A presentation on

Digitization of Rare Books

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What is Digitization?

What is Document Imaging?
• The conversion of data from analog to digital or binary.

• Data could be an object, image or document.
• Document imaging is the conversion of paper documents into electronic images stored on a computer.

• Documents are imaged using a scanner and then catalogued for quick retrieval.
Digitizing information makes it easier to preserve, access, and share.
Why Digitize?

- To increase access: this is the most obvious and primary reason. To provide enhanced access to the institution’s resources with respect to education, long life learning.

- To reduce the handling and use of fragile or heavily used original material and create a “back up” copy for endangered material.
Benefits

- Minimize Paper Storage
- Eliminate Manual Searches
- Improve Information Availability
- Increase Information Security
- Reduce Storage Costs
- Disaster Recovery
- Enhance Customer Service
Standards and Benchmarks

Image Capture: -

- **Flatbed / ADF Scanners** are used where books are in good condition and the binding of the books can be removed.

- **Face up / Non Contact Scanners** are used in case of Manuscripts or Rare fragile books.

- **Wide format scanners** are used in case of Maps and Drawings.

- Text/Illustrations are usually scanned at 300 dpi or higher resolution at 100% scaling factor to capture all details of the image.

- The bitonal (1 bit), grayscale (8 bit) and color images are scanned with 24 bit RGB color in the raw uncompressed format.

- While capturing images of illustrations especially when they are created using metal such as silver or gold, special care should be taken to avoid oxidation.
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Image Enhancement: -

- Original raw image shall be saved as per Master Image Specification.
- The raw image shall be processed to remove dirt, worm marks, water marks, noise, shadow, scratch marks, skew etc.
- Adjustment of brightness and contrast, gamma correction, sharpening and blurring, removing patterns and adjusting colors will also be the part of Image Processing.
- Cleaned image shall be saved as per Clean Master Specification.
- Two derivative images namely Access Image and Thumbnail image will be derived from the cleaned image.
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17, 18, 527, 8549-5271; Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.
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**Brief Pictorial Workflow:**

**Digitization of Books**

1. **Site Survey**
   And infrastructure deployment

2. **Material Receiving**

3. **Document Preparation by Scholars / subject experts for Scanning**

4. **Scanning of Material**

5. **Basic Quality Check of Images**

6. **Image Enhancement**

7. **Printouts of DVD Jacket Cover & DVD Labels**

8. **Final DVD Creation of Scanned & Cleaned Material**

9. **Delivery of Data on DVDs & Porting data on client’s Server with proper indexing**

10. **Removal of Data from vendors systems**

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**Process Work Flow**

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Digital File Options

- **TIFF - .tif**
  - Good for printing, editing and transferring between programs

- **PDF - .pdf**
  - Good for creation of eBook, printing, uploading to web and for transferring

- **JPEG - .jpg**
  - Compressed format for screen display, file transfer and internet
The End Product

- Raw Master Image (TIFF Format)
- Clean Master Image (TIFF Format)
- Access Image (JPEG Format)
- PDF Document for set of Images (only for Books, Drawings and Maps), Full Text Search for PDF’s.
- Document Management Software (DMS) – for Search and Retrieval of Scanned Material.
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- Ministry of Defence
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- Ministry of Tourism
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