ambiguity and synonymy in tags, lack of vocabulary control, and so on. On the other hand, recent research has produced significant results for automatically tagging image video and audio content using multimedia content analysis tools. As social networks and multimedia content networks come together, there are significant opportunities for gaining new insights into user and machine tagging of multimedia and the relationships they create—such as users-and-content, users-and-users, and content-and-content—which provide new ways for users to organize, share, and consume online multimedia.

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• linking social and content networks,
• hybrid collaborative- and machine-learning techniques for tagging,
• pattern discovery and mining tag networks,
• knowledge acquisition, as well as searching and indexing multimedia content in collaborative scenarios, and
• online gaming and novel models for collaborative tagging.

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