

Infrastructure for Scholarship

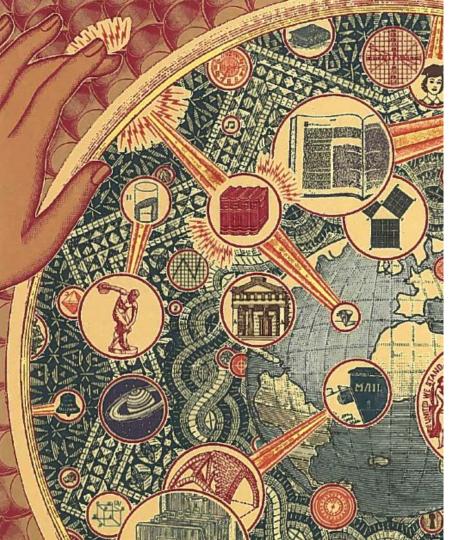
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ITHAKA is a not-for-profit organization that helps the academic community use digital technologies to preserve the scholarly record and to advance research and teaching in sustainable ways.

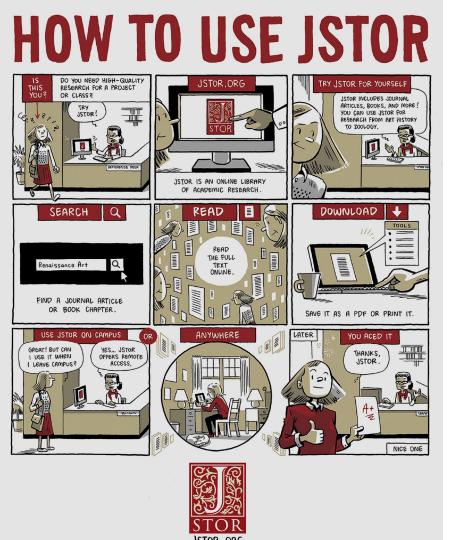






History

- JSTOR founded in 1995
- Help higher education benefit from advances in information technologies by digitizing the back issues of scholarly journals and making them available online



Benefits for All

- Libraries could save resources by recovering premium space that was being used to shelve little used materials
- Publishers' content could be revitalized through convenient access and they could share in revenue generated by subscriptions
- Users could find and easily use valuable scholarly literature for research, teaching, and learning

Three Phases of JSTOR's Life

Technology Organization (1995-2005)

- Built our own technology
- Wrote our own search engine
- Wrote printer-helper applications
- Developed scanning standards
- Developed processes for digitization

Content Organization (2005-2014)

- Licensed Atypon Literatum software
- Relied on Google, Adobe PDF, etc.
- Added new collections

Product Organization (2014-)

- Continuously improve in providing a great user experience
- Adding books to JSTOR
- Provide a platform that enables use, contribution, and engagement



Evolving Modes of Learning and Scholarship

- Technology-supported environments experience relentless innovation
- Undergraduates are increasingly expected to conduct original research
- Need access to secondary literature AND primary source documents





Primary Sources and Secondary Literature

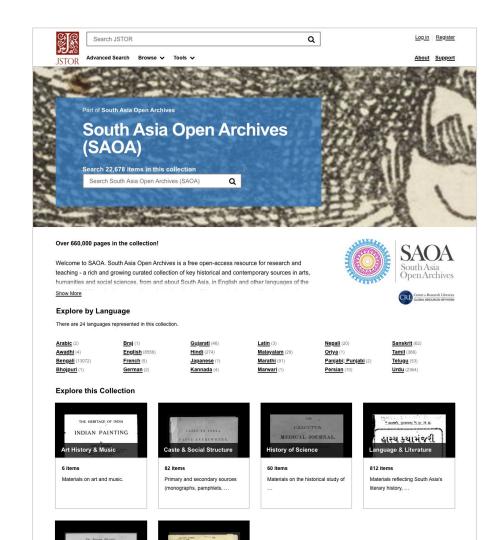
- Promote contributions of primary source content from libraries
- Integrate search, discovery, and access in a seamless environment
- Users navigate easily between content in different formats





A Shared Platform

- Configurable landing pages promote contributor branding
- Increased access, usage, and impact of contributors' content
- Preservation, digitization, and other services offered to meet contributors' needs
- Subscription, open, and hybrid economic models supported to ensure sustainability

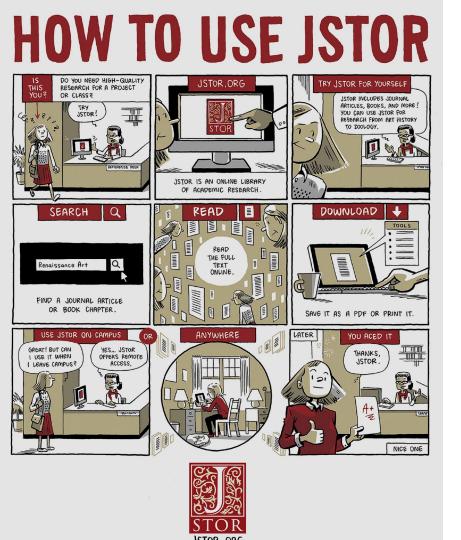






Investment in Data

- Seymour Douglas, our VP of Data Analytics, comes to us from Expedia, where he was VP of machine learning and analytics
- Building a team responsible for analyzing data to provide strategic insights for publishers, libraries, users and the platform
- Ultimately, our goal is to provide publishers with data that helps them increase impact and generate value



Benefits for All

- Libraries again revitalize collections by making accessible that which is hidden in boxes and shelves.
- Publishers' content is integrated into the work of students and researchers that broadens reach and enables new kinds of knowledge creation and dissemination.
- Users find and easily use valuable scholarly literature and primary source materials for research, teaching, and learning.



Thank you

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