UC San Diego Google Mass Digitization Project

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Historical Background

The UC Google Project targeted the IR/PS (International Relations & Pacific Studies) and EA (East Asia) Collections at UCSD as initial objects of its pilot endeavor to scan from campus collections. It started in April 2008.

1. Google Partnership:

- The initial Google 5: Oxford, Harvard, U. Mich., NYPL, and Stanford in 2004 http://books.google.com.
- UC became a partner in 2006 for digitizing 2.5 million volumes of its collections during a 6-year period.
- Today, the Google 25 (including CIC Consortia) are involved with the Google Book Project with more than 2 million digitized volumes, at a scanning rate of 3,000 volumes/day.

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2. Involved East Asia Collections:

 Currently, there are 4 EA Collections in North America (Michigan, Harvard, Stanford, and UCSD) involved with the Google Book Search Mass Digitization Project.

Different models:

- Restricted digitization: Harvard (before 1909),
- Complete digitization (except non-standard and publisher opt-out materials): Michigan, Stanford, and UCSD.

Total: More than 1.5 million volumes in CJK (Chinese, Japanese, and Korean) and other languages.

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3. Other Major Open Sources:

- Microsoft Live Search Books (2006–2008) 750,000 books and 80 million journal articles. The web site shut down on 5/27/08, but the content is accessible through Internet Archive. Only out-of-copyright books and no CJK materials are included.
- OCA (Open Content Alliance) / Yahoo / Internet Archive (2005-) http://www.archive.org/details/opencontentalliance: More than 100 libraries with 8 scanning centers in 3 countries are involved with more than 200,000 books (including the fold-outs), are digitized. Digitized materials include microfilm, out-of-copyright and out-of-print books, and documentary films. Yahoo is responsible for indexing these materials. So far, there are no CJK materials. All Microsoft Live Search Books will be ported to Internet Archive.
- US-China Million Book Digital Library Project http://www.cadal.zju.edu.cn/Index.action:
 - Classical Texts: 古籍 (146,669 v.),
 - Books published between 1911–1949: 民国图书 (181,977 v.),
 - Journals published between 1911-1949: 民国期刊 (3802 titles),
 - English books published before 1923 (130,525 volumes), paintings (3,427).

to download the viewing software: djvu.)

1. Major features:

- Based on UCSD's recommendation, Google conducted its collection analysis and selected the IR/PS and EA Collections as the first mass digitization project for active collections among southern UC campuses, which started in April 2008 and ends in the summer of 2009.
 - Established in 1987, the IR/PS Library is the only academic library in the United States to focus primarily on the contemporary economies, politics, and markets of the Pacific Rim. With regional strengths in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Latin America, the collection features more than 140,000 bound volumes, and some 1,400 active periodical subscriptions in English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, and other languages.
 - Established in 1988, the East Asia Collection focuses on collecting modern and contemporary Chinese, Japanese and Korean (CJK) language materials in the humanities and social sciences, including literature, history, sociology, linguistics, and philosophy pertaining to the region. With Contemporary Chinese, Japanese and Korean (CJK) language materials in the humanities and social sciences, including literature, history, sociology, linguistics, and philosophy pertaining to the region.

1. Major features (cont.):

- Google hosts all digitized titles at Google Book Search http://books.google.com/ and provides full-text searchable access.
- UC/CDL receives a copy of each digitized title.
- UC/CDL (California Digital Library) keeps all copies from Google in the MDID (Mass Digitization Inventory Database) and DPR (Digital Preservation Repository) for access and preservation purposes.
- UC Libraries have the right to use the UC Libraries digital copy, in whole or in part at University's sole discretion, subject to copyright law, as part of the services offered to University Library patrons.
- UC Libraries are permitted to distribute no more than 10% of the UC Libraries digital copies to other libraries and educational institutions for non-commercial, research, scholarly, or academic purposes (but not any portion of image coordinates).

1. Major features (cont.):

- Different views based on copyright and publisher agreements:
 - Full View items published before 1923 or are public domain materials.
 - Limited View provided by the Google/Publisher Partnership with up to 75% of the contents in display and searchable mode with purchase and borrowing information.
 - Snippet View three citations matching the search term, and full-text searchable with purchase and borrowing information.
 - No Preview only metadata available with purchase and borrowing information.

Sample keyword search: 孔子 for the above viewing models

1. Major features (cont.):

- Integrated access with other products:
 - The Google Book Search results display with other resources, such as Google Map, Amazon, and OCLC WorldCat.

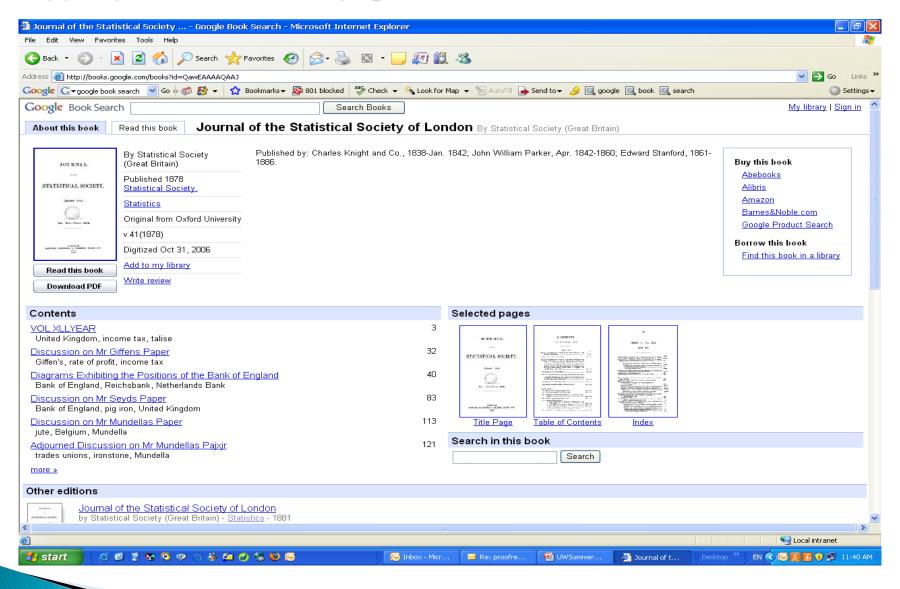
Sample keyword search: China earthquake/full view
Results :Journal of the Statistical Society of London, v. 41/1878
(Oxford)

Problems: No name authority control for geographical names, such as Canton (Guangzhou), and Hankow (Hankou)

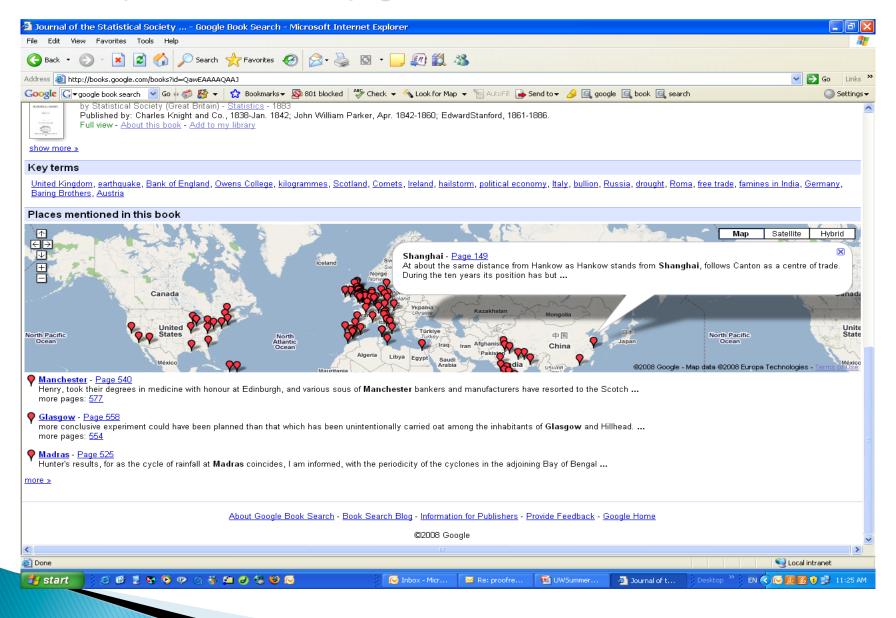
Sample keyword search: An Annotated Bibliography for Chinese Film Studies

Problems: Jinhua (confused with the personal name Dai Jinhua and the city name Jinhua).

Upper part of the result page:



Bottom part of the result page



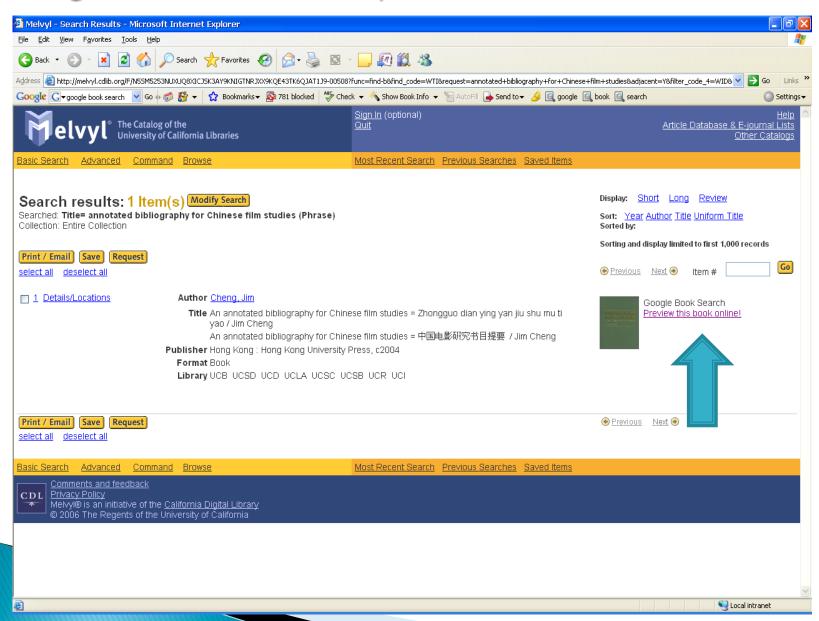
1. Major features (cont.):

- Google Book Search API (Application Programming Interface):
 - UC's initial implementation:
 API enables the embedded online access to
 - API enables the embedded online access to Google Book Search information from UC's OPAC/Melvyl.
 - UC's further implementation:
 - An embedded YouTube-style viewer for Google books is implemented that enables the users to view the related Google book information within Melvyl.
 - Also in Roger, the UCSD local catalog.

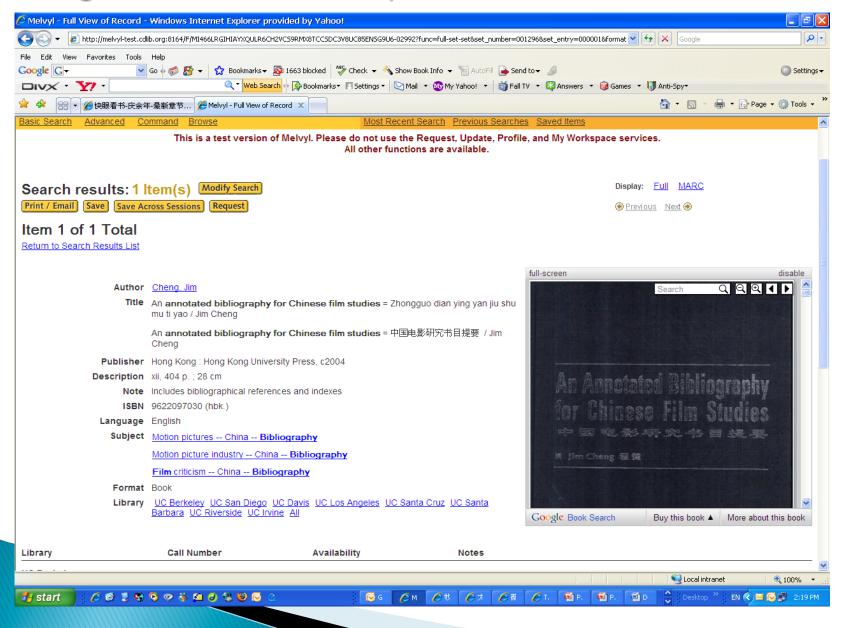
Sample keyword search: "An Annotated Bibliography for Chinese Film Studies" on UC OPAC

http://melvyl-test.cdlib.org:8164/F/

Google API used in Melvyl (UC OPAC)



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2. Major concerns:

- Applying US copyright to the CJK materials.
- Politically sensitive materials in different nations:
 - Sample author search: Hitler's works are illegal in Germany and Fa Lun Gong/Li Hongzhi's materials are illegal in China
- Foldouts are not scanned (2% thru 10/1/08):
- Materials not matching the Google scanning standard (4% thru 10/1/08):
 - oversize, mini-size, maps, newspapers (including reprints), pictorial and other materials.
- Publisher opt-out materials (4% thru 10/1/08):
 - The issue had not been initially announced by Google,
 - Specifically, some articles in bound volumes of journals. As a result, there are incomplete digital holdings of journals.
 - Expecting this category of materials to increase.

"Gummy" book rejected by Google



2. Major concerns:

- The Metadata for non-Roman materials (such as CJK materials) originally sent to Google lacked the vernacular fields (880s).
 - Presently, these materials can only be found by the Romanized terms in the regular metadata search, such as Title, Author, and Publisher, but not by using original language character search. We have now sent complete metadata and expect this to be corrected in the next month or so.

Sample title search: Guo ji jing ji he zuo/International Economic Cooperation/國際經濟合作

- Treating everything as a book:
 - No serials holdings statement,
 - No title change statement, and
 - No logical listing for different issues of the same serial title.
 - No gathering of serials volume issues as normally presented in library catalogs.

Sample title search: Malaya Economic Review (continued by Singapore Economic Review in 1983)

2. Major Concerns (cont):

Diacritic-sensitive non-English romanized term search:

Sample title search:

El Pacífico Sur como parte de una potencial comunidad economica del Pacífico (Spanish), Nü xing fan zui shi lu (Chinese), and Kyŏngje nonjip (Korean)

No combined simplified and traditional Chinese search

Sample title search:

国际经济/國際經濟

- Unicode with CJK OCR (without viewers and plug-ins):
 - Unicode 5.0 supports some 90,000 Han characters.
 - Example: Digital Heritage Product: SKQS Version 3.0 uses 70,195 public-use and 12,592 private-use characters, and needs to download the character set as plug-ins in order to reach 99% searchable functionality.
 - Google needs to deal with private-use characters.
 - Google admits that Korean OCR is still problematic.

3. Future Impacts:

- impact as a new evolved model of digital library service,
- impact on library collection development,
- impact on library reference services,
- impact on library preservation,
- impact on library user behavior and discovery of library resources
- impact on library OPAC and Web page development.

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