



Digitizing Fragile Newspapers Collections

A leading newspaper publisher

A leading English-language broadsheet daily newspaper publisher

Project / Service Category

Scanning Services

Services provided

- Microfilm Scanning
- Image Enhancement
- OCR services

Background

The client wanted to digitize their vast collections of fragile physical newspapers from 1918 onwards and create a digital repository for permitting easy search and retrieval of the newspaper contents.

Challenges

- Fragile old newspaper collections bound in several volumes
- The fragile materials needed special care while flipping over pages
- Unbinding the fragile historical books for scanning
- Rebinding historical books - back to its original condition after scanning
- Specialized storage space facilities to preserve the oversized materials / keep them flat for avoiding further damage

Solution

The key focus of the project was to assist the client to digitize their physical newspapers, preserve them, and permit easy search and retrieval of the contents. Before commencing the project, we inspected the materials to assess their physical condition and determine the scanning approach for the highly fragile historic publications. The historic materials required special care and attention, as they were extremely fragile and dusty. We deployed the BookEye3 planetary scanner as it accommodates broadsheets greater than A1 paper size. This approach helped us to meet the client's expectations.

Benefits

- HTC enabled the client to achieve their digitization objectives within their budget by utilizing HTC's infrastructure.
- Optimal throughput to meet the client's business needs
- HTC's scanning equipment, scanning approach, and experienced staff ensured that the source materials were not damaged during scanning process
- Inbuilt book fold correction, digital color balance, integrated ICC profile produced high quality scanned output



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- Over 27 years of IT and BPO experience in providing cost effective and innovative services across domains for a wide spectrum of global 2000 customers
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