EOD and 20th century’s digitisation desert: can we make it bloom?

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Overview

- EOD – the service
- Participating libraries
- Case study Innsbruck: some numbers
- Book production Europe: some numbers
- Solutions?
EOD – the service

EOD button: digitising this book on request

Library: scans & transfers images

Library: administers orders

Customer pays and receives products

Incorporation into Digital Libraries, Twitter & Europeana

EOD – eBooks
Central services used by libraries
- Database with web-interface for the administration of orders and generation of eBooks
- Automation of communication (automated e-mails to customers, tracking page with status update)
- Central provision of OCR (optical character recognition) services: antiqua and gothic font
- Central management of credit card payments

Carried out locally at library sites
- Scanning of material
- Administration of orders
- Local payment methods (invoice, cash)
- Upload to local digital repositories
- Long time storage
Who is currently offering the service?
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How to find a book?

- EOD search engine
  - search.books2ebooks.eu
- Some 50-60 local and union catalogues
Tartu juht = Guide through Tartu = Guide á travers Tartu = Führer durch Tartu.

Format: Book
Language: Estonian, English, German, French
Published: Tartu: Sõnavara, 1926
Online Access: University of Tartu Library
Order eBook: eod digital on request
Tags: No Tags, Be the first to tag this record!
Criteria for displaying the button

− publishing year before 1900 or before 1942
− not digitised yet
− no microform
− often certain material type excluded (musical scores, maps,...)
− often certain branches of libraries excluded
Digitised card catalogue
Analysis of 500 books requested for digitization, period 2006-2010

Books published before 1900
- 195 books requested
- Rights clearance: presumably public domain without any further research
Books published 1901-1939

- 135 books were requested for this period
- Successfully cleared works:
  25% public domain after search in authority files (VIAF & GND)
- presumably a higher number would be public domain, but is unverifiable
Books published 1940-1988

- 172 books requested
- Successfully cleared works: for about 20% contact details of rightholders or heirs could be found & permission for digitisation and delivery of digital is given
- Enormous amount of time and effort
  - about min. 15 min. search in clearly defined databases (e.g. VIAF, PND, WBIS, AEIOU, Tirol Lexikon) up to 4h net time if contacting possible rightholders / heirs is needed
  - plus time for appropriate documentation
  - average throughput time was 1-3 months for positive answers
A lot of work, but…

- requests from researchers, students, family historians,…
- „pleaaase, I need this urgently…“ „for my research, for my study, for my personal use,…“
- out of print books
How big is the desert now?
Book production

[source: http://www.flickr.com/photos/timetrex/376152628/]
Results of a study 2007

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„Grey literature“:
- print material outside of publishing companies (Official printed papers, company documents, conference proceedings, reports, university publications, …)
- 30-50% for 20th century
Newspapers – Germany:
- 19th century: 4-5.000 titles
- 20th century: 8-10.000 titles
- Currently: ~150 daily newspapers
How to make the desert bloom?

- Contracts with publishers
  - but when there is no publisher? (thesis, …)
  - ceased publishers?
  - publishers point to authors …

- Prepare for implementation of orphan work directive
  - proposal: modify EOD button in catalogue up to publishing year 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, … taking into account authority files
• Any other ideas?
Will our digital libraries look like this

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or like this?
Thank you for your attention!
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