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About EDINA

EDINA is a JISC-funded national datacentre based at the University of Edinburgh. It offers a library of data, information and research resources. All EDINA services are free of charge at the point of use. For information on institutional subscription fees, visit the EDINA web site, or contact us (details below).

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NewsFilm Online opens window on 20th Century



NewsFilm Online was launched officially as a full service by JISC on 3 October at an event in London's Soho Hotel.

The service was commended by Malcolm Read, JISC Executive Secretary, and Mark Wood, Chief Executive of ITN. "We're delighted to give students and educators access to this great video content, which brings the events of the past century to life. The NewsFilm Online initiative is yet another example of the rapidly expanding use of video content at all levels of education," said Mark Wood.

A long-standing supporter of NewsFilm Online, journalist Jon Snow of Channel 4 News declared his enthusiasm on screen in a video showreel: "NewsFilm Online is an exciting and fascinating initiative: a resource which will provide educators and students with a myriad of windows into British and world history over the past century."

Initially available as a pilot service, NewsFilm Online has enjoyed rapid uptake. To date,

over 200 institutions have subscribed.

NewsFilm Online offers access to over 3,000 hours of downloadable television news and cinema newsreels, selected and digitised from the huge ITN/Reuters Television archives, funded by a three-year £2.3m collaborative project between JISC, ITN and the British Universities Film & Video Council (BUFVC).

The NewsFilm Online archive starts with footage of the funeral of King Edward VII in 1910 and ends with a news clip of Jade Goody of *Celebrity Big Brother* in 2007. Other significant events include the Suez crisis in 1956, Nelson Mandela's first interview in 1961, the moon landing in 1969 and the death of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1997.

Only members of subscribing UK FE and HE institutions can play or download the NewsFilm Online videos, but anyone can search or browse the service as a preview.

Authentication to NewsFilm Online is via IP (direct access) and/or UK federation, and the service is free to subscribers until at least July 2012.

New features introduced into NewsFilm Online in October include the My Favourites function, which enables UK federation users to create personal folders of their favourite news stories and scripts, and a

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link to the outcomes of a recent JISC-funded project (Enhancing Teaching & Learning with Digitised Resources) on how learning and teaching can be enhanced by using NewsFilm Online materials.

As with all EDINA services, we welcome any comments you may have about NewsFilm Online, which you can submit via the Contact Us link at the left-hand bottom corner of the service pages or email directly to edina@ed.ac.uk.

NewsFilm Online:
<http://www.nfo.ac.uk/>

Subscribe to NewsFilm Online:
<http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/catalogue/nfo/>

Enhancing Teaching & Learning with Digitised Resources: <http://213.133.67.199/JISC/index.php>

The NewsFilm Online digitisation project:
<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/digitisation/bufvc.aspx>

Showreel demo of NewsFilm Online: <http://edina.ac.uk/news/flashvideo/jisc.html>

Mark Wood, ITN Chief Executive, addresses the NewsFilm Online launch event. Photo by James F. Clay



Historic Digimap service improvements

Historic Digimap is due to benefit from a recently-agreed JISC funding programme. Over the coming months, the historical mapping service will be improved and enhanced in three ways: an improved user interface, additional metadata and the inclusion of a new dataset covering large-scale town plans.

Interface development

The period from December 2008 to August 2009 will see the re-development of the Historic Digimap interface, focusing on improving existing functionality and adding new facilities:

- The addition of 1:25,000 and 1:10,000 OS contemporary maps to the overview maps
- Improving the quality and speed of producing maps
- An advanced map sheet download facility
- A map overlay and fade transition tool
- Voluntary user registration

In addition to increased ease of use, these changes will bring modernised online map delivery in line with commercial services.

More metadata

The current metadata for the historical Ordnance Survey maps lack survey date information. The National Library of Scotland (NLS) has expressed interest in a joint project with EDINA to capture data (including the survey date) from the marginalia of their Scottish County Series and early National Grid map collection to enhance the Historic Digimap service.

NLS already holds detailed metadata for 45,000 large-scale 1944-1991 National Grid map sheets. It will pass these onto EDINA/JISC at no cost, in return for the funding of further metadata recording work for the pre-1944 maps to benefit both NLS and users of Historic Digimap. This work should take place between January and May 2009.

Addition of large-scale town maps

Town Plans at 1:500, 1:528 and 1:1056 were introduced in 1840, and by 1895 covered most towns with a population of over 4,000. These plans showed much more detailed information than the 1:2500 maps. Most towns were only mapped once at these scales; some, such as London, had a couple of revisions.

The inclusion of these maps in Historic Digimap, between January and June 2009, will provide much more detailed mapping than the 1:2500 maps currently in service, showing placement of features such as lamp posts and garden layouts. There will be better comparison with contemporary mapping, as scales are closer to the contemporary OS MasterMap product. The extra detail should be of valuable historical interest to researchers as well as of broader interest to those with a general interest in the history of urban change and development. These maps are being provided by Landmark Information Group.

Contact the EDINA helpdesk, edina@ed.ac.uk, with feedback and for more information on these enhancements.

- <http://edina.ac.uk/digimap/>

Go-Geo! enhancements

Recent visitors to Go-Geo! will have noticed several new key features to this open-access portal.

Our new international gateway is available via a link from the home page to other international geoportals. Alternatively, browse records describing international geospatial data created by UK academics.

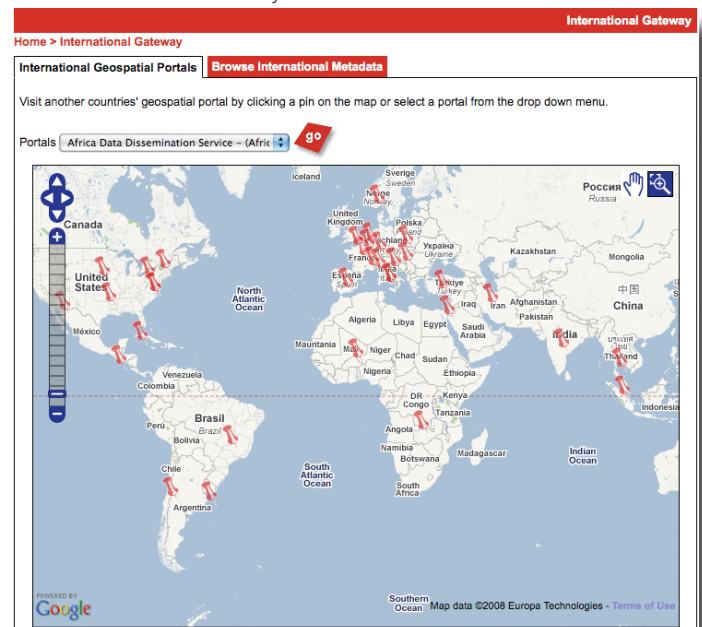
My Go-Geo! now allows registered users of the service to bookmark their favourite web resources, manage their metadata news subscriptions and directly access all metadata records listed within their private institutional nodes.

The metadata editor tool has a new name – GeoDoc – and an easily recognisable logo. To complement our new international gateway, users can now use GeoDoc to document their international geospatial datasets.

These changes represent the first of many scheduled for the coming year. Make a point of bookmarking the site and reading Newsline for further announcements.

- <http://www.gogeo.ac.uk/>

Go-Geo! International Gateway leads to a world of data.



UKBORDERS: new metadata search service and EasyDownload makeover

A new metadata search facility has been developed and released, which enables prospective users to have more information about each dataset held in UKBORDERS.

The service cross-searches the Go-Geo! portal to provide current metadata records catalogued to appropriate international standards (<http://www.gogeo.ac.uk>).

The release of the basic metadata service will be followed by enhancements to the existing UKBORDERS facilities, enabling the automatic inclusion of the relevant metadata with data extractions.

EasyDownload, the facility providing quick access to the most commonly requested datasets, has been redesigned to make locating and downloading easier than ever. A new tabbed interface permits quick access by nation and year, reducing the need to scroll through long lists of datasets.

- <http://edina.ac.uk/ukborders>

European Spatial Data Infrastructure Network project commences

EDINA has recently begun its part in the European Spatial Data Infrastructure Network project, helping to develop a best practice network and to evaluate the theory of integrating national Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDIs).



EDINA is involved in a number of work packages relating to technical architecture: for example, metadata, data quality control, data schemas transformation and interoperability services. EDINA will contribute experience gained during the EuroGlobalMap (EGM) pilot and its wider experience of providing geographic information into the tertiary academic sector, as well as bringing European academic users to the ESDIN.

ESDIN is under the leadership of EuroGeographic, which represents 52 national mapping and cadastral agencies from 43 countries across Europe.

- http://edina.ac.uk/projects/ESDIN_summary.html

GeoCrossWalk now available via Digimap

EDINA are pleased to announce that GeoCrossWalk, the middleware gazetteer service and georeferencing infrastructure service, is now a JISC service and is available for use via the Digimap Ordnance Survey Collection pages.

This follows a long transition through several project phases and will initially provide third-party services and individual users with a simple Application Programming Interface (API) with which to perform geographic queries.

This initial release is intended for system developers and integrators wishing to include some basic geographic functionality into their services. Future releases will internationalise the gazetteer content and provide web services for our geoparsing/geotagging services.

We are keen to hear about functional and data content requirements from potential users. Please email gxw@edina.ac.uk

- <http://www.geoxwalk.ac.uk/>

GeoCrossWalk will add welcome functionality to the suite of Digimap tools.

Do you want to find out about a place name or a postcode?

<p>Gazetteer Query Simple search for a place name to find its location. More details ?</p>	<p>Gazetteer Plus Advanced search for place names by location or attributes. Also allows download of selected records. More details ?</p>
<p>Postcode Query Search using a specific postcode to see its area and related attributes. More details ?</p>	<p>GeoCrossWalk Middleware gazetteer service and developer tools for georeferencing and tagging (now a Digimap Service). More details ?</p>

DataShare Briefing Paper: Spatial Data in a Web 2.0 Environment

As part of the JISC-funded DISC-UK DataShare project, a briefing paper detailing and comparing a number of spatial data visualisation tools, mashups and initiatives is now available.

This project deliverable is entitled "Data Visualisation Tools: Part 2 - Spatial Data in a Web 2.0 Environment and Beyond", and can be downloaded in PDF format from the DISC-UK Datashare website:

- http://www.disc-uk.org/docs/spatial_data_mashup_v2.pdf

For other project deliverables, including "Briefing Paper: Part 1", visit:

- <http://www.disc-uk.org/deliverables.html>

Follow further developments on the project blog:

- <http://jisc-datashare.blogspot.com/>

New serials information added to SUNCAT

SUNCAT has recently added the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and the serials holdings of the University of the West of England to the catalogue. SUNCAT now contains information about the serials holdings of 67 UK research libraries, in addition to the CONSER database, the ISSN register and the DOAJ.

The DOAJ is a comprehensive directory of scholarly open access journals, containing over 3,700 titles. All journals included in the DOAJ are freely available and contain full-text peer-reviewed articles aimed primarily at researchers. The addition of the DOAJ to the catalogue ensures that these free titles are made visible and accessible to SUNCAT searchers alongside any subscription electronic journals they have access to. SUNCAT users can find these titles interspersed in their search results or can choose to limit their search to these titles alone.

- <http://www.sunat.ac.uk/>
- SUNCAT Blog: <http://sunatblog.blogspot.com/>

UK LOCKSS paper at International Preservation Conference

A paper was given on UK LOCKSS (see Newsline 13.3) at this year's International Conference on Preservation of Digital Objects (iPRES 2008), held in September at the British Library's Conference Centre in London.

Adam Rusbridge, the UK LOCKSS Technical Support Officer, spoke about "Establishing a Community-based Approach to Electronic Journal Archiving: the UK LOCKSS Pilot Programme".

- Read the paper (PDF format): <http://edina.ac.uk/downloads/iPres-paper.pdf>

Further information on the EDINA/DCC supported service, including subscription information, is available from:

- <http://edina.ac.uk/lockss/>

EDINA Annual and Community Reports updated

Two documents summarising recent activities at EDINA have been published and are available for download.

The Community Report is aimed at a general readership, and gives succinct summaries of our current services and project work.

Our Annual Report is the official record of our JISC-funded activity for the year ending 31 July 2008, and includes reports on service uptake and use.

We welcome feedback on all EDINA documentation.

View online or download:

- <http://edina.ac.uk/about/docs.html>

25th anniversary celebration for the Data Library

The Edinburgh University Data Library is celebrating 25 years of support for staff and students in their discovery, access, use and management of research datasets.

On 5 December 2008, following on from the Digital Curation Centre international conference held in Edinburgh that week, friends and colleagues from near and far gathered in the afternoon at the EDINA offices to celebrate the milestone with short speeches and cutting the cake, along with food, drink and toasts. Earlier in the day, about 45 professionals and academics gathered to consider the significant changes that the Data Library has been part of and might look forward to in the future.

'EDINA and Data Library' is the name of the unit within Information Services at the University of Edinburgh which delivers both the range of well-known national and international online services as well as the local research data services to University members.

Symposium on Institutional Data Services

Three fellow travellers – Chuck Humphrey (University of Alberta), Sheila Anderson (Kings College London), and Peter Burnhill (EDINA and Data Library) – were asked to reflect on past and future data services, as well as on challenging questions such as:

- How do data libraries adapt to user needs as they change over time, along with technologies, research topics and methods?
- How do institutional data services fit best within the national and international network of data services available to today's researchers?
- What other models are there for the provision of data-related services including data curation?
- What national initiatives on data services and data sharing are worthy of attention for us to consider in the UK?

Following a 'networking lunch', an international panel presented top themes from four countries: Ann Green, USA; Henk Harmsen, the Netherlands; Robin Rice, UK; and Andrew Treloar, Australia.

- <http://datalib.ed.ac.uk>

A new look for the Education Image Gallery

The Education Image Gallery (EIG) service will have an updated user interface from January 2009.

Site representatives at subscribing institutions are able to preview the new interface during December.

We welcome any comments via the EDINA Helpdesk, tel: 0131-650 3302 or email to edina@ed.ac.uk

- <http://edina.ac.uk/eig>

Forthcoming Events

Conferences

JISC Conference 2009

23-24 March 2009, Edinburgh (EICC)

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/events/2009/03/jiscconference09.aspx>

GISRUK 2009 (GIS Research UK)

1-3 April 2009, Durham

<http://www.ceg.ncl.ac.uk/gisruk2009/>

Training Courses

EDINA Digimap Training - Digimap Essentials

11 December 2008, RSC Scotland North & East, Edinburgh's Telford College, Edinburgh

EDINA Digimap Training – Digimap Collections

20–22 January 2009, Newcastle University, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

EDINA Digimap Training – OS MasterMap for users

25 February 2009, Open University, Milton Keynes

EDINA Multimedia Services Training

5 March 2009, South Camden City Learning Centre, London

EDINA Digimap Training – Digimap Collections

31 March – 2 April 2009, University of Leeds

EDINA Digimap Training – OS MasterMap for users

22 April 2009, University of York

EDINA Digimap Training - Digimap Collections

9-11 June 2009, University of Exeter

See the latest events and training information at:

- <http://edina.ac.uk/events/>

Correction

The University of Edinburgh, in its role as a CLOCKSS Archive Node, will be securely holding copies of content from CLOCKSS publishers. EDINA acts as a CLOCKSS Delivery Platform, and will only hold content that has been "orphaned"; it does not hold all content, as incorrectly stated in the last addition of Newslines Vol 13, issue 3.