

**Mass Digitisation in Progress– The British Library’s Microsoft Digitisation Project**  
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**Abstract**

The British Library is working in partnership with Microsoft to digitise up to 25 million pages [approx 100,000 books] of out of copyright content from its collections. The Library has a long history of digitisation projects, but has had to employ new methods in cooperation with its digitisation partner CCS for a project on this scale.

The Library’s initial experience of and approach to mass digitisation will be discussed – this will include mass digitisation principles, project scope & objectives, key challenges, the scanning process, standards & quality, digital preservation and private & public partnership working.