

Going Digital: ncse

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Going Digital 2000-2006

- Revolution in newspaper texts available on web
- Two ends of developments:
 - Current newspapers
 - Older newspapers
- Publishers wish to secure current readership
- Some Publishers have realised that revenue may be made from digitising back runs
- Parallel Universes: print and web publication

Current online

- Portal: *onlinenewspapers.com*
- Thousands of titles available worldwide
- Variable display and content
- Main thrust of presentation is *today*
- Variable availability of recent back runs
- Search on back runs yields variable results
- Print still important for research if not available online

Current online

- UK titles: 100s available
 - Advertising layout becoming more sophisticated
 - Many local titles repeat national news stories
 - Look/ feel relates still to printed newspapers, some directly (Guardian, Times, Telegraph)
- Characteristics of Internet publication
 - Global outreach from UK
 - Non-newspaper entrants: BBC news, etc
 - Blogs
 - Other: RSS; news in magazines

Current online

- Commercial “old and new” : NewsBank
 - Early American Newspapers:
<http://www.readex.com/scholar/amHistorical.html>
 - NewsBank Newspapers – UK – national dailies and weeklies:
http://www.newsbank.com/UK/nbnp_uk.html

Retrospective online

- Aggregations of newspaper data
- clippings type services; not complete runs
- Complete runs offered by
 - Heritage
 - Newsbank/ Readex
 - Proquest
 - Gale
 - Irish Newspaper Archive
- Runs are true to original form and layout(for now)
- Runs are not necessarily bibliographically complete (.ie. Do not include all issues published)

Retrospective online: National Libraries

- British Library C19 Newspapers:
 - <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/Programme.htm>
- BnF French Newspapers ca.1850-1944: BnF project
 - <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/Programme.htm>
- Netherlands: KB Metamorfoze Dutch Newspapers 1920-1930
 - <http://www.kb.nl/bst/jaar/kb2000/piu2-en.html>

Retrospective online: National Libraries

- TIDEN: Nordic Digital Newspaper Library
 - <http://tiden.kb.se/>
- Metamorfoze/ KB Dutch Newspapers 1920-1930
 - <http://www.kb.nl/bst/jaar/kb2000/piu2-en.html>
- Austria ANNO
 - <http://anno.onb.ac.at/>
- Papers Past: News Zealand
 - <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>
- (Lof C) National Digital Newspaper Program
 - <http://www.neh.gov/projects/ndnp.html>

Possible Trends for Research using Online Newspapers

- Further Exploration of thought within existing disciplines
- Greatly enhanced expansion of name searching
- Creation of insights leading to fresh disciplinary modelling
- Creation of studies within existing curricula
- Availability of large data mass drives new developments

Website Placement of Results of (Academic) Research

CENTRIPETAL

- On same website as original texts
- In subject clusters
- In printed publications
- On commercial publishers' websites
- Place data in their own individual websites

CENTRIFUGAL

- Place data in public academic websites

The end of the beginning

My doctors told me this morning my blood pressure is down so low that I can start reading the newspapers.

Ronald Reagan, US President, 1987

Newspapers have degenerated. They may now be absolutely relied upon.

Oscar Wilde

The advertisements are the most truthful part of a newspaper.

Thomas Jefferson