

Manuscripts Online

— WRITTEN CULTURE 1000 TO 1500 —



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WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

Manuscripts Online is a new JISC-funded project which will enable users to search an enormous body of online primary resources relating to written and early culture in Britain during the period 1000 to 1500.

A single search engine will enable users to undertake sophisticated full-text searching of literary manuscripts, historical documents and early printed books which are located on websites owned by libraries, archives, universities and

publishers. Users will be able to search the resources by keyword, but also by specific keyword types, such as person and place name, date and language (e.g. Middle English, Latin and Anglo-Norman), thanks to techniques which we are using called *automated entity recognition*. Additionally, users will be able to visualise search results using maps of medieval Britain and create their own annotations to the data for public consumption.

GET IN TOUCH AND SHARE YOUR VIEWS

Federated searching using such a wide range of electronic resources has not been attempted before and naturally poses practical and intellectual challenges.

Be part of the debate and join the discussion!

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