

ARPA digitization concept for retrospective capture of historical books and documents



Ladies and gentlemen

We present you the ARPA digitization concept that allows to capture historical books and documents with their presentation. This attempt shows new ways of processing Gothic as well as Latin type text. We think that the captured content stands out as eye-catcher and also remains fully citable by referencing the original template.

You will find the ADB and other works as a demo on the WEB:

http://www.arpa-info.ch/index.php?page=784&book_id=10

For secured systems, we provide a USB stick on request that allows to install the demo without writing to your disk.

1. General German Biography
3. Basler Zeitung, 3 time periods, 150 pages
4. Nature Atlas of America
5. Handwriting Demo, 1 page of content (HLUDOUUICUS) made accessible.
6. The Liberals, (Journal 1830), in possession of the University of Freiburg/i.Br.

You may wonder why we used the great work « General German Biography (ADB) » with its 45,000 pages for this? We want to give the user the opportunity to compare our work with other digital publications of the ADB (for example the Bavarian State Library). This applies both to the depth of research as to the reference to the original included in the search.

The ADB has been scanned at ARPA by one person in 8 weeks; 2 persons managed to do the pre-OCR checks, the correction and the tagging in 3 months (the ADB has not been read word by word.)

We will be happy to give you more details about the steps of this process and the tools we have used.

Please refer to the list of latest changes that can be found under the command "Help". We are aware that the present beta version is still lacking some pending changes and therefore appreciate any critical feedback.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us by phone or by mail.

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