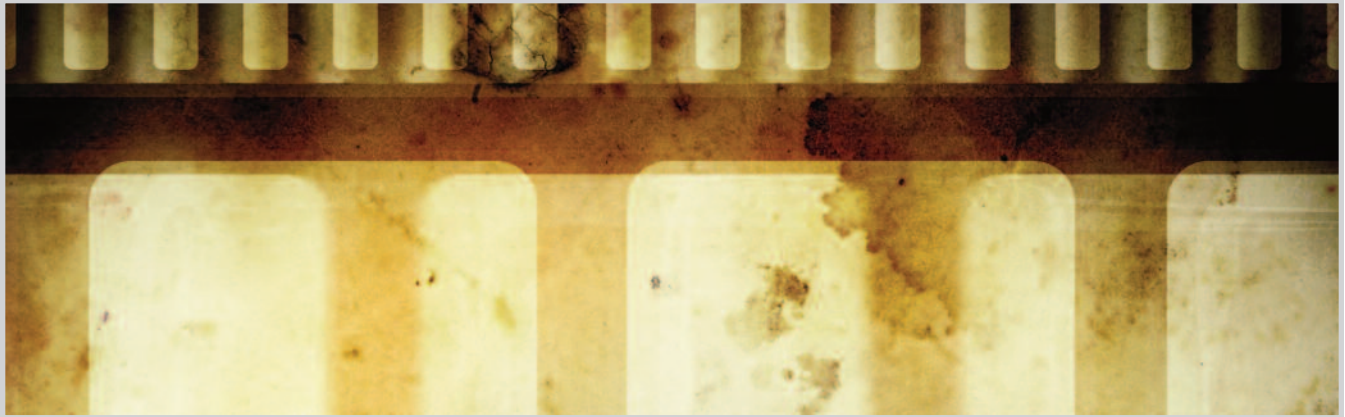




Historical Data Recovery and Conversion for Indiana University



Funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Film Literature Index has been published since 1973 by the Film and Television Documentation Center (FATDOC).

Challenge

Rescuing Six Years of Unusable Data

Indiana University partnered with FATDOC to convert the index from print format to an accessible online database. Before the conversion project began, Indiana University discovered that six years of legacy electronic data was lost or unusable, threatening the project's completion on time and on budget.

Solution

Conversion of Film Literature Index into a Usable XML Format

Indiana University turned to Aptara for its ability to rapidly transform static data into dynamic digital content. A highly-skilled technical workforce and state-of-the-art integrated production facilities uniquely enabled Aptara to solve Indiana University's acute data crisis.

- Six years of missing data was recovered, resulting in 6,311 pages and yielding more than 45 megabytes of data.
- The new data was quickly and efficiently converted in accordance with the TEI Lite DTD.
- In addition to the typical bibliographic information, the converted files contained fields associated with film and television production headings, such as media, production location, director, etc.

Result

The Complete Film Literature Index Available Online

- A complete, fully-searchable, Web-based version of the most significant reference work for film and television studies.
- Hundreds of film and television periodicals from 30 countries indexed from cover to cover.
- Many more individual articles on film and television were also indexed.

Testimonial

Helping Us Complete on Time and on Budget

Discussing the project, John Walsh, Associate Director for the Digital Library Program at Indiana University, said, "The Film Literature Index is one of the major reference works for film and television studies. It annually indexes 150 film and television periodicals from 30 countries cover to cover and, selectively, 200 other periodicals for articles on film and television. We hope to have done a great service to scholars in this field by making this accessible and user-friendly online version available. When we found that six years of legacy electronic data was lost or unusable, Aptara provided a solution—converting from the print index to a usable XML format—and allowed us to complete the project on time and on budget."



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