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DVB-I basics and
The DVB-I reference
application



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Introduction of
Sofia Backstage®
Guide Manager
now supporting DVB-I



Outline

- DVB-I (by Juha Joki)
 - What is it?
 - Specification
 - Reference Application
- Sofia Backstage® Guide
 Manager (by Mika Kanerva)
 - Basics & functionality
 - Introducing DVB-I support



THE **NEW** GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION

Streaming video services, smart TV, mobile and companion devices and other new technologies were supposed to spell doom for traditional broadcasted TV. But instead, they have created a new, better, more available and more personal enriched TV. The best of TV, linear content and Internet together.

They brought the new Golden Age of television





DVB-I ("I" for Internet)

Goal:

Making linear television over the Internet as userfriendly and robust as traditional broadcast television.

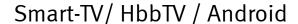
DVB already has DVB-T for terrestrial, DVB-C for cable and DVB-S for satellite broadcast.

DVB-I aims to offer the same level of experience for Internet content











DVB-I – why was a new specification needed?

- The Internet has transformed how we access TV content
- New services are deployed as apps while this has allowed innovative services to develop there were drawbacks

Consumers

- Content is segregated into independent apps, broadcast and IP content are separated
- Not all apps are on all platforms

Broadcasters

- Apps need to be provided and maintained for multiple platforms
- How to get your app noticed?

Manufacturers

- Many apps to support and certify
- Hard to provide a consistent user experience
- Multiple solutions to same problem

Who Benefits?

- Consumer devices can present an integrated list of services and content, combining broadband and broadcast services, giving consumers the best of both worlds.
- Broadcasters can deploy common services across a wide range of devices.
- Manufacturers can create a single consistent user experience for all video services.
- OTT providers can increase their offer's visibility and audience reach.



What is DVB-I?

Any connected devices even without a RF tune. Area of • OTT or IP managed network applicability Can be received by a downloaded app • Broadcast-like: linear TV, pay and free TV, Service Types parental controls, subtitles, accessibility • Specific to IP only, for example VOD content • Similar to DVB-T/C/S User Navigation possible via channel lists and EPG Experience Zapping time similar between broadcast and broadbandDiscovering relevant services and service Service discovery lists Grouping of services and trust Curated service lists

Ecosystem of DVB-I:

- A177 DVB-I Service Discovery and Programme Information
 - The "internet channel scan" and EPG
- A168 DVB-DASH with Low Latency
 - Media format for linear broadband television services (On Demand also)
- A176 Multicast ABR (DVBmABR)
 - Efficient delivery of DVB DASH over IP networks
- A178 Targeted Advertising (DVB-TA)
 - Personalizing advertisements for television services



DVB-I Overview

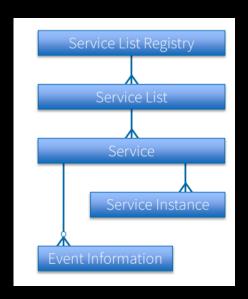
In November 2019, DVB published the first DVB-I specification, available as BlueBook A177.

The specification defines

- DVB-I Service Lists, for television services that may be delivered through broadband and/or broadcast mechanisms.
- The methods to retrieve electronic programme data for those services.
- 3. Internet content delivery format based on *DVB-DASH* with *Multicast Adaptive Bit Rate* and *Low Latency* support.



DVB-I Information model



- Service list Registry: A queryable network function for discovery of providers of service lists
- 2. Service list: Curated collection of services including ordering and target regions
- 3. Service: Editorial representation of a linear television service
- 4. Service Instance: Network specific delivery parameters, including availability windows
- 5. Event information: Program information for channel change banner and electronic program guide

DVB-I service lists and registries

- Service list is published by service list provider
- Service List Provider curates and manages the Service List and provides service ordering and numbering information for ease of selection by users
- Service List can be targeted at
 - a particular platform or brand
 - A geographical region
 - language or other market segment

Service List Discovery:

- built-in or privately provisioned (hard-coded) Service List URLs for the specific Service List(s) in the client
- Discovery via DVB-SI signaling in NIT/BAT URI Linkage descriptor
- Using Service List Registry (see next point)

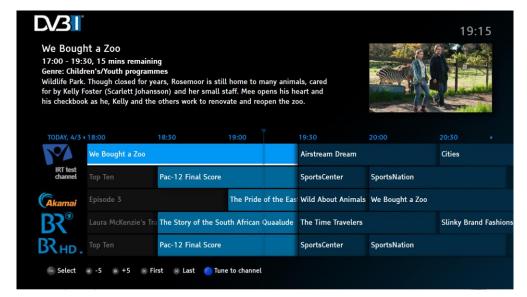
Service list registry:

- an HTTP(S) endpoint made available at a URL that can return a list of Service Lists and their Service List URLs.
- May be operated by various kinds of organization:
 - A DVB-I client manufacturer, serving only their own clients
 - A national or regional regulator, providing information for the benefit of clients operating within the relevant nation or region.
 - An operator or platform brand serving only their own clients.
 - A central registry, operated for the benefit of all DVB-I clients, providing information on a wide set of Service Lists known to that registry.



DVB-I service lists and EPG data

- EPG content format is based on TV-Anytime XML format
- Supports "Related Material" descriptor (i.e. interactive HbbTV applications or other HTML5 based services)
- Supports "Linked application" reference for f.ex. external video playback application, GDPR notice, etc.
- Content protection support for registered CA and DRM Systems
 - (Marlin, Playready, Widevine)





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Reference application of DVB-I

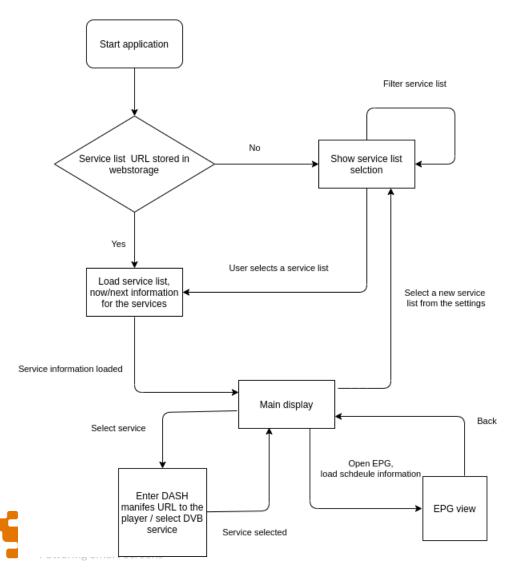
Development of the open source reference Application for Android mobile phones, tablets and HbbTV TV sets by **Sofia Digital**



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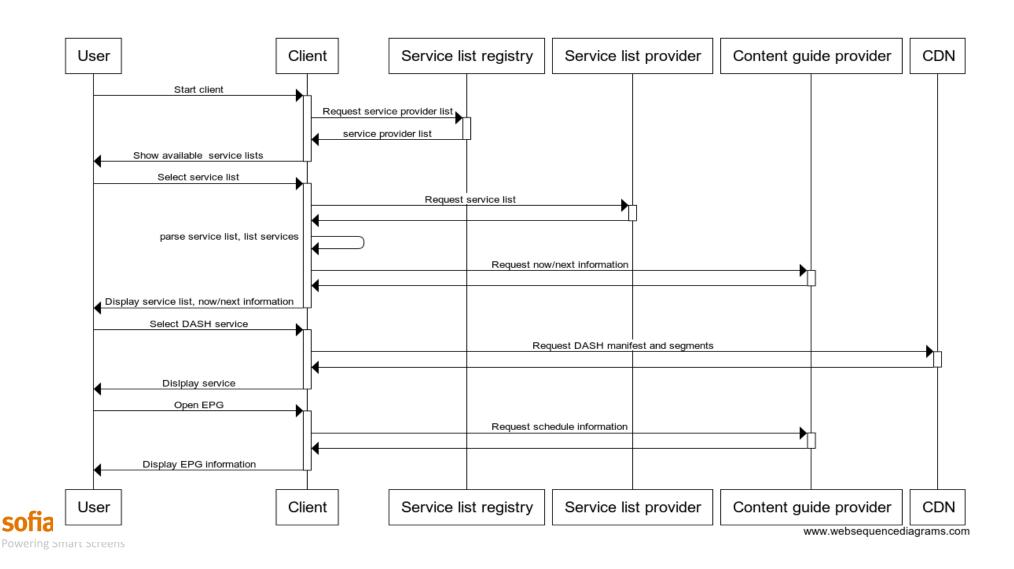
- DVB-I is the first major specification to benefit from DVB's new *Verification and Validation activity* that aims at accelerating the implementation of its technologies in the marketplace.
- Following the publication of an RFP, Sofia Digital was selected by the DVB Project to deliver a DVB-I reference application.
- The DVB-I Reference Application consists of both backend and frontend elements.

Application workflow diagram

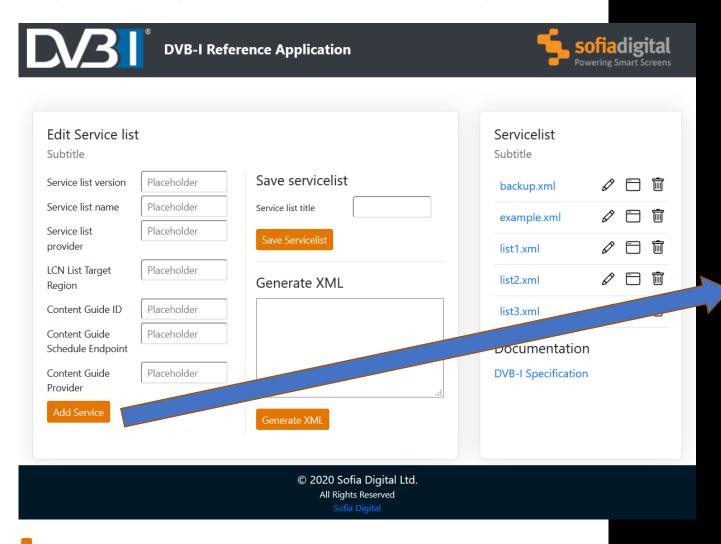


- 1. Application is loaded
- 2. Checking for pre-selected service list is performed
- 3. Service list selected/parsed
- 4. Main display is shown
- 5. User can select another service list / open EPG / select or tune to a DVB-DASH or broadcast service

Sequence example

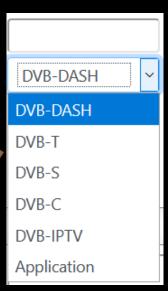


Backend and Service List creation





Service name	TV1
Service Unique Identifier	42
Service version	1
Service provider	
LCN	
Content Guide Service Reference	
Service logo URI	https://myklik.rtm.gr
Add service instance	Remove service
Priority	
Source Type	DVB-DASH ~
DASH manifest URI	https://rtm1hbbtv.s
Remove instance	



Get involved with DVB-I specification work

- The DVB-I Reference Application is freely available under an open source license (MIT)
- Includes documentation showing how broadcasters and network or platform operators may re-use all or part of the code in their own applications and how they may extend it

All code is published in GitHub under DVB account

DVB contact points:

- DVB Members can follow the work via the TM-I group
- If you'd like to discuss making your service available via DVB-I for demonstration purposes, contact Emily Dubs, DVB Head of Technology (dubs@dvb.org)



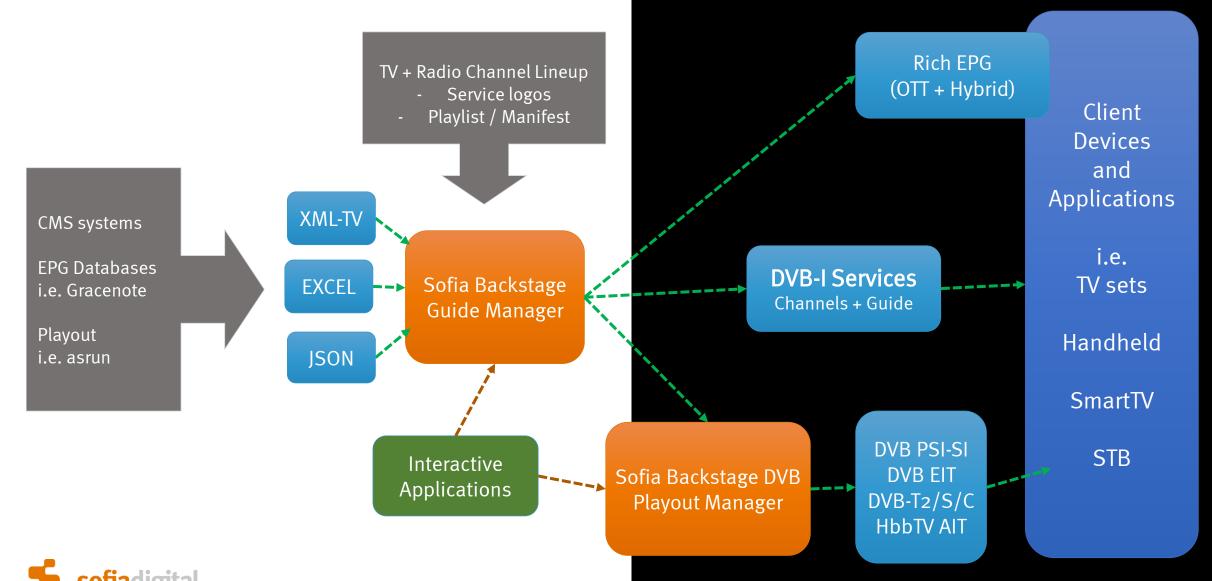


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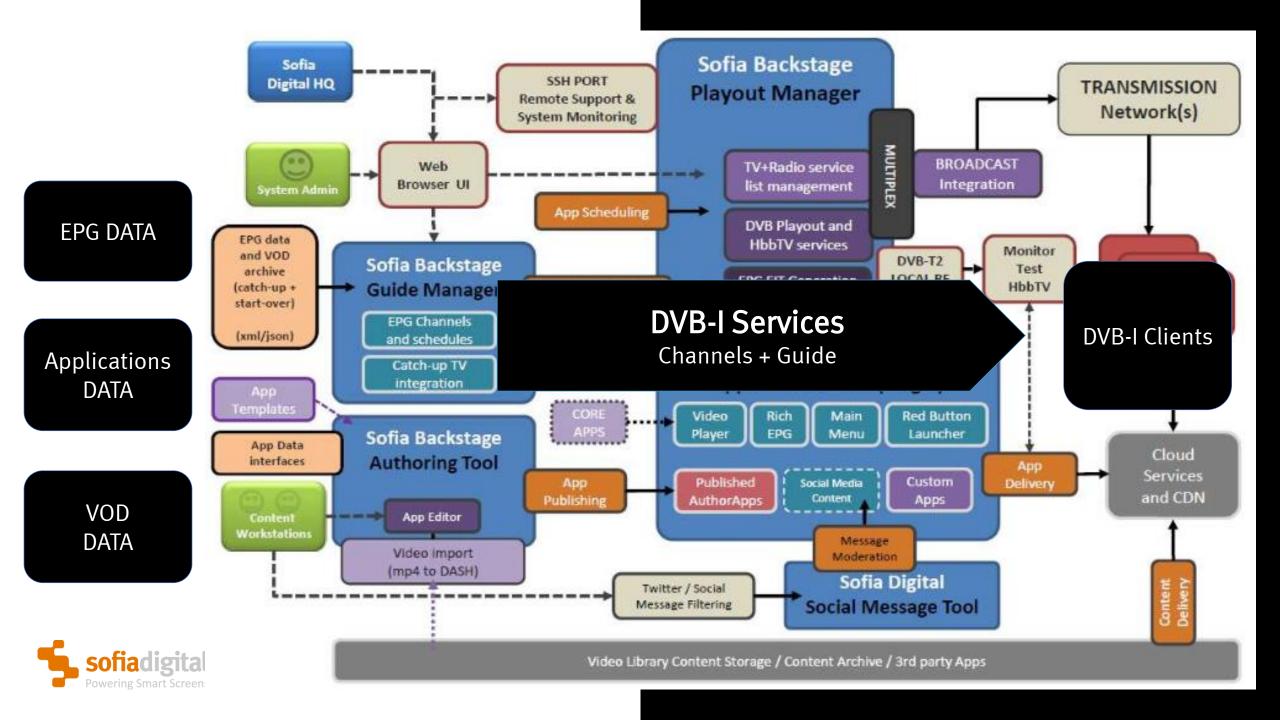
- GitHub repository: https://github.com/DVBproject/DVB-I-Reference-Client
- HbbTV Frontend demo https://stage.sofiadigital.fi/dvb/dvb-i-reference-application/frontend/hbbtv/launcher/
- Android PWA installer https://stage.sofiadigital.fi/dvb/dvb-i-reference-application/frontend/android/
- Android Player demo https://stage.sofiadigital.fi/dvb/dvb-i-reference-application/frontend/android/player.html
- Backend demo for Service list generation https://stage.sofiadigital.fi/dvb/dvb-i-reference-application/backend/
- Specifications https://dvb.org/?standard=service-discovery-and-programme-metadata-for-dvb-i-services
- Additional webinars: https://dvb.org/webinar/webinar-dvb-i-clients/
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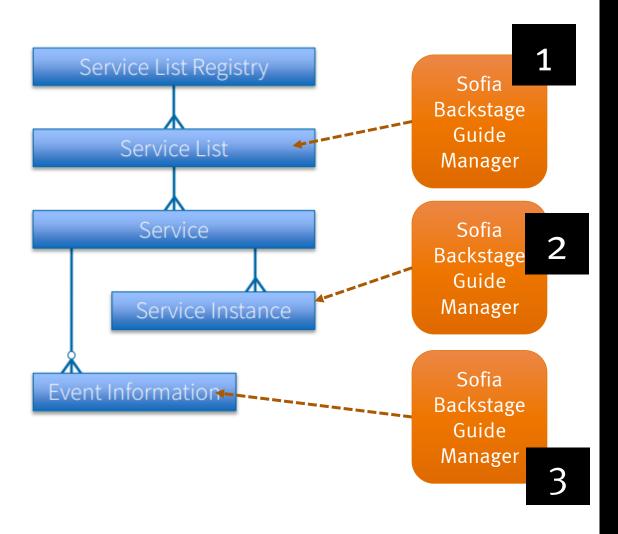
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DVB-I back-end and Sofia Backstage



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Sofia Backstage Guide Manager for DVB-I

Provides unified TV/radio Channel Lineup management

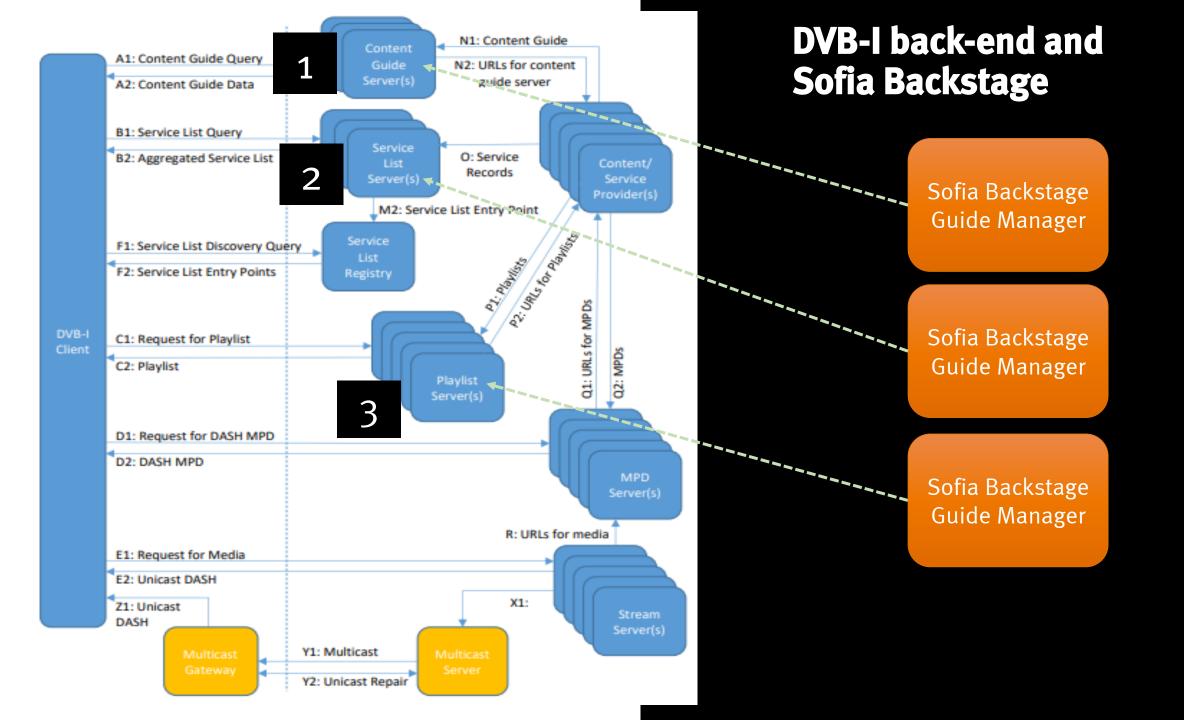
To harmonize the Service and Guide data in all DVB and OTT "Apps"

EPG aggregation and distribution for DVB-T/S/C and HbbTV/SmartTV, OTT/Web

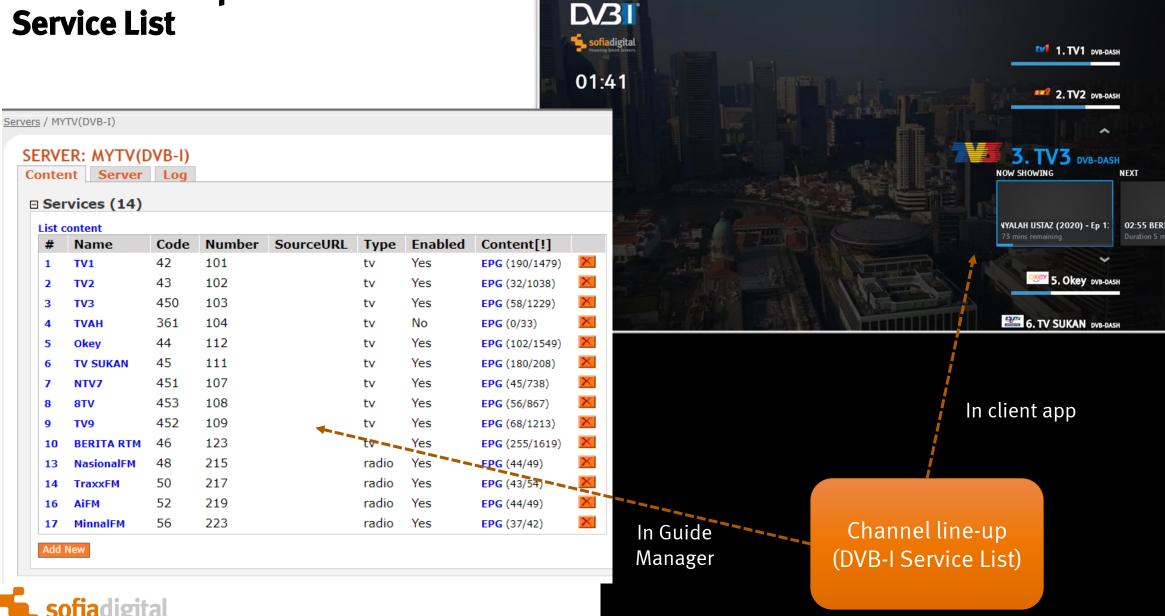
And now support for DVB-I service list and service guide output



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Backend example for DVB-I Service List



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Backend example for DVB-I (EPG)

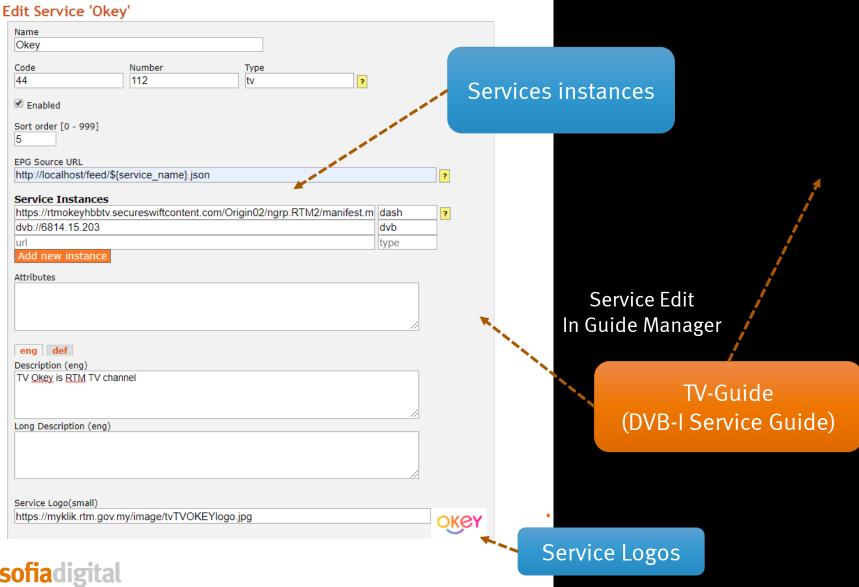
In client app



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Backend example for DVB-I (Service)

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Service In client app DVB-T / OTT / HbbTV



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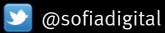
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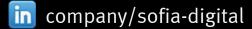
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