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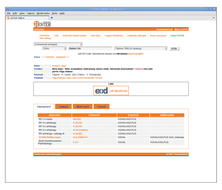

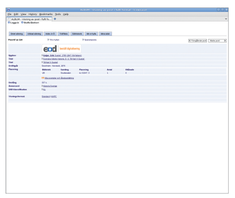

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Digitise

Digitisation and eBook generation

The book is digitised locally by the eBooks on Demand partner library where it was ordered. Books are scanned from cover to cover. The images are then transferred to the University of Innsbruck Library, where all the eBooks on Demand central services are hosted. OCR is done on the scans and a PDF with images and layered full text is created. Additionally an RTF containing the autmatically recognized text can be obtained by the user. The EOD library can fetch the final PDF and the full text in XML format through the EOD network's workflow software.

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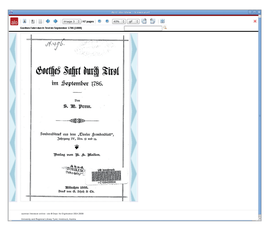

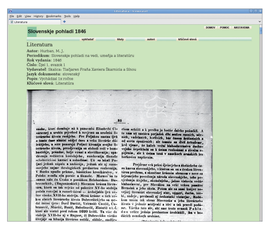

Public Access

After a retention period of about two months the digitised book is published in the EOD library's repository, providing everybody access to this user selected content.
For libraries without a digital library the EOD network provides a central eBooks on Demand repository for books digitised through this service.

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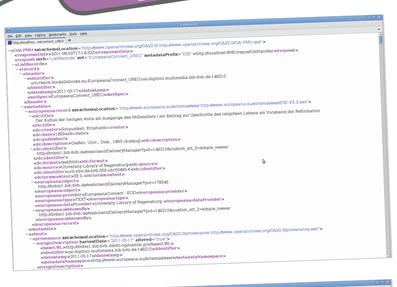

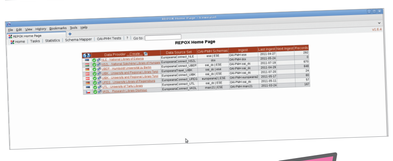

Aggregation for Europeana

The metadata of EOD eBooks in the partners repositories are harvested via OAI-PMH protocol using REPOX a data aggregation manager developed at the Technical University of Lisboa. The records harvested in different metadata formats (from Dublin Core to Marc21) are transformed to Europeana Semantic Elements (ESE) format and exposed towards Europeana via OAI-PMH again. The Europeana ingestion team then harvests the eBooks on Demand records and displays them in the Europeana portal.

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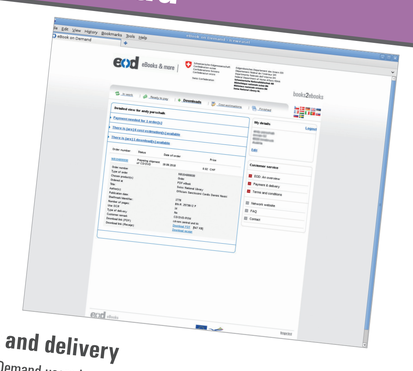

Payment and delivery

All eBooks on Demand users have their own „trackingpage" where the current state of their orders can be followed, orders can be paid and products can be downloaded. Every eBooks on Demand partner library can choose which payment methods they offer to their users. Payment is generally possible by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners), ClickandBuy or by invoice. After payment the eBook can be immediately downloaded and is completely DRM free, as it is public domain. If the user has chosen delivery on DVD/CD-ROM in the ordering process, the product is sent out as soon as payment has been confirmed.

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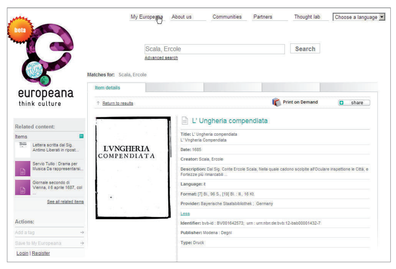

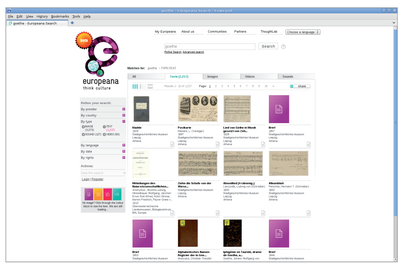

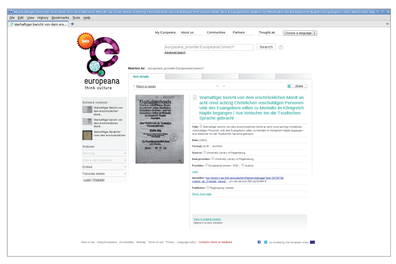

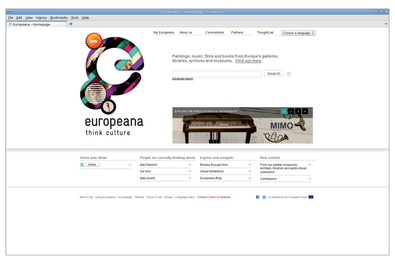

Europeana print on demand demonstrator

Based on the records submitted through the eBooks on Demand - Europeana connector, for which the rights status is known and the digitised material accessible in high resolution this demonstrator will be set up. A button will be displayed in the detail-view of the eligible records within the Europeana portal.
A click on this button forwards the user to the eBooks on Demand reprint service.
This service will then try to identify the object within the data held in the EOD workflow software and, based on the results, decide if this object is already available as an EOD reprint at our third party reprint provider. If that is the case it will point the user to the location where the available reprint can be obtained. If this eBook has not yet been reprinted, the user will be shown an orderform, where all necessary data regarding that order can be entered.

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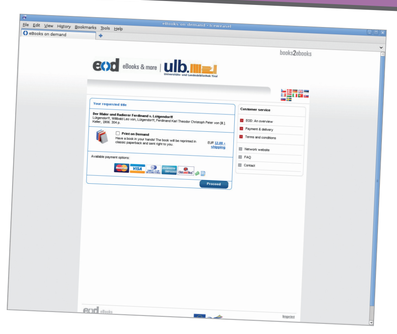

Reprinting retro-digitised material

The reprint order is handled by the corresponding eBooks on Demand partner library within the EOD workflow software. The original scans are retrieved from long term storage and uploaded to the central reprint service and some additional metadata has to be provided. As with the eBook generation all other processes are carried out by the central co-ordinator at the University of Innsbruck library. Central service tasks are in particular image enhancement and adaption to the specifications of service providers, creation of the pre-press PDF, metadata and cover files, delivery to print service providers, contracts with service providers and the overall handling.

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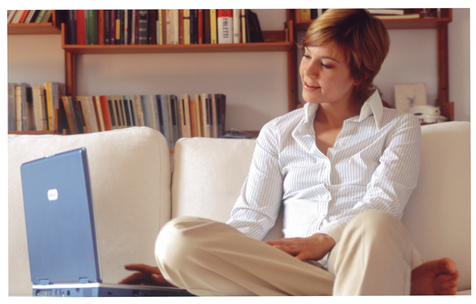

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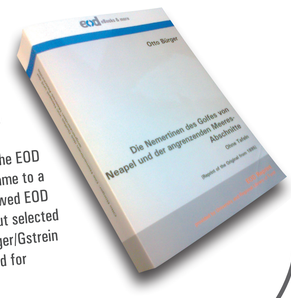
Read

Read it on paper

According to a survey carried out by Ed Chamberlain (2011) 65% of Cambridge academics would be interested in a print facsimile. A survey carried out 2007 by the EOD libraries amongst their EOD customers came to a similar result: there, 60% of the interviewed EOD customers said that they usually print out selected pages or even the whole book (Mühlberger/Gstrein 2009). Thus, there is an obvious demand for „re-materialization" of digital material.



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