Upscaling digitisation at the Wellcome Library showcasing the Goobi workflow system



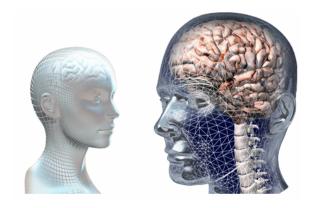
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The Wellcome Trust



- A global charitable foundation
- Achieving extraordinary improvements in human and animal health
- Supporting the brightest minds in biomedical research and the medical humanities
- Exploring medicine in historical and cultural contexts



The Wellcome Library



- Major resource for the study of medical history
- Collections of books, manuscripts, archives, films and pictures on the history of medicine from the earliest times to the present day.
- Provide insight and information to anyone seeking to understand medicine and its role in society, past and present.
- Provide access to a growing collection of contemporary biomedical information resources relating to consumer health, popular science, biomedical ethics and the public understanding of science.



The Wellcome Library







- Image library created from transparencies/prints, and on demand photography – 300,000 images
- Journal backfiles digitisation (funder) Med. Hist., BMJ, etc. in PMC
- Wellcome Film 500+ titles (also Wellcome Film YouTube channel)
- AIDS posters project 3,000 posters
- Arabic manuscripts 500 manuscripts
- 17th century recipe books 74 manuscripts
- Contributions to Europeana via the Europeana Libraries project, and World Digital Library

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The Library Transformation Strategy 2009 - 2014

To provide global access to, and expert interpretation of, a world class collection that explores medicine in its cultural contexts

- Targeted collecting putting challenges in context
- Expert interpretation engaging (new) audiences
- Strategic digitisation online access to our collections









The Wellcome Digital Library pilot 2010-2013

Genetics and its Modern Foundations

A new online resource for everyone interested in the history of human and animal health.

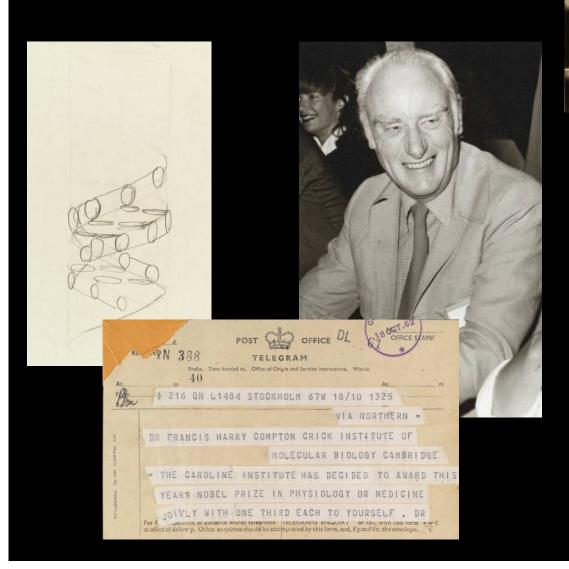
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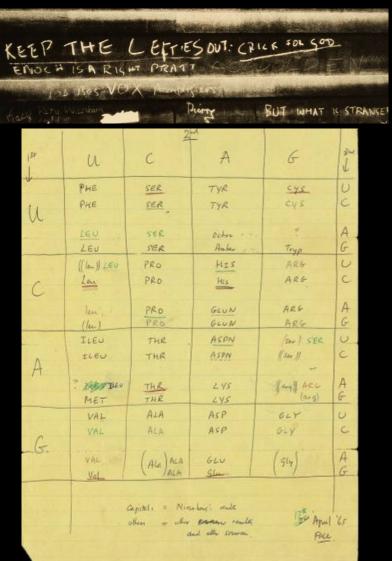
- build sustainable/expandable mechanism foundation stone for WDI
- digitise key library holdings relating to a major Trust challenge area
- digitise important third party content linked to theme
- use innovative content and tools to encourage discovery and use
- explore commercial partnerships enhance access to nontheme material



Archival material – 900,000 images

Wellcome Library - 600,000 images External – 300,000 images

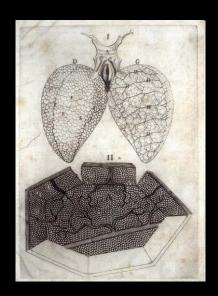




Books related to genetic research - 600,000 images

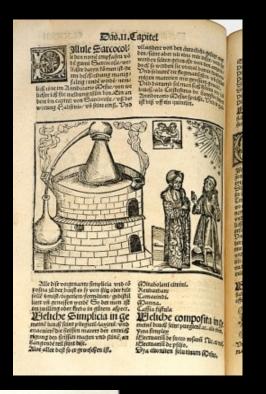


ProQuest, Early European Books – 5.5m images





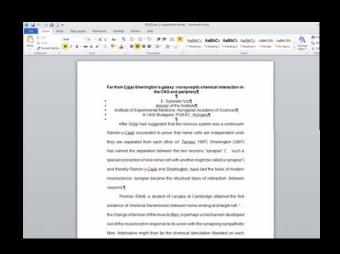


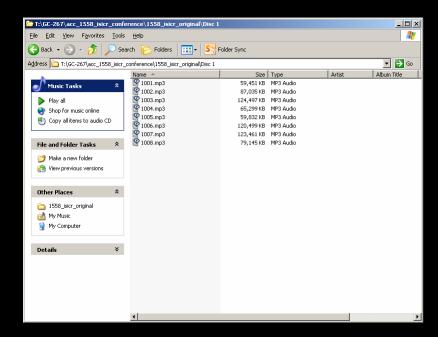


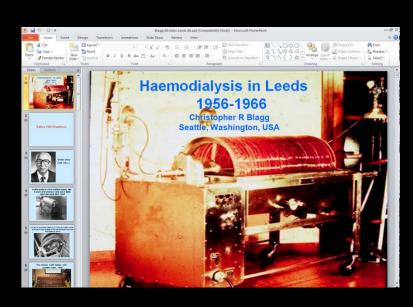




Born digital material - initially small but growing







Digitisation strategy

Then	Now
Small projects (<10,000 pp)	Large projects (>100,000 pp)
Relatively ad-hoc	Major strategic programme
SMT & Project teams	Programme Board, advisors
Library-centric	W. Trust, external stakeholders
Entirely open access	Commercial partnerships
Little impact on IT systems	Requires major IT development
Examples	Everything (within reason)



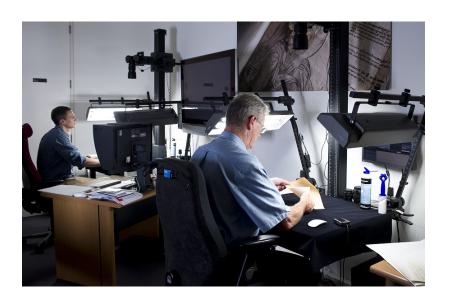
Digitisation processes

Then	Now
Manual processes	Automated processes
Centralised conservation	Distributed conservation
Low QA	Increased QA, error minimization
TIFF	JPEG 2000
Individual tracking lists	Centralised tracking system
Incremental storage growth	Completely new storage strategy
Detailed, painstaking	Streamlined, pragmatic



Streamlining digitisation

- Staff dedicated to specific projects, or streams of work
- Carry out sample workflow tests for new types of material
- The right equipment for the right job eliminate the "fiddly bits"
 - Live-view monitors
 - Easy-clean surfaces
 - Foot-pedals
 - Custom-made supports





Streamlining digitisation

- Photographers do the photography...
- Prepare materials separately
- Leave loose pages and bindings as they are, they are easier to digitise that way!
- Use existing staff as support moving items to and from stack
- Minimise movement
- Keep plenty of shelving, working space at hand
- Find a preferred supplier for ad hoc support





Upscaling and streamlining digitsation requires a higher level of project management

Streamlining project management





- Web-based workflow system
- Open source (core system)
- Used by many libraries in Germany, and half a dozen other European libraries
- Intranda version developed by Intranda to meet Wellcome Library specific requirements





What does it do?

- Task-focused, customisable workflows developed by Intranda
- User-specific "dashboard"
- Import/export and store metadata
- Encode data as METS
- Display progress of tasks, statistics on activities
- Tracks projects, batches, and units (location, current activity)
- "Command central" for 3rd party systems

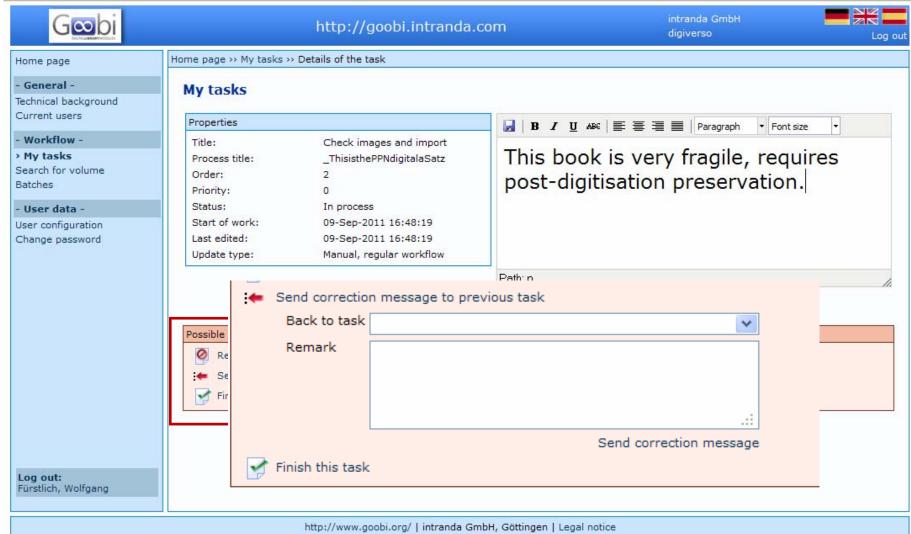




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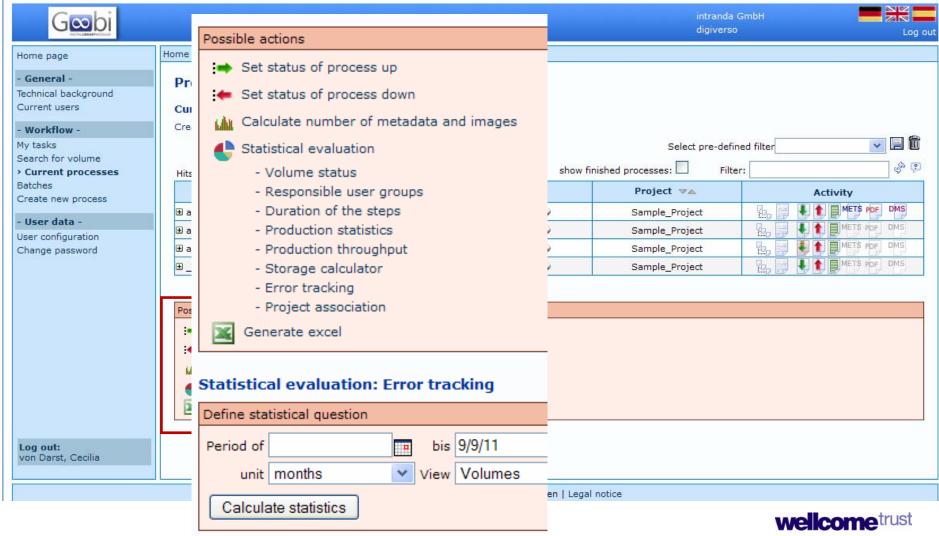


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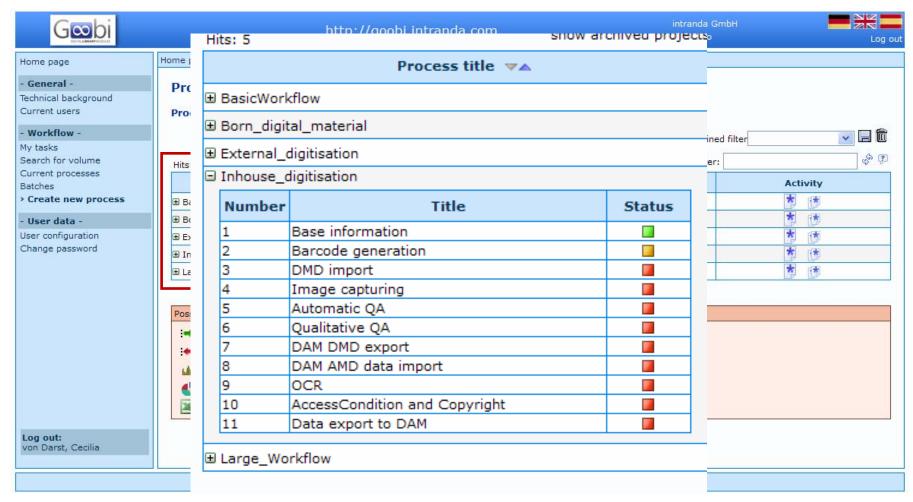


Project management tasks





Administrative tasks



Digital asset management

File conversion

- Lightroom used to convert RAW to TIFF
- LuraWave converts TIFF to JP2K
- Validation of JP2K conversion coming soon *via Goobi*

Ingest

- Automated ingest workflow in the DAM (Safety Deposit Box)
- SDB) via Goobi
- •One file serves as master and dissemination file

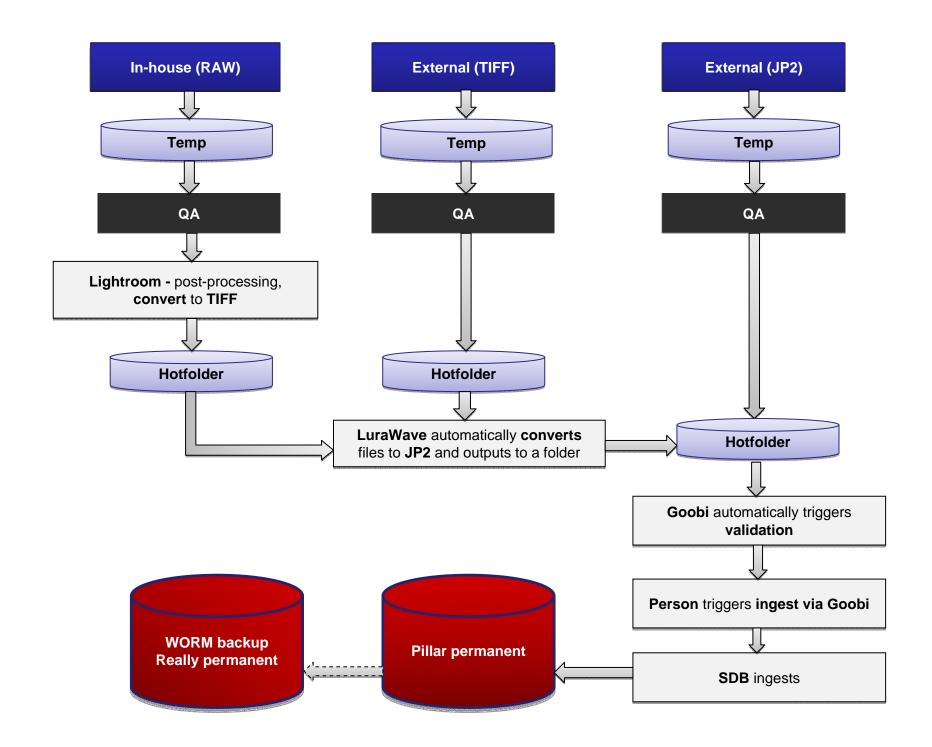
Preservation

- DAM is a preservation system
- Manages all preservation actions (characterisation, format migration)
- API to allow 3rd party systems access to content

Storage

- Master files backed up offsite to WORM storage drive
- WORM = Write Once Read Many permanent storage
- Self-healing of errors on main storage system from WORM

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Thank you!

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