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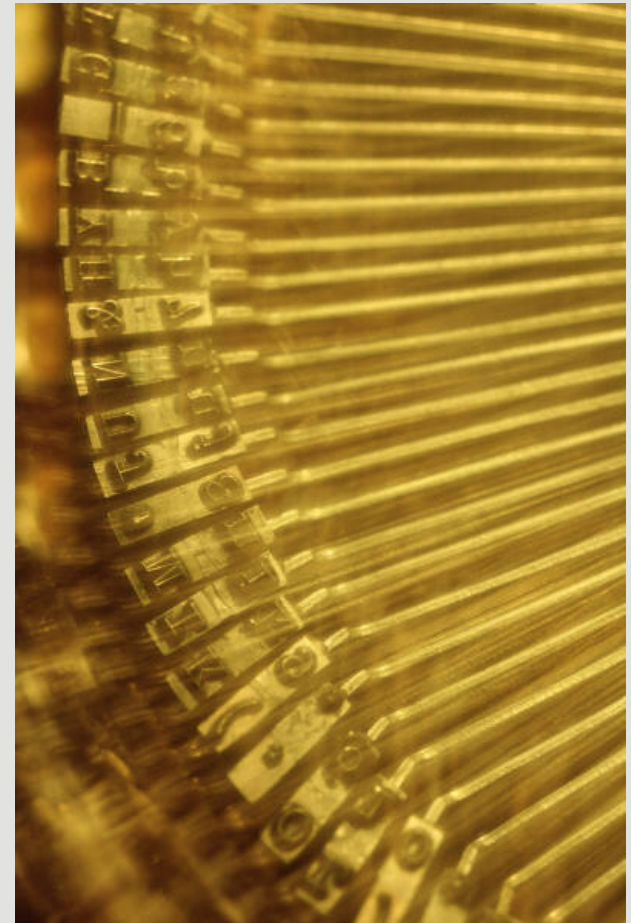
Decision Support Tools – Neil Fitzgerald

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Key Issues

- Different experiences of digitisation within / without partners
- Large variety of approaches & standards
- Changing landscape
- Complexity of material and known historical issues
- Appropriate communication of information to wide audience





DST structure

- Delivered in three iterations with two review points
- Information presentation and delivery to evolve
- Developments within / without project covered
- Blended learning possible
- End-to-end digitisation process addressed





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Project partner view



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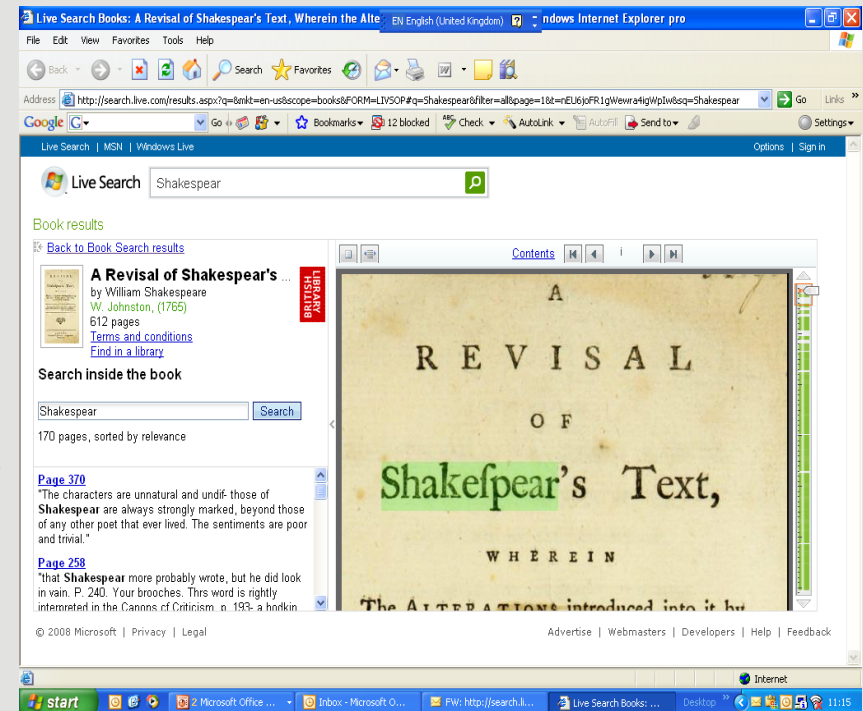
Project partner view – common issues

- Condition of source material & metadata
- Complex layouts for different material types
- Historical & gothic fonts – 16th to 20th century
- Language
- Named Entities – improved searching & finding
- Storage needs & final presentation possibilities
- Scalable for mass digitisation & reduced costs
- Funding & strategic demands
- Intellectual Property Rights



Impact view

- Don't reinvent the wheel
- Evidence based research
- Provide guidance based on real world experience
- Focus on practical implementation support & tools
- Provide support for both in-house & contracted out elements
- Centre of Competence
- Improved OCR is a means to an end





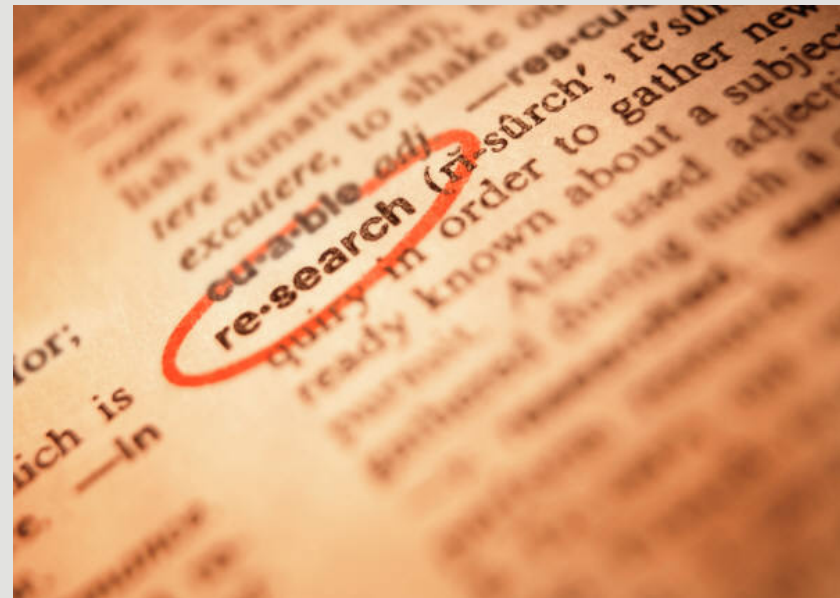
DST Highlights

- Includes overview of current digitisation practise
- Focus is providing a framework of practical support
- Case studies, e.g. metadata implementation
- Links to appropriate external resources



Future goals

- Promote best practise – not model scenarios
- Reduce costs & increase quality through themed standardisation
- Benchmarking & cost x benefits
- Leverage CoC to solve open issues
- Focus research on real areas of need





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