An NDA compatible search engine

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The aim of the National Digital Data Archives (NDA) is to provide and widen access to national cultural assets in digital format over computer networks. An important tool to reach this goal is the establishment of unified services offering overview, search, browse and other facilities for the collection of digitized assets. NDA puts emphasis on self-organisation and cooperation of communities in the development of this campaign.

In this terms, the Department of Distributed Systems of MTA SZTAKI voluntarily participated in developments connected to NDA: we established a unified service for digitized items with various search and browse facilities. This service has collected more than 450 000 metadata records up to now, describing books, e-texts, images as well as audio and video material. We also helped several institutes to connect to NDA and to make their metadata available for the archive. Our results and experiences are detailed in this paper.