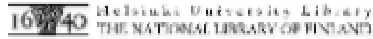




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"As The National Library of Finland, Helsinki University Library is responsible for preserving and providing access to Finnish written cultural heritage. The Library's Centre for Preservation and Digitization started large scale digitization of newspapers in 2000. As a result, the Finnish Historical Newspaper Library was launched in 2001.

(http://digi.lib.helsinki.fi/index_en.html)

Since then the Centre has digitized also other groups of the Library's collections, for instance maps, scientific journals and old industry catalogues, to name a few. To meet the needs of book digitization projects, two i2S Digibook 10000RGB scanners were purchased in early 2004. During the test period we already noticed the scanner's qualities contributing to overall productivity. Bi-directional scanning is an advantage in comparison with many other scanners. The robust and modular mechanical construction enables us to use the same base equipment for several purposes: the black and white and colour cameras are interchangeable, the scanner can be used with or without the glass plate.

Non-technical qualities of a technology purchase can sometimes be a surprise. As to set-up, installation and support, i2S have met our expectations very well. After the installation, two of our operators attended an in-depth training week at i2S to be able to fully exploit the scanners' capabilities.

So far the Digibook scanners have been used in several book digitization projects. In the beginning of this year we started a larger project comprising 150 000 pages of mainly 19th century Finnish books and bound volumes of magazines. This material is now being scanned with the Digibook scanners and will later be post-processed and put online for public access."

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