

Content Management Strategies for the Digital Era:

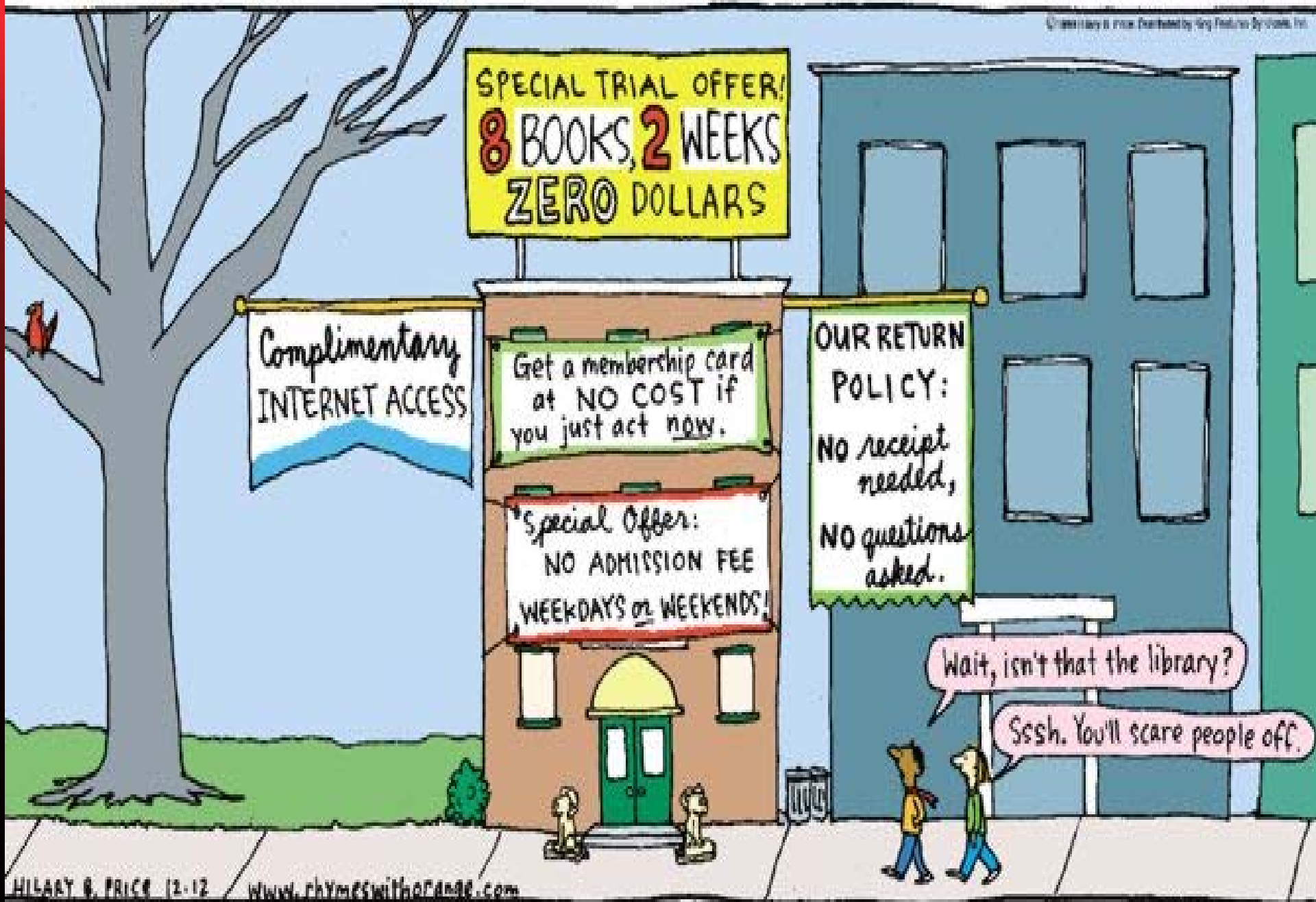
**Opportunities and Best Options
for (learning) Organizations**

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Agenda

- The Information Paradigm – Some Thoughts
- Information Management Trends in Libraries
- (Best) Practices in LIS
- Library Automation – the ‘KG’ thing of LIS Modernization
- Digital Libraries – Overview
- Open Access – Overview
- Open Access Archives – Institutional Repositories
- Information Aggregation and Integration Strategies
- Emerging Technologies



Future Libraries?

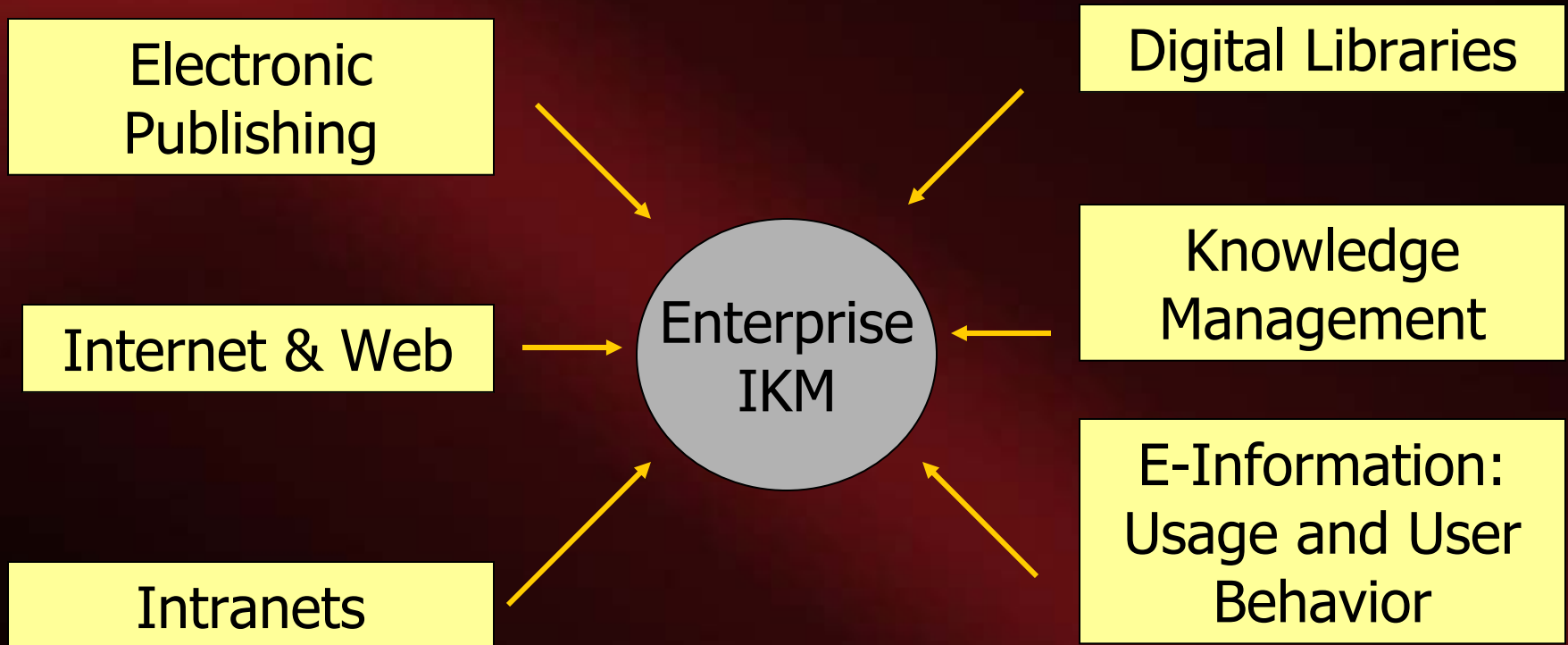
What is a library and what should it be in 2012, 2020 and beyond...

- What does the academic library of the future look like?
- Where do its walls begin and end?
- On campus?
- On our desktop?
- At home?
- Does it still have a function as a separate and distinct space?
- Or has it become the first step to an all-virtual future?
- Libraries have never been more interesting, difficult and challenging...

Challenges of the Day

- ✓ **Relevance of Libraries in the Google Era**
- ✓ **Retention of Users, especially the New Gen**
- ✓ **Proliferation of Content**
- ✓ **Diverse Datastreams - Content Categories, Publication Types**
- ✓ **Multimedia, Polymedia, Multiformats**
- ✓ **Collection Building – Acquisition, Subscriptions, Licensing...**
- ✓ **Copyright, Intellectual Property, Fair Use...**
- ✓ **Technology Complexities, Infrastructure Issues**
- ✓ **Publishers' Stringent Policies / Monopolies**
- ✓ **Integration of legacy systems and the new genre**

Factors of Change



Experiences? Lessons? Impact? Implications?

IM: Key Goals

- Develop and manage a dynamic, unified information resource base (content repository) that gathers and organizes relevant internal and global information resources, based on a taxonomy of information needs of the enterprise, and make these available for learning and informed decision making.

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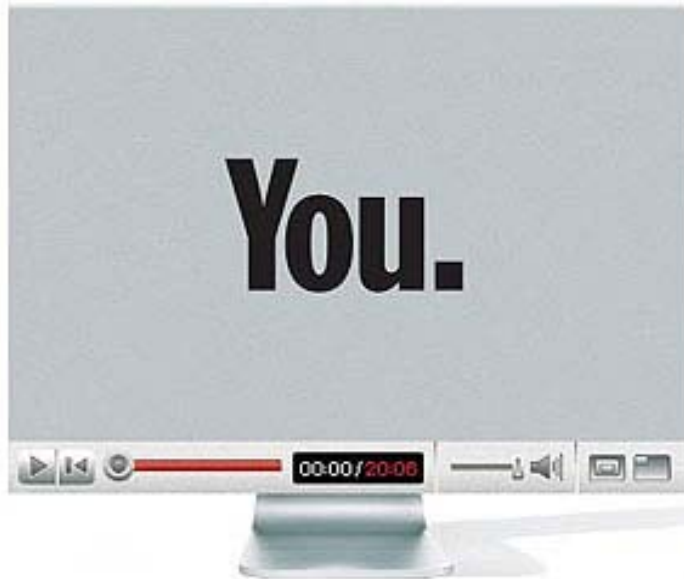
- Support different manifestations of information sources – implicit/explicit, print/digital, local/remote, free/commercial, etc.
- Support for delivering personalized information services to staff, both on demand and in anticipation.

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You control the Information Age.
Welcome to your world.

- User Generated Internet Content:
 - Blogs
 - YouTube
 - MySpace
- And the same is TRUE with Scholarly Communication too!!

Concerns

- In an information world in which **Google** apparently offers us everything, what place is there for the traditional, and even the digital, library?
- In a library environment which is increasingly moving to the **delivery of online rather than print resources**, what of the academic library's traditional place at the heart of campus life?
- What about the impact of repositories and open access on the delivery of library resources?
- And the need to digitise and make more widely accessible key scholarly resources?
- And what of the calls for libraries to play a central role in the promotion of 'information literacy'?

The Google Generation



Magic of the Web

- The universe (which others call the Web) is the place where society keeps the sum total of human knowledge. It's where we learn and play, shop and do business, keep up with old friends and meet new ones ...
- Today we stand at the epicenter of a revolution in how society creates, organizes, locates, presents, and preserves information ...
- It's all the Web

Ian Witten et al. in "Web Dragons"

New Drivers for Change - Environment

- Ubiquitous use of the Web
- “Simpler” search techniques (Google)
- “Information to go”
- Same data, different presentations
- Open access and new publishing models

New Drivers for Change - Environment

- Social, personal and work activities blurred
- Information users as information providers
- Interactive do-it-yourself capability of the Web is at odds with highly-wrought library systems
- Technical/licensing/copyright issues
- A volatile landscape of rapid change

New Drivers for Change - Students

- Integration of library with VLE
- Web 2 and social networking
- Amazon/supermarket profiling approach
- The digital native generation
- Students as paying customers

New Drivers for Change - Research

- Access to deep web
- Underlying data important for research
- Re-use of data is possible
- Deposit in institutional repositories
- Mass digitisation (Google, MS, JISC)



**information behaviour of
the researcher of the future**

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setting the scene

what are the aims of this study?

This study was commissioned by the British Library and JISC to identify how the specialist researchers of the future, currently in their school or pre-school years, are likely to access and interact with digital resources in five to ten years' time. This is to help library and information services to anticipate and react to any new or emerging behaviours in the most effective way. In this report, we define the 'Google generation' as those born after 1993 and explore the world of a cohort of young people with little or no recollection of life before the web.

The broad aims of the study are to gather and assess the available evidence to establish:

- whether or not, as a result of the digital transition and the vast range of information resources being digitally created, young people, the 'Google generation', are searching for and researching content in new ways and whether this is likely to shape their future behaviour as mature researchers?

- whether or not new ways of researching content will prove to be any different from the ways that existing researchers and scholars carry out their work?
- to inform and stimulate discussion about the future of libraries in the internet era

These questions are of enormous strategic importance but they need to be balanced against considerable media hype surrounding the 'Google generation' phenomenon, so a healthy degree of critical distance is needed. A bewildering array of titles has attached itself to a younger generation that is growing up in an internet-dominated, media-rich culture: Net Generation, Digital Natives, Millennials and many others. The untested assumption is that this generation is somehow qualitatively 'different' from what went before: that they have different aptitudes, attitudes, expectations and even different communication and information 'literacies' and that these will somehow transfer to their use of libraries and information services as they enter higher education and research careers.

Google Syndrome

- Can we assume that a search engine will – intrinsically – teach students how to find, manage and interpret information ??

Google Syndrome

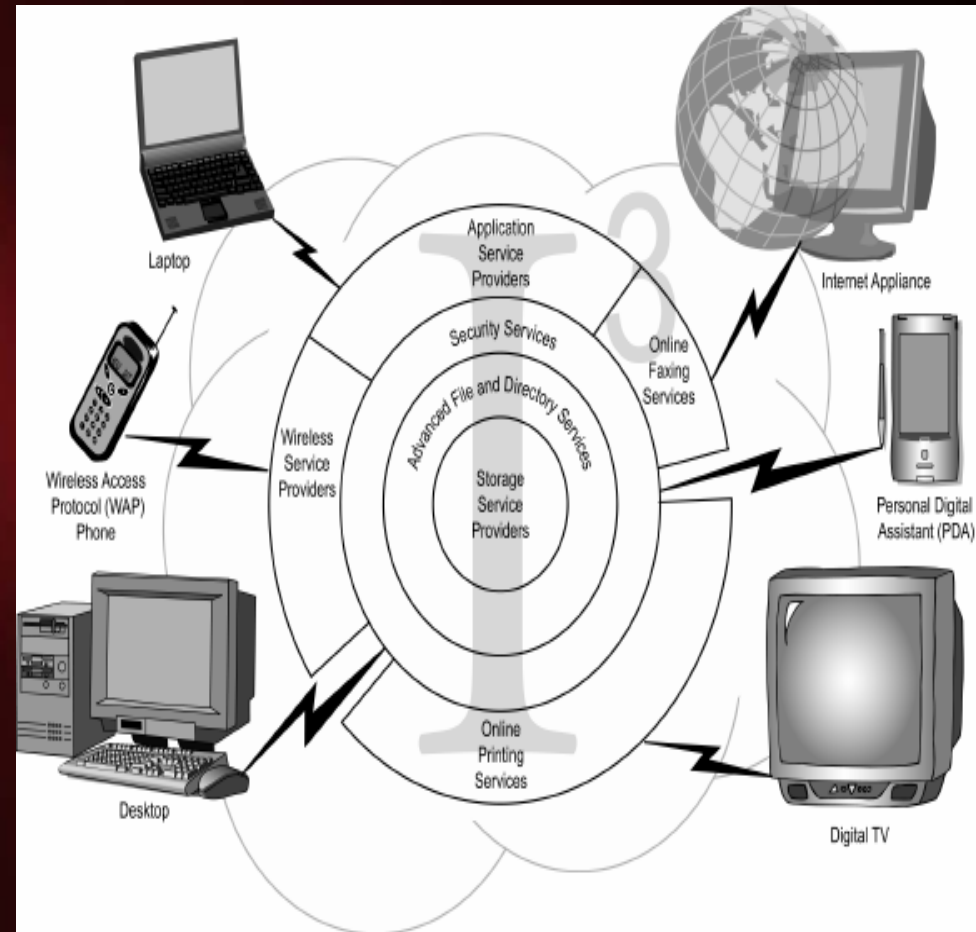
- If a generation of students in primary and secondary schools, particularly in the state sector, are “managing” education without a properly funded library and the help of qualified librarians, then not only will literacy levels and examination results suffer, but so will our universities and workplaces.

Top Tech Trends in IT / LIS

- Web 2.0 / Library 2.0
- Blogs / RSS Feeds / Wikis / Podcasts / Webcasts
- Open Source Software, Open Standards, Open URL
- User Tagging, Automated Tagging
- Web OPACs, and Interface Design
- Seamless Integration / Aggregation
- OA -> OAP + OAA
- Open Resource Discovery Tools - Google Scholar
- E-Books, E-Journals, E-Resources
- Harvesting, Federation, Metasearching
- Digital Rights Management

Emerging Publishing/Access Models and the I³

- **Open Access Archives**
 - Open Archives/Initiative OAi / OAI
- **Open Access Publishing**
 - OA Journals
- **Open Source**
- **Open Standards**
- **OpenURL**
 - Open URL Framework



Information Strategy Tips

- ✓ **Context** = Scenarios, Paradigms
- ✓ **Constant** = Change
- ✓ **Technology** = Facilitate, and NO intimidate
- ✓ **Information** = The Big Picture - Landscape
- ✓ **Content** = Aggregate, Integrate
- ✓ **Service** = Markup, Market
- ✓ **Capital** = Human, Tacit, Values, and Users



Lib2.0

L 1.0		L 2.0
Closed stacks	-->	Open stacks
Collection development	-->	Library suggestion box
Preorganized ILS	-->	User tagging
Walk-in services	-->	Globally available services
“Read-only” catalog	-->	Amazon-style comments
Print newsletter mailed out	-->	Team-built blog
Easy = dumb users	-->	Easy = smart systems
Limited service options	-->	Broad range of options
Information as commodity	-->	Information as conversation
Monolithic applications	-->	Flexible, adaptive modules
Mission focus is output	-->	Mission focus is outcome
Focus on bringing ‘em in	-->	Focus on finding the user
ILS is core operation	-->	User services are core

Penetration of E-Content in Libraries

PUBLICATION TYPES

- E-Books, E-Journals...
- Aggregated Scholarly E-Journal Databases
- Databases, CBT/ WBT
- Portals, Vortals...
- Value added services
- Preprints, Eprints, E-Documents....

DOCUMENT FORMATS

- ASCII, RTF, HTML, SGML, Postscript, PDF, Proprietary, Native Application Formats
- Images, Graphics
- Audio
- Video
- XHTML, ASP, PHP, XML...

Major Drivers

- Information/Knowledge - Proliferation
- Technology Progress (push)
- Open Standards / Technologies
- Open Source Software
- Market Demands
- Community / Society

The Changing (challenging) Role of Information Professionals

Book keepers



Bit Keepers

(Book/Journal) Stores
Officers/Custodians



Information providers



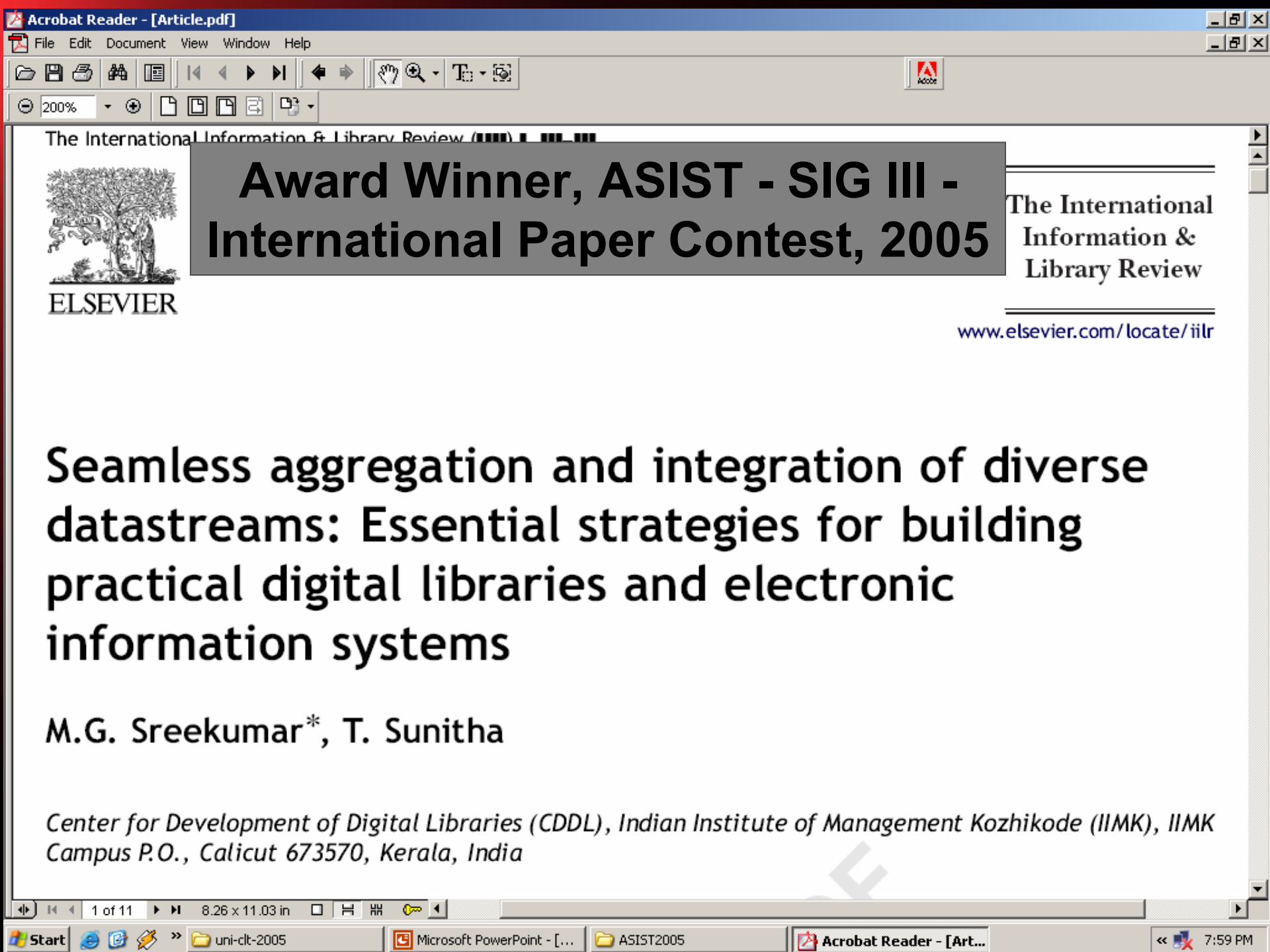
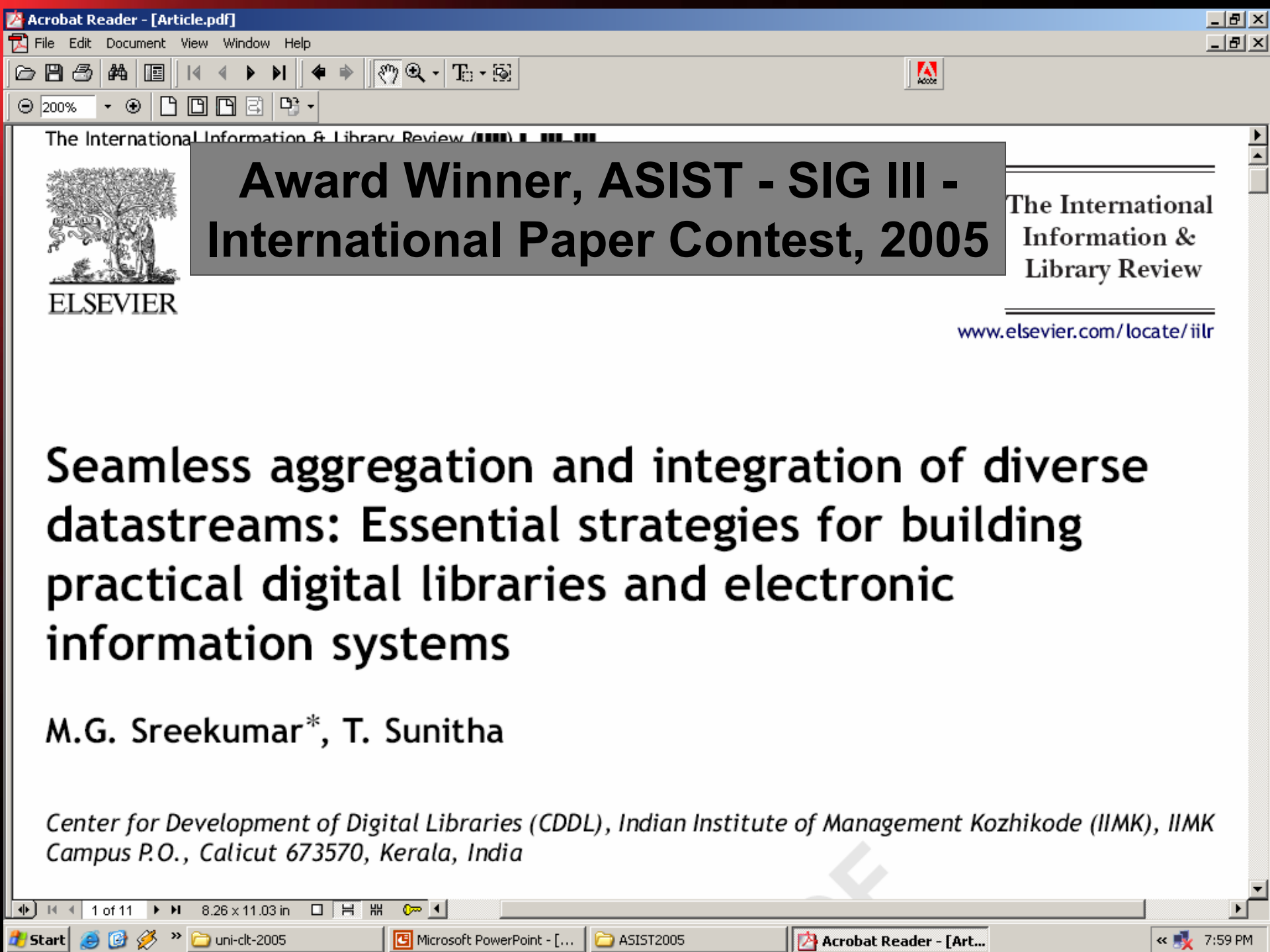
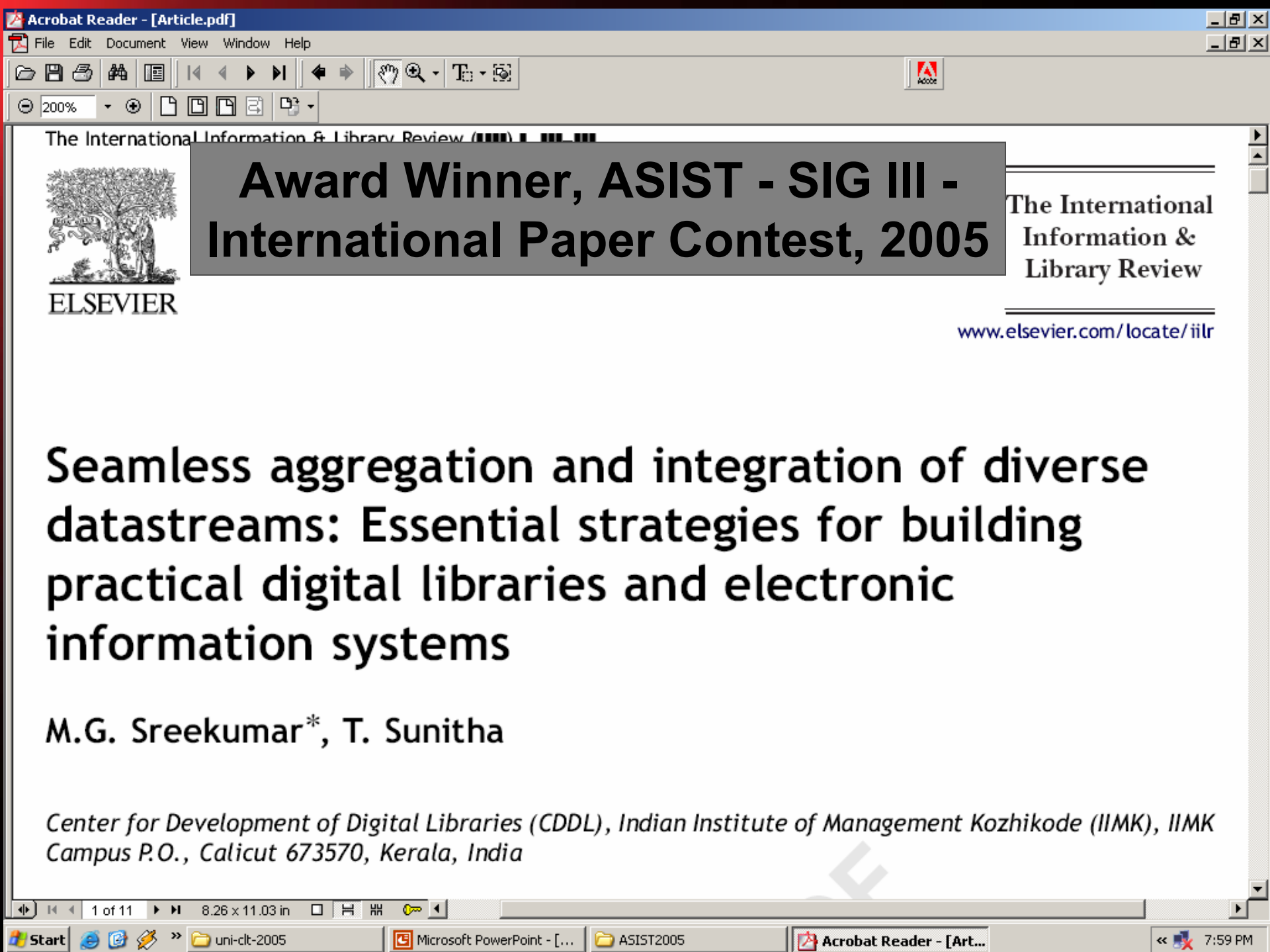
Content / knowledge providers



Content / knowledge sellers

Good (Best) Practices

- Skill Sets – Leadership, Communication, Team Work, CE, Perseverance, Persistence....
- Flexibility / Open to Learning / Accept Changes
- Open Source Philosophy
- Open Access Advocacy
- Preach as well as Practice
- Sharing of Knowledge Acquired



Strategy Facets - for an excellent hybrid ambience

- 1. Value and Preserve the Traditional Systems while Embracing Technology for Development**
- 2. Aggregation / Integration Strategies**
- 3. Library Automation** (integration of the traditional library activities/collection)
- 4. Digital Library** (creation of efficient information systems using digital collections for effective browse, search, retrieval and long-term preservation)
- 5. OA Archives** (pooling the organization's intellectual capital)
- 6. Library Portal** (seamless integration of the organization's entire knowledge base—traditional, paper as well as electronic technologies)
- 7. Consortium Approach to Library Subscriptions**

Strategic Planning

- How to map / scale (assess) the information needs / requirements of the Organization
- How to Communicate this to the Management
- How to build infrastructure – Planning, Execution
- How to Collect, Consolidate, Build and Preserve Local Content
- How to build E-Resources / Published Content
- Information Literacy to Information Professionals
- Information Literacy for Users

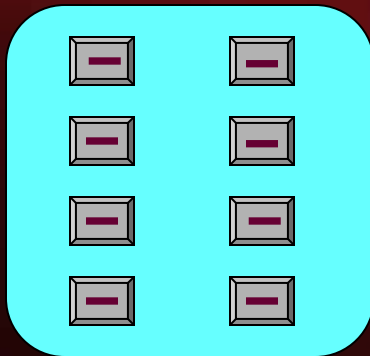
Libraries - Shifts

- Traditional / Automated
 - » Organization is physical
 - » Shelving of documents - Based on Subject Cln
 - » Key - Index / Catalogues / Cards / Digital Catalgs
 - » Cards - Real/Virtual - Author, Title, Descriptions
- Digital
 - » Organization in terms of digital files /objects
 - » Contains material digitized form
 - » Contains digital material
 - » Architecture
 - » Key - Metadata

Shift in Approaches

Traditional

Limited/ Rigid



AACR2

CCC

CC / LCCS

DDC / UDC

Thesauri/LCSH

Automated

Improved



AACR2

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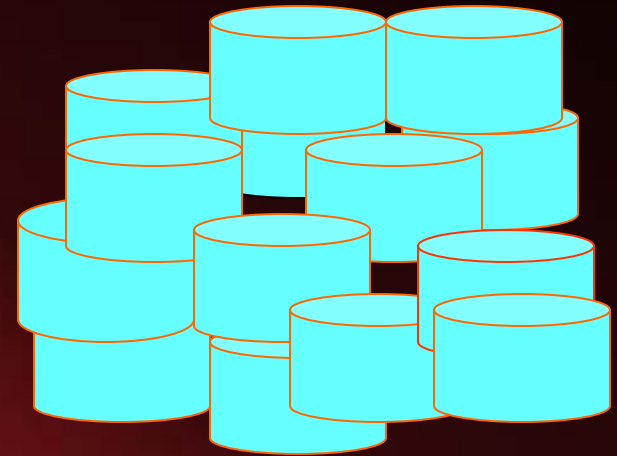
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MARC

Thesauri

Dig. Library

Efficient/ Flexible



Metadata

DCMI -- W3C

EAD, TEI, DTD

METS,MODS,

Z39.50

MARC21

OAI-PMH

Digital libraries ... features

- Knowledge/content management
 - Manage and access internal information assets
- Scholarly communication, education, research
 - E-journals, e-prints, e-books, data sets, e-learning
- Access to cultural collections
 - Cultural, heritage, historical & special collections, museums, biodiversity
- E-governance
 - Improved access to government policies, plans, procedures, rules and regulations
- Archiving and preservation
- Many more ...

The Greenstone Software

- Software suite for building, maintaining, and distributing digital library collections
- Comprehensive, open-source
- Developed by New Zealand Digital Library Project at the University of Waikato
- Distribution and promotion partners:
 - UNESCO
 - Human Info NGO, Belgium
 - NCSI, Bangalore; UCT, Cape Town; Dakar, Senegal; Almaty, Kazakhstan; ...
 - You!



Features of Greenstone

- Open Source Philosophy
- Interfacing & Content Delivery via Web
- Multi S/W Platform
- Multi Lingual Support
- Multi Formats
- Structured Metadata in XML using DC
- Metadata Extraction
- Searching & Browsing
- Plug-ins for Documents

- Full-text mirroring
- Text Level Penetration
- Data Compression
- Password protection
- Administrative Functions
- Concurrent & Dynamic Content Development
- Uniform Presentation
- Publishing on CDROMs
- International Presence

Greenstone Features contd...

- Easy Installation
- Easy Maintenance
- Content Development (3 alternate ways)
- Predominantly GLI now - since (V. 2.41)
- Hierarchy Structure
- Interface Customization
 - Front Page Design, Header for the Digital Library, Collection Icon, Cover Images
- Collection Configuration (Collect.cfg) File
- Scalability, Flexibility
- Interoperability (Crosswalk), OAI Compliance
- Lifeline : Listserv / E-Group / Archives

Greenstone DL Software

- Access
- ✓ Accessible via any Web browser
 - ✓ Server runs on Windows and Unix
 - ✓ Collections can be published on CD-ROM

- Searching/
browsing
- ✓ Full-text and fielded search
 - ✓ Flexible browsing facilities
 - ✓ Metadata-based (Dublin Core)
 - ✓ Collection-specific
 - ✓ Hierarchical phrase browsing supported
 - ✓ Creates all access structures automatically

- Extensible
- ✓ Plugins — new document, metadata formats
 - ✓ Classifiers — new metadata browsers

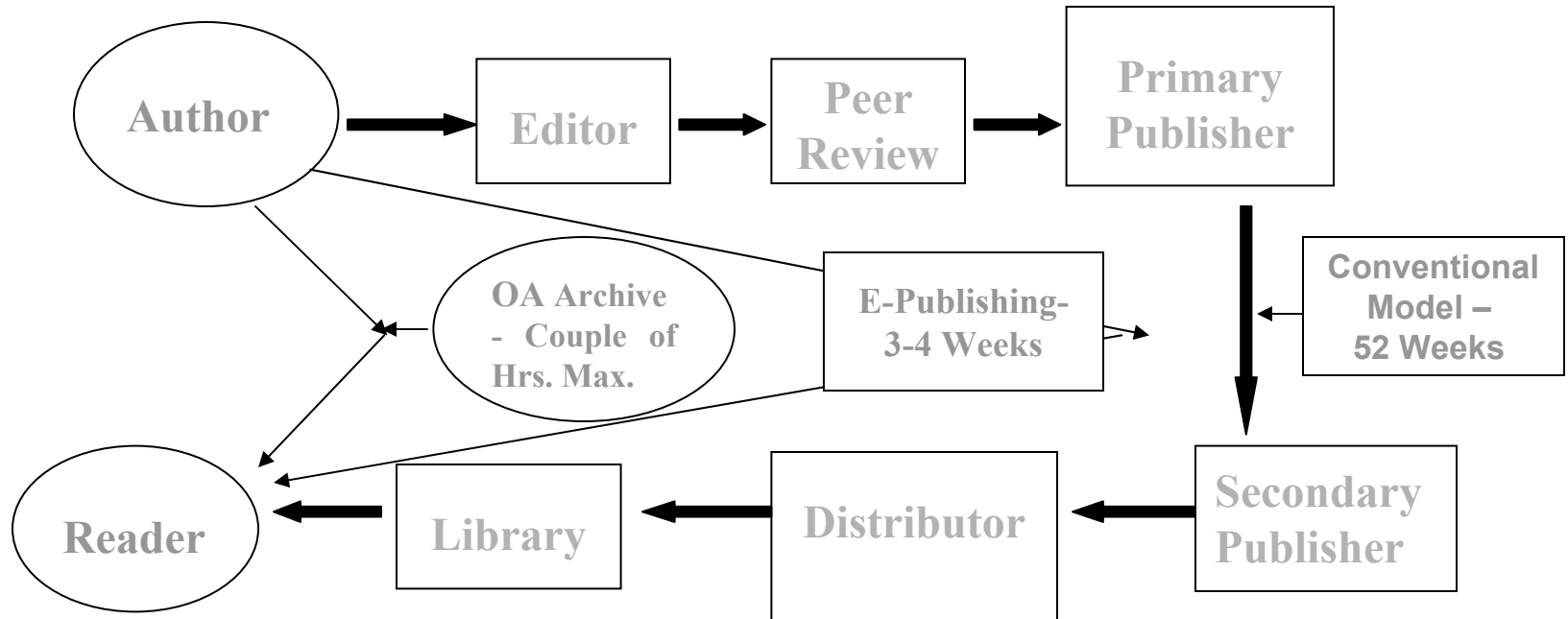
- Multilingual
- ✓ Documents *and* interfaces
 - ✓ Chinese, Arabic, Maori, Russian etc (+ European, Indian Languages)
 - ✓ Multimedia: video, audio collections exist

A Word About Open Access

Ground Realities

- World Over, Institutions / Agencies Fund Research (mostly Govt.s & NGOs)
- Authors want to publish/share their findings/thoughts with peers
- Authors give Copyright to Publishers
- Publishers do not give Authors access to the paper by default
- If your Institute/library is not subscribing to the Journal, you will have to be satisfied with the Offprints the publishers give

Upcoming Models of Scholarly Communication Value Chain



OA Archive (2 - 3 hours)

E-Publishing (3 - 4 weeks)

Conventional Publishing (52 weeks)

Institutional Scholarly Knowledge

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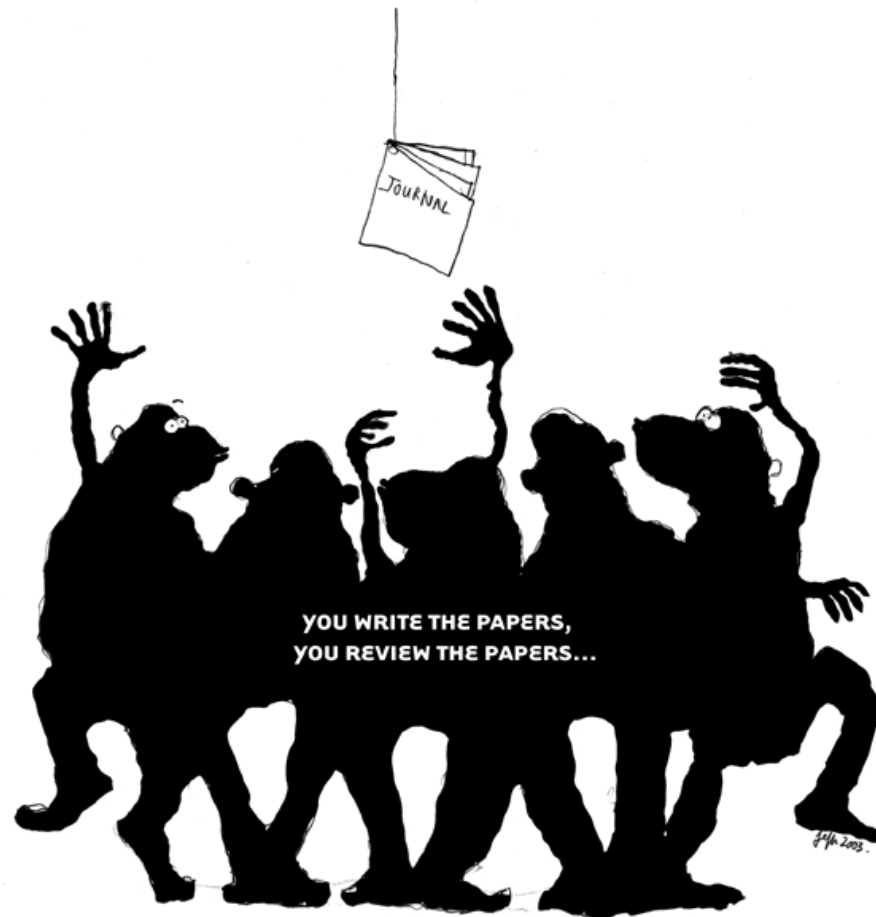
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- Books / Book Chapters
- Patents
- Cases
- ...

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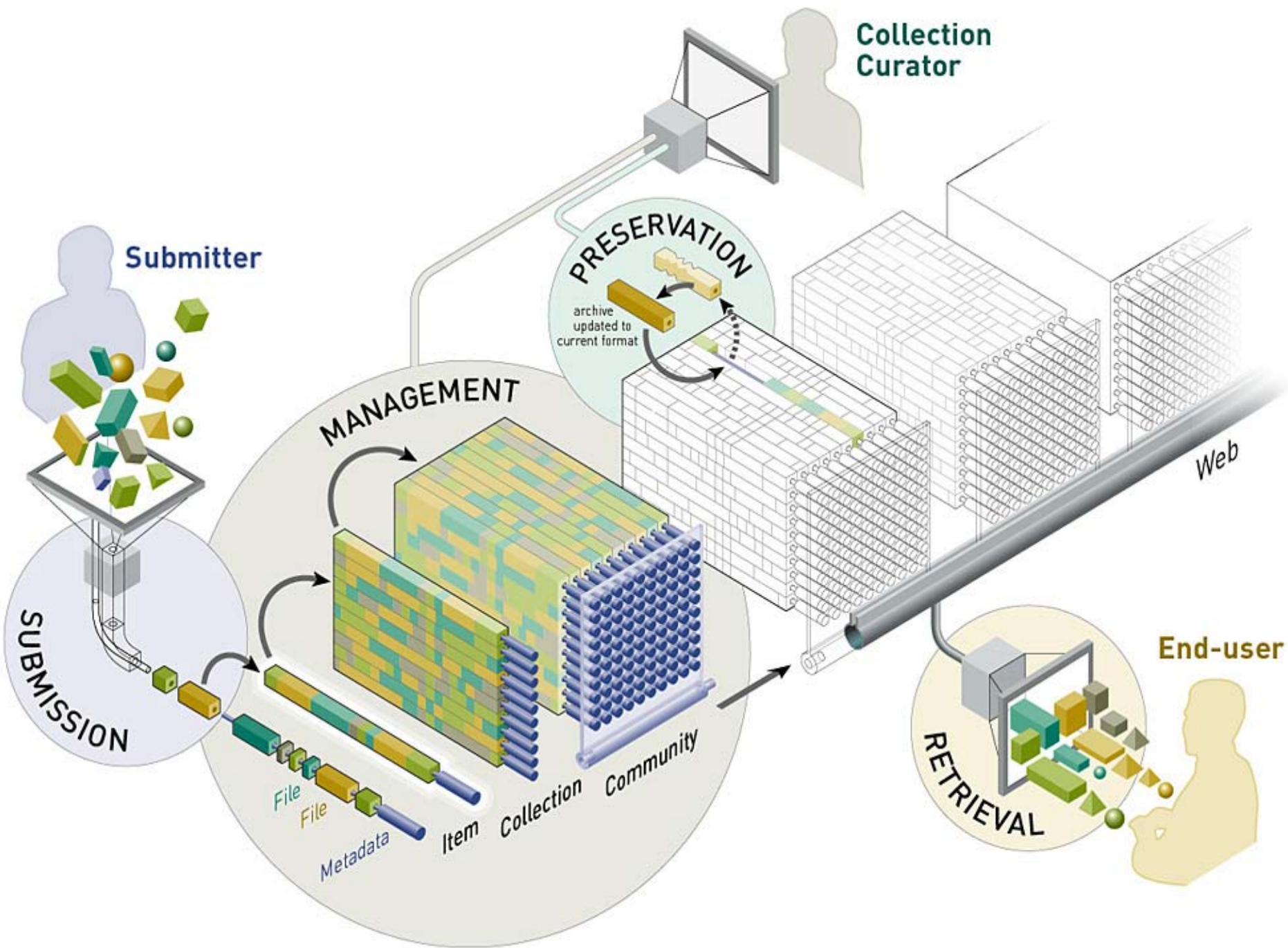
- Theses / Dissertations
- Working Papers
- Technical Reports
- Coursewares
- Classroom Presentations (Videos, Audios, PPTs...)
- Lecture Notes
- Guides / Manuals
- ...

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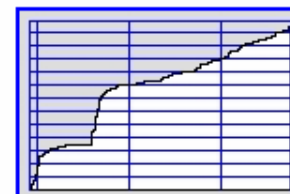
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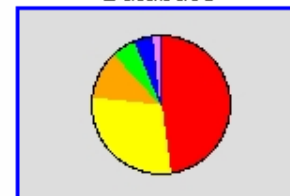
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Growth of the OpenDOAR Database



Repositories by Continent



Open Access Initiatives In India

- Institutional Repositories(evolving)
 - <http://casin.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in>
 - Software: DSpace, E-Prints
- Subject Specific Repositories
 - Science/Technology – EPrints@IISc
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 - Engineering / Technology
<http://eprint.iitd.ac.in/dspace/>
 - Librarian's Digital Library (LDL)
<http://drtc.isibang.ac.in/DRTC/index.html>
 - OpenMed@NIC <http://openmed.nic.in>
 - Management – DSpace@IIMK
<http://dspace.iimk.ac.in>
- Electronic Theses and Dissertations
 - INFLIBNET and UGC <http://dspace.inflibnet.ac.in>
 - Vidyanidhi <http://www.vidyanidhi.org.in>
- Cross Archives Search Services for Indian Repositories (CASSIR)
<http://ardb4.ncsi.iisc.ernet.in/oai>

Open Access Initiatives In India...

- Open Access Journals
 - Indian Academy of Sciences (11 journals)
<http://www.ias.ac.in/pubs/journals>
 - Indian National Science Academy (4 jls)
<http://www.insa.ac.in>
 - Indian MEDLARS Centre (NIC) (38 jls)
<http://medind.nic.in/>
 - MedKnow Publications (28 jls)
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 - Indianjournals.com (7 jls)
<http://www.indianjournals.com>
 - Kamala-Raj Enterprises (5 jls)
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<http://www.opendoar.org/>
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<http://archives.eprints.org/>
- **Scientific Commons – 901 OAA, 18029988 Articles, 2356949 Authors**
<http://www.scientificcommons.org/>
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[Dias, Frédéric](#), [Dutykh, Denys](#), [Ghidaglia, Jean-Michel](#)

The purpose of this communication is to discuss the simulation of a free surface compressible flow between two fluids, typically air and water. We use a two fluid model with the same velocity,...



[Comparison of the Discriminatory Processor Sharing Policies \(2008\)](#)

[Osipova, Natalia](#)

Discriminatory Processor Sharing policy introduced by Kleinrock is of a great interest in many application areas, including telecommunications, web applications and TCP flow modelling. Under the DPS...

DSpace Software / Utilities

- 1. Java SDK 1.4.2**
- 2. Apache 2.0.54**
- 3. Tomcat 5.0.28**
- 4. mod_jk 2.0.4**
- 5. Apache Ant 1.6.5**
- 6. PostgreSQL 8.0.2**
- 7. DSpace 1.5x / 2.x**

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Information (Content) Aggregation / Integration

- Library Automation
- Library Portal
- Digital Library
- Institutional Repository
- Library Consortia

Need for Content Integration / Organization

- Assuring Seamless Access to the Content
- Need for a single Info. Gateway / Access Point
- Multi - Formats, Media, Platforms (Content / Data in different formats)
- Data encoding (role of markup languages)
- Role of Metadata (role of Standards)
- Structured Metadata (role of XML)
- Need for Interoperability
- Interface / Delivery / Presentation
- **Exorbitant cost of proprietary DL S/W**

KM Systems - Flaws

- Historically, the goal of knowledge management has been to create, capture, preserve, and distribute information to drive finite and tangible objectives, such as improving competitiveness, fostering innovation, and streamlining organizational effectiveness.
- However, most knowledge management solutions exist merely as passive repositories.

KM – Next Progression

- It is the confluence of **content management systems**, **knowledge management systems**, and **social tools to create networks of knowledge**.
- Once an organization's knowledge repositories combine with the “wisdom of the community,” a fundamentally new approach to socializing knowledge and enhancing an organization's innate intelligence is created.
- **Called “Social Intelligence”.**
- That taps into an organization's social intelligence through the creation of **social knowledge networks**



2.0-style Service Examples

- Blogging
- User tagging
- Folksonomies
- User comments
- User ratings
- RSS feeds
- Feed aggregators
- Wikis
- Skypecasts
- Community citation services
- Community photo services
- Community book services

Other Websites with 2.0 Characteristics

- Flickr
- eBay
- De.licio.us
- Second Life
- CiteULike
- Librarything
- Connotea
- LiveJournal
- MySpace
- Technorati
- Netflix

Key Library 2.0 Concepts

- The library is everywhere*
- The library has no barriers*
- The library invites participation
- The library uses flexible, best-of-breed, component-based systems
- The library is a human-centered organization

* Also stated as the concept of the library as a place of unrestricted access to information (McDonald, 2006)

Common Traits of 2.0 Services

- Interactivity
- Respects and leverages user contributions
- Complementary/compatible/cross-referential
- Treats information as a conversation
- Emphasis on ease of use
- Sharing—use/reuse/remix/mashups encouraged

Another angle on 1.0 versus 2.0...

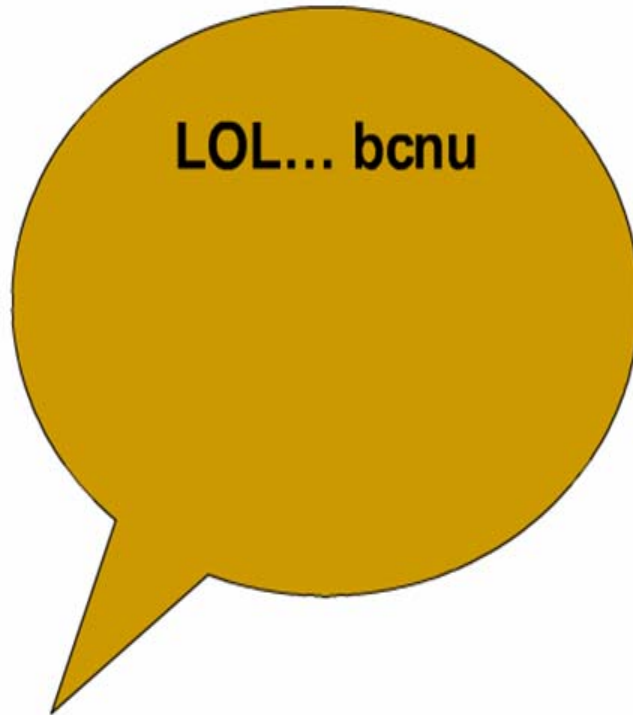
- Library 1.0 is a **pull** model
 - Acquire / store / lend / find
- Library 2.0 is a **push** model
 - Acquire / store / **broadcast / converse**

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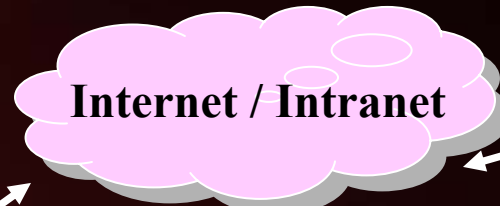


- Easy to use
- Free (at basic level)
- Easy to stay updated
- Encourages sharing and engagement



IM (Instant Messaging):



- Easy to use
- Free (at basic level)
- Encourages sharing and engagement




USER @ anywhere (access to information from anywhere)



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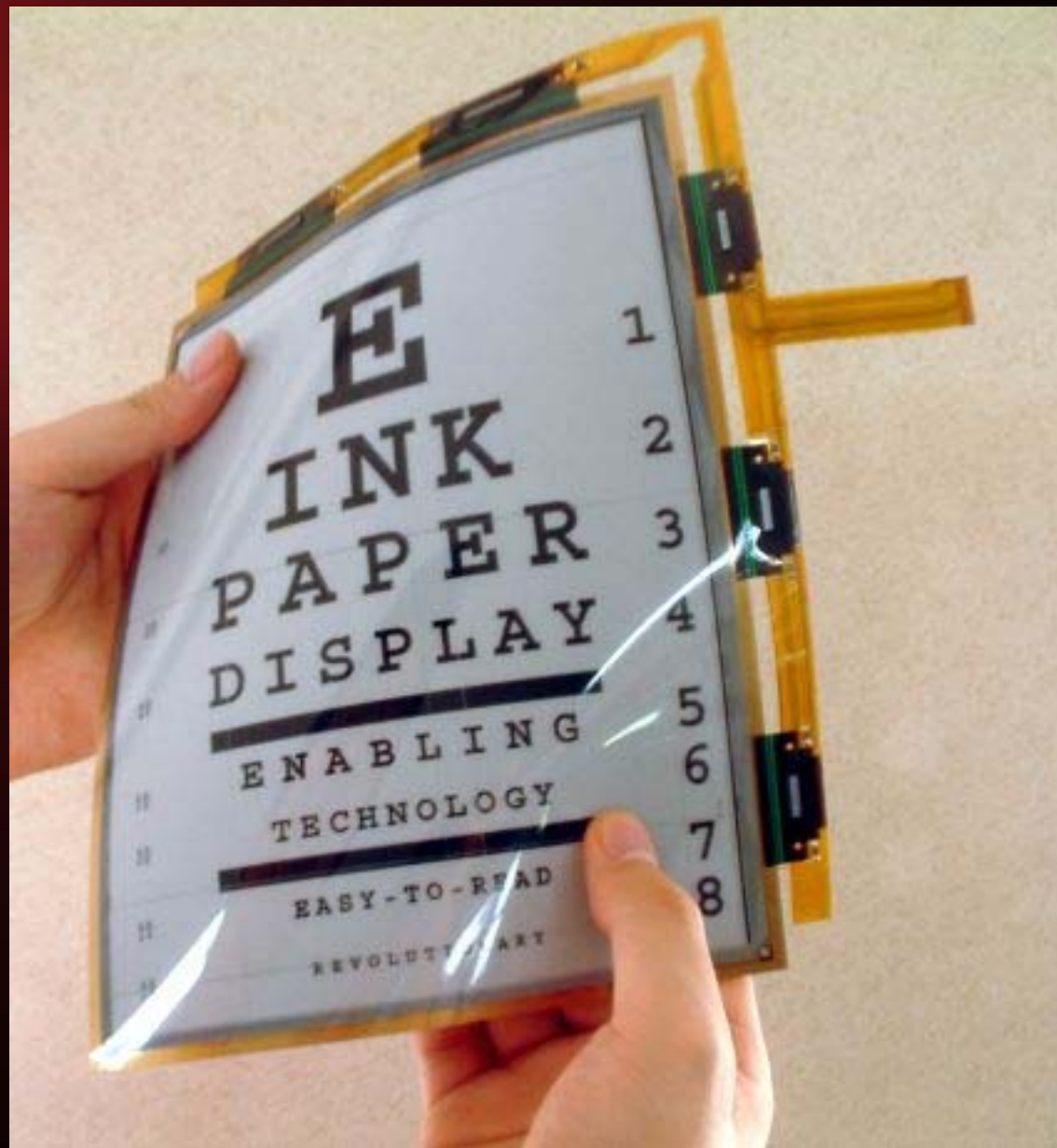
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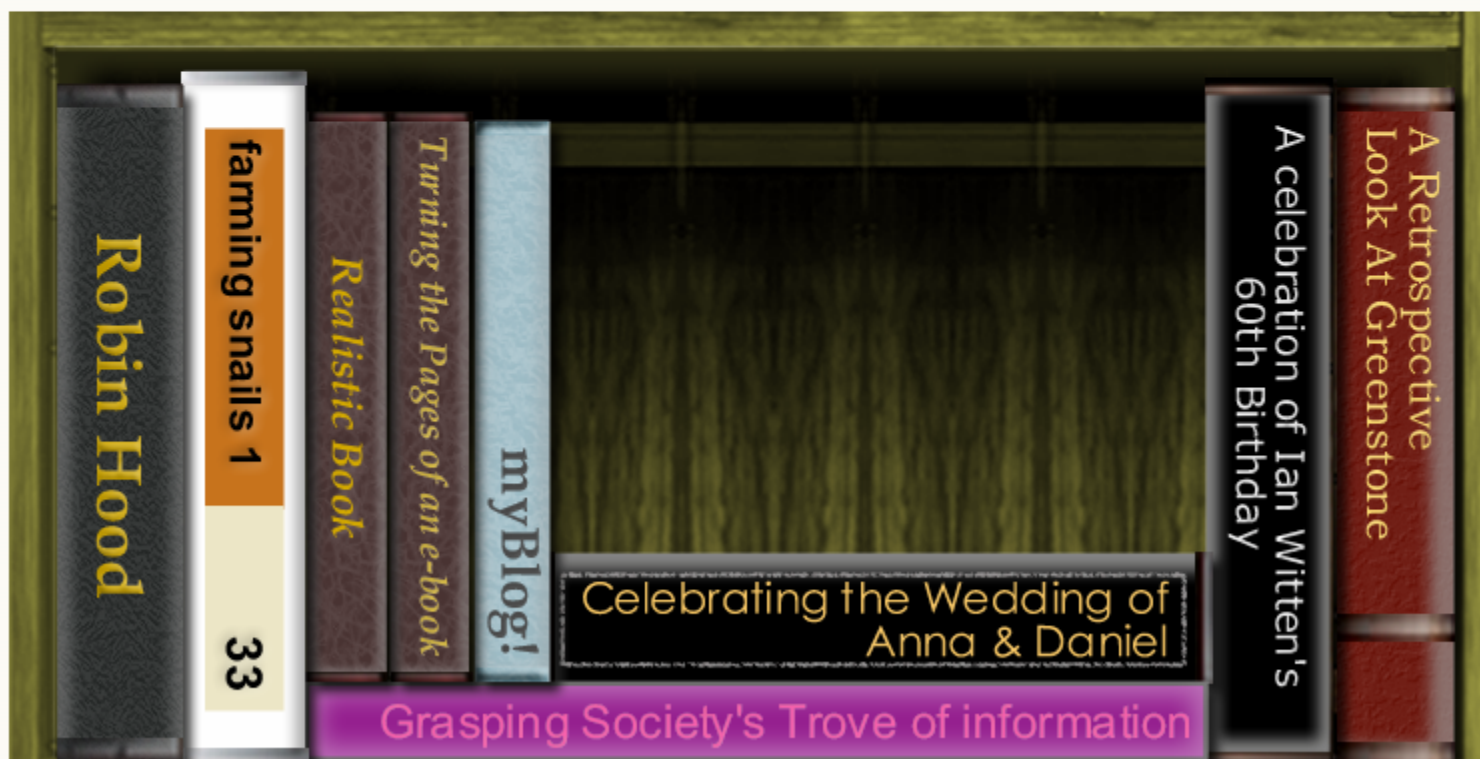
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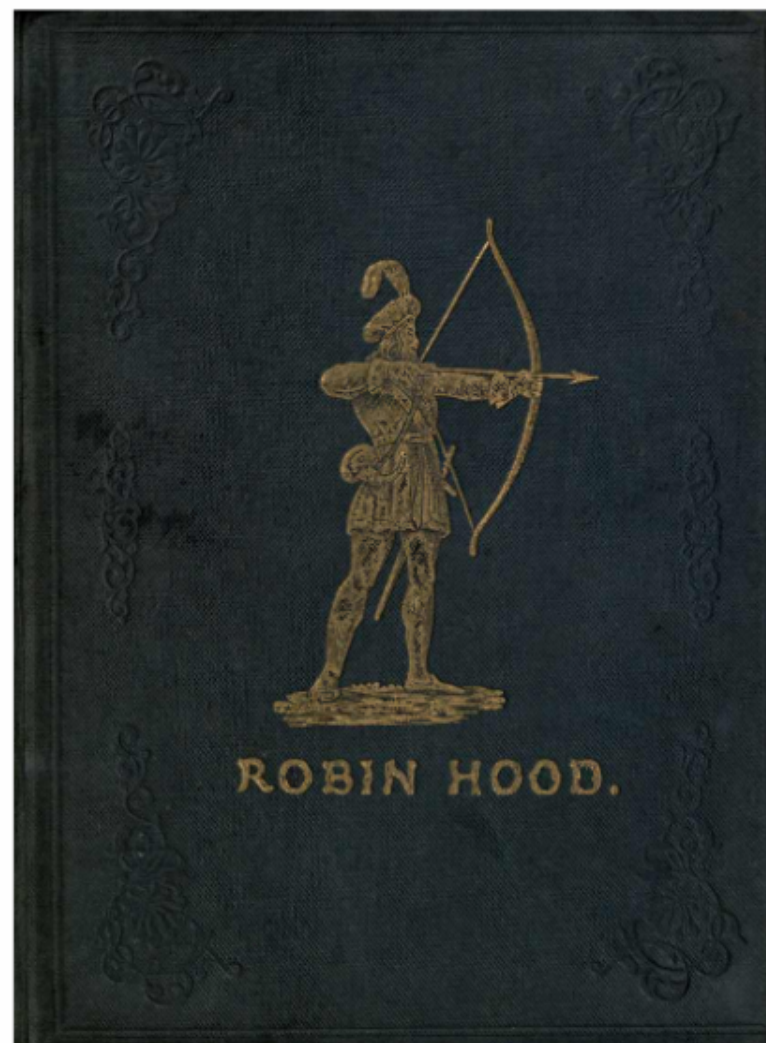
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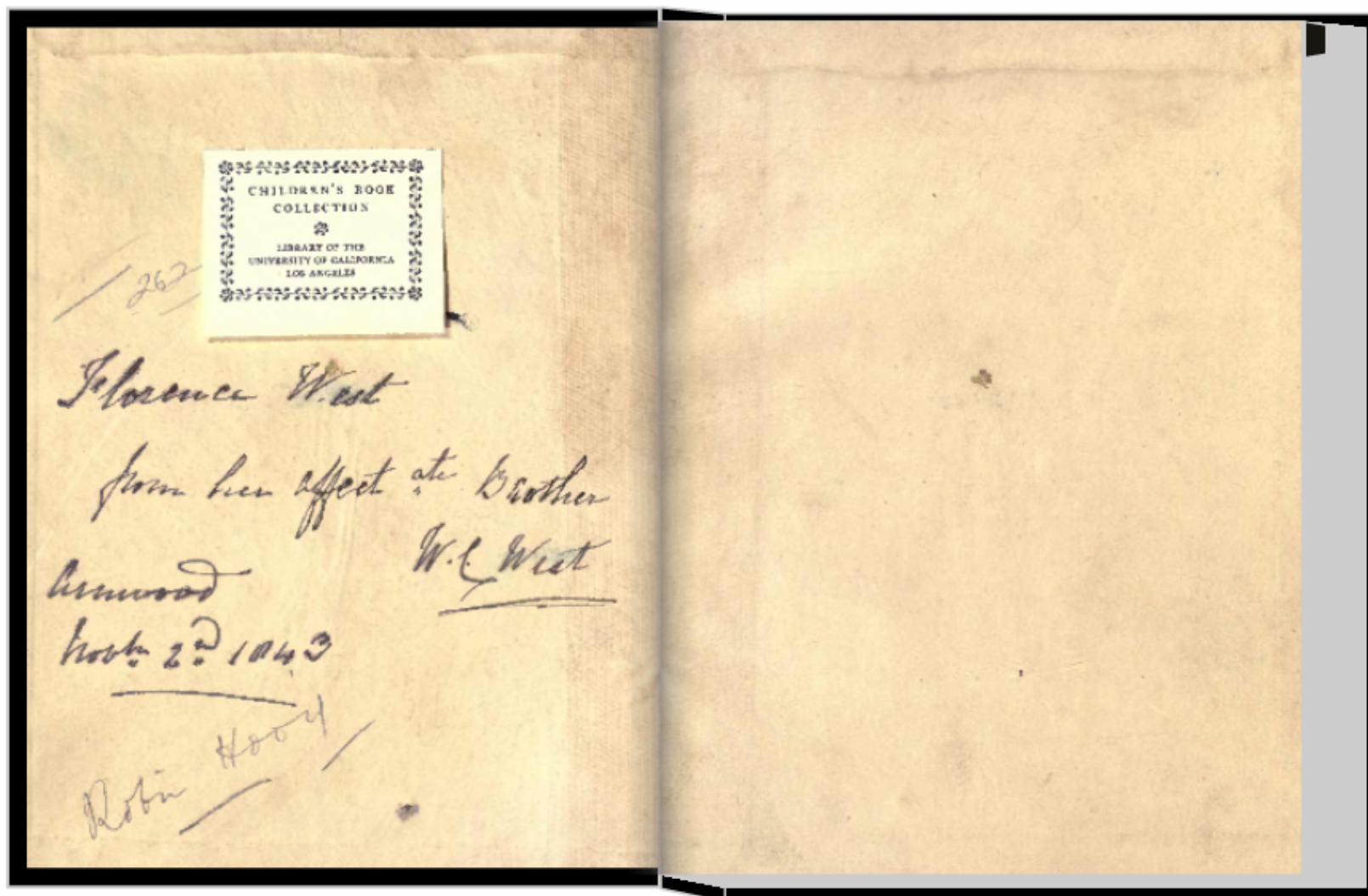
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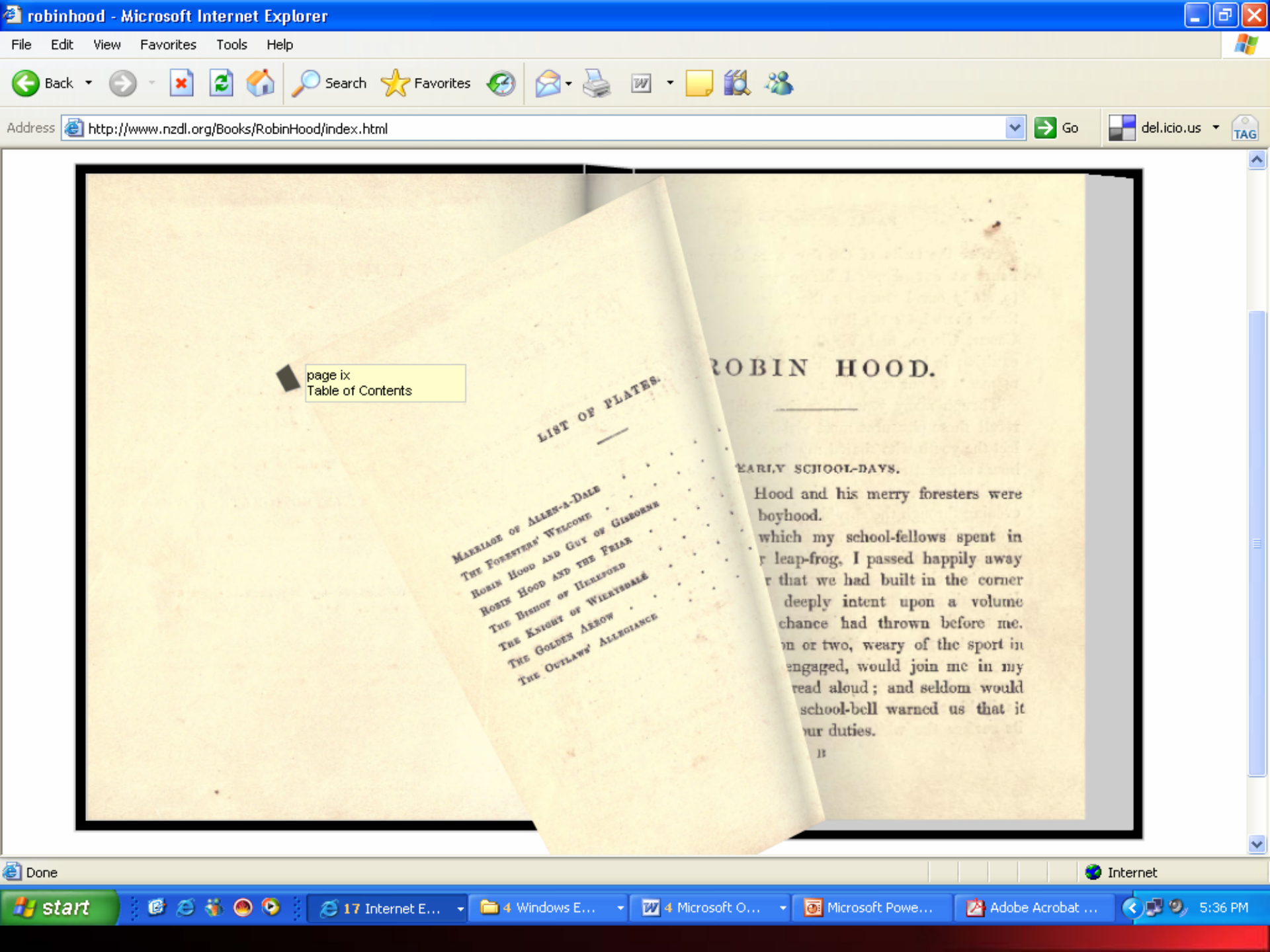
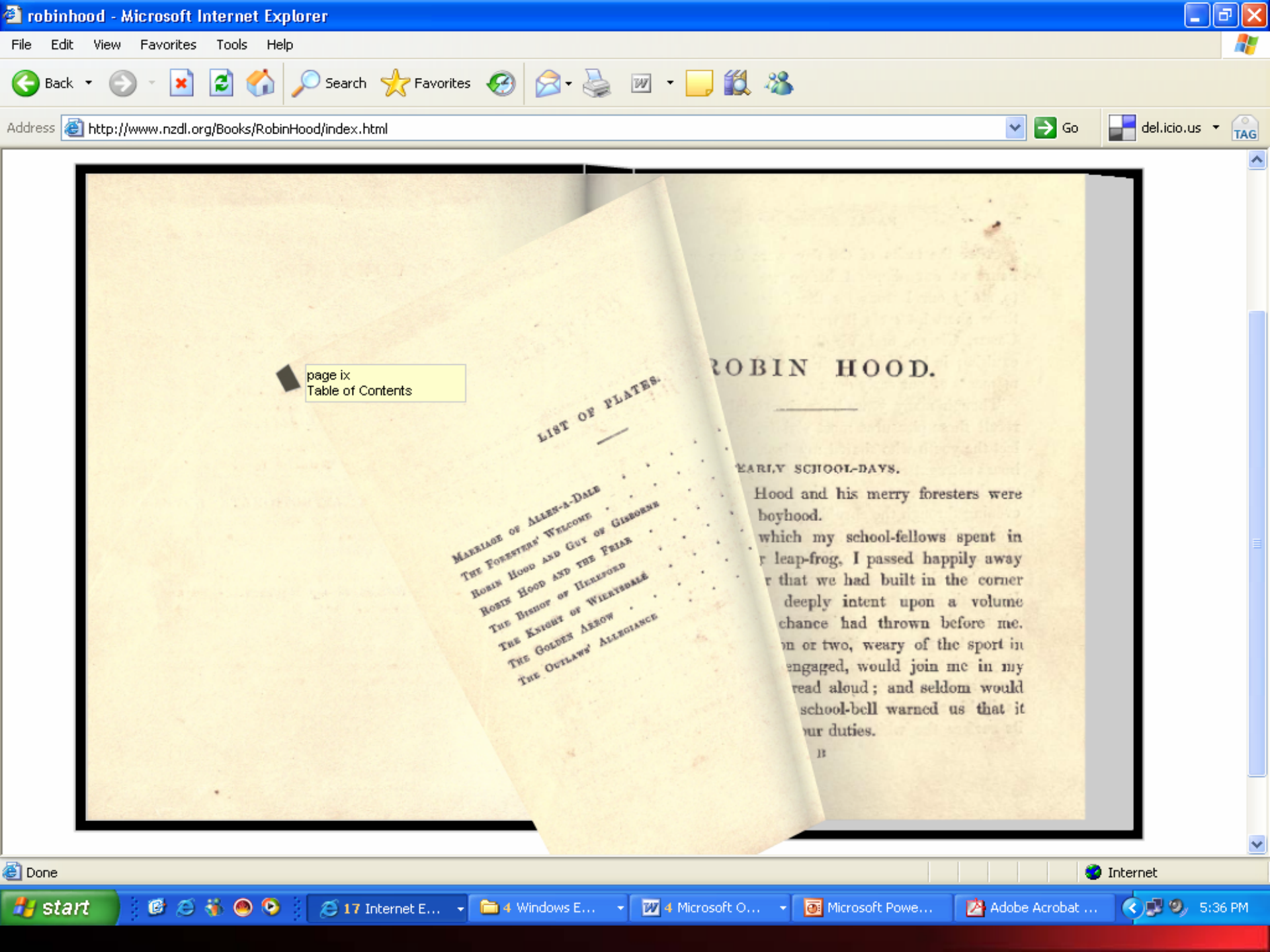






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the animal was at a considerable distance farther off than the space agreed upon, Robin would not lose the chance; he drew his arrow to the head, and let fly with such force that when it struck the deer upon its side the poor creature fell plunging to the earth in a stream of its own blood.

" 'Give me the money,' said Robin Hood proudly, to the host, 'if 'twere a thousand pound, I've won the wager.'

" 'The wager's none of thine,' cried the man with whom he had laid the bet. 'Thou hadst better take up thy bow and begone, or by'r lady I'll make thee rue this day;' and thus saying he bestowed a buffet on the young archer's head, while the other keepers stood by and laughed.

" Robin Hood took up his bow as he was bidden, without saying a word, and smiled as he ran away from them across the plain. When he had got some good distance off, he turned round, and aiming at the treacherous forester, let fly a shaft which struck him upon the breast, pierced his heart, and laid him dead upon the spot. Before his companions had recovered from their surprise, Robin Hood sent arrow

after arrow among them, wounding some severely, and stretching others lifeless upon the grass.

"The people of Nottingham hearing of this, came out in great numbers to take the bold young archer, but he had escaped far away before they arrived; therefore, contenting themselves with taking the bodies of the dead foresters, they buried them 'all in a row,' in the churchyard in Nottingham.

"For a long time afterwards Robin Hood dared not show himself in any town or village, as a reward was offered for his apprehension; but he lived in the forests under the green-wood trees, where he quickly met with several other youths who for various causes had been outlawed like himself.

"In these times immense tracts of land, especially in Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire, were covered with dense woods, which generally abounded in deer and every description of game; and as these were the property of the king, rangers or foresters were appointed for their protection, and the penalty against any one who dared to slay a stag was death.

"Robin Hood and his companions cared very little for these rangers, who indeed stood but a poor chance

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ROBIN HOOD'S REBELLION.

but soon growing tired of the confinement of the court, he asked permission to revisit the merry woods. The king granted him seven days, but when Robin Hood breathed the delightful air of Sherwood, and heard the songs of the sweet birds, he could not tear himself away. He ranged through many a well-known thicket and oft-frequented lawn, and in the ecstasy of his delight he set his bugle horn to his mouth, and made the old trees re-echo with the blast. To his great astonishment it was replied to, and four-score youths bounded towards him. Several had deserted him in London, and many who were at first disbanded had returned to their favourite haunts, and Robin Hood was again acknowledged as the leader of a forest band. Little John and Will Scarlet soon learned the intelligence, and with all speed joined him with the rest.

"King Richard was enraged; he sent a renowned knight with two hundred soldiers to capture the rebellious outlaw, and a desperate fight took place upon a plain in Sherwood forest. It lasted from sunrise to sun-set, but neither party could boast of victory, and the knight lost many of his men. Robin Hood

ROBIN HOOD'S DEATH.

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himself was wounded by an arrow, and was obliged to be taken to Kirkleys Nunnery, where he was treacherously suffered to bleed to death by the prioress. As he found his end approaching he called Little John to him. 'Carry me into the woods, I entreat thee,' he said to him;

"And give me my bent bow in my hand,
And a broad arrow I'll let flee;
And where this arrow is taken up
There shall my grave digged be."

"The outlaw shot his last bow. His shaft flew feebly to a short distance, and fell beneath an oak. He leaned back into the arms of his faithful attendant — and died. His wish was complied with; and a stone was placed upon the green sod to mark the last resting-place of the brave Robin Hood; it bore this inscription: —

"Here, underneath this little stone,
Lies Robert, Earl of Huntingdon.
He'er archer was as he so good;
And people called him 'Robin Hood.'
Such outlaws as he and his men
Will England never see again."

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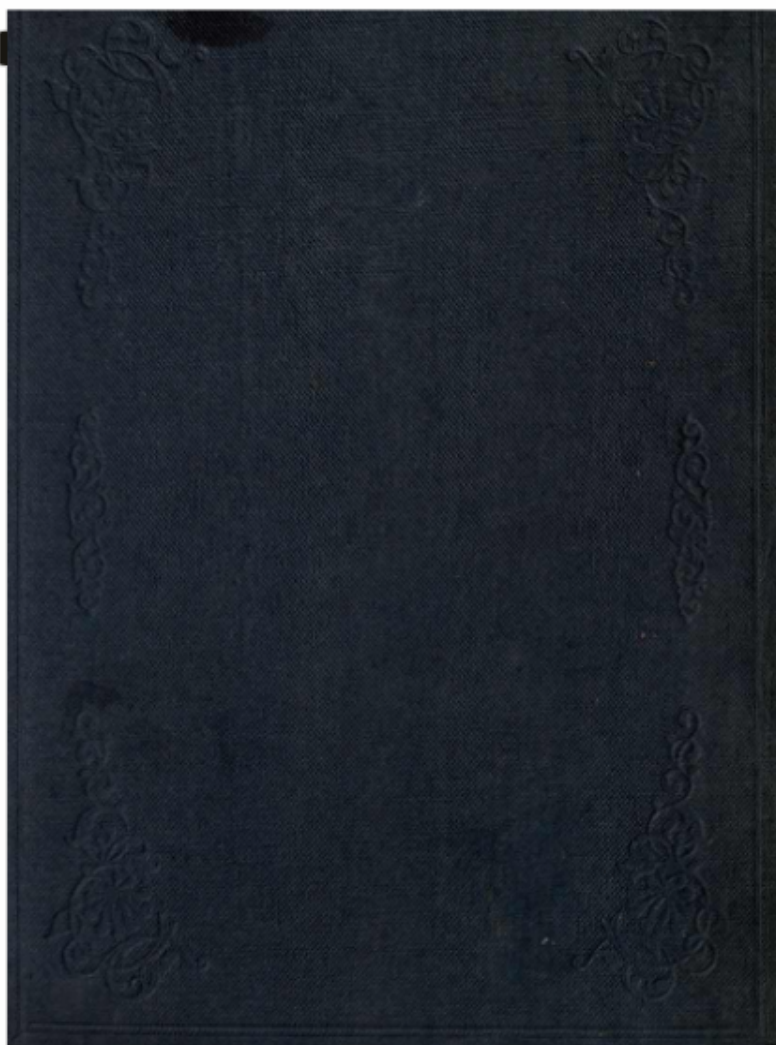


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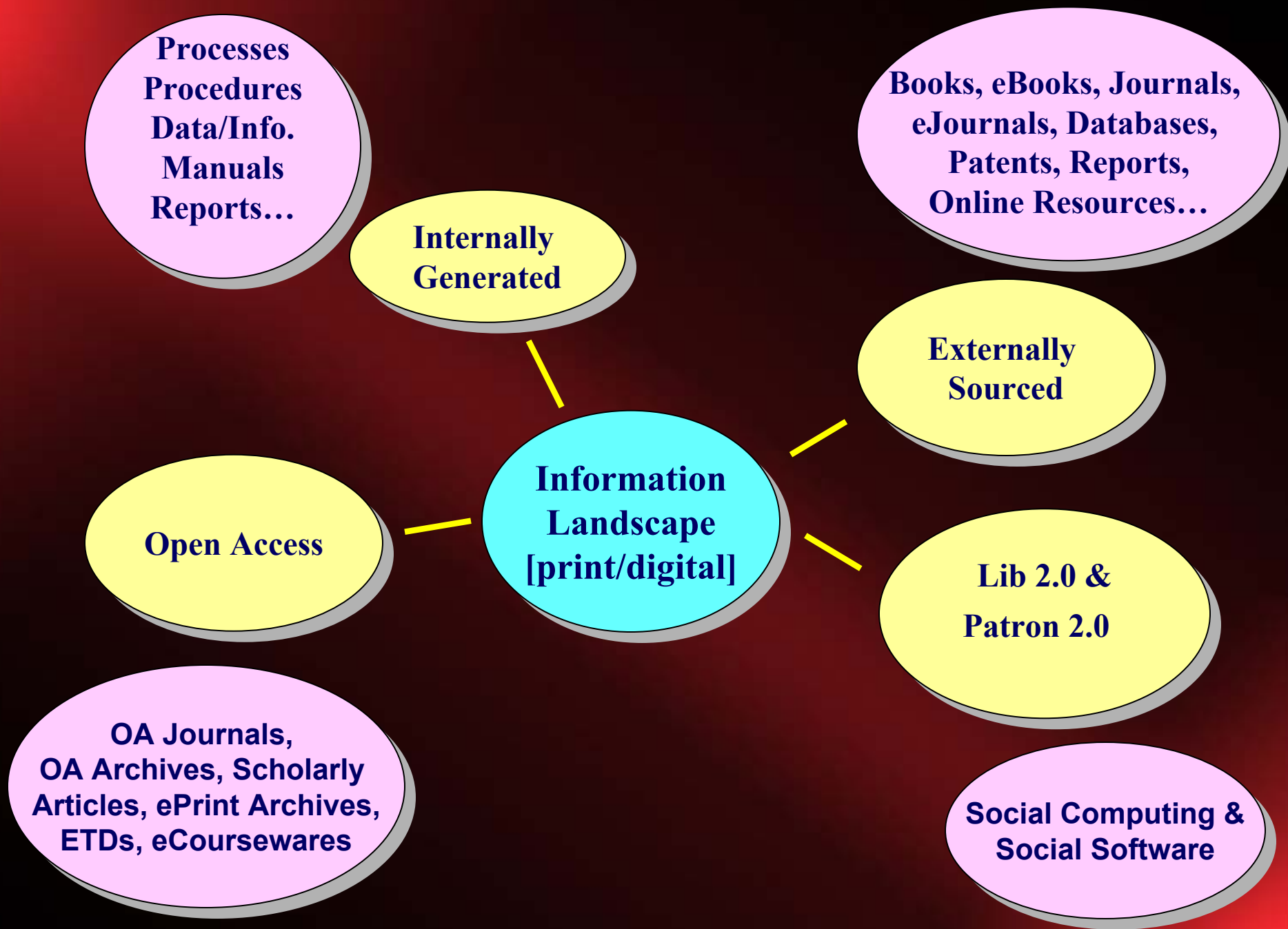
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