

MODULE 1 Introduction

KEY TOOLS & PLATFORMS

HathiTrust

A library consortium founded in 2008. HathiTrust is a community of research libraries committed to the long-term curation and availability of the cultural record.

The HathiTrust Digital Library (HTDL)

HathiTrust's digital preservation repository and access platform for public domain and in-copyright content from a variety of sources, including Google, the Internet Archive, Microsoft, and in-house partner institution initiatives. Overall, the content mostly consists of digitized books from libraries.

The HathiTrust Research Center (HTRC)

HathiTrust's center for facilitating computational, scholarly research using the 16+ million volumes in the HathiTrust Digital Library. The HTRC provides mechanisms for non-consumptive access to content in the HathiTrust corpus, as well as tools for computational text analysis.

ACTIVITY: Explore sample research projects

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In pairs or small groups, review the summarized research projects available at <http://go.illinois.edu/ddrf-research-examples>.

Then discuss the following questions:

- *How do the projects involve change over time, pattern recognition, or comparative analysis?*
- *What kind of text data do they use (time period, source, etc.)?*
- *What are their findings?*